Thursday, 3\textsuperscript{rd} March

Term 1, Week 6

\textbf{From the Principal}

\textbf{P&C AGM}

The Annual General Meeting of the P&C was held last night. I would like to congratulate the following parents on their election and acceptance to the following roles:

President: Sharon Galway
Vice Pres: Mel Turner
Vice Pres: Prue Wernicke
Secretary: Brooke McKinnon
Treasurer: Leanne Fisher

\textbf{Community Engagement Officer:}

Thank you to the community members who submitted an expression of interest for this role. The successful applicant was Prue Wernicke. I look forward to working with Prue to increase our level of community engagement in the school.

\textbf{Tell Them From Me:}

Years 4, 5 & 6 have been provided with a note regarding participation in a survey that assists us with our planning. If you do not wish for your child to participate you need to complete the relevant section and return it to school by tomorrow. Parents will be invited to complete the survey later in the year.

\textbf{Working with Children Check:}

It is a requirement that volunteers complete a “Working with Children Check”. The forms are available from the front office. We need 100 points of identity e.g. licence, medicare card, birth certificate etc.

This check needs to be completed once every five years unless a volunteer has not worked with children for over 12 months since the last check.

\textbf{Payment on Line:}

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card, and can be made via computer, tablet or mobile phone. Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the office. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting $ Make a payment

\textbf{Important dates}

\textbf{Week 6:}

4/3 Clean Up Australia Day

\textbf{Week 7:}

10/3 Selective High School test
11/3 Camden Show

\textbf{Week 8:}

15/3 Regional Swimming Carnival
16/3 Year 3 Botany Bay
17/3 Year 1 to Heritage Centre

\textbf{Week 9:}

21/3 Harmony Day
23/3 Year 3 Botany Bay
Easter Hat Parade
24/3 Leaders at State Parliament
Year 1 Heritage Centre
25/3 Good Friday

\textbf{Week 10:}

28/3 Easter Monday
31/3 3-6 Cross Country

\textbf{Week 11:}

Parent/Teacher interviews

\textbf{Clean Up Australia Day:}

We will be cleaning up our school tomorrow. Children are encouraged to bring gloves and a plastic bag.

David Byrne – Principal

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Sankey’s Snippets

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

A wonderful day was had by 430 students at our school swimming carnival. Well done to the following students who were named age champions and presented with a trophy at last week’s school assembly.

Jnr Boy: Joel Byrne
Jnr Girl: Jenna Simpson
11 Year Girl: Felicity Carr, Imogen Nies and Kailee Wales
11 Year Boy: Samuel Arps
Snr Girl: Alyssa Cullen
Snr Boy: Fletcher Smith

The following children represented Narellan Vale Public School at the Razorback Swimming Carnival at Picton last week: Samuel Arps, Elena Blanco, Joel Byrne, Olivia Campbell, Felicity Carr, Laura Carr, Nicholas Chantery, Alyssa Cullen, Max DeMain, Callum Gammage, Sarah Grenfell, Lulani Logoitumua, Bianca Morley, Imogen Nies, Georgia Poulton, Bradley Russell-Thorpe, Jared Simpson, Jenna Simpson, Zana Smart, Fletcher Smith, Ethan Swindle, Kaitlin Tattersall, Cody Tuckwell, Kailee Wales and Jaylen Xuereb.

These children came in the top 3 of their event and will represent Razorback at the Sydney South West Carnival in Week 8. Joel Byrne, Alyssa Cullen, Lulani Logoitumua and the Jnr Girls Relay team: Georgia Poulton, Jenna Simpson, Kaitlin Tattersall and Lulani Logoitumua.

A big CONGRATULATIONS to Alyssa Cullen was also named the Senior Girls Age Champion of this meet.

RAZORBACK TRIALS/TEAMS

Congratulations to Byron McCallum and Mansor Nazari who were recently named in the Razorback Boys Soccer Team. We have several other children trialling so we will keep you updated on how they go.

Peaceful Playgrounds – HAPPY STUDY

Two weeks ago I distributed permission notes to all the children in Stage 3 so that we could participate in a research project looking into physical activity of students at school. It will involve the students participating in a 15 minute survey and observations being made about their physical activity in the playground. The study aims to evaluate the effect of an environmental and professional learning intervention designed to promote physical activity and social skills during school break times. The research is being conducted by Macquarie University and the University of Sydney. No student, staff or community member of our school will be identified at any stage during the observations or subsequent publications and all personal information will be kept confidential. To date I have only received 23 permission notes back. If you could spare the time to complete these permission notes and return them to school it would be very much appreciated. Thank you for your support in this research. The benefit to the school is that we will receive $10,000 worth of playground markings for free.

