Narrabundah Early Childhood School

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Dates to remember:

Paint and Play
12 November at 9:30am

End of Year Singalong
24 Nov at 5:45pm

Information Evening
Preschool– Kindy
30 November
Leadership Team Overview

To repeat or not to repeat – that is the question.....

As we approach the end of the school year, children are preparing to move to the next year level in their education. Questions are often raised regarding whether to provide a child with an additional year in a grade level. Considerable research has been conducted in this area. Here are some of the conclusions drawn:

- Repeating does not improve academic outcomes
- Repeating contributes to poor mental health outcomes
- Repeating leads to poor long term social outcomes
- Repeating contributes to a negative attitude to school and learning
- Repeating results in students dropping out of school
- Repeating decreases the likelihood that a student will participate in post-secondary schooling
- Repeated students demonstrate higher rates of behavioural problems
- There is no advantage to students in delaying school entry for a year in order to increase ‘school readiness’
- There are huge costs associated with students repeating a year of schooling.
- Some students are more likely to be recommended to repeat than others

The decision to repeat a child is a very individual one. To ascertain whether it may have some benefit to the child it needs to be done in consultation with families/carers and other professionals. We welcome you coming in and talking with us if you would like to investigate this further.

Everyone has the right to feel safe all of the time

You may hear us telling children that we all have the right to feel safe all of the time or use your safe hands and safe feet. We have all been engaged in professional learning – Team Teach - over the last week and will complete this training next week. This professional learning is part of our capacity building to ensure we have a consistent approach that effectively supports the diverse needs of all learners at our school. We have had meetings with Senior Executive within our Education Directorate and the Australian Education Union to discuss the safety and wellbeing of all members of our school community. We appreciate the support from our community in regard to supporting us to keep everyone safe.
Koori invited Larry Brandy to come and show us some tools and weapons that Aboriginal people used and to learn about his Wiradjuri culture. We all participated by dancing, playing instruments, dressing up as Emus, hunters, Kangaroos or helping tell stories.

Kerri and David
Narrabundah Early Childhood School's
End of Year
Singalong

With special guests
The Wiradjuri Echoes

Time: 5:45-7:15pm  Date: 24/11/2016

Sausage sizzle fundraiser provided
by Families@NECS

Where: School Backyard
BYO: Picnic, drinks (non-alcoholic),
rugs and/or chairs

Please note, we are a smoke free,
alcohol free and nut free school.
Paint and Play

A free outdoor playgroup
For children birth to 5 years & their parents/carers
Painting, art & craft, stories and lots of fun activities.

Saturday
12th November 2016
9:30am to 11:00am
Narrabundah Early Childhood School
23-27 Kootara Cres, Narrabundah
(Second Saturday of every month excluding school holidays and wet weather)
P.S. Remember your healthy morning tea, hat, sunscreen and water bottle

ACT Government
Education and Training
A big **THANK YOU** to everyone that baked yummy treats and helped out on the stalls on Election Day.

We raised an awesome **$2,400**, bringing our fundraising efforts for a cubby in the playground to almost **$4,800** – Wow!!

We’ll get underway with planning for the cubby. If there’s anyone in the NECS Community that has experience and skills to offer, please get in touch: families.necs@gmail.com
Beauty Products Recycling Program

1. Collect
Sign up as an individual or organisation at terracycle.com.au and collect empty personal care and cosmetic packaging in any box.

2. Ship
Once you have a full box, login to your Terracycle account and download a FREE Australia Post shipping label. Ship your used packaging to Terracycle for FREE.

3. Recycle
Terracycle will recycle the empty packaging into cool and useful new products. For each approved item sent to Terracycle, your location may be credited two Terracycle points* reimbursable for a payment of $0.02 to your choice of school or not-for-profit.

For more information visit www.terracycle.com.au

* Number of points per participant is restricted based on package weight. Terracycle points to be reimbursed in the form of a gift card to the non-profit organization or school at your choice. Garnier, L'Oreal Retail, Maybelline, L'Oreal Paris, Inoa, Loreal and L'Oreal products are owned by L'Oréal Australia. Terracycle and Terracycle logo and programme are all products of Terracycle (Australia) under licence 2014.

Dear Parents,

Our school is participating in a competition by Colgate in partnership with Terracycle. Simply collect your used oral care waste (any brand is accepted), send it to your school with your child and we'll ship it to Terracycle to be recycled.

What can we recycle? All brands of old toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes and caps, floss containers and their outer packaging.

Why? Every year in Australia and New Zealand, over 30 million toothbrushes and 80 million toothpaste tubes* are thrown away.

For each approved item received, our school will be awarded points which can be redeemed for funds for the school. Colgate is awarding $1,000 to the school who recycles the most oral care waste by November 1, 2016 and we aim to be the winner!

Thank you for your participation.

See the picture above for what you can send in through the program. Any time you use a personal care or cosmetic product, save the packaging and send it in to Terracycle.

Personal Care and Cosmetic Recycling Program
Accepted waste:
1. Cosmetics packaging such as used lipstick and lip gloss, mascara, eye shadow, bronzer, foundation, eyeliner, eye shadow, lip liner, and concealer packaging.
2. Hair care packaging such as used shampoo and conditioner bottles and caps, hair gel tubes and caps, hair spray and hair treatment packaging.
3. Skin care packaging such as lip balm, face moisturiser, face and body wash soap dispensers and tubes, body and hand lotion dispensers and tubes and sharing foam packaging.

For more information visit www.terracycle.com.au
New Multicultural Playgroup

Commencing 15th November 2016

Narrabundah Early Childhood School in partnership with Woden Community Services Inc. has a new multicultural playgroup in the Inner South where children up to 5 years old can come along, play and make new friends!

There will be exciting activities such as:

· Songs  · Games  · Crafts
· Multicultural events  · Library

Where: Narrabundah Early Childhood School Hall

When: Every Tuesday (commencing 15th November 2016)

Time: 9:30am to 11:00am during school term.

Contact: Call Vicky on 6181 2811 or email victoria.leung@anglicare.com.au
Dear families,

Please help us to define what our community at Narrabundah Early Childhood School is all about. A quick survey will be available for you to complete at the following times.

Come and see one of our staff in the main foyer or drop-off/pickup areas, some refreshments will be provided.

**Tuesday 15 November 8:30 to 9:30am and 2:30 to 3:30pm**
**Thursday 17 November 8:30 to 9:30am and 2:30 to 3:30pm**