NAREENA HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL

School Newsletter

A NUT AND EGG AWARE SCHOOL

Monday 19 May 2014                         Term 2 Week 4, 2014

**RESPECT**  ★  **RESPONSIBILITY**  ★  **RESILIENCE**

---

**DIARY DATES**

- **Tuesdays**
  - Student Banking (Thursdays commencing 29 May)
- **Wednesdays, Thursdays**
  - Canteen
- **Fridays**
  - Canteen
  - Assembly - when advertised

- 20 May ICAS Computer Skills
- 22 May School Photo day
  - Winter uniform
- 23 May Working Bee
- 24 May Working Bee
- 26 May Stage 1 - Illawarra Museum
- 27 May 3C - Bike Education
- 28 May 4K - Bike Education
- 29 May 3/4JM - Bike Education
- 30 May Regional Cross Country Carnival - Cambewarra
- 4 June ICAS Science Skills
- 7 June Queen’s Birthday
- 16 June ICAS Writing Skills
- 17 June ICAS Spelling Skills
- 19 June Choral Festival Rehearsal
- 29 July ICAS English Skills
- 12 August ICAS Mathematics Skills

---

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**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.

- Ashlee
- Jeremy
- Yasmin
- Slater
- Savannah
- Blake
- Lachlan
Last Friday the first PSSA session was held for students in Years 3 - 6.

The students reported that they had a great day participating in skills sessions related to their chosen sports.

Thank you to Miss Gibson for her coordination of PSSA sport. There were some last minute changes to Stage 2 AFL due to a lack of other competing schools, however, this didn’t dampen our students’ enthusiasm.

School Photos
Just a reminder that school photos will be taken on Thursday 22 May. Students are required to wear their full school winter uniform.

Girls - Long sleeved shirt, tunic, tie, tights and black shoes or long sleeved shirt, tie and long green pants.

Boys - Long sleeve shirt, tie, long green pants and black shoes or long sleeve polo shirt and long green pants.

If the weather is hot students may bring shorts and green socks to change into, after the school photos have been taken. Please ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled with your child’s name.

Giselle Coltman
Principal

Regional Cross Country
When: Friday 30 May 2014
Where: Cambewarra (Nowra)
Who: Representing students
Cost: $5.00

Athletics Carnival 5, 6 and 7 year olds
When: Monday 16 June 2014
Where: School grounds
Who: 5, 6 and 7 year olds
Cost: N/A

Parent Action Symbol!
If you see this symbol next to an item, then it is something that you may either have to action or note in your diary.

School Photos
Just a reminder that school photos will be taken on Thursday 22 May. Students are required to wear their full school winter uniform.

Girls - Long sleeved shirt, tunic, tie, tights and black shoes or long sleeved shirt, tie and long green pants.

Boys - Long sleeve shirt, tie, long green pants and black shoes or long sleeve polo shirt and long green pants.

If the weather is hot students may bring shorts and green socks to change into, after the school photos have been taken. Please ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled with your child’s name.

Giselle Coltman
Principal

A reminder that the working bee is on this Friday from 9am - 3pm. Saturday from 9am - 2pm.

Regional Cross Country
When: Friday 30 May 2014
Where: Cambewarra (Nowra)
Who: Representing students
Cost: $5.00

Athletics Carnival 5, 6 and 7 year olds
When: Monday 16 June 2014
Where: School grounds
Who: 5, 6 and 7 year olds
Cost: N/A

NOTE: The working bee is on this Friday from 9am - 3pm. Saturday from 9am - 2pm.

All families and friends are welcome to come along to our Friday class item assemblies

Please note:
Class item assemblies commence at 2.15pm

CONTACT INFORMATION
Nareena Hills Public School Newsletter Ph: 4226 3867 www.nareenahil-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

PHOTO LIBRARY

COMING UP

NOTES THAT WENT HOME LAST WEEK

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

ReadySetTrot.com equestrian school holiday programs. Phone 8762 7777 for further information.

Become a Caresouth Foster Carer. Phone 1300 554 260 or visit www.everydaycaresouth.org.au

ADHD Support Group Workshop night with Sarah Hunstead from CPR Kids, Sarah is author of A Life, A Finger, A Pea up a nose - A practical guide to baby and child First Aid. Details Tuesday June 17, 7pm-9pm, Citylife Church. For further information call Amy on 0401012928.
**Positive Behaviour for Success**

This week we will be focussing on the value of **RESPECT**.

The focus statement is **Treat others the way you would like to be treated.**

This week PBS lessons will be about respect in classrooms, the library and computer lab.

