Lighting the Way to a Better World

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the first Education Week. The tagline for the original 1954 Education Week was: Lighting the Way to a Better World. The slogan has been adopted for this year’s anniversary celebration.

On Friday we will hold our official Education Week celebrations and look forward to sharing the day with past and present families.
Happy Education Week to one and all! While this week is a state wide celebration, we celebrate the achievements of the students at Nareena Hills Public School every day!

What a HUGE week we had last week!

Firstly congratulations to the outstanding Stage 2 choir and Mr Kerin the conductor. Your performance was spine tingling. I am sure that Stage 2 parents were very proud of your performance! MAGNIFICENT!

Of course behind every great Stage 2 choir and their conductor is an amazing support crew. Thank you to Mrs Cusack, Mrs Neaves and Mrs Jordan for their flexibility and enthusiasm when supporting the Stage 2 choir.

A special mention to Mrs Hanes for her wonderful input, supervision and work with Stage 2 and the teachers. It certainly was a special evening.

ISER Performing Ensemble
What a privilege it was for the students to watch the ISER Performing Ensemble last week. They were a fabulous example of the opportunities provided by teachers for students who attend public schools.

Trees - School Car Park
Tomorrow Tuesday 29 July the tree in the staff car park will be felled. Please note that for students, staff and parent’s safety this area is out of bounds.

Entry and Exit from the school will be behind Mrs Cameron and Miss Duffy’s rooms on the western side of the school grounds.

GISelle COLTMAN
Principal
Canteen will be open again this Friday for lunch orders. Last Friday children enjoyed hamburgers $3.50 each made fresh as well as raisin toast selling at 50c/slice. Please note fruit cups of watermelon, rockmelon and grapes are out of season and not available in winter these have been replaced by Banana, Apple or oranges selling for 70c each. Help is required for Friday 1 August, 10-12pm please email ali-jay@Hotmail.com if you can help.

Education Week activities

Friday August 1
Art Gallery 8.30-9.30am, 11.30-1.00am, 3.00-4.30pm
11.45 - 12.30pm Open classrooms
12.30 - 1.15pm Picnic lunch
1.15 - 2.15pm Education Week Assembly
2.15 - 3.00pm “The Big Dig” of the Time Capsule
3.00 - 4.30pm Afternoon tea and display of the Time Capsule contents

Book Week Activities

Book Week Book Fair
When: 19, 20 and 21 August
Where: School Library
Who: All families of Nareena Hills Public School

Book Week Grandparents Assembly
When: Wednesday 20 August
Where: School Hall
Who: Grandparents and Carers of K - 6 students.

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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
60th Anniversary of the Wollongong Primary Schools Choral Festival

It was an honour and privilege again to be a part of the Stage 2 coordinating team who prepared our Nareena Hills Public School Choir for the 60th Anniversary of the Wollongong Primary Schools’ Choral Festival.

Last Wednesday night at the Wollongong Town Hall our children sang brilliantly and looked amazing in their winter school uniform. They were sensational representatives for our school. All their hard work over the last two terms was evident as they sang their little hearts out in the combined choir songs and rose to an even higher standard in presenting our own two individual items. We were all incredibly proud of their outstanding performance.

Congratulations to all the Stage 2 teachers, as well as Mrs Hanes, for their exceptional work in preparing our students for this exciting event. We all agreed the children were truly awesome. Three of our students Kiana, Arwen and Ebony added that special touch to the evening with their incredible individual solo performances.

We would also like to thank Lynda Murphy for playing the piano for our individual items again this year. We wouldn’t have been able to perform at such a high standard without Mrs Murphy’s incredible talent, expertise and support.

Look out for an encore performance as our school choir perform again during our Education Week activities. Well done choir! You are a credit to yourself, your parents and our school!

Mr Kerin and all the Stage 2 teachers
**SCHOOL NEWS**

Tiddalick reminder
Visiting performance for Book Week. Monday 18 August. This show is suitable for students K - 6. The cost of the show is $5.00. Please pay via the silver box.

Premiers Reading Challenge Countdown
Closing date 22 August - 4 weeks to go!

Scholastic Book Club
Issue 4 closed today. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED

**SPORT NEWS**

Mr Butkovic for assisting as a linesman on the day.

In the coming weeks the boys will play their fifth and final game, to decide who goes on to the State Knock-Out.

Good luck boys!

Hayley has been selected to represent the South Coast in Softball. Congratulations Hayley on this great achievement!

A reminder to all students that the District Athletics Carnival is in Week 4 and notes are due back NOW.

Notes for Term 3 sport were taken home last week, these are to be returned to your classroom teacher by Friday 1 August.

Miss Gibson

State Futsal
Good luck to our Nareena Hills Public School teams who will compete in the State Futsal competition. Tomas, Tim, Adam, David, Ned, Aiden, Darcy, Jeddah, Alana, Isadora, Alyssa, Hayley, Eden and Kaiah will be representing Nareena Hills Public School.

Thank you to Mrs Thompson for her coordination of the teams. A huge thank you to parents who are coaching and transporting students.

National Cross Country Representative – Darcy
On Friday 18th July 2014 I represented Nareena Hills and the South Coast Region at the All Schools State Cross Country at Eastern Creek Raceway. On the way up in the car I was pumped and ready. When my race was about an hour away my nerves started to kick in and my legs where waiting to run. We went to the warm up area, my heart was pumping and my butterflies where fluttering. We walked out onto the line and now my nerves where unstoppable, but they soon disappeared when the gun went. We all sprinted off being very cautious not to fall over but two kids fell and one of them started screaming. I then began to lead the race and managed to break away about 400m into the race. With the cold wind howling it was a very difficult race, but once I ran over the pebbles and then back onto the straight I had the wind behind me. I was so happy to win the race. I will now represent NSW at the National Cross Country. This year it is being held in Albany in Western Australia which is 4 1/2 hours south of Perth. To assist with my travel costs I will be selling raffle tickets from Wednesday each morning and afternoon out near the flag pole. Tickets are $2 each and there are many prizes to win. I really appreciate your support!

