From the Principal

I can’t believe that this is the last week of Term 1. We have had a very busy and rewarding term with much teaching and learning taking place both for students and staff. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students at the school for modelling our Positive Behaviour for Success values and compliment them on the great work that they have produced.

As the holidays approach I would also like to wish everyone a very Happy Easter. I hope you all have an enjoyable and safe break and hope that the Easter Bunny is kind to you.

Staff News

This week is Mrs McPhee’s last week at Nareena Hills Public School. The whole school community is very sad to be saying farewell to Mrs McPhee and her boys. On behalf of the school community I would like to wish Mrs McPhee and her family all the best as they set out on a new chapter in their lives.

Day 1 Term 2 2014

All parents and students are advised that school resumes for students next term on Tuesday 29 April. Students are to wear their winter uniform for Terms 2 and 3.

OC Class

Congratulations to Eden for her selection in the OC class at Pleasant Heights Public School. We are very proud of your academic achievements!

Congratulations also to all of the students who sat the test but were unsuccessful. The selection is a very competitive process and no matter what the result you should be happy with your achievements.

Be Brave and Shave

Last week Matthew participated in the World’s Greatest Shave and raised over $900 for the Leukaemia Foundation. This is a wonderful achievement with Matthew almost doubling his target of $500. Matthew is to be congratulated for his contribution to finding a cure! We are very impressed with his efforts.

Cross Country

Congratulations to all of the students who completed the school cross country. It was a terrific day with a great community atmosphere. Congratulations to the top seven competitors from 8 years and above who will represent our school at the District Cross Country Carnival. Students should have already received their permission notes.

It is always a great community event with lots of great talent and sportsmanship being displayed. The cheering and chants from all of the houses was terrific and very LOUD.

The day was very hot but the heat did not deter the students determination and...
participation! They were also treated to a cool ice block from the P and C as a thank you for their fundraising efforts! Thank you to Mrs Christian for collecting the sponsorship money, organising the treats and prizes and suggesting a cool ice block for the athletes!

I would especially like to thank Mrs Jordan, and Miss Duffy for their organisation of the day. Their carnival organisation was outstanding and their leadership of the carnival is one of the reasons that we had such a great day. A special thank you to their team of helpers including the many parents who assisted with the setting up, packing up and the running of the carnival on the day.

I would also like to thank all of the parents who assisted in the canteen during the Cross Country. Overall it was a wonderful school community team event!

School Contributions
Thank you to the families who have paid their voluntary school contributions.

Our contributions for 2014 remain the same as last year - $30 per student or $60 per family (with two or more children attending the school).

Funds raised from the Voluntary Contributions go towards resources directly linked to the teaching and learning programs at the school and ultimately towards supporting the students at Nareena Hills Public School.

This year we have had a very positive response to the payment of contributions. Thank you! If you have not yet paid your school contributions please send them in next term.

Giselle Coltman
Principal

Sport

Congratulations to Noah and Edward who trialled for a place in the Zone Northern Rugby League team. They have both progressed to the Regional trials and will be trialling for selection in the South Coast Rugby League Team. We wish them all the best!

English as an Additional Language/Dialect (EALD )Survey

Attached to this newsletter is a survey for completion by all families who speak a language other than English. Many parents have incorrectly completed this information on the school enrolment form. It is important that the school has the correct information. We celebrate the fact that we have students who can speak or understand a language other than English. Please return the survey to Mrs Rickersey in the front office if your child speaks or understands a language other than English.

Positive Parenting Program (PPP) - Limited Spaces Available

We have been fortunate enough to secure the Positive Parenting Program at our school free of charge! Spaces are limited. The program will be held at our school from 8:30 - 11 am on the following dates:

Sessions 1 – 4: May 8, 15, 22 and 29
Sessions 5 & 6: June 5 and 12 will be phone sessions one on one with parents in the group.
Session 7: June 19 last session, held back at school. Parents receive a certificate of participation.

If you would like to be involved in the program please complete the slip below. As places are limited first in will fill the spots!

_____________________________________________________________________________
Parent Name :______________________ I would like to take part in the PPP parenting program.
NAPLAN

In May 2014 the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Below are the test dates for your information.

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Opportunity Class Placement for 2015 - Open 28 April 2014

Parents seeking opportunity class placement for Year 5 entry in 2015 are required to submit an application by 16 May 2014. Generally students are in Year 4 in 2014 when applying for Year 5 entry in 2015.

Parents of students currently enrolled in a NSW public school with access to the internet, a printer and their own email address (not the student’s) should apply for opportunity class placement online by going to this internet website: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement.

Online applications open on Monday 28 April 2014. All other applicants must complete an official printed application form. Late applications will not be accepted after the closing date of 16 May 2014 except in areas where there is a shortage of suitable candidates.

Application packages will be available in schools from 28 April 2014. The number of application packages dispatched to schools will reflect the high demand for online applications. Schools requiring additional application packages should contact the unit.

Application forms whether submitted online or lodged with the principal should be received by the student’s current primary school by Friday 16 May 2014.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the students who have already completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2014. Don’t forget to logon and enter your books. For those still reading – be resilient, keep going!

