NAREENA HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL

HILLS HIGHLIGHTS

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Week 9, Term 2 20 June 2011 Ph: 4226 3867

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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

SEMESTER REPORTS

Our 1st Semester Student Reports will be sent home next Friday (1st July). If any families are contemplating an early start to the holidays and won’t be here next Friday, please contact the office and we may be able to arrange your reports to be made available earlier (or kept over the holidays).

Our reports go home at this time to enable the teachers to give a good snapshot of your child’s development over most of the first semester. Although the reports go home on the last day of the term, they are developed over a considerable period of this term. If we send reports home earlier, we lessen the time available to us to report on your child’s development. The timing also allows you to have the holiday period to carefully read the reports. If you would like to discuss your child’s report(s) with their teacher please contact the school and arrange a time within the first three weeks of next term (as indicated in the reports).

Should any family have a need for multiple reports, again please contact the Office so we can arrange this for you.

LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property pile is doing its usual winter thing - growing. Children, no matter how often we (both teachers and parents) tell them, will leave jumpers etc on the ground, on seats, at school etc. These items often end up in our lost property. If names are clearly labelled on the articles we can get them back to their owners very quickly, but we still find that there are items that don’t have names.

Could you please do two things –
1. Put your child’s name clearly on the inside of any piece of clothing, and
2. Check to make sure that your child is wearing their clothing. We often find children accidentally pick up someone else’s jumper etc and take them home. This results in another child not being able to find their jumper and another piece of clothing being added to the pile.

**LATE ARRIVALS**
We are still having a small number of children arriving to school after 9.00am. As I said earlier this term, we understand that there will always be times when things go wrong with morning routines and a late arrival is unavoidable. However, all our students are supposed to be at school prior to the start of classes (9.00am).
Please make sure that your child gets to school on time. If they are late, you must report to the Office with your child or have your child report to the Office with a written explanation. Any child who regularly arrives late will be referred to our Home School Liaison Officer for following up (‘please explain’).

**CHANGE TO P & C MEETING – DATE AND TIME**
A reminder that our next P & C meeting is on this Wednesday (22\(^{nd}\)) starting at 7.30pm. The P & C actively welcomes all families to these meetings.

**INTERRELATE EVENING**
Thank you to all the families that gave such good feedback on the Interrelate evening held at Lindsay Park PS last Wednesday. There were actually more families from Nareena Hills than Lindsay Park. Based on your feedback, we will continue to try and organise these evenings with Interrelate and Lindsay Park (we may even be able to hold the next one at our school?).

**UNIVERSITY TESTS – SPELLING AND WRITING**
Again due to the lack of suitable accommodation, we will be endeavouring to run these tests on this Wednesday and Thursday. These two tests will be the last for the term with the next test (English) due to be held on 2\(^{nd}\) August (which we will probably run on the 3\(^{rd}\)).

**SICK CHILDREN**
We have had a number of children who have not been well (with coughs and upset stomachs) at school lately. I know that it can be hard to accommodate children at home with short notice, but for the sake of the children, both yours and others in their class, please keep sick children home (and have them seen by your family doctor as some of these coughs need to be carefully checked out) until they are well and able to cope with school and lessons. We often find that the recovery from the ills at this time of year are hampered by children not getting over their illnesses before coming back to school and then getting sick again (because their resistance is still too low).

Bob Lang
Principal

**K-2 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – Thursday 23 June**
This carnival is for 5, 6 and 7 year olds. Commencement time will be approximately 11.00 am and we hope to be finished by 1.00 pm. Children will eat their recess prior to 11.00 am. The 7 year olds from Year 2 will join us for the age races and the house relays and then return to their class. They will do their normal Yr 2 sport program with their class teachers in the afternoon.

We will need the help of parents to be the judges of the age races and also with the group rotational activities. If you can assist, please let us know on the day. Rotational activities will include parachute, sack races, tug-o-war, egg and spoon races, tunnel ball, skipping rope relays.

Glenda Cameron
DISCO – TUESDAY 21 JUNE

K - 2 5.00 pm – 6.30 pm (arrive 6.20 pm for pick up)
3 - 6 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm (arrive 8.20 pm for pick up)

Come dressed in your best ‘disco’ attire. Everyone must wear closed in shoes that are comfortable to dance in. Children are to be picked up by an adult.

**Cost** - $5.00 per child/$12.00 per family paid on entry. Children will receive a drink and a treat at the conclusion. Water cups will be available throughout.

The disco has been organised by the Student Representative Council.

SCHOOL MUFTI DAY

On Tuesday 28 June Nareena Hills will be having a Mufti Day. Children will be allowed to wear their Pyjamas to school. However, closed in shoes (joggers) must be worn. **No slippers or ugg boots.** Students will need to bring a gold coin to assist the SRC raise money for Stewart House.

We are looking forward to a fun day.

Mr Cherubini

DANCE FESTIVAL

Congratulations to all of our 21 Kindergarten students who charmed audiences at the IPAC last week. They were absolutely fantastic on stage and backstage.

Many thanks to the teachers who assisted with supervision throughout the week: Mrs Hick, Mrs Morgan, Mrs Relf, Mrs J. Gray, Mrs Thompson and Miss Bevis.

A huge thank you to Rebecca Thompson for her inspiration in assisting me to make the pond, and Mrs Hanes, Mrs Bond and Mrs Stephens who assisted backstage, and Mrs Vasquez who assisted with shopping for costume garments.

Congratulations also to our four representatives from the ISER dance company who performed at the festival: Kaiah, Eliza, Lucy & Charlotte. They were great ambassadors for our school as well.

Mrs Cameron

What Notes Went Home Last Week (6 June –10 June)

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NOTICEBOARD ITEMS

The following community information is available on the School Noticeboard:
Hate ironing! - Ironing done for You
Wollongong Touch Junior Touch Competition for Term 4
Circus Monoxide activities for July School Holidays
School holiday fun at IPAC
AUTHOR VISIT
On Tuesday 19 July (just after the holidays) we have the wonderful opportunity of a visit from
author Tristan Bancks. Tristan has a family connection with the school. There is no charge to the
students so everyone will be able to attend. I am sure students will come away feeling inspired
with new ideas for their own creativity.
Tristan’s books will be available for purchase and he is happy to sign them for you.

BOOKCLUB
The June issue of the Scholastic Book Club will be distributed to students this week. Orders can be
returned on Friday 24 June and Monday 27 June. Orders are to be placed in the Silver Collection Box in the foyer before 9.30 am on these days.
To avoid your child’s disappointment, please ensure the order is in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with the child’s name, class and Bookclub on the front, with the correct money, or a cheque made payable to ‘Scholastic Australia Pty Limited’. Credit card payments can now be accepted for any amount. (Fill out the slip on the back page with appropriate details). Orders received accumulate points that go towards new books for our great Library.

CANTEEN ROSTER
Wednesday 22nd June: Rachel Kendon, Di Bowden, Rebecca Gibson, Vicki Belsito, Alison Giobbi
Thursday 23rd June: Karmen Bond, Cheree Beattie, Leone Paiola, Karen Gillespie

A Friendly Reminder

The P & C Meeting has been re-scheduled to Wednesday 22 June, 2011.