

**Important Dates**

- \* Thursday 11/4  
NSW PSSA Swimming
- \* Friday 12/4  
Term 1 Ends
- \* Monday 29/4  
Staff Development  
Day - no students at  
School
- \* Tuesday 30/4  
Term 2 commences for  
Students K-6
- \* Friday 10/5  
Walk Safely to School  
Day

**Easter Hat Parade**

*We acknowledge Darkinjung people as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our school is built and pay our respect to Elders past, present and emerging.*

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fabulous fortnight with some opportunities to come together as a community. Our Athletics carnival was a huge success with the new format working well and the carnival running smoothly. Thank you again to Miss Tomkins for your organisation. Another thank you to Mrs Carlisle for your organisation of the Easter Hat Parade. What a fabulous morning – I always love the enthusiasm and fun had by all each year. Hopefully many of you will get the chance to come in to cuddle our chickens over the next week, if you haven't seen them already.

**Support for our family in need**

As a school community we have always come together to support each other in times of adversity. At present, one of our precious students and his family are going through an extremely difficult time and require our support and understanding throughout the months to come. We have shared a link on our school Facebook page, it is our hope that all donations, no matter how small, will go towards alleviating some of the pressures on Max and his family and send a message of love and positive thoughts.

**Administration relocation**

As you would be aware, we have been waiting for a refurbishment of our Administration building. It was to go ahead over the Christmas holidays however, unfortunately got postponed.

We believe this is due to go ahead soon with the works commencing in the April School Holidays and continuing for the majority of Term 2.

In order for this to occur, we need to relocate our office area. From Day 1 Term 2, the following changes will be in place:

- Access to the school will be through the side gate near the Scout Hall car park
- The Amin Office will operate out of 2Cs current classroom
- 2C will relocate to the Cultural room (next door)
- Unfortunately, there will only be one phone line to phone in on, so you may need to be patient if calling the school, as it may ring out if the line is busy. Please call back if this happens

More information will be provided as we have it and reminders will be sent out next term.

We thank you in advance for your understanding and patience as we navigate this temporary change.

### **Year 5 entry to an Opportunity Class in 2025**

Online applications for Year 5 placement in an Opportunity Class in 2025 opened on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 and closes on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2024. Parents and carers will be able to apply from the website at that time. Opportunity classes cater for academically gifted students with high potential who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates of their own academic standard. These classes help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, using specialised teaching methods and materials. Parents apply when their children are in Year 4. Successful students are offered placement, and if the parents accept the offer, the students attend the Opportunity Class full time in Years 5 and 6 at the relevant public school. This is a two-year placement program and there is no provision to apply for Year 6 entry only.

In the case of Niagara Park Public School and most public schools, students who accept a place in an opportunity class will leave their current school to attend the school with the Opportunity Class. Local OC classes are at Wyong Public School and Gosford Public School. If you wish to apply, please return the Intention to Apply form to the office as soon as possible. These notes were handed out this week. Please note: you still need to apply online.

### **DoE Policy Update**

The NSW Department of Education is delivering on a commitment to improve policies and reduce administrative workload so teachers can spend more time with their students. All department policies have been reviewed to make them easier to read, understand, and interpret. The first batch of policies and procedures have been published in the Policy Library.

The policies include:

- Aboriginal education
- Commercial arrangements, sponsorship and donations
- Inclusive education for students with disability
- School attendance
- Selective high school and Opportunity Class placement
- Sharing of school facilities
- Technology in schools
- Improvements to policy documents

There are minimal changes to these policy documents, with no change to the overall intent. Schools won't need to create additional local instructions to comply with policy, as all requirements will be available in the Policy Library. The next batch of updated policies will be released in Term 2.

For more information, please contact the Policy and Procedure Review Program team via email:

[PolicyRedesignProject@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:PolicyRedesignProject@det.nsw.edu.au).

**Annual Report**

Our school Annual Report for 2023 is now complete and available on our website.

Have a wonderful week and a relaxing and safe holiday!

**Lyndal Coleman**

**Principal**

**Did you know?**

*A toothpick is the object most often choked on by Americans.*

**SUPERSTAR ASSEMBLY**

Congratulations to the following students who received their Superstar Awards today.

**One Star**

Scarlett S.	(K/6K)	Frankie M.	(1/2F)	Zahi R.	(2C)
Rose W.	(2M)	Olivia H.	(2M)	Tommy B.	(2M)

**Two Star**

Tanisha M.	(K/6K)	James S.	(3/4M)	Jackson M.	(3W)
Sam W.	(3W)	Ivy D.	(3W)	Charli A.	(4A)
Roman F.	(4A)	Emily S.	(4A)	Ava R.	(4A)
Lucy B.	(4A)	Isabelle P.	(4A)	Ally R.	(4T)
Ashlyn L.	(4T)	Ella E.	(5G)	Aleshia S.	(5G)

