NAREENA HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL

HILLS HIGHLIGHTS

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Principal’s Message

Maroon for a Day – Thank You

Once again the generosity of our community was highlighted last Thursday with our Flood fundraising day. Even though many families had already given donations for this cause we still were able to raise $459.20 to help Queensland schools cope with the floods of last month. My thanks to all those who supported this fundraiser. Hopefully I’ll be able to tell you how much was raised by all schools throughout the state.

Our School Uniform

One of the many great things about our school is the support our families give us in the wearing of our school uniform. Our students always look outstanding wearing our uniform and very rarely do we have children not wearing our uniform.

We have both a recommended summer and winter uniform, but these are a recommendation. The exact make-up of, for example, our winter uniform is not compulsory. Some children/families feel more comfortable wearing some summer items as their winter uniform and vice-versa. What I ask is that we encourage all children to wear a Nareena Hills PS uniform.

Respect for All

Communities work very well together when mutual respect occurs. To support this we have a ‘code of conduct’ for our students (Our School Values which is a component of our Welfare Policy) and all teachers are governed by a Teachers’ Code of Conduct (determined by NSW Dept of Education and Training). Parents also have a responsibility to model respectful strategies when interacting with parents and teachers on matters dealing with this school. The communication we have with our parents is usually fantastic and rewarding for all parties. However, every now and then, emotions can cloud the way we talk with each other (face-to-face, electronically etc). Please remember that teachers are professionals who act in the best interests of children. I ask that this is respected by parents when meeting with my staff. Should you have a continuing issue, by all means contact me.

Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts

Information packages are available for Yr 6 students seeking placement at Wollongong HS as a performing arts or visual arts student in 2012. If you are contemplating this school for your child, please contact us and we can arrange a package for you. Applications need to be returned to the High School by 16th March.
MONEY DAYS
As we will shortly be collecting money for textbooks, sport and voluntary contributions, it seems a good
time to remind you as to when our money days fall. We are not permitted (for obvious reasons) to keep
money on the school premises, so our money days need to coincide with our banking days. Therefore
our two money days are Tuesdays and Thursdays. If a special activity requires money to be collected on
a different day (for example BookClub), we will let you know via a note.
With all money sent to the school, please use the green envelopes we provide. They contain all the
needed information to fill out on the front of the envelope and also act as a back-up should any money
get misplaced (which very rarely occurs). These envelopes are available from Alex in the Office.

MEETING AND COLLECTING YOUR CHILD IN THE AFTERNOON
Due to the fact that our school has no fencing at the front and back of the school, we are very conscious
of people in our school grounds. Last year we had a number of parents tell us of adults ‘lurking’ around
our buildings in the afternoons (only to find that these ‘lurkers’ were in fact parents picking up their
children from their rooms). Now that the school has settled in for the year and children know their
classrooms, I’m requesting that once again parents meet their children at the front of the school at
3.00pm. Please do not wait outside classrooms as it can be distracting for children when being given
important information to take home. If the weather is not the best the seats in the COLA (covered area
next to our Library) can also be used as a waiting area.

Bob Long
Principal

What Notes Went Home Last Week (14 February – 18 February)

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SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR AUDITIONS
Auditions will be held this Friday at lunchtime. Schools Spectacular is held in Sydney from Thursday 24
November to Saturday 26 November. Please ensure your child will be available for all of these dates
before they audition. There will be 16 children selected who will then attend rehearsals to learn the
choreography for the audition video.

CONGRATULATIONS
This year we have seven students representing our school in the Illawarra & South East Regional
Performing Company. Congratulations to Bella (Vocals), Madyson (Drama), Alana (Drama), Kaiah
(Dance), Eliza (Dance), Charlotte (Dance) and Lucy (Dance). Their commitment commences this weekend
and continues throughout the year with a major performing focus in Southern Stars.

RESULTS OF SRC ELECTIONS 2011
During week 3 the students from Year 2 to Year 6 had their Student Representative Council’s (SRC)
elections. Teachers and students were impressed by the standards of the students’ speeches. The staff
wishes to thank all the students who participated and they congratulate the successful nominees for their
ideas, enthusiasm and commitment.
The students in Kindergarten and Year 1 are represented by Year 6 students. The Year 6 students’ role will
be to talk to the class they represent, gain their ideas, bring them to the meetings and then disseminate
information back to that class.
Letters informing the parents of the Induction information will be sent in Week 5. The Induction Assembly
will be held on Wednesday 9 March 2011.
The following students will form the SRC for 2011:

5/6C Tom Y6 and Payton Y5
5/6 JP Chloe Y6 and Charlotte Y5
5/6 L Tayah Y6 and Daniel Y5
3/4 K Jye Y4 and Erica Y3
3/4 M Brooke Y4 and Oliver Y3
3/4 F Lucy Y4 and Alyssa Y3
2/3G James & Pamela Y3 (having had equal votes) Chloe Y2
2T Logan and Alanah

We also acknowledge the 2010 Year 5 SRC students who will be taking on the role as SRC Representatives this year for the Kindergarten students. They are Alana, Matthew, Jonah and the 2010 Citizen of the Year Amy.