Thanks Darcy

Please Support Darcy
Please help Darcy by purchasing Raffle Tickets from him. It would be wonderful to be able to support his family with the huge cost of travelling to Albany. Our school is fantastic at rallying behind our students so bring in your gold coins and purchase a raffle ticket.

Thank you
Mrs Jordan

Nareena Hills boys’ soccer team has progressed to the fifth round of the PSSA Soccer Knock-out after defeating Keiraville Public School last Thursday. Trail ing at half time, the boys were boosted by the presence of the cheer team consisting of Mrs Coltman and Mrs Brett to run out champions 3 - 1. A special mention to Miles, Jaime and Sebastian who stepped into the side at the last minute due to players being absent. Thank you also to Mr Butkovic for assisting as a linesman on the day.
Positive behaviour for Success
This week we will be focussing on the value of RESPONSIBILITY. The focus statement is Do what you know is right. This week PBS lessons will be about responsibility in the hall. Pay attention to speaker. Sit still and quietly.

Positive Behaviour for Success – Aboriginal Totem Poles
The PBS team is working closely with a local Aboriginal artist Zac Bennett-Brook to prepare very special Totem poles that will display our school values of respect, responsibility and resilience at the front of the school.

A special garden will be made near the flagpole and our new Values Totem Poles will be displayed for the school community to see. These will look absolutely fantastic and will catch the eye of everyone who visits our school.

Zac has prepared the totem poles and we are now going to call upon all students to take part in the totem pole art work by completing a series of thumb prints on the poles. This way the children will have ownership of the totem poles and they will be treasured by all for many years to come. Each class will be allocated a section on a pole and with Zac’s help each child will play a significant role in the presentation and art work produced.

In the near future children from each class will be asked to work with Zac and begin the art work on the poles.

We will hold a mufti day later this term and will ask children to bring in a $2.00 coin to help pay for the costs involved. The date will be given once we have celebrated Education Week.

I have included a copy of totem poles another local school has on display. Our poles will be different from these ones but it will give you an idea of what we will be delivering to our school community.

Thank you for your support of this project which I’m sure our students will value and keenly participate in.

Mrs Jordan

Example of Totem Poles

Figtree High School Year 7 Scholarship 2015
Year 6 students who will be attending Figtree High School in 2015 are encouraged to apply for the 2015 Figtree High School Year 7 Scholarship.

To gain this scholarship you need to display high academic diligence and/or sporting and/or creative and performing arts achievement, outstanding citizenship qualities and exemplary attendance, behaviour and attitude to school.

Application forms can be collected from the front office and due back to school by Friday 19 September.

Health Snippets
TV – turn it off
Studies have found that children who watch large amounts of television have poorer school results and consume a higher number of unhealthy snacks. It’s important that parents set limits for watching TV. You set the limit and your child chooses when to use this time.

Did you know…?
Children can sometimes mistake hunger for thirst. If your child says they are hungry before dinner, offer them a drink of water first. If they are still hungry, offer them a healthy snack.

Turn off the TV and computer
An easy way to increase the activity level of a child is to decrease the amount of screen time that they have to 2 hours a day. Screen time includes any time a child is sitting in front of a screen such as a computer or TV, using video games, computer games and the internet. It has been found that children burn more energy staring at a brick wall than they do while watching TV.
Be prepared to BELIEVE in Southern Stars 2014
With the recent media launch of Southern Stars for 2014 we are happy to announce the theme for this year’s show is #webelieve2014.

The show’s theme is about a child’s journey through to adulthood – believing in magic and fantasy in the early years, believing in themselves, and through education, believing in a better world.

The show is divided into three segments and each investigates a different aspect of believing, starting with childhood then working through the turbulent teenage years to adulthood.

Again almost 2,800 students will take part in the show which will be full of music, dancing, colour and emotion.

Community support of Southern Stars is vital to ensure its success and future and with that in mind we encourage everyone to support Southern Stars by going to see one of the shows.

It doesn’t matter if you know anyone performing in the show or not – Southern Stars is a high energy arena style show which provides great entertainment for people of all ages.

Over 12,000 people are expected to attend the four performances at the WIN Entertainment Centre on Friday August 29 and Saturday August 30 - make sure you are one of them!

Get together a group of friends, or your family, and make sure you get to the show.

Tickets are on sale through Ticketmaster priced as follows: Adult $48, Pensioner and student over 12 $38, Student/Child under 12 $27 and Family pass $140.

The next meeting is on: Wednesday 20 August
Meetings are held in the school staffroom and begin at 7pm.
New members are always welcome.

Juliana Stanojevic
P & C President

Volunteers Needed Friday Afternoon
Help needed to serve tea, coffee and cakes for afternoon tea during the art show and time capsule viewing. If you can help for even 20 minutes please pop your name on the sheet at the office or email jm.christian@bigpond.com
Single Mothers Support Group

This is a new group in the Illawarra community which advocates for and supports single women and their children, in a non-formal way. This community inspired group brings single mothers together to share ideas, provide social support and create community that goes beyond that of a 9-5pm service.

There will be tea and coffee provided. Children welcome and an activity will be provided.

**Where:** Berkeley Neighbourhood Centre
Winnima Way, Berkeley

**When:** Monday’s 10am - 12pm

**Contact:** Denika Thomas 0431095530