From the Matrix:
- Allow teachers to teach.
- Allow yourself and others to learn by following classroom rules.
- Allow privacy. (Keep your password secret.)
- Help others patiently.

**Parent Information - Mathematics**

Why the emphasis on Mental computation?

In our mathematics classrooms, you will hear lots of conversations about strategies students are using. They are using the ‘think aloud’ process to communicate what they do when solving a question ‘in their head’. This gives teachers an insight into students’ thinking and understanding of how they arrive at an answer. Teachers focus on counting sequences whether they are sequences forward, backward, by ones, by tens or multiples. These skills will form part of the mental computation strategies that are so important in being efficient and confident users of numbers.

What percentage of our calculations do you think are carried out mentally? A study carried out in the late 1990s found that up to 85% of all ‘arithmetic’ is performed without pen and paper. Surprised?

---

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**CANTEEN**

**Wednesdays 9.00 - 1.30pm**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Week</th>
<th>Names</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>4 21 May</td>
<td>Paula Moss, Renae Hancock, Danielle Pierce, Leone Paiola</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5 28 May</td>
<td>Rachel Kendon, Tammy Montgomery, Juliana Stanojevic, Louise Coleman</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6 4 June</td>
<td>Patsy Moate, Melanie Sawyer, Debra Tagliapietra, Hanna Saddi, Gonda Kellerman</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7 11 June</td>
<td>Natalie Nicastri, Christine Gregory, Amanda Schipp, Chris Finley</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Thursday 9.00 - 1.30pm**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Week</th>
<th>Names</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>4 22 May</td>
<td>Sarah Allen, Jenna Folino-Gallo, Kate Johnson, Catherine Robinson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5 29 May</td>
<td>Karmen Bond, Alison Darlow, Bridget Newman, Cheree Beattie</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6 5 June</td>
<td>Vanessa Sturman, Terrina Hartley, Fiona Morton, Jayne Rixon-Moon</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7 12 June</td>
<td>Kelly Lazicic, Cindy Churchin, Maree Muller, Alannah Tagliapietra</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Friday 10 - 2pm**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Week</th>
<th>Names</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>4 23 May</td>
<td>Gonda Kellerman, Leone Paiola after 12pm Help required.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5 30 May</td>
<td>Amanda Schipp, Jody Hennessy Help required.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6 6 June</td>
<td>Audine Jones, Help required.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7 13 June</td>
<td>Ali Giobbi, Sarah Allen Help required.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

---

Nareena Hills Public School Newsletter Ph: 4226 3867 www.nareenahil-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
interesting reading. 
http://research.avondale.edu.au/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1025&context=edu_papers

School Photos
A reminder that MSP Photography will be at our school on Thursday 22 May. Money envelopes are to be given directly to the MSP staff on the day. All students are to wear full winter school uniform. Sibling envelopes can be picked up from the front office.

International Competitions and Assessment for Schools
Please find below the dates for the upcoming competitions:
Computer Tuesday 20 May
Science Wednesday 4 June
Spelling Monday 16 June
Writing Monday 16 June
Spelling Tuesday 29 July
English Tuesday 29 July

Please come along on the day. There will be a pre-schoolers race as well.

Glenda Cameron

K-2 Sport Thursday 22 May
All students need to wear their full school uniform for photo day. Please do not forget. Other activities will replace “active sport” in the afternoon.

Glenda Cameron

Stage 1 Excursion
Next week, on Monday 26 May, Stage 1 students will be visiting the Illawarra Museum and enjoying a heritage walk from Market Square to Belmore Basin.

Please ensure your child is at school by 8.45am, as the bus will leave at 9am promptly. Students will need to wear full school uniform, and bring their recess and lunch, school hat, drink bottle, a jumper, and sunscreen. If your child’s payment of $7.50 has not been delivered to the office, please organise this as soon as possible. We are looking forward to what is sure to be an exciting day!

Mrs Tuszynski & the Stage 1 team.

Athletics Carnival for 5-6-7 year olds
This event will be held in the school grounds on Monday 16 June from 11:30am – 1:00pm. Students are to wear their sporting house coloured T-shirt and normal sports shorts. Each child receives a participation point for entering their age race and extra points will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Please come along on the day. There will be a pre-schoolers race as well.

Glenda Cameron

Reforms to P & C Federation
The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P & Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P & C Associations.

Each school’s P & C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.

