

Important Dates

Monday 19/3

- * NRMA Visit
- * Henny Penny Hatching arrives

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
- * Book Club Orders Due

Wednesday 28/8

- * School Photo Day

Thursday 29/3

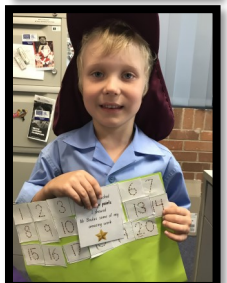
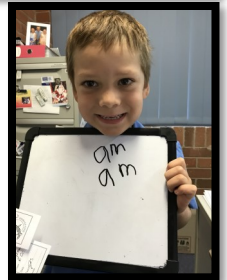
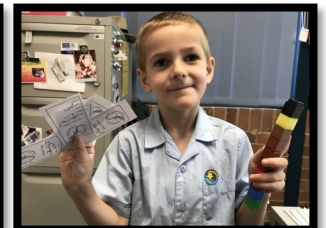
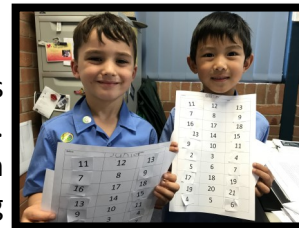
- * Easter Hat Parade

SRC Bandana Day Fundraiser



Great Work

This week I had some students visit to show me their great work. Harper, Kobi, Alex and Hayden from 3/4B shared their writing with me. Tyson, Isabella and Kayla from KG showed me how they are writing their words and Luke from KH shared his great number work. Sebastian from 3/4S is using connectives well, Bailey from KM is improving his counting and Jayden from KG is working well in writing. Junior and Maison from KB are working well in number. Jude, Aiden, Ben and Isaac visited to show me their iMovie production and Amelia, Elizabeth and Chantel from 2T read me their writing. Brendan, Jaxon and Kaleah from KH are working well in class, Ben from 1/2H shared his adventurous story and K/6D dropped in to show me the glasses they made.



Bandana Day

This week our SRC coordinated a fundraiser to raise money for cancer research. Our students and staff purchased bandanas and wrist bands to support the initiative. Thank you to our SRC, Mrs Darch, Mrs Young and Mrs Probert for coordinating such a worthwhile fundraiser.

P&C AGM

Our P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th

March at 7:00 pm in the school staffroom. This will be followed by our March General Meeting. We welcome all our parents and carers to come along.

Star Card Reward Program

Practices to recognise and reward student behaviour, effort and work habits in our school.

Positive reinforcement is used at every opportunity and underpins Niagara Park Public School community's belief in 'catching students doing the right thing'. Positive reinforcement is used to encourage and reinforce appropriate behaviour. To ensure consistency throughout the school, a whole school reward system is used.

The Superstar System

This system is based on printed stickers that as earned, are recorded in the students' personal 'Superstar' book. These stickers are given out by teachers for exemplary behaviour. On completion of each page filled, students receive additional awards which are presented at school assemblies to provide public recognition of their achievements.

Book 1: BLUE

Page 1:	One Star Award
Page 2:	Two Star Award and badge
Page 3:	Three Star Award and school pen
Page 4:	Four Star Award and \$3.00 school Canteen voucher

Book 2: MAROON

Page 1:	Five Star Award and book award
Page 2:	Six Star Award and name printed on Board of Honour
Page 3:	Seven Star Award and silver medallion
Page 4:	Certificate of Excellence and gold medallion

'Superstar' booklets are kept in the classroom and do not go home until the booklet is completed. The booklets are reviewed by the classroom teacher each term and collected by the grade executive at the end of each school year. These are held until classes are formed the following year and passed on to the new class teachers.

Students who are not on a Star Level, or who have received an Incident Report that week, do not generally receive a 'Superstar' award at the Superstar Assembly until they are successfully reviewed and have returned to Star Level.

Students in Kindergarten who achieve 80% and students in Years 1 to 6 who achieve 90% of their stars at the end of each term, will be invited to participate in a Star Card Rewards event.

