

Week 8 Term 1
2018



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Important Dates

Tuesday 27/3

* School Banking

Wednesday 28/3

* School Photo Day

Thursday 29/3

* Easter Hat Parade

* Easter Raffle Drawn

Friday 30/3

* Good Friday

Monday 2/4

* Easter Monday

Tuesday 3/4

* School Banking

Friday 6/4

* Australia Playhouse
Performance

* P&C Movie Night

Friday 13/4

* Term 1 Ends

Monday 30/4

* Staff Development Day
No students at school

Tuesday 1/5

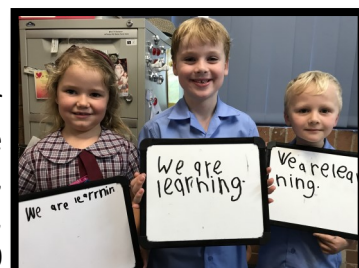
* Term 2 Commences
for all students K-6

Henny Penny Hatching



Great Work

This week I had some students visit to show me their work. Harry, Zac and Ayla from KG visited to show me their writing. Josephine, Micholo, Alex M, Alex H, Aden, Eli, Esther, Naomi, Dasha, Anthony, Jackson, Ivy, Eloise, Jayda, Chloe and Sophie from KH achieved 100 dojo points and Lukas, Tyrone, Ebony, Ella and Josh from 2T are working well in writing. Tazmyn from 3/4G read me her great Big Write. Alex from 3/4B read me his persuasive text. Troy from 2T is working well in class and Catherine, Gabby, Jarrah, Noah and Molly from 5/6O read me their Big Writes.



This week the NRMA visited and conducted road safety information sessions for our students. Our students had a great time listening to the important and engaging presentation.

If you get the chance, drop into the Library to have a look at our new enrolments who are hatching daily.

Niagara Park P&C Executive and Positions

I am very pleased to announce the following positions for our P&C for 2018.

President:	Lisa Mills
Vice President:	Julie Munro
Secretary:	Karen Mitchell
Treasurer:	Annette Cruden
Assistant Treasurer:	Rebecca Reurich



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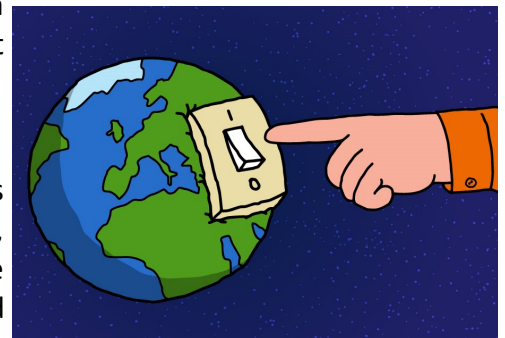


Clothing Pool Coordinator:	Cathy Weston
Clothing Pool Assistant:	Kim Ransley
Clothing Pool Committee:	Cathy Weston, Adam Boulus, Kylie Wanner, Kim Hardacre, Annette Cruden and Kim Ransley
Finance Committee:	Annette Cruden, Adam Boulus and Lisa Mills
Merit Selection Panel	
Representatives:	Lisa Mills, Dannielle Stonestreet, Kylie Wanner, Rebecca Pugh and Karen Mitchell
Canteen Committee:	Margaret Snelson, Adam Boulus, Annette Cruden, Lisa Mills, Karen Mitchell and Danielle Stonestreet
Non-local Enrolment Panel	
Representatives:	Adam Boulus and Kerry Hennessy
Public Officer:	Annette Cruden
Regional Council Delegates:	Kylie Wanner and Dannielle Stonestreet

A huge thank you to our amazing out-going executives. Thank you for your time, energy and continual commitment to our school over the years. You have really made a difference. I'm sure our new executive are keen and excited to support our school and your children in 2018.

Earth Hour

Earth Hour is on Saturday 24th March at 8:30 pm to 9:30pm. Earth hour is to raise awareness of energy use in the community. During Earth Hour, switch off your lights, televisions, computers and so forth and make use of candles, flashlights and other battery operated or hand-cranked devices. Earth Hour doesn't have to last only an hour - you can extend it for as long as you like. While not using electricity you can: read a book, play a game (board games, cards or charades), make shadow puppets, tell ghost stories, go for a walk, go outside and do some star gazing (if it's not cloudy), go outside and discover how different nature in your area can be at night-time than from day-time (but don't do anything dangerous!) or catch up on some sleep.



Bandana Day/World's Greatest Shave

Thank you to all our students and staff for supporting our Bandana Fundraiser to raise money for cancer research. We raised \$866. A fantastic achievement, well done Niagara Park and thank you to our SRC, Mrs Darch, Mrs Probert and Mrs Young for organising the initiative.



To raise money for cancer research, Lucy from 5/6O participated in the World's Greatest Shave and is seeking sponsorship. Please go to the link below to show your support. Well done Lucy!

<https://secure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/registant/FundraisingPage.aspx?RegistrationID=713446>

Great News

Our Niagara Park family is expanding, we are very excited to announce that Mrs Wardell is expecting her first child, due in September.

Building Maths Skills at Home

With a little creativity you can make mathematics a lot of fun. Here are some easy things you can do at home to help your child with Maths.

