

Important Dates

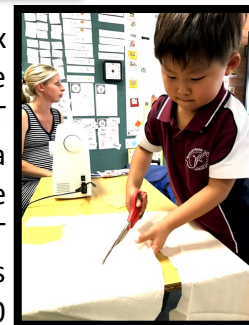
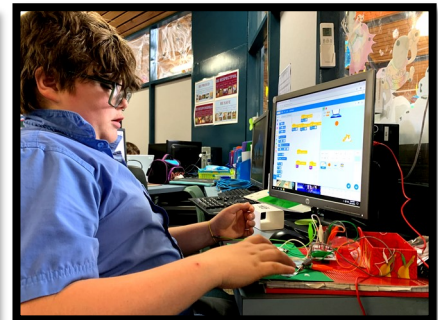
- Tuesday 3/12**
* School Banking
- Wednesday 4/12**
* 3/4L, 4T, 3T & Stage 2
Multicat Bateau Bay
Excursion
- * Helpers Moring Tea
- Thursday 5/12**
* Questacon Science Year
2-6
- Friday 6/12**
* Superstar Assembly
- Monday 9/12**
* Year 2 End of year party
- Tuesday 10/12**
* School Banking

Kindergarten Orientation



Great Work!

This week I visited KH who were doing a great job making mittens for our injured koalas and I had some students visit to show me their work. Ben Laiken, Wyatt, Keinzley and Ayda read me their texts and Archie 3/4L read me his poem and Alex from 5/6A read me his poem and he designed and coded a game using MIT Scratch and he also designed and made a controller using a Makey Makey. Well done to Alyssa KM, Annabella KF and Kayden 2/3T for reading 100 nights and congratulations to Gemma 5/6A for reading an amazing 200 nights. A special congratulations to Amber 2J, Samantha 5/6D, Aysha 3/4G, Vanda 3/4M and Mikayla 3/4C for reading an amazing 300 nights and well done to Jack from 3/4C who received our Big Mover Award last week.



Kindergarten Orientation

The kindergarten students for 2020 and their parents attended the Kindergarten Orientation on Thursday. While the students visited classrooms and participated in teaching and learning, their parents found out about school routines and starting school, Kinder Curriculum and P&C information. The students and their parents participated in a



picnic and self guided tour of the school using ipads and QR codes. It was great to see so many excited students who are looking forward to starting at Niagara Park Public School next year. A huge thank you to Mrs Flood, Mrs Shepherd, Mrs Roods and our Kinder teachers for their organisation of KStart and our Kinder Orientation. Thanks also to our teachers and P&C members for their assistance as well.

Summer Reading is a Blast

Reading is the key to success in education, but reading is not confined to school - what is learned at school needs to be used at home through reading for pleasure and interest.

Reading with or to a child will help keep their reading skills alive and prevents the loss of these skills. In a similar holiday reading program, results showed that 96% of students who participated, improved or maintained their reading levels over the holidays. These holidays we will be running the Summer Reading is a Blast Holiday Reading Program. You and your child are invited to participate in ***Summer Reading is a Blast*** for these summer school holidays. There is no cost involved, just commitment to have fun reading through the holidays.

Every participating student in years K-5 will receive a ***Summer Reading is a Blast*** reading card in the last week of school to record what they read over the holidays. The card also has tips for shared reading activities. Students are asked to read for 21 days during the summer holidays.

They record their holiday reading on the provided card and return it to school by Friday 7th February 2019. Students who complete the card will receive a book prize.

Year 6 Farewell

The Year 6 Farewell will be held on Thursday 12th December at the Ourimbah RSL. The evening will commence with a presentation in the school hall at 4:30pm, followed by dinner and dancing at the RSL. We are looking forward to this exciting event! Thank you to Mrs Rutherford, Miss Tout, Mr Hartshorn, Miss Searle Mrs Atkinson and Mr Dawkins and our parents for their organisation of the Year 6 Farewell and gift to the school.