**Three Star**

Tilly G.	(4T)	Eric H.	(5G)	Cash R.	(5G)
Tyson S.	(6C)	Mitchell H.	(6C)		

**Four Star**

Harper L.	(6C)	Remi W.	(6C)
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**Five Star**

Tyler B.	(6C)	Erica K.	(6C)
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**Vick Young**

**Deputy Principal**

**BIG MOVER AWARD - Adam O. (6A)**

Adam is a remarkable student who has blossomed with confidence over the past 2 years. Whether it's participating in class discussions or working in small groups, he now embraces opportunities to share his ideas and insights. This confidence has not only benefited Adam academically but has also allowed him to develop friendships with many different peers. Beyond the classroom, Adam's swimming ability has grown and he has developed the confidence to represent our school at the zone swimming carnival this year, where he achieved amazing results. His love of all physical activity is evident as when he is involved in any sport, you can not wipe the smile of his face and can hear his laughter wherever you are. In addition to his academic and athletic endeavours, Adam is known for his friendly and approachable nature. His warm smile and willingness to lend a helping hand, create an inclusive and welcoming atmosphere wherever he goes. Adam connects with his classmates, teachers and is a wonderful role model to his Kindergarten buddies. Adam is a wonderful example of a student who consistently demonstrates our school rules. His growth in confidence, coupled with his passion for swimming,

dedication to learning, and friendly nature, sets him apart as a well-rounded individual. Adam's overall development serves as an inspiring example of a well-rounded student who has matured academically, athletically, and socially.



**Vicki Young**  
**Deputy Principal**

### **WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY**

Niagara Park Public School is taking part in National Walk Safely to School Day, supporting National Road Safety Week on **Friday 10th May, 2024**. Walk Safely to School Day also encourages positive environmental action, better use of public transport with reduced car dependency and encourages parents and carers to walk more, reducing dangerous traffic congestion around schools. Being active every day, including walking to school, can help make a difference for many Australians. Whether you're a parent, teacher or carer - everyone has a role to play in helping children and young people to lead active healthy lives. Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so start planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for **Friday 10th May, 2024**.



**Tennielle Melvin**  
**Deputy Principal (Rel.)**

### **EASTER HAT PARADE**

Our annual Easter Hat Parade was held on Thursday of Week 9, and did not disappoint. The students, staff and wider school community, paraded, danced, bopped along to the music and enjoyed the atmosphere. The students with their Easter hats looked fabulous. Thank you to everyone that came along and celebrated with us, without you the event wouldn't be anywhere near as enjoyable. Thank you to our P&C and parent helpers for organising the colouring in competition, raffle and prizes, your efforts are greatly appreciated. Thank you to our Easter Bunny, the kids love seeing you bounce around the school every year!

Colouring in Competition Winners:-

Tanisha M. (K/6K), Harry H. (K/6K), Kalany T. (KS), Zephy C-R. (KS), Zali W. (1Y), Blade F-W. (1Y), Dali S. (2M), Sora M. (2M), Emila L. (3F), Lilian B-J (3F), Cale McF. (3/4M), Shravan S -S (4T), Kit T. (5H), Hana M. (5G), Isla S. (6C), AJ G. (6D).

Easter Raffle - We had three major prizes and over 40 consolation prizes, there were lots of happy faces heading off on their Easter break with a box or bag of goodies.

**Ali Carlisle**  
**Easter Hat Parade Coordinator**

### **SPORTING NEWS**

#### **Basketball**

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 Aden, Sonny and Jayla represented Brisbane Water at the Sydney North Basketball trials held at Terrigal stadium.

All students played amazingly on the day and represented our school and zone with pride.



## Sydney North Swimming

On Tuesday, we had Nate S. and Charli A. represent Niagara Park Public School at the Sydney North Swimming Carnival. Both swimmers swam their hearts out and displayed great bravery swimming at such a high level. We couldn't be more proud of their achievements and the admirable way they represent themselves and our community, well done Charli and Nate!



## Cricket

Well done to Will F. and Tyson S. for an awesome effort at the BWPSSA Cricket trials last week. We are so proud of both boys for their skill, sportsmanship and efforts today! A special mention to Will who made it through to the combined Central Coast trial. Well done boys!

**Blake Hormann & Elliot Dawkins**

## Sports Coordinators

## CHICKEN HATCHING PROGRAM

Our chicken hatching program *Leanne's Hatchlings* is happening again this year and started this week and will continue next week.



Please see the timetable in this newsletter for the available times that you are welcome to come in to the Library with your families to visit and have baby chicken cuddles! (you may even be able to see a chicken hatch).

Please note: students will not be allowed to enter the Library in the morning or afternoons without a parent/carer with them. This is due to the fact that we are not able to adequately supervise them and all of the chickens adequately at the same time. We appreciate your understanding and support in this regard.

Entry and exit to the school at these times will need to be through the side and top gates, as the bottom gate will need to be locked after school pickup.

