

Important Dates

Tuesday 20/10

* School Banking

Wednesday 21/10

* K Start

Groups 1 & 2

Thursday 22/10

* K Start

Groups 3 & 4

K Start 2020



Welcome back to all staff and students to Term 4 for 2020. I hope that you had a restful break.

This year has seen both staff and students adapt to ever changing conditions and procedures to ensure the safety of all, whilst maintaining our high quality of teaching and learning. Our staff are extremely dedicated and truly care about the emotional and academic wellbeing of all of our students. As we speed towards the end of 2020, it's nice to take a moment to reflect on the hard work and resilience shown by our Niagara Park Public School community throughout Covid-19.

Whilst parents and carers are still not permitted on site, we appreciate all the support that you have shown us. We are closely following all guidelines and, as restrictions are lifted, we are making plans to ensure we can provide the best experiences we can and that our students have opportunities to celebrate their primary schooling. Planning is underway for a Year 6 farewell and further information will follow.

I would like to welcome all of our Kindergarten 2021 students, many of whom have commenced K Start this week. We are so happy that we could run K Start as it is an invaluable program to transition your child to "big school". We understand how difficult it is for parents and carers to drop their child to a new setting and restrictions have made this even more difficult. We thank you for your understanding.

Great Work!

Well done to Charli from 5/6D and Darren from 5/6T for their excellent research report on Meerkats and Mole Rats. They were very informative. Misha from K/6P visited to show me his very



funny story about the Billy Goats Gruff that he composed, narrated and filmed. I am very proud of Nicholas from 5/6D who has been completing his maths activities to a high standard. I popped into K/6C and saw their amazing Van Gogh artworks, they look fantastic. Keep up the great work everyone!

Kindergarten bush picnic

Kindergarten students enjoyed a bush picnic excursion to Girrakool Environmental Education Centre this week. They participated in a variety of environmental and sensory activities and thoroughly enjoyed their day.

Hot weather

Now that the hot weather is here, it is imperative that students bring a water bottle and hat to school everyday. Bubblers are still not in use, however water bottles are able to be refilled at the refill stations.

Selective High School Placement 2022

Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2022 are now open. Applications will close on 16 November, 2020. Parents can apply online at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-andopportunity-classes/year-7>. All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 11 March, 2021. The department has introduced a new application system that will give parents a more interactive experience. The new system enables parents to make updates and add attachments even after an application is submitted. Parents can also communicate directly with the High Performing Students Team through the system's new 'messages' feature. Anyone experiencing difficulty completing or submitting an application, can contact the High Performing Students Team on 1800 880 376 or email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au

Keep updated on the selective high school placement process at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

Please return your intention to apply for year 7 placement at a selective high school in 2022 slip that was sent out last term, to Mrs Pattison ASAP. This is **not** your application, however it is used for school records and allows us to follow up on students who are applying.

Disturbing content on social media

In light of recent disturbing content on social media platforms, I would like to remind parents and carers that each social media platform has minimum age requirements. Please ensure that you monitor your child's online activities.

The following advice for parents assists in limiting students' exposure to harmful online content:

- Engage in your child's online activity and discuss the types of apps, websites and games they are viewing to ensure content is age-appropriate
- Make use of parental control on devices to help limit your child's online exposure
- Help your child report and block inappropriate content on social media or apps
- Encourage your child to talk to you about anything upsetting they view online
- Visit www.esafety.gov.au for further advice on apps, social media and online safety issues

Mr. Boulus

Mr Adam Boulus is relieving as Director Educational Leadership for the Mooney Mooney network and I am privileged to once again be relieving in the role as Principal until he returns in Week 3. If you have any concerns please feel free to contact me via email at: Nicole.Pattison@det.nsw.edu.au or via the school phone on 43 283397.

Nicole Pattison
Relieving Principal

SUPERSTAR AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the following recipients on receiving their Superstar certificates last term.