Mrs Relf

Anzac Day Service

The school’s ANZAC Day service will be held on Wednesday 9 April at 2.10pm in the hall. The SRC students will be presenting the school service with a special guest speaker. Children can bring a small posy of flowers to place at the service if they wish.

We look forward to seeing you at our special school service.

Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition 2014

Stage 2 and 3

The Multicultural Public Speaking Competition is on again. You may like to spend some time during the school holidays exploring some of these topics ready to start writing next term. Here is the topic list for this year.

Stage 2 – 3 minute speech, Stage 3 – 4 minute speech
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Detailed information about the competition is available at the following website - www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au

**PBS - Rocket Winners**

Last Friday the following students were recognised at assembly for their contribution to our school. These students upheld our school values in the playground and have been excellent role models for the rest of the school. Thank you for making Nareena Hills extra special.

Harry
KF

Elle
1C

Tyson
3C

Angelica
5C

**Playground Rockets**

Wow! Congratulations Nareena Hills students you reached the first target line on the Space Station last Friday! How exciting! As a result of the hard work you have put in this term in the playground, upholding our school values, you will be rewarded this week with a movie afternoon. Your teacher will arrange this with you. Thank you to the SRC for nominating and voting on this reward on behalf of the student body.

Enjoy your movie and keep up the great work!

Mrs Jordan
Cross Country Carnival

Thank you Nareena Hills for a fantastic day last Thursday. I am sure you all enjoyed your Cross Country day despite the hot and steamy weather. The school spirit and atmosphere made the day a huge success.

Thank you to all parents who assisted on the day and to the P and C and Canteen ladies who made the day memorable. The children certainly looked forward to their ice block at the finishing line!

Good luck to the District Cross Country team who will represent Nareena Hills on Thursday 1 May at Kembla Joggers. Training will take place on Tuesday and Friday of this week, at 8.30am for the students who took a note home for District Cross Country last week. Please meet Miss Duffy or myself on the mini basketball court.

Return your permission note to the green box in the foyer labelled representative sport and your money to the silver money box before the carnival date. If you know that you are unable to attend the District Carnival please let us know as soon as possible so we can offer your place to the reserve.

Thanks again. I was delighted to have shared the Cross Country Carnival with you.

Mrs Jordan

Stewart House Day reminder

A donation of $2.00 puts your family in the draw, for the chance to win a $4,000 family holiday. Please return all donations by Stewart House Day, Friday 9 May 2014 to enter this draw.

Canteen Roster

Wednesday 9 April: Paula Moss, Renae Hancock, Danielle Pierce, Leone Paiola
Thursday 10 April: Sarah Allen, Jenna Folino-Gallo, Kate Johnson, Catherine Robinson

Ethics Classes at Nareena Hills Public School amendment

Primary Ethics provides the opportunity for NSW Public Primary School students who don’t attend scripture classes (SRE) to participate in philosophical ethics classes. The classes teach children how to approach ethical issues and develop their capacity for considered moral judgement, which will enable them to respond more thoughtfully to many of the problems and issues they will face in their lives.

Volunteer Ethics Teachers are trained to deliver our age-appropriate curriculum every week and to use the accompanying learning and teaching materials.

We currently have one Volunteer Teacher, Lisa Condon, who is teaching Ethics classes to Stage 1 and 3. We are asking for anyone interested in becoming a volunteer teacher for Stage 2, or simply to find out more about ethics classes, to go to http://www.primaryethics.com.au, or contact our Ethics Coordinator Alison Darlow email: travali7@hotmail.com.

Please note that ethics classes are only available to students exempted from special religious education classes.

Noticeboard

Draft Wollongong Play Strategy - Community Feedback

Council is currently seeking feedback from the community on the Draft Wollongong Play Strategy.

Play Wollongong is a framework that will guide how Council will plan, deliver and manage play spaces for children aged 0-12 years, across the Wollongong local government area over the next 10 years.

The draft strategy has been developed with lots of help and feedback from our community over the past
two years including recent engagement activities undertaken with primary school children and professionals in children’s development. We’d like to thank everyone who has provided input so far, especially the local children.


Feedback can be provided via an online survey, or by emailing engagement@wollongong.nsw.gov.au

The closing date for feedback is 30/4/14.

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER - Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by volunteering to host one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2014 for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Spain and Colombia will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Kids and Family Bike Ride for Homeless Youth, Sat May 3 ‘HELP US BREAK THE CYCLE’ Feel free to direct any inquiries to event coordinator Rob Battocchio and the website www.ridearoundthelake.com.au

Kids in the Park - Sydney’s largest school holiday program returns this summer, with over 50 fun-filled activities to keep your kids active, outdoors and entertained. A range of activities are free or under $20, making it affordable to discover Sydney’s most exciting playground this holidays! Full details at www.kidsinthepark.com.au

Wollongong Botanic Garden Mad Cap Capers - School holiday activities, for further details please call 4227 7667 or email botanicgarden@wollongong.nsw.gov.au

Indoor Soccer