Deputy’s Despatches

From Mr Hodge

Narellan Vale Public School

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN: 02/05/2016

Dear Parents,

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by Advancedlife Photography.

Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at www.advancedlife.com.au using our school’s unique 9 digit Online Order Code.

Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day. Should you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, the order must be placed no later than the day before photography day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed. Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please direct them via email to enquiries@advancedlife.com.au

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Easter Hat Parade

Once again, we are holding our eggscellent Easter Hat eggstravaganza with all our eggstra wonderful young hat designers. All the family are invited to join us on Wednesday 23rd March at 9.30am for the eggsciting parade of Easter fashion.

Students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 are asked to bring in all those little eggsciting Easter bits’n’pieces that help to make an Easter Hat and a coloured sheet of cardboard. K, 1 & 2 will make their hats at school with the help of their ‘buddy class’.

Selective High School Test 2016 for 2017

Students who have applied for the Selective High Schools Test are reminded that the test is next Thursday 10th March. Our test centre is Elizabeth Macarthur High School. Any further questions please direct to Mr Hodge.

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ICAS 2016:
A letter came home last Friday regarding the UNSW Competitions for Technology, Writing, Spelling, Maths, English and Science. Unfortunately the grade involved was not included on the note.
Year 3-6 students are able to enter all competitions while Year 2 students are not eligible to enter the Technologies or Writing Competition but may enter all others.
Remember entries must be received at the office by 3pm on Wednesday 30th March and no late entries can be accepted.
Jenni Goodhew – Coordinator.

Harmony Day
Harmony Day is fast approaching and we are looking forward to celebrating the cultural diversity in our school. On Monday the 21st March students are to come to school wearing something orange with their uniform.
From the Harmony Day Committee (Miss Becher, Mrs Nabaro and Mrs Pikula)

Community Engagement Officer
Hi my name is Prue Wernicke and I am the school’s Community Engagement Officer, I will be working with the school and community to communicate and build stronger parent / school relationships. I will be booking information forums on Cyber Safety, occupational therapy, volunteer opportunities for parents as well as students in the near future. So stay tuned for more information. If you have any ideas of forums / information sessions that you would be interested in please let me know via email prue.wernicke1@det.nsw.edu.au or leave a message at the office. I am around the school on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, please feel free to come and see me. I look forward to meeting you and discussing your ideas.

Thank you to all who came to our P&C AGM and general meeting last night. Congratulations to the new Executive team;
President - Sharon Galway
Vice President Sponsorship - Mel Turner

Book Club Issue #2 Orders Due: Friday, 11th March, 2016.
Please place cheque payments only in the money slot at the office.
Reminder: We will be unable to collect cash payments for Scholastic Book Club orders from now on. Due to our new finance system we can only accept cheque and online credit card payments (which can be completed on the Scholastic LOOP website as per the instructions on the Book Club order forms).
Thanks! Mrs Cooper

Campbelltown City Challenge Walk-The Australian Botanic Garden, Mt Annan
Our school will be participating in this event on Sunday, 13th March. Please see the flyer that was recently sent home for details. You can enter online too. We would like to see lots of students with their families enter this event.
Team name: Narellan Vale Public School
Team event choice: 6km Fun Walk
Section: Primary school
Hope to see you on the day. We want to win a trophy for the biggest primary school team. Go NVPS!
Thank you
Mrs Lana Bentley

Vice President Fundraising - Prue Wernicke
Secretary - Brooke McKinnon
Treasurer - Leanne Fisher
Executive - Mel Roser

The fundraising team are currently looking at new and exciting fundraising opportunities for the year ahead, if you would like to put forward any ideas or suggestions please email nvpspcfundraising@hotmail.com or leave a message at the office. We will be discussing all ideas at the next P&C meeting which will be held on Wednesday 6th April at 7pm in the staffroom and planning the year ahead.

Notes are going home today about our first fundraiser which is our Easter Raffle and Colouring Competition. We are looking for donations of Easter Eggs, Easter soft toys, Easter novelty items and Easter baskets or Easter bags for the Easter raffle, donation boxes will be set up in K-2 classrooms as well as the front office. Our sponsor Jay Peters of Harcourts JP Elite Group is running a colouring in competition. To enter simply do your best colouring on the Easter stencil and return it with a gold coin to the front office by Friday 18th March (please note that Easter Hat Parade is on Wednesday 23rd March). Winners will be announced at the Easter Hat Parade and 3 x $40 Smiggle vouchers will be awarded to the lucky winners.

Thank you, Prue :-)
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