NAREENA HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL

HILLS HIGHLIGHTS

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Week 6, Term 3 22 August 2011 Ph: 4226 3867

COMING EVENTS

- Bookfair
- Stage 1 Excursion - Killalea KC & KM
- Stage 3 Visual Arts Workshop
- School Assembly - 2.30 pm
- Spelling Bee
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- Stage 3 Enviro Excursion - Wollongong Botanic Gardens
- Stewart House collection
- Regional Athletics Carnival, Canberra
- Mufti Day - Odd Sock & Tie
- Rock Trivia
- Stage 2 Excursion to Sydney
- Kindergarten State Dance Festival - Sydney
- Regional Spelling Bee
- Market Madness
- S3 Camp - Teen Ranch
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MONEY COMING INTO THE SCHOOL

With a number of different activities occurring over the coming weeks, it seems very timely to remind you of how we collect money at Nareena Hills. Our major money days for all events, excursions, performances etc are Tuesdays and Thursdays. The only exception to this is money associated with BookClub orders - for these orders we use Fridays and Mondays (orders are then sent quickly away). All money needs to be placed in the special box located near my office (not taken to the class teacher) in clearly marked envelopes (special ‘money’ envelopes are available from Mrs Rickersey – just ask for some).

Unfortunately we are beginning to have money handed in on non-money days. As we have no way of securely keeping this money (it is Government policy to minimise money in a school overnight) and keeping track of money handed in at all times of the week is very difficult, we will be returning any money handed in on non-money days and asking that it be brought in on the correct day(s). I know this may be inconvenient for some people, but in order to ensure the security of collected moneys and minimise problems with money, I must insist that this procedure be adhered to. By all means contact me should you have any concerns.

SOUTHERN STARS – BE PREPARED

Even though we are not involved in Southern Stars as a school this year, we do have a number of children performing in specialist items. Good luck to these students on Friday and Saturday.

I also know we have quite a few parents who will be in the audiences on Friday and Saturday. Things around the WEC are going to be very hectic for the Friday evening and Saturday matinee performances. While the WEC will resound to the sounds of song and dance, a different sound will be coming from WIN Stadium next door. The local rugby league will be holding its Senior League Semi-Finals on
Friday night (starting at 4.00pm) and Saturday (starting at 10.30am). The only entrance the Showground Trust has opened to WIN stadium is via the gate next to the WEC (eastern side). So be aware that there will be a lot of people wanting to go to two different places at the same time. With all these people converging on the Stadium and the WEC, parking around that part of the city will be at a premium, so be prepared.

**STOMACH BUG**

We, and many other schools in the area, have a nasty, persistent stomach bug going around at the moment. If your child is not feeling too well and complains of an upset tummy, please do not send them to school until they are feeling better. Your family doctor would be able to give advice on how long to keep your child home. I am concerned that we need to break the cycle of ‘re-infection’ with this bug as we have had some children return a little early and then get sick again causing longer time away from school.

**ENROLMENTS 2012**

Like most schools around this time, we are beginning to examine our enrolments for next year. Already many families have notified us of new enrolments for next year (for Kindergarten and other grades). If you are starting a new child at our school next year, no matter what grade (or know of someone who may wish to start their child at our school) and you have not yet contacted the school, could you please contact the office as soon as possible? Similarly if you know you will not be with us next year, also please let us know.

**DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS**

It has been brought to my attention that we are having some families meeting children after school with their family dog. Schools have very strict regulations they need to abide by when it comes to dogs in schools. Section 14 of the Companion Animals Act (1998) prohibits dogs on school grounds except where the principal gives prior permission. When permission is given, dogs must be kept on a leash in school grounds.

The problems we have at Nareena Hills are that –
We have no boundary fence to keep animals separated from children within our grounds,
We do have some children who have a fear of dogs, and
Some dogs can become very excited when a number of children are around them. Because of these things (and my requirement to meet the obligations under the Companion Animals Act), I request that you do not bring your dog with you when dropping off or picking up your child.