If you are keen to watch our live feed of baby chicks after school hours, please join our Facebook group "The Chicken Feed" here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/303630711866760/>

If you are interested in adopting some free baby chicks and are available to pick them up between 2:00pm and 3:30pm **ON THE FRIDAY AFTERNOON** of Week 11 (12th April), please email Mrs Frost at: [Kayla.frost2@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Kayla.frost2@det.nsw.edu.au) (2 chicks at a time must be taken please and they must be kept inside for a few weeks under suitable conditions. Mrs Frost will email the details and requirements once you have made contact).

We look forward to seeing our families, friends and community members over the next two weeks in the Library.

**Kayla Frost**  
**Teacher/Librarian**



# Kindergarten 2025

## K Start



### Transition to School Program

October 30th, November 6th,  
13th, 20th, 27th

Our Kindergarten transition to school program gives children an early understanding of life at primary school. At K Start your child will become comfortable in the school and meet their new school friends for 2025. A morning tea and information session for parents will be held in the first week of our K Start program.

Visit the school office to enrol.

### Meet and Greet

During the final week of K Start (27th November) we will be hosting a sausage sizzle lunch for children and parents 11:45 - 12:15pm.

### PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS & TOURS

WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY  
MORNING SESSION 9:30 -10:30AM  
AFTERNOON SESSION 5.30 - 6.30PM  
HEAR ABOUT NPPS, OUR K START PROGRAM AND SCHOOL READINESS TIPS



# Chicken Cuddles Week 11!

Mon 8th	Tues 9th	Wed 10th	Thur 11th	Fri 12th
8:30am until the morning bell	8:30am until the morning bell	Not this morning please as all staff are in a meeting.	8:30am until the morning bell	8:30am until the morning bell
After school until 3:30	After school until 3:30	Not this afternoon please, as all staff are training in the library.	After school until 3:30	Chicken Adoptees only please

## WYOMING





### 3 DAY AUTUMN SOCCER DEVELOPMENT CAMP

Our 3-day intense soccer development camp covers all areas of the game, designed for players who wish to accelerate their technical skills, physical fitness and unlock their football potential

Location: TBA  
Ages: 5-16 years old

Dates: 15th - 17th Apr 2024  
Time: 9am - 12 / 3pm

**BOOK NOW**  
LIMITED AVAILABILITY



**2 DAY ELITE GK CLINIC** 15th - 16th Apr

HANDLING & SAVES  
DISTRIBUTION  
POSITIONING  
NARROWING ANGLES & MORE!

Partners:   

# J&B DANCE CLUB!

Dance Club is a 2-hour all rounded program where dancers learn Acrobatics, Jazz, Contemporary & Hip Hop, over 4 Terms. Mid Year & End of Year Show Opportunities.



## NIAGARA PARK

INTER & SENIOR 10+YRS  
Wednesday  
4:30 PM to 6:30 PM

MINI & JUNIOR 6-9YRS  
Thursday  
3:15 PM to 5:15 PM

**IF YOU BRING A FRIEND,  
RECEIVE A FURTHER 20% OFF  
NEXT MONTHS FEES!**



# NIAGARA PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

TERM 2 CALENDAR 2024

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Apr/May	29 April SDD	30 ANZAC Assembly 	1 May	2	3 NPPS Cross Country 
2 May	6 Canteen Closed	7	8 <i>Scripture</i> Kinder 2025 Parent Information 9:30am & 5:30pm 	9 P&C Mothers Day Stall 	10 Selective School Test 
3 May	13 Canteen Closed	14	15 S3 Disability Inclusion Incursion	16	17 Year 5 & 6 NVHS Taster
4 May	20 Canteen Closed	21 P&C Meeting	22 <i>Scripture</i>	23	24 Brisbane Water Cross Country 
5 May	27 Canteen Closed	28 Year 6 Interrelate	29 S3 Disability Inclusion Incursion	30 PSSA Rugby League 	31 <i>Superstar Assembly</i> 
6 June	3 June Canteen Closed	4 PSSA Rugby League  Year 6 Interrelate	5 <i>Scripture</i>	6 	7
7 June	10 Public Holiday Kings Birthday 	11 Year 6 Interrelate	12	13	14 Stage 2 History Excursion Sydney  Lisarow HS Transition Day
8 June	17 Canteen Closed	18 P&C Meeting	19 <i>Scripture</i>	20	21 Sydney North Cross Country 
9 June	24 Canteen Closed	25	26	27	28 P&C PJ Mufti Day 
10 July	1 July Canteen Closed	2	3 <i>Scripture</i>	4 Semester 1 Reports home	5 <i>Superstar Assembly</i> <i>Rewards Event</i> 4pm Band Concert for parents 



**Scripture:** Wednesday (Even weeks)

**Uniform Shop:** open Thursday 8:30am – 9:00am

**P&C meeting:** Third Tuesday of the Month, 7:00pm in the Staff room

**Central Coast Dance Festival** is currently scheduled for Weeks 9 and 10.

More information will be given if our audition is successful