Presentation Day

Our students will be recognised for their academic and sporting achievements at our school Presentation Day on Wednesday 11th December, starting with the 3-6 Presentation at 9:15am at the school hall. This will be followed by the K-2 Presentation at 11:45am. Parents will be invited to attend the ceremonies to celebrate their children's achievements. Thank you to Mrs Shepherd and Mrs Pattison for organising this special event.

Staff Development Days

Throughout the year staff have engaged in extended teacher professional learning (TPL) sessions. These sessions were conducted after school from 3:15pm to 6:15pm. Staff agreed that it is far more productive undertaking additional TPL throughout the year than at the end of Term 4. This will mean that staff will not be required to attend the School Development Days at the end of the year scheduled for Thursday 19th and Friday 20th December. This will not impact on students as the last day of school for students is Wednesday 18th December. It is a requirement that schools undertaking this process, communicate it with their school community.

Share our space

It is now Department of Education policy to allow general public access to quality spaces during holiday periods. Share Our Space is designed to support the Premier's objective of opening high-quality outdoor space to communities across NSW. Share Our Space allows schools to make their facilities available to the community during school holidays.

- Our school facilities would be open from 8am-5pm, 7 days a week, from 23 December 2019 to 24 January 2020.
- Parents are expected to provide appropriate supervision for their child or children while on site.
- Signage will be placed at the nominated entrance gate to notify non-permitted activities and emergency contact details.

- Patrolling security guards will open the gates in the morning and close them at night.

Have a great weekend

Adam Boulus
Principal

Parent Helpers Morning Tea

To show our appreciation for your assistance and support this year, we would like to invite you to join us at a special morning tea to say thank you. This year you have helped with student transport, fundraising, donating, in class support, helping on our P&C, mentoring our students, helping in our clothing pool and canteen and supporting our students and staff.....for that we day thank you.

Date: Wednesday 4th December, 2019
Time: 11:00 am
Venue: Niagara Park Public School Hall

We hope that you can attend and look forward to seeing you.

BIG MOVER AWARD - Jack S. (3/4C)

Jack is a curious and enthusiastic learner who approaches new challenges with a positive attitude. He enjoys asking thought-provoking questions and is actively involved in class discussions offering personal insights about his own knowledge and experiences. Jack displays kindness and respect towards his friends and is always considerate of others. His easy-going and playful personality brings laughter to those around him and has made him a valued member of our class. Jack is a great role model for others as he tries hard to follow all school rules and displays fairness and honesty at all times. He has enjoyed gaining more responsibility within the classroom and offers a helping hand to others. He demonstrates resilience and maturity when faced with social and academic challenges.

All of his past and present teachers are proud of the wonderful gains he has made throughout his school life and his continued dedication to his learning. We have no doubt he will continue to work hard and achieve incredible things in the future.

Congratulations Jack, you are a very worthy recipient of the Big Mover Award.

Nicole Pattison
Deputy Principal (Rel.)



Questacon Science Circus

On Thursday 5th of December all students in years 2-6 will attend the 'Questacon Science Circus' incursion which links to our Science Curriculum. This experience is designed to stimulate and challenge students to explore science and technology for themselves. It includes an exciting and interactive presentation covering aspects of science in everyday life.

Payment and permission notes are not required for this incursion.

Incursion Coordinator
Amanda Rutherford

LIBRARY NEWS

End of Year Borrowing

Students have had their last week of borrowing in the library this week in preparation for the closing of the library in weeks 9 and 10 for stocktake.

Children have been asked to have ALL of their loans returned to the library by the end of next week please. If your child has lost their books, please either contact Mrs Frost or pay the replacement coast to the office by the end of next week.

Students in stage 2 and 3 have been shown in class this week how to access ebooks and audiobooks for free online from their local library over the holiday break. Membership is free and lasts for life. Students (with their parents) can register online at <https://www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/membership>. Once details are provided, online temporary membership will last for three months until the library card has been picked up from the local library (Erina and Tuggerah libraries are easily accessible over the break), whereby membership lasts for life.

If you have any questions regarding library membership or your child's loans, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Frost at Kayla.frost2@det.nsw.edu.au.


Kayla Frost
Teacher/Librarian




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