Bob Long
Principal

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to the following children who have achieved their Silver Certificate status –

Lachlan  Meghan  Georgia
Jarrod  Charles  Georgia
Rachel

**Notes Sent Home Last Week (15 August – 19 August)**

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**MUFTI DAY – ODD SOCK & TIE DAY (Peer Support Group)**

On Thursday 8th September Year 6 invite you to come dressed to school with your uniform on BUT wear odd socks and a tie. You will look fantastic! Year 6 ask that you bring along a donation for the Market Madness Day Stall that your Peer Support Group Leader has organised. Your leader will give you a special note in your Peer Support Lesson this Thursday telling you what you need to bring in on Mufti Day. Please help make Market Madness Day a success by supporting your group leader.

Thank You, Mrs Jordan
GRADUATION BEAR/BALL – YEAR 6

Just a reminder to Year 6 children wishing to order a Graduation Bear and Ball – orders close 31st August. Please order on or before this date to avoid disappointment.

Mrs Jordan

PEER SUPPORT

This week the Peer Support lesson will focus on the school values of Tolerance and Kindness. Many of the learning activities will be completed in small groups and pairs so the Year 6 leaders look forward to seeing everyone co-operating, sharing, taking turns and being a responsible team member.

Have fun everyone!

Mrs Jordan

Dear Parents,

Wow, we are so excited. Peer Support Group 16 are holding a trash and treasure stall at the Market Madness Day. We’d love lots of donations of old toys, books etc. which are in good condition. Please leave the items in Mrs Jordan’s classroom by the 6th September.

Thank You,
Jonah & Michael

Group 1 is responsible for lollies in a jar. A great fun guessing game and if you guess right or the closest guess WOW! You get the whole jar plus the lollies inside. But we need your help. We need a large lolly jar. Please help and give it to Olivia in Group 1.

Thank You,
Olivia, Ellie & Anastasia

YEAR 6 TEEN RANCH CAMP

Parents are reminded that Thursday 25 August is the deadline for numbers for students to let us know if they are going to the Year 6 Camp.

Thank You, Mr Cherubini

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

BOOK FAIR

Book Fair – by Central Books: From Monday 22 August to Thursday 25 August
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday : 8.30 - 9.00 am and 3.00 - 3.30 pm.

There is a huge range of books at very reasonable prices. Please come and browse.

MS READATHON

If you participated in this event please send in your sponsorship money as soon as possible.

SPELLING BEE 2011 - STAGE FINALISTS

Congratulations to the stage finalists of this year’s spelling bee! They will be competing in the school spelling bee on Thursday 25 August.

STEWART HOUSE

This week bags will be sent home for the Stewart House used clothes appeal. Thank you for supporting this very worthwhile charity.

NOTICEBOARD ITEMS

The following community information is available on the School Noticeboard:
Parent Helpline NSW re free support for parents in Primary Schools
Wollongong Judo Summer Training
CANTEEN ROSTER
Wednesday 24 August: Grace Glinski, Kathy Shipp, Janine Lukasiak, Natalie Brunker
Thursday 25 August: Kristy Clifford, Emma Roberts, Kathryn Watson, Rebecca Daykin

Pre-Loved Uniform Staff
Just a reminder that the Pre-loved Uniform Stall will be outside the Hall after Assembly on
Wednesday 7 September, Wednesday 2 November, Wednesday 2 December.
For uniforms at other times, please contact Alex in the office. **All quality donations of uniforms are gratefully accepted.** Our **back-friendly** back packs are available in medium (for K-2/3) and large (Yr 3-6) at a very reasonable price and come with a three year guarantee. Also available are excursion packs which are lightweight and perfect for excursions or use as a library bag. Finally, we have our book folios which are very sturdy bags for home readers, smaller library books, but also notes, homework etc. **All available at the uniform stall or through the office/canteen.**