



# Narrabeen Lakes Public School

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## Newsletter, Term 1 2023

### Welcome to 4M

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to 4M! I am delighted to be teaching your child in 2023. We have a great term planned and are looking forward to achieving academic growth combined with lots of fun activities together. I look forward to meeting you at the **Meet the Teacher Information Evening on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023.**

#### **Some Important Dates for Term 1:**

<b>Week 2</b>	Return to school
<b>Week 3</b>	Homework begins Swimming Carnival – Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February Textbook Sale – Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February Meet the Teacher evening – Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Week 5</b>	Cake Stall Fundraiser – Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February
<b>Week 6</b>	Athletics Carnival – Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February Interschool Sport begins – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March
<b>Week 8</b>	NAPLAN begins – Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Week 9</b>	Harmony Day – Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March
<b>Week 11</b>	School Photos – Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March Easter Hat Parade – Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April

#### **Timetable**

<b>Tuesday</b>	Critical & Creative Thinking with Ms. Nelson	1.40 – 2.20am
<b>Wednesday</b>	Music with Mrs. Power 10.10-10.55	
<b>Friday</b>	Miss Garden Library with Miss Garden Sport Assembly – Even Weeks	9:25 – 10:10am

#### **English:**

***Speaking and Listening:*** Students will be given the opportunity to present a small talk on a topic of their interest each week. Photos can be shown through the Seesaw app if they wish.

***Reading:*** Students will engage in daily reading as well as Literacy Pro to improve reading fluency and comprehension skills.

**Writing:** In Term 1, students will focus on producing narratives as well as exploring persuasive writing. Spelling, grammatical features and punctuation conventions will also be taught daily using the Sound Waves spelling program.

**Spelling:** This year we will be using Sound Waves Spelling resources to support our teaching of spelling. In Sound Waves Spelling, children are gradually taught a range of skills and strategies that promote a deeper understanding of words and how they work. At the core of Sound Waves Spelling, children learn about speech sounds (phonemes) and the different letters (graphemes) that represent these sounds in writing. Each week your child will focus on one or two of the 43 sounds of Australian English known as 'focus sounds'. Once you know which sound your child is learning each week, you can look for opportunities to identify words containing that sound.

#### **Mathematics:**

In mathematics, we have a focus on Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, as well as Statistics and Probability. Throughout the entire learning process in mathematics, students will be learning to engage in genuine mathematical activities and develop the skills to become flexible and creative users of mathematics.

#### **Science:**

In Science, students will learn about the classification of living things in the science strand 'Living World'. In this unit, students will learn that living things all have certain characteristics. They will use these characteristics to differentiate between living and non-living things. They will group plants and animals by their observable features. This unit involves the students working scientifically and using scientific thinking.

#### **History:**

Students in Stage 2 will be studying 'Community and Remembrance'. They will investigate their local community, how it has changed over the years and who contributed to its development over time. Students draw on local history records, photographs and landmarks to identify what has changed in their community over the years, what has stayed the same, and who has contributed to these changes.

#### **Technology and ICT:**

Across all learning areas, students will be engaging with range of technologies using a class set of Chromebooks and iPads to enhance their learning and offer flexibility by working at students' targeted levels.

#### **PDHPE:**

The theme for Personal Development this term is how having respect and empathy helps you and others. This will be undertaken through the 'Second Step' and 'Smiling Mind' programs.

Sport is on a Friday and students are to wear our full sports uniform, including hats, to school. Students (if selected) participate in interschool sport at various venues. This year, interschool and school sport will be on Friday afternoons. Interschool Sport will commence in Week 6.

#### **Creative and Performing Arts:**

Music will be taught each week by Mrs. Power. In Visual Arts students will create a range artworks based on other subject areas, using a variety of media. In Drama, they will have opportunities to participate in role plays, games and activities which will encourage them to explore their dramatic side.

#### **Homework:**

Homework will start in Week 3. This will consist of a fortnightly homework contract, with a variety of tasks for the students to complete. Your child will also be required to read for **20 minutes every night** and record this in their home reading log.

#### **Medicines- Protocol**

If your child needs to take medication at any time it will need to be kept at the office and not stored in their school bags for safety reasons. Medicines must be in original packaging accompanied by detailed instructions from your child's doctor.

#### **Keeping in touch....**

Please download the Schoolzine App, which enables you to both receive information and send the school notifications about your child, including reasons for absences.

You can contact the school regarding any concern either by email ([narrablks-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:narrablks-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)), in person with your child's teacher (by appointment) or phoning the school on 9913 7077.

Kind regards,

Mrs Susan Mayo and Miss Jenny Garden  
**Classroom Teacher**

Mr. Robert Zappia  
**School Principal**