There are many games you probably already have at home that encourage development in Maths: Yahtzee (basic addition), Connect Four (problem solving strategies), Puzzles (spatial awareness), Card Games, Monopoly (money), Battleship (coordinates).

Talk about the calendar and dates with your child. Make it exciting by looking forward to special events. It is fun for them to count the weeks and days until birthdays or to see what day of the week a specific holiday will be on this year.

You can help your child learn to count money by playing 'shopping' with them. Use real coins and let them be the cashier. Use an empty egg carton as a counting tool to practice addition and subtraction skills up to 12. Simply place an object in slots and use the empty slots to count up to/from 12.

Introduce time - Tell them that they can play a game at a certain time. Begin with easy times (7:00) and get progressively more difficult (7:30 and 7:45).

Cook with your child. Read the instructions on the back of the box and allow them to measure the ingredients. You can develop a better understanding of fractions by discussing equal parts with your child. Any time you have a pizza it is an opportunity to discuss the concepts of whole, halves, quarters and eighths.

Making flashcards of basic addition or subtraction facts can be an easy way to practice. You can make it a game by seeing how many they can answer in a minute.

Anytime there is a project at home that involves measuring centimetres and metres, let your child help. This allows them to understand that the concepts they are learning at school have real world applications. Point out shapes and discuss them.

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 should have been 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@mvp.com.au

Vicki Young
Deputy Principal

LIBRARY NEWS

Our Henny Penny Chickens have been stirring up a storm this week with our students being so excited to have a hold and watch the hatching process.

This week we have learnt all about how chickens pip, zip and then pop (hatch), about the chick's egg tooth, and have watched some videos that showed us how a chicken forms inside the egg, how a chicken lays an egg, and how a chicken hatches.

Please feel free to pop into the Library on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday morning or afternoon next week to have a cuddle of a chicken with your children. Our chickens will be leaving for their new homes on Thursday next week after the Easter hat parade, so don't forget to say goodbye before they go!

Kayla Frost
Teacher/Librarian

P&C NEWS - UPCOMING EVENTS**Easter Raffle and Decorate an Egg Competition**

The P&C are coordinating an Easter Raffle at the Easter Hat Parade on **Thursday 29th March at 9:30 am.**

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 the 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.

Tickets must be returned before the 29th March sold or unsold.

Outdoor Movie Night – The Emoji Movie – Friday 6th April

It is a fun family event which has been held biannually at Niagara Park Public School on the school oval. Tickets can be pre purchased on **Flexischools** from next week or at the **Canteen** on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 26th March. Come and enjoy our sausage sizzle, popcorn and a cupcake whilst relaxing and meeting new friends. **Single tickets are \$7.50, family tickets are \$25.00 if purchased before the night.** Tickets can be purchased at the gate for \$10.00 single and \$30.00 for a family. Please see the advertisement in this week's newsletter for more information.

P&C Fundraiser

School Years Photo Frames are pleased to offer Niagara Park Public School a fabulous fundraising opportunity. School Years Frames are custom designed to display your child's school photograph each year, starting with Preschool through to Year 12. Prices start at \$39.00 for the popular Signature frame. To see the entire range please visit: www.schoolyearsphotoframes.com.au Please see add at the end of this newsletter.

School Years Photo Frames will donate 15% of the total value of sales back to our school, plus you will save \$10.00 by avoiding the usual shipping fee when you enter your discount code. Here is how to order:-

Visit the website: www.schoolyearsphotoframes.com.au and select your desired frame(s)

When ordering, please enter your unique discount code NPPS18. This will identify you as a Niagara Park Public School family and deduct the shipping fee of \$10.00 from your total. Once the fundraising campaign has ended, your frames will be shipped back to school for you to collect.

Orders are taken from 19th March, 2018 to 6th April, 2018

Discount Code: NPPS18

Delivery to the school will be approximately 2 weeks after orders close

On behalf of the Niagara Park Public School P&C, we thank you for your support and we remind you that this is not associated with the actual school photos but as an extra in case some families are interested in this offer.

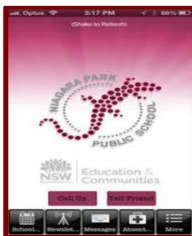
Should you wish to address any P&C matters, please send an email to: nppspandc@gmail.com.

P&C meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month commencing at 7:00 pm in the staffroom. Our next meeting is **Tuesday 15th May**. Everyone is welcome to attend or to join the P&C.

Lisa Mills

P&C President







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Single tickets \$7.50 Family (2 adults+3 kids) \$25

BOTTOM GATE ONLY opens 5pm for a 6pm movie start.

Tickets On Sale via Flexischools(\$2 processing fee applies), Monday, Wednesday and Friday Mornings in the canteen from 8.30-9:00am or please return slip below with money to your class teacher.

* In case of bad weather no refunds will be given, movie will be postponed to a later date. Notification will be sent the morning of by School app and Facebook page. Online tickets to be purchased by 3pm Thursday 5/4/18. Tickets on sale at canteen until Friday 6/4/18.

Tickets will be sold on the night at the bottom gate. Single \$10 & Family \$30.

Please note this is an ALCOHOL FREE EVENT.

Student/s Name:..... Class.....

No. of single tickets (\$7.50).....No. of family tickets (\$25).....TOTAL\$.....

Parent/Guardian signature..... Date.....



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