

Important Dates

Tuesday 13/3

* School Banking

Wednesday 14/3

* SRC Fundraiser -

Bandana Day

Thursday 15/3

* Selective High School
Placement Test

Monday 19/3

* NRMA Visit

Tuesday 20/3

* School Banking

* P&C AGM

7:00 pm in staffroom

Wednesday 21/3

* Harmony Day

Friday 23/3

* K-6 Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 28/3

* School Photo Day

Thursday 29/3

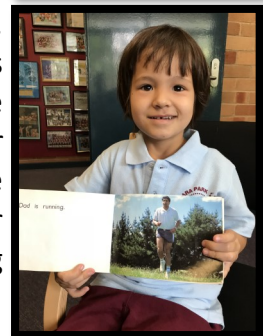
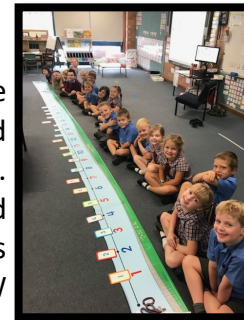
* Easter Hat Parade

2018 Student Leaders



Great Work

This week I visited KB and I spent some time with Mrs Beckton's spelling class. I also had some students visit to show me their work. Molly, Phoebe and Noah from 5/6O showed me their coding video. Alex from 3/4B has improved in reading and Calum from 1W has been working well in class. Ayden from K/6D and Emily from K/6P have been improving their reading. The students from KG have been learning about number lines and Jude, Aiden, Ben and Isaac from 5/6O shared their iMovie production with me. Last Friday, we recognised our Environment, Library, Bus Monitors, Student Representative Council, House Captains and IRC Leaders at the Superstar Assembly and congratulations to Zac Gavenlock, our first Big Mover for 2018.



P&C AGM

Our P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th March at 7:00pm in the school staffroom. This will be followed by our March General Meeting. We welcome all our parents and carers to come along.

Food Allergies / Contagious Diseases

There are several students in the school with a variety of food allergies which include allergies to eggs, nuts, seafood and dairy products. While some allergies present as a rash or inflammation of the skin, there are more serious reactions such as an anaphylaxis reaction which requires an Epipen being administered. We encourage



students to only eat the food that is packed by their parents and request that students do not swap food or take food from other students. While we highlight issues about food allergies and about keeping our students safe, if you are sending your child to school with products that contain nuts or eggs, please encourage them to wash their hands thoroughly to avoid complications for other students. Also, we do have several students with weak immune systems, should your child be affected by an illness that is considered contagious, can you please notify the school and again please encourage safe hygiene practices and hand washing.

Easter Hat Parade

The P&C are coordinating a Easter Raffle and Easter Hat Parade fundraising event. The Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday 29th March at 9:30 am and includes a parade from our students with their decorated hats and a raffle of many wonderful prizes. Students are asked to make a paper/cardboard hat or decorate an old hat/cap at home with an Easter theme and bring it to school on the day of our Easter event.



We are kindly asking students to donate a chocolate Easter egg or anything relating to Easter so we can make some wonderful prizes for our Easter raffle. The more donations we receive, the more prizes you may receive. Donations are being collected at the **Canteen**. Your safety is our first priority, so door knocking is something we do not encourage or expect you to do to sell raffle tickets. However, if you do, please have adult supervision with you at all times. Please sell these tickets only to family and close friends or in some cases your next door neighbours. All students from Years K to 6 have the opportunity to decorate a boiled/papier-mâché/styrofoam egg and have it displayed at our Easter hat parade. This is an optional activity. Eggs could be dyed, coloured, decorated to look like a chicken, bunny, bird, person etc. Your imagination is your only limit and we are really excited about seeing what Niagara Public School students create. There will be prizes for the egg decorating competition only.

NRMA Road Safety Visit

On **Monday 19th March**, NRMA will be visiting our school and will conduct road safety information sessions for our students. Stage 1 will attend at 8:55 am, Kindergarten at 9:55 am, Stage 3 at 11:25 am and Stage 2 at 1:55 pm. The students will receive road safety education resources and are welcome to bring their bike helmet to school on the day. Parents are also welcome to attend.

Athletics Carnival

Our Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 23rd March. This carnival will take place at Mingara Athletics Field and will be for all students K to 6.

Working With Children Check

The Working With Children Check (WWCC) is a requirement for anyone who works or volunteers in child-related work in NSW. It involves a National Police Check (criminal history record check) and a review of reportable workplace misconduct.

The outcome of a check is either a clearance to work with children or a bar against working with children. If cleared, the check will be valid for 5 years, however applicants are continuously monitored.

If you're applying because you're a paid employee or self-employed, there is a fee for the WWCC. If you're a volunteer, a student on a professional placement, potential adoptive parents or an authorised carer, you won't need to pay the fee.

