This week we will be focusing on the value of RESPECT.
This week PBL lessons will be about respect in all settings.

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

RESILIENCE
**PRINCIPAL NEWS**

There is no day so full of promise as the first day of school!

What an absolute delight it was to witness the fantastic behaviour of the students at Nareena Hills Public School last week.

Everybody has settled into their 2015 classes. Congratulations to everyone for a great start to the new school year. It is always a pleasure to see happy smiling faces.

2015 Kindergarten

It was fantastic to witness the first day of school for our 2015 Kindergarten students. It is hard to believe that they are starting ‘big school’ for the first time. There were only a few tears, lots of big smiles and much enthusiasm and excitement.

Tia in Kindergarten was overheard exclaiming “That was the best day of my life” when asked by her mum about her first day of school. It was wonderful to see so many students clearly demonstrating a love of school and a love of learning. A special mention must also go to the Kindergarten teachers and Year 6 buddies who have ensured that the new Kindergarten students have enjoyed a great transition from home to school.

Giselle Coltman
Principal

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**SCHOOL NEWS**

Pick up at the end of the school day

Thank you to all of the parents who continue to meet their children at the front of the school near the footpath and flagpole areas.

Now that the school has settled in for the year and children know their classrooms, it would be greatly appreciated if all parents could arrange to meet their children at the front of the school at 3.00pm.

Waiting outside of classrooms can be distracting for children when being given important information to take home.

In the case of inclement weather the seats in the COLA (covered area next to our Library) can also be used as a waiting area.

I would also like to thank the families for entering and exiting the school using the footpaths. Once again your support is greatly appreciated.

Meet the Teacher Classroom Information Sessions

During Week 4 of this Term all teachers will be holding their class information sessions. Parents are warmly welcomed to come and meet their child’s 2015 teacher and to find out more information about the class routines.

Dates and times are as follows:

**Early Stage 1**

Meetings will be held on:

- KF, KH, KS: Thursday 19 February 3.15 - 4.00pm
- Stage 1
  - 1/2T, 1/2J: Monday 16 February 3.15 - 3.45pm
  - 1/2C, 2/3C*: Monday 16 3.45 - 4.15pm

Meetings will be held in your child’s classroom.

* Year 3 parents in 2/3C can also attend the Stage 2 meeting on Wednesday 18 February.

**Stage 2**


**Stage 2 to meet In Mr Cherubini’s room.**

**Stage 3**

- 5/6 B, 5/6C, 5/6M: Wednesday 18 February 4pm - 4.45pm

Stage 3 meetings will be held in your child’s classroom.
**SCHOOL NEWS**

**WALKING BUS 2015**
Are you looking for a way to get involved in the life of the school in 2015? For the past two years, Nareena Hills Public School has run a “Walking Bus” from the corner of O’Briens Road and Jacaranda Avenue to the school. It provides a safe, supervised way for students to get to and from school, incorporating healthy activity into their daily routines. Currently we do **NOT** have sufficient volunteers for the Walking Bus to resume in 2015.

**Would you consider joining our Walking Bus team?**
It is a weekly or fortnightly commitment of around 45 minutes. The Walking Bus Route starts on the corner of O’Briens Road and Jacaranda Avenue at 8.30am each morning and picks up children at designated stops as it travels along Jacaranda Avenue to the school, arriving around 8.50am. Volunteer parents and grandparents “drive” the bus, walking with students. It does the reverse trip in the afternoon, leaving the school grounds at 3.10pm.

All new volunteers AND students have to register for the bus and are provided with a safety vest, (compulsory for walking with the bus). Please register with Anne Simpson (school parent), who is coordinating the Jacaranda south route via email at: simmostreehouse@gmail.com or on 0411 801 553.

**DID YOU KNOW???
Under the Companion Animals Act 1998 No 87 (14.1.e), dogs are prohibited in school grounds, (whether or not they are leashed or otherwise controlled).

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Anaphylaxis**
We have an increasing number of students who have allergies to nuts and nut products. Classes who have students with such allergies have been given individual notes. At this stage we are asking that students in those classes refrain from bringing in food containing nut products. While we have not asked all students to refrain from bringing in food containing nuts, I ask that you discuss with your children the need for washing hands after eating products containing nuts and also that the sharing of food is not permitted. I appreciate your continued support with this matter.

Thank you for supporting the school to keep all of our students healthy and safe.

**Health Care Action Plans**
If your child has a medical condition that requires a medical action plan (e.g. anaphylaxis, asthma etc.), please ensure that you have provided the school with a current plan.