We are sure that the students will be great representatives and will achieve great things this year.

Mr Darren Cherubini, SRC Coordinator

NOTICEBOARD ITEMS

The following community information is available on the School Noticeboard:

ADHD Support Group Drop in Morning on Friday 25th February
Bedwetting Institute

P&C NEWS 21.2.11

Munch & Crunch Canteen open Wed & Thurs.
The good ladies working in canteen this week are:

WED 23-Feb Patsy Moate, Melanie Sawyer, Liz Few and Megan Donnelly.


Wednesday 2nd March 2.45 – 3.15 pm.
2nds uniforms and new school bags SOLD AT GOOD RATES outside hall. Further uniform stalls will be held on 6 April, 4 May, 1 June, 3 August, 7 September, 2nd November and 7 December. Items can also be purchased through the canteen Wednesdays and Thursdays or on other days by arrangement with Alex at the office. Uniform donations are always appreciated.

Wednesday 16th March – 7 pm
P&C AGM in the staff room.

Vacancies on P&C Executive Comittee

You are most welcome to come to this meeting. The other meeting this term is on 6th April. Minutes are on the notice board by the office or can be emailed if you leave your address - nareenahillspandc@hotmail.com. At the AGM, parents on the P&C executive committee vacate their position to allow nominees to join the new committee. Any parents can be nominated to positions of President, 2 Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer. During the AGM, sub-committees will also be endorsed. They are Fundraising and Canteen. The Canteen Subcommittee and the P&C Treasurer would be happy to continue in their current roles if unopposed, however, there are other members of the P&C committee who do not wish to be nominated again including President, Vice Presidents, Secretary and the Co-ordinator of the Fundraising Committee. Anyone interested in these positions can contact us - or 0418 163 002 or nareenahillspandc@hotmail.com. We are glad to share our knowledge and experience. Future meeting dates for your diary: 6th April, 18th May, 15th June, 20th July, 17th Aug, 21st Sep, 19th Oct, 16th Nov and 7th Dec.
FREE ENTRY FOR KIDS TO NSW MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES

Primary school children in NSW can visit landmark arts and culture attractions for free with the Kids’ Adventure Passport. From now until the end of the Easter 2011 school holidays, children are encouraged to pick up their Passport from any of the 71 participating venues and join the Premier’s Adventure Challenge. Touch fossils at the Australian Museum, picnic in Elizabeth Farm’s historic grounds, or explore the galaxies at Sydney Observatory. Several major venues are outside the city centre, and regional museums and galleries across NSW are welcoming Passport holders. Collect at least three stamps in the Kids’ Adventure Passport to receive a signed certificate from the NSW Premier. All children who take part have the chance to win prizes. See www.kidspassport.nsw.gov.au for venues and more information.

Thank you,

P&C

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**Are you considering Wollongong High School as your choice of secondary school? If so, come and meet us at Expo Evening. You will see that we offer a first class comprehensive education as well as excellent opportunities in the performing arts.**

**Date:** Thursday 3 March 2011  
**Time:** 5.30-7.00pm  
**We look forward to meeting you. Principal’s address at 5.30 in the hall.**

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**Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts**

*Academic Excellence: Excellence in the Performing Arts:*

*Outstanding sporting opportunities: Brilliant HSC results: High Expectations*

*Valuing Safety, Tolerance, Achievement and Respect*

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**LIBRARY HELPERS**

Would you like to help in the library?  
Come along on Thursday morning from 9.00am to 11.00am. (Or part of this time)  
There is a wide range of tasks for anyone interested in helping. Any help is gratefully accepted.

If you would like to help by covering books at home, bags of about 5 books are sent home at a time. Contact is precut to size and an instruction sheet will also be sent with the first lot of books.

If you can help please let me know by returning the following note to school.

*Current helpers please confirm if you would like to continue receiving books to cover. Mrs Relf.*

Dear Mrs Relf,  
I would like to help by covering books at home. Please send the books with my son / daughter ______ in class ________.

Name _____________________________