The Big Mover Award

This award acknowledges a student from the school who has demonstrated achievement or improvement in any aspect of school life. Students are nominated by their class teacher and discussed with the Principal. The 'Big Mover' award recipient is presented with their certificate and book prize at the Superstar Assembly as well as having their name engraved on the 'Big Mover' trophy. The student keeps the trophy for one week and then is asked to return it the school office.

Commendations and Recommendations at Assemblies

- **Merit Awards** – merit awards are presented fortnightly to students for positive effort in school work or behaviour
- **Sports Awards** – presented to students for displaying sportsmanship, effort and achievement
- **'Superstar' Awards** – refer to Superstar System
- **Goodie Tickets** – given to students 'caught doing something good'. This may include consistent effort, achievement, displaying positive citizenship etc. Students record their names on the Goodie Tickets and one is drawn at each assembly. The recipient receives a Canteen voucher, presented at the assembly.

- **Green Tickets** – given to students 'caught aiding the environment'. This may include working with environmental projects, tidying areas of the playground etc. Students record their names on the Green Tickets and one is drawn at each assembly. The recipient receives a Canteen voucher, presented at the assembly.
- **School Rules Awards** – given to students demonstrating the value of the school rule focus for that week and issued at Stage Assemblies.

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 EGGcited about seeing what Niagara Public School students create. There will be prizes for the egg decorating competition only.

District Swimming

Congratulations to all students who attended the District Swimming Carnival at Woy Woy on Monday. Miss Owen was very proud of our students for doing their personal best and representing our school with pride.



Congratulations to Phoebe W. (3/4B) who made it through to the Sydney North Carnival.

Thank you to Miss Owen for organising our school's involvement and thank you to our parents for their support and helping with transport.



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. Please remember to hand in your money and permission notes and also notes and money for the Year 6 sausage sizzle being held at the Carnival.

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.

Have a great weekend.

Adam Boulus

Principal**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 by 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

LIBRARY NEWS**Book Club**

Issue 2 for Scholastic Book Club came home this week. Our school uses the rewards we earn through Book Club sales to aid with the purchase of new Library books and other classroom resources. Every book that you purchase through Book Club helps us with this fundraising.

Orders for this issue are due back to school on: **Friday 23rd March (Week 8)**.

Orders can be placed using the Scholastic LOOP app (school preferred) or by sending correct cash or cheques (made payable to Scholastic Australia) with your order in a sealed envelope to school with your child.

Henny Penny Hatching

Henny Penny Hatching arrives at our school NEXT WEEK! Our chickens should arrive about midday 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.

At the completion of the program, we will have approximately 15 chickens available for free home adoption. If you are considering adopting one (or more) 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. Our sure to be much-loved chickens will be looking for warm and safe forever homes and new families to call their own. If you are wanting to adopt some chickens, 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 the next 5 weeks.

Adopting Chicks

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Kayla Frost

Teacher/Librarian

SCHOOL BANKING

We are in **desperate** need of extra helpers for School Banking on a Tuesday morning. You don't need experience in accounting/banking at all, just be able to spare an hour of your time, record student's deposits and enjoy some other parent helpers company.

If you are able to help or have any questions, please see Leanne in the front office.

Banking Ladies



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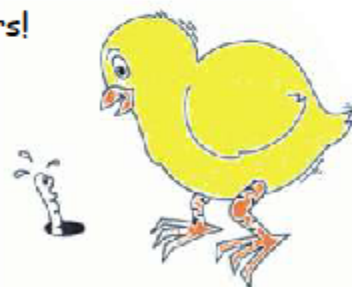
Niagara Park PUBLIC School
on Monday, 19 March 2018 for 11 days.

They will be bringing 3 chicks and 12 fertile eggs which will hatch over the first week.

All eggs are fumigated before they are set at the hatchery, so there are no health concerns.



Henny Penny Hatching provides
an exciting experience for both
children and teachers!



This is FREE.

Families, siblings, grandparents etc. are welcome to visit the library of a morning and afternoon to take a sneaky peek at our chickens. We can't wait to see you there!

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