Pre-Loved Uniform Great savings to be had!
Just a quick reminder that we have pre-loved uniforms for sale in the school canteen – All uniforms are easier to find as they are now on racks. We have lots of winter uniforms, including track suits. Just ask at the office or see canteen staff for assistance. Please place money in the P & C box, located in the foyer.

Converting sound cassettes to digital file
Over the years the school has developed a large collection of books on tape. Most of these books are still suitable for use with listening posts in the classroom. Does anyone have a tape to digital converter that they would let the school use? If so please see Mrs Relf
School Banking
Congratulations to all of our school bankers who have managed to win a sun shelter for our school!

On Friday Melinda and Sue, the Branch manager, came to the school to present the shelter to our school. They also presented the prizes to the students who regularly bank.

We are very thankful that your saving habits resulted in this surprise prize! Well done to all of our banking families!

On a different note I would also like to thank Mrs Crichton for her outstanding coordination of school banking at our school. Due to the pending birth of her baby, Mrs Crichton will have a break from school banking.

Unfortunately requests for parent helpers on a Tuesday have not been successful but we have had a few parents volunteer to assist on Thursdays.

Change of School Banking Day
Tuesday 20 May - normal school banking

New School Banking Day commencing Thursday 29 May.

PSSA Soccer Knockout
Last Friday, the Nareena Hills Soccer Team put Figtree Primary in excruciating pain, downing them 8 - 2. Our stand out player was the red and white wolfman, known as Tim Caroutas. Running as fast as Usain Bolt, sprinting into the distance saving numerous opportunities. We all did an outstanding job, successfully making it to the next round.

Noah
Congratulations to the boys making it through to the next round to be played shortly. The girls team will play this week, with information to follow.

Miss Gibson

Premier’s Sporting Challenge Learn to Lead
Last Monday 10 students participated in the Premier’s Sporting Challenge Leadership Day at Figtree High School. The students took part in many sporting activities and learnt lots of new skills.

It was all great, the students were enthusiastic and the activities were fun. My favourite sport was the basic skills sports section. It was exciting throwing the nerf rockets and hitting the cricket balls. Ted

I had a great day. My favourite sport was rugby league because I like tackling the tackling bags. There were lots of activities to play such as netball, soccer, dancing, cricket and many more. Alicia

2T consider Resilience
In Week 3, 2T considered how we can begin the day with resilience. We made sunflowers on which we wrote positive affirmations that we can say to help us start the day well.

Mrs Tuszynski

Playground lunch activities
A range of activities are now in place for all students to actively participate in during lunch breaks. The SRC, PBS team and staff have contributed their ideas.

Games in Area C - Monday and Tuesday Lunch 1
Chess - Tuesday Lunch 1
Gardening - Tuesday and Friday Lunch 2
Library - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Lunch 2
Dear Parents,

For all parents who work in the school community, please read the following information.

2014 People Matter Employee Survey - My voice, my workplace

Your privacy is assured!

The 2012 People Matter Employee Survey was the first of its kind in the NSW Government. It measured employee satisfaction and its findings were used to explore ways to improve workplaces in the public sector. You can read the results of the survey here.

As you may be aware, the NSW Government is running the survey again to build on the earlier findings. To date, over 3,700 staff across our schools and offices have completed the survey. They have shared their perceptions of how well the public sector’s values and principles are applied within the Department of Education and Communities.

It is important that the survey captures feedback from our staff in schools and offices:

- Principals and executive teachers
- Non-school based teachers and administrative staff in state and local area offices
- Classroom teachers
- Administrative and support staff in schools
- General Assistants and Farm Assistants in schools

[NOTE: If you cannot access the survey online please speak with your principal or manager]

As with any survey, the value of the data collected improves with the number of participants and all staff are strongly encouraged to have their say before the survey closes on 30 May.

Confidentiality and anonymity

The questions at the end of the survey, including staff category and postcode are collected for statistical information only. Results will only be reported where:

- the number of responses is sufficient to achieve a statistically valid sample and the privacy of respondents are assured
- a minimum of 10 responses is required to meet best practice in research standards and confidentiality.

All responses are confidential and anonymous and no individual response can be identified or traced back by the Public Service Commission, nor can they be accessed by any staff at any NSW Government department.

The survey is administered by the Voice Project, an independent research organisation that specialises in organisational surveys. Their staff are bound by the code of conduct and ethical guidelines of the Australian Psychological Society, and the Psychology Board of Australia.

To start the survey

Click here or copy/paste this link into your web browser

Need further Information?

Visit the DEC website
View the Public Service Commission FAQs