NAREENA HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL

HILLS HIGHLIGHTS

COMING EVENTS

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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

CROSSING JACARANDA AVENUE

Every year my staff spend a good deal of time ensuring that our students are aware of the dangers in crossing busy roads or roads where drivers have difficulty in seeing pedestrians. We impress on our students the need to use signed crossing areas and check that drivers stop before starting to cross the road.

It seems, however, we may be placing some children at risk by also encouraging students to cross a road with their parents. Since the beginning of the school year I have witnessed a number of parents (adults who should know better) simply taking their child from the front of the school and then cross Jacaranda Avenue just below the crest of the hill. Not only does this cause conflict with what we are teaching but is also extremely dangerous in ‘teaching’ children a very poor road safety strategy. Only last week one of our parents had a shock to find another parent taking her children across Jacaranda Ave just past the crest (a blind spot for drivers). The driver had to brake to avoid hitting one of the children. All this for the sake of the minute or so of extra time it takes to use the marked crossing (which is located, according to the RTA, in the safest part of Jacaranda Ave in relation to the school).

Perhaps my anger over this is aimed at parents who do not read this newsletter and so my note is going to the wrong people. If this is so then my apologies to the many parents who ‘do the right thing’. We really all must do our part in making sure our children are not being placed in dangerous situations. Having been on staff at a local school when one of our students was fatally struck by a driver while crossing a very busy road, I do not want that trauma to be experienced by anyone at Nareena Hills.

FIGTREE COMMUNITY OF SCHOOLS – ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT CLASS 2011

The Figtree Community of schools is again running the Academic Enrichment Class for selected Yr 5 students this year. If you are interested in your child (must be in Yr 5 2011) being considered for this class, please contact the school and we’ll send you an ‘Expression of interest’ note. Please note that applications for this class end on 5th April.
**GREEN ENVELOPES**

With money being required for a variety of activities, the issue of money envelopes needs again to be raised.

We have, and supply at no cost, ‘green’ envelopes (envelopes with green text) for this purpose. On these envelopes are sections for all the required details relating to an activity. By using these green envelopes (correctly filled out) you are assuring that the money handed in can be accurately processed.

Unfortunately we are still getting money being placed in standard envelopes with very little detail – which makes it extremely difficult for my administration staff to accurately allocate the funds.

These green money envelopes can be picked up any day from the office – **so please use them**. If you run out, just come and pick up some more or ask your child/children to bring them home.

**NOTES ON WEBSITE**

As we receive notes from teachers about excursions etc, we are placing a copy of these notes on our website for you. So now if the note gets lost you can get another copy quickly by going to the website and clicking on the ‘Notes for Parents’ section.

**STAFF CHANGES**

Mrs Relf will be on leave from next Monday until the end of this term. Her place in the Library and with KM will be taken by Mrs Forster.

**ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT**

We are in the final stages of compiling our Annual School Report for last year. The new report will be available on our website as of Term 2. One thing I’d like to add to the report is photographs of the many different activities we do each year. If you have taken photos of some of our events and would be happy for us to use them in the A.S.R., please either email them to us (at the school’s email address) or send them in on disc or thumb drive.

**SCHOOL REWARDS POLICY**

While sort of on the subject of our website, we have uploaded our revised Rewards Policy and is now available to you all. To find the policy go to the Our School link and you’ll find the link on the bottom of the list of links on the left hand side of the page.

**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.

**Bob Long**
Principal

**What Notes Went Home Last Week (7 March – 11 March)**

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**EASTER EGG MUFTI DAY**

Please note the change of date for our Easter mufti day. It is now on in Week 10 on Thursday 31 March. This means you can come dressed in your favourite casual clothes and sensible shoes (no singlets please).