**WELCOME TO DARIUS**
We were very happy to welcome Darius (a service dog) onto our school grounds. Darius is like a human…he can go almost anywhere with his handler…it’s the law. However, unfortunately all other dogs are not permitted onto school grounds. If you are a parent who walks a dog to school to drop off or pick up your children, please do so from a distance.
**YEAR 5 & 6 OPEN NIGHTS**

**Illawarra Sports High School** will be having the **YEAR 5 & 6 OPEN NIGHT** on Monday 16 February at 6pm in the school hall. The Open Night will be a parent/student information session followed by a tour of the school. It is recommended that students interested in trialling for the selective Talented Sports and Development Program attend the Open Night to seek information concerning the upcoming trials on 10 March. For further information Ph: 4271 1009

**Figtree High School** will be having an Expo Night on Wednesday 25 February at 6pm in the Figtree High School Auditorium. Parents and Year 6 students who are interested in finding out what Figtree High has to offer in Year 7, 2016 are invited to the annual Expo Night. For further information please call or email Figtree High School on Ph: 4271 2787

Email: figtree-h.school@deet.nsw.edu.au

**WORKING BEE - 7 MARCH 2015**

**Dear Parents**

Firstly I wish to thank all the parents for the wonderful work that has been carried out in 2014. The children are making the most of the seating areas and enjoying working in the vegetable garden. In continuing to make our environment aesthetically pleasing, practical, comfortable and functional I am calling on you to assist us in a working bee.

**Date: Saturday 7 March**

Starting and finishing times: 9 am to 1 pm

**Tasks:**

a) **Paving** - paving around the flag area. It will be the 100th celebration of the ANZAC this year and we want to make sure that the area under the flags reflects the respect that we owe our diggers.

b) **Seating** - concreting a few seats and benches in the bottom playground.

c) **Mulch** - spreading some of the mulch under the trees to stop erosion and assisting grass growth while rendering the area safe from slippage for the students.

d) **Painting** - the lines in the basketball court have completely faded away and they need to be repainted.

Please contact the school so that I know how many people are coming to help on the day. Alternatively you can ask your child to contact me directly in the next two weeks.

Any time you can spare will be greatly appreciated.

Darren Cherubini
NOTICEBOARD ITEMS

Football (Soccer) Registration - Registration starts Saturday 7 February. To find a club visit www.footballsouthcoast.com to register go to payfootballnsw.com.au

Coerver Coaching Program - Soccer skills development program registration on-line beginning of February. Held Mondays and Wednesdays at Albert Butler Oval Kemblawarra Ph: 0459 532 223

ATS Surf School - Starting in February at North Wollongong, Bulli Beach and The Farm Ph: 1800 711 189 or www.surfgroms.com.au

Access2Express at WAG - Program that allows students with special needs to experience a free and interactive tour of Wollongong Art Gallery’s major exhibitions. For bookings and enquiries phone Julie Danilov on 4227 8506

Artsmart - An after school art program for 6 - 12 year olds from 4 - 5.30pm held on Tuesdays for 8 weeks starting week 2 of each school term. Cost $160.00. For bookings and enquiries Ph: 4228 7500

Wollongong Botanic Garden - are holding a ‘Ranger Party’! An outdoor children’s party includes two hours of outdoor fun with an environmental education twist. For information www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/botanicgarden.booking/Pages/childrenparties.aspx

Adult TAFE Bridging Courses -
- Cert II Pathway courses in Aged Care, Community Services, Carpenter and Café Skills.
- Cert 1 Pathway courses in Room Attendant, Computers and Literacy and Numeracy.

For more information telephone Adult Education at Wollongong TAFE on 4229 0451.

Wests Illawarra Hockey Club - Ages 5-15 boys and girls welcome. All enquiries to juniors@westsillawarrahockey.com.au or contact David on 0437 578 963. Players can register online at www.westsillawarrahockey.com.au

Become a Volunteer Host Family - It’s Fun
World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2015. Our students from Canada, Belgium, Finland, France and Italy are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon. To help you make this important decision, contact, WEP to receive an information pack for your family. Contact details - Sylvia Kelly Ph: 1300 884 733 Email: info@wep.org.au or online at www.wep.org.au

CANTEEN

Canteen will be open on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

P & C NEWS

The first P & C meeting for this year will be on Wednesday 18 February 2015.
Meetings are held in the school library and begin at 7pm.
Please note the change of venue.
New members are always welcome.

Julijana Stanojovic
P & C President

BANKING

School Banking will be on Thursdays. Money to be given to the teacher.
Kindergarten parents will receive an information pack in the near future.