One Star

Paxden E-W	(2G)	Evie M.	(2G)	Mason L.	(2M)
Isla S.	(2M)	Eli C.	(2M)	Jasmine H.	(2M)
Josephine W.	(2W)	Isabella W.	(2W)	Chase H.	(3/4C)
Denzel S.	(3/4H)	Ellie H.	(3/4L)	Leon R.	(5/6R)
Tyler J.	(5/6S)	Elija O.	(5/6T)		

Two Star

Louis S.	(K/6C)	Luci T.	(3/4C)	Daniel D.	(3/4H)
Daniel F.	(3/4H)	Liam B.	(3/4L)	Sarah C.	(3/4L)
Liam H.	(3/4L)	Jasmine M.	(3/4T)	Saphine H.	(3/4T)
Lucas T.	(3/4T)	Mya A.	(5/6R)		

Three Star

Isabel W.	(3/4H)	Ebony S.	(3/4T)	Braxton W.	(5/6A)
Luke W.	(5/6A)	Madison H.	(5/6A)	Trinny D.	(5/6H)
Ivy L.	(5/6H)	Sebastian H.	(5/6R)	Ella C.	(5/6R)
Alicia S.	(5/6R)	Emma F.	(5/6S)	Lily L.	(5/6T)

Four Star

Mikayla D.	(5/6A)	Alan C.	(5/6R)	Elizabeth C.	(5/6S)
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BIG MOVER AWARD - Gretchen E. (5/6S)

When Gretchen joined our school in 2018 she experienced a huge change and, since then, has made fantastic gains in all areas. She is an enthusiastic learner whose interest in her own learning, as well as that of her peers is something to be admired. Gretchen comes to school every day with a big smile on her face and an energetic approach to classroom activities, which is always appreciated by her teachers and peers. In class, we can always count on Gretchen to share thoughtful ideas and her willingness to lead a group has been welcomed by all.

Gretchen goes above and beyond to improve her work in all areas and consistently seeks and applies feedback from her teachers in order to improve further. She is a creative thinker who always goes out of her way to present her work in new and beautiful ways. Her hard work and commitment has allowed her to make huge academic progress and she should be extremely proud of how far she has come in just a few short years!

Congratulations Gretchen, you are a very worth recipient of this Big Mover award!

Kylie Williams

Relieving Deputy Principal



Central Coast Library Service News Primary School



We encourage you to keep up-to-date with the evolving COVID-19 situation by following Council's Facebook, Instagram and Twitter social media pages and website at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/covid-19. We're all in this together.

YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

We are here to provide support where we can during this unprecedented time.

Our branches are slowly reopening, with Erina now open Saturday 9.30am-12.30pm. Lake Haven, Tuggerah and Woy Woy are not far behind and will be open the same hours from Saturday 26 September.

Our specialist teams are available to assist students navigate online resources as well as continuing to offer specialised digital events to suit your needs. We are happy to create tailor made online events for your students, educators and parents to help develop lifelong learning.

Please email any requests or ideas to library@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au.

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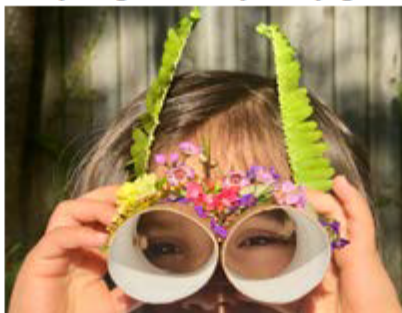
SCHOOL HOLIDAY ONLINE PROGRAM

We may not be able to deliver our usual in-branch program, but that doesn't mean the fun can't go on!

Encourage young ones to see their backyard in a new light! Register to collect a Spring Explorers kit, which contains a trusty magnifying glass, materials to make your own binoculars, seeds to plant and activity sheets full of fun nature play ideas (limit of one pack per family).

On Monday 28 September a range of videos will go live on our Coast Connect YouTube channel to help keep the kids entertained. There will be special Storytime sessions hosted by Drag Queen, Joyce Maynge, that promotes inclusion and the importance of being yourself. There will also be the chance to celebrate Spring with some adorable baby animals from Sweet Valley, learn about where they live, what they eat and how to take care of them.

Find out more at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/schoolholidays.



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