In return, the Year 6 children ask you to bring in an easter egg donation for their fundraising activity. Eggs will be collected from your classroom in the morning by our Year 6 parent helpers. We look forward to your support of this activity.
EASTER RAFFLE
Please help Year 6 raise money for a great gift at the end of the year by selling a book of raffle tickets. We will have heaps of great Easter Baskets to win. Please return your sold tickets to the office by Tuesday 5 April. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Wednesday 6 April. Raffle tickets went home last Thursday.

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL
The School Cross Country Carnival will be held on Friday 8 April at Stuart Park in Wollongong. Pop this date into your diary. Please return your Cross Country note and money to school by 31 March.

SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR
Thank you so much to the audition group for arriving at 7.45 am last Friday for their rehearsal. We achieved a lot. Our next rehearsal will be on Saturday 19 March commencing at 2.30 pm and finishing at 5.30 pm. Please arrive whenever you can. Other dates will be Friday 25 March at 7.45 am, and Saturday 26 March at 2.30 pm to rehearse and video. Thank you for the parent support that I have already received. Glenda Cameron

WORKING BEE
The P & C have organised a working bee for Sunday 20 March. It will commence at 9.00 am and finish about 12 noon. We intend to repaint the games under the Cola, bolt a few seats around the school, repair our school flagpole and get rid of material near the sports shed (as it is an OH&S issue). Please send a note to either Mr Jenkins or Mr Cherubini at school if you are coming to give us a rough idea of numbers. Your assistance for the 3 hours will be greatly appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS
Our congratulations and best wishes go to Bella and Georgia who are presently performing in the musical “Annie” at the Lamplighters Theatre at Corrimal. We are sure you will enjoy this experience and treasure the memories for a very long time.

STEWART HOUSE
Traditionally we support the annual Stewart House Donation Drive, this week envelopes will go home to students for this purpose. Please note the deadline on the envelopes.

AUNTIES & UNCLE'S COLOURING-IN COMPETITION
This worthy charity is again holding the annual colouring-in competition. This sheet will also be sent home this week. For more information about the charity Care South, check out the School Noticeboard.

NOTICEBOARD ITEMS
The following community information is available on the School Noticeboard: Care South re their annual colouring in competition.

P&C NEWS 14.3.11
Wednesday 6th April 2.45 – 3.15 pm.
2nds uniforms and new school bags SOLD AT BARGAIN RATES outside hall. Items can also be purchased through the canteen Wednesdays and Thursdays or on other days by arrangement with Alex at the office. Uniform donations gratefully accepted. Further stalls - 4 May, 1 June, 3 August, 7 September, 2 November, 7 December.
**Munch & Crunch Canteen open Wed & Thurs.**

The ladies working in canteen **this week** are:

**WED 16-Mar.**  Rachel Kendon, Di Bowden, Rebecca Gibson, Vicki Belsito, Alison Giobbi.

**THUR 17-Mar.**  Karmen Bond, Cheree Beattie, Leone Paiola and Karen Gillespie.

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

**Vacancies on P&C Executive Committee**

Come along to the AGM this Wednesday. Parents on the P&C executive committee will vacate their position to allow nominees to join the new committee. Any parents can be nominated to fill the positions for President, Vice President (2 positions), Secretary and Treasurer. Sub-committees (Canteen and Fundraising) will also be endorsed. The P&C Treasurer and the Canteen Sub-committee are happy to continue in their current roles if unopposed but there are other members of the P&C committee who do not wish to be nominated again including President, Vice President (1 to 2 positions), Secretary and the Co-ordinator of the Fundraising Committee. Anyone interested in filling a position can contact us for more information at nareenahillspandc@hotmail.com or 0418 163 002. We are happy to share our knowledge and experience.


**School Song**

The P&C are looking to develop a school song for Nareena Hills. The purpose of this project is to promote a sense of pride and belonging, and to reinforce the values of our school. We will be utilising the skills of Gordon Dugan, a musician, educator, composer and Dad to two Nareena Hills students. Parents, staff and students (current/ past) are invited to email suggestions, themes or lyrics: nareenahillspandc@hotmail.com

With thanks,
P&C