If you haven't applied for your WWCC and are considering volunteering at our school, you can apply online at <http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check> and once you have received your WWCC number please provide it to the school office.

Have a great weekend.

Adam Boulus
Principal

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Last Friday, our school participated in Clean Up Australia Day. Classes went out into our playground and surrounding area to help the environment by picking up any rubbish. I'm proud to say that we only collected one bag of rubbish from around our school.

It's great that our students have become so environmentally aware and are so conscience about disposing of their rubbish Appropriately.

Our Environmental Leaders will conduct a waste audit on the rubbish collected and try to put in place initiatives to eliminate the small amount of litter that we found.

Shara Toomey

SCHOOL PHOTOS

MSP Photography will be taking class, individual and sibling photos on **Wednesday 28th March**. Students are to wear **full school summer uniform** on the day. Each student should have received a photo envelope with their name and class on the front. Details regarding options for photo packages, prices and payment are set out on the envelope. Some points to remember when ordering are:

- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You may pay for all your children in one envelope, however **each child will still require their individual envelope** to have their photo taken on the day. Family envelopes for sibling photos are available at the front office on request. These are not automatically sent home.
- **Cash Payments in envelopes**
If paying by cash, please enclose **correct** money in envelopes as **no change** can be given. Cash and money orders/cheques only. No credit cards unless paying on-line
- **On-Line Payments (preferred option)**
If paying on-line, Mastercard or Visa credit/debit cards are accepted. Online payments can be made through the website: www.msp.com.au The website will display a reference code which should be noted on the back of the envelope in the box provided. **Each child will still require their empty envelope on photo day**

Single Parent Families

Parents can place multiple orders for their child by either:

- placing all the orders in one envelope
- handing in multiple envelopes with the child's details on each (spare envelopes can be obtained from the front office). If this is the chosen method, it will assist with delivery if the envelopes are labelled as '**Mum's copy**' or '**Dad's copy**'

Whilst on the photo envelope it asks that payment and money be presented to the photographer on the day, please note that this is not the case and that money and envelopes need to be returned to the school on Friday 23rd March, 2018.

If you have any enquiries regarding ordering or payment of photo packages, please contact MSP Photography by phoning 49 668292 or via email to: admin.nhvcc@msp.com.au

Vicki Young
Deputy Principal



LEADERSHIP ROLES

Congratulations to the following students who were successful in securing the following leadership roles in 2018.

Bus Monitor

Red Bus:	Brandyn P. and Bailey V.
Blue Bus:	Molly K. and Hannah M.
Green Bus:	Claudia O. and Jessie W.

Environmental Leader

Keeleigh H.	Millie H.	Kate R.	Lucy B.
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IRC Monitor

Annabelle K.	Eve D.	Jake H.	Hannah O.
Marley F.	Jayden W.	Zachary G.	Hannah M.
Eileen D.			



Library Monitor

Layla A.	Katherine D.	Natalie A.	Jade H.
Lyra S.	Lilly A.	Lachlan H.	Taylor H.
Phoebe H.	Kira A.		

Students received their badges at the Superstar Assembly last Friday.

BIG MOVER AWARD - Zachary G. 5/6D

At last Friday's Superstar Assembly, Zac was presented with the Big Mover Award. Congratulations Zac!

Since his arrival at Niagara Park Public School, Zac has made great improvements in all areas. He always carries himself with pride and does his best to follow our school rules and set a good example for our younger students.

In the classroom, Zac is a diligent and delightful student who displays a consistent and committed effort to all tasks. He demonstrates good general knowledge and always contributes relevant and thoughtful ideas to discussions.

Zac is accepting of others and has developed the skills to maintain strong and positive friendships. He has shown himself to be a kind and conscientious young man who will always look after his peers and do his best to help them in any situation.

Congratulations on receiving the first Big Mover award of 2018, Zac. You are a very deserving recipient.

Vicki Young
Deputy Principal



LIBRARY NEWS

World Book Online

Good news! Our Library has renewed its subscription to World Book Online! This service is provided free of charge and is available on all devices. We hope that your whole family will use the World Book sites often to help with homework, special projects, at-home learning and information seeking.

To access the World Book Web, go to the World Book web site: <https://www.worldbookonline.com>, and use our Login ID: npss and Password: npss to access. Please remember that login and password information is for

students and their families only, and extending this information to people who are not part of our school could result in loss of at-home access for our students.

Little Free Libraries

For those who are unaware, we have two Little Free Libraries in our school. Our Little Free Libraries are there for students to take a book home whenever they wish. We just ask that students close the doors of the Library when they are finished and only take one per day so it is fair for everyone. Whilst it is not an expectation that students have to bring these books back, circulating stock is helpful and it would be appreciated if large Little Free Library collections are returned at some point for other children to use.

We appreciate any donations of books to keep our Little Free Libraries stocked, especially for our senior Little Free Library which often needs restocking. Donations for our Libraries can be brought to the school Library and placed in the big blue tub as you walk in. Many thanks to our families who have been donating to our Little Free Libraries already this term. Your kindness and generosity is really appreciated by our school community.

Henny Penny Hatching

Henny Penny Hatching is coming to our school again! Henny Penny arrives at our school on Monday 19th March. Our students will use this valuable program to aid with their science units.

Parents, siblings and community members are more than welcome to come and visit our chicks in the Library at any time next week to gain a sneaky peek at our hatching chicks. Please come down and join our chick's community of followers.

At the completion of the program, we will have approximately 15 chickens available for free home adoption. If you are considering adopting two of our chickens, please first read the Henny Penny 'Adopting Chicks' and 'Ethical Issues' PDFs (link provided below) then contact me at kayla.frost2@det.nsw.edu.au. It is important that I have a written record of those who are keen to adopt, as you can imagine, it is hard to keep track and I would hate to disappoint anyone. Please note that adoptions can only occur if two or more chickens are taken and they will need to be indoors under a heat light for 5 weeks. For more information on Adopting chicks visit: http://www.hennypennyhatching.com.au/rs/7/sites/1159/user_uploads/File/ADOPTING%20CHICKS%20%202020.pdf Ethical Issues

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Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge online registration has opened. Students from K to 2 will complete the Challenge in class with their teachers and thus will not need to register their reading record online. Students in Years 3 to 6 are responsible for their own lists and will be shown in Library after Easter how to add books to their reading list online.

If you are keen to get a head-start at home, the Premier's Reading Challenge can be accessed via the student DET Portal or directly via the Premier's Reading Challenge website at:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge/> Students will need to select 'Logon' on the left side menu and then use their existing DEC username and password (the one they use to get into their portal or the school internet and computers) to logon. If you have any trouble logging on or your child does not know their username or password, please come and see me in the Library or email kayla.frost2@det.nsw.edu.au and I will be happy to help you out.

Remember: Books read from 1st September, 2017 count towards the 2018 Challenge.
Please note: All students who complete the challenge will receive a certificate printed with their name and school. Students who participate in the challenge for the fourth and seventh time in a row will get their name ONLY printed on the Gold and Platinum Honour roll on the PRC website. A student's school name is never printed publically, and the protection of children's identity and location is a priority. If you do not wish for your

child to be registered for the Premier's Reading Challenge this year please contact the school in writing BEFORE next Friday, otherwise permission for registration will be assumed.

Kayla Frost
Teacher/Librarian

OFFICE GOSSIP

Payments

If you are making payments for excursions, school fees etc., to the school office, please ensure those payments are made **before 3:00 pm** each day so that transactions can be acquitted by the school and banking completed.

Excursions

Over the course of the year, there will be a variety of excursion opportunities provided. **Please ensure that excursion notes and money are returned before the date requested on the note, otherwise students will be unable to attend unless prior arrangements have been made.**

Leanne Roods
Administration Officer

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As the bus operator that providing your child's school bus services, we're asking for your help getting your child to use their Opal card on every bus trip.

Since the introduction of the School Opal card in 2016, school bus patronage data has significantly dropped. This is not reflected in the number of students actually travelling on our buses for various reasons a large number of students are consistently not using their Opal cards as they should be.

Opal data gathered by tapping on and off is used by transport planners and service schedulers to design the bus network that best serves the community utilising the resources available.

If students don't tap on and off then school bus services will appear underutilised and may be considered for cancellation based on low passenger numbers.

Please help us reinforce the message that tapping on and off every bus journey with an Opal card is essential to travel on the bus. This will ensure school services continue to be planned for the students that use it, providing the journey to school your children depend on.

To help us achieve this, please talk with your child:

- Ask them if they tap on and off the bus with their Opal card.
- If they do, congratulate them for doing the right thing and talk about why it's important.
- If they sometimes don't or never do, ask them why.
 - Are they confused about why they have to? Talk about why it's important, and that every tap tells the bus planners that the bus is needed.
 - Do they forget? Help them find a way to remember, such as getting into the habit of getting their Opal card out as soon as they arrive at the bus stop or bus line. ○ Is their Opal card at the bottom of their bag? Help find a handier place to keep it. ○ Are they influenced by friends or peers that don't tap? Talk about how they like to travel on the bus with their friends and how tapping is what keeps the service running.
 - Have they lost their Opal card? To order a new Opal card visit www.opal.com.au.

If there's another reason that you'd like to discuss with Busways, please contact us at infoline@busways.com.au or call our customer service team on **9497 1878** to talk to us. We are happy to listen and do what we can to help your child feel comfortable using their Opal card.

Thank you for helping us to best serve your school community.

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