

Important Dates**Tuesday 15/12**

- * Year 6 "Big Day In" Incursion

Wednesday 16/12

- * Term 4 ends

Wednesday 27/1

- * Staff Development Day
No students at school
- * Clothing Pool open for collections only from 12:00 noon to 1:00pm

Thursday 28/1

- * Staff Development Day
No students at school
- * Clothing Pool open for collections only from 9:00am to 10:00 am

Friday 29/1

- * Term 1 Begins
Students Years 1-6 Return

Wednesday 3/2

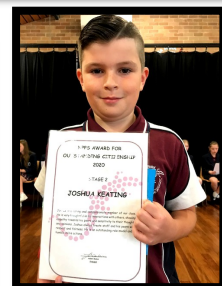
- * Kindergarten Commence

Year 6 Farewell**Presentation Day**

On Wednesday, our students were recognised for their academic and sporting achievements. Congratulations to all students who received awards and congratulations also to our 2021 School Captains — Max Hart and Emma Frost, Vice Captains — Blake Evans and Scout De Kalb and Prefects — Cordelia Garbyal, Lewis Pankhurst, Ali Tai, Isabella Hennessy, Ella Leuenberger and Ethan Haverkamp. I am sure they will lead our school with responsibility and pride. Thank you to the families of Year 6 students leaving us. We appreciate the support you have provided to our school.



Thanks to Mrs Pattison, Mrs Shepherd, Mrs Redman and Mrs Figallo for organising our Presentation Day. We have excelled in many areas in 2020 and you can read more about the details of our achievements in the School Report that will be available in April 2021.



Year 6 Farewell

The Year 6 Farewell was held on Thursday at Niagara Park Public School. The evening commenced with a presentation in the school hall and a very entertaining song from our Year 6 students. They enjoyed dinner and dancing and loved the masquerade theme.

Thank you to Mrs Beckton, Mrs Rutherford, Mr Hartshorn, Miss Searle, Mrs Atkinson, Miss Toomey and Mr Dawkins and our parents for their organisation of the Year 6 Farewell and for the beautiful decorations and the gift to the school.

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 12 February, 2021**. Students who complete the card will receive a book prize.

NSW School Updates App

The NSW School Updates app allows parents and carers to receive operational status updates for NSW Public Schools. The app will complement the other means of communication available to parents and carers from schools and the Department of Education to ensure families receive timely, accurate information in a crisis. The app is free and available now for iOS and Android users. We believe this will be very beneficial for many families trying to co-ordinate their movements as we approach bushfire season.

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School Security

Please contact School Security on - 1300 482 737 during the holidays in the event of any security issues.

Thank You

This is our last newsletter and I would like to acknowledge that 2020 has been an unforgettable year, one that will be etched in our memories forever. Covid has certainly made our lives challenging and we have had to adapt to new ways very quickly. Our families have been nothing other than supportive and together we worked to do great things for kids. You were incredible teachers during remote learning and our teachers were amazing at navigating home learning while caring for their kids too.

I would like to acknowledge and thank all of the staff at Niagara Park Public School for their efforts in making a difference for your children this year. Our staff care deeply for your kids, work as a team, have genuine relationships with our families and put kids first.

Thank you to all of our parents and wider community members for the work you have done in the support of students and staff in our school. Without your input, we would not be able to accomplish all we do for the students in our care.

Thank you to our students for being fantastic kids. We value your effort, positive behaviour and achievements. You make each and every day special.

I am privileged to have been a part of an incredible school community that works, that is collaborative and does amazing things for kids. We have achieved fantastic student results and together we all have contributed in making a positive school culture that is Niagara Park Public School.

Next year I will be moving into a new role and it will be an exciting challenge, but from Niagara Park Public School I will take fond memories, great friendships and the satisfaction that for a short time, I was able to be part of something incredibly special.

I wish all of our staff and students and their families a Merry Christmas, a safe holiday and a Happy New Year. In particular, I would like to wish our Year 6 students all the very best for their transition into High School.

School resumes on **Friday 29 January, 2021 for students in Years 1-6** and on **Wednesday 3 February, 2021** for our students starting Kindergarten. At the beginning of the 2021 school year, all students will return to their 2020 classes and possibly their 2020 teacher. This arrangement will remain in place until student numbers are confirmed and then the 2021 classes will be established.

The school Clothing Pool will be open on Wednesday 27 January, 2020 from 12:00 noon to 1:00pm and on Thursday 28 January from 9:00am to 10:00am **for pick up of Flexischools orders only**. Please have all Flexischools orders submitted by **5:00pm on Monday 25 January, 2021** so that you are able to collect them on these days.

Have a safe and happy holiday.

Adam Boulus
Principal

SUPERSTAR ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to the following students who received their Superstar certificates at last week's assembly. We are very proud of you!

One Star

George L.	(K/6P)	Raphael W.	(1F)	Liam J.	(1F)
Nykai B.	(1F)	Cash R.	(1F)	Arthur B.	(1S)
Riley D.	(1S)	Jayla D.	(1/2H)	Maisie B-D.	(1/2H)
Isaac G.	(1/2H)	William F.	(1/2H)	Noah B.	(2G)
Gabe B.	(2W)	Kaden H.	(2W)	Nylah B.	(2W)
Emerson B.	(3/4G)	Max S.	(5/6T)		

Two Star

Dasha S.	(2G)	Ayden H.	(2G)	Zander M.	(2G)
Oliver M.	(2G)	Kiara O'M.	(2G)	Kaleah M.	(2G)
Esther H.	(2G)	Erica K.	(2G)	Penny K.	(2M)
Luke G.	(2W)	Chloe B.	(2W)	Evie H.	(2W)
Harrison C.	(3/4C)	Sam H.	(3/4G)	Riley J.	(3/4G)
Taylor H.	(3/4H)	Penny M.	(3/4L)	Lukas W.	(3/4T)
Jesse R.	(3/4T)	Nina M.	(3/4T)	Koby K.	(3/4T)

Two Star (Continued)

Avalon E.	(3/4T)	Tenzin S.	(5/6A)	Maia U.	(5/6A)
Baily D.	(5/6D)	Starr M.	(5/6D)	Byron H.	(5/6S)

Three Star

Lucas P.	(3/4C)	Alex H.	(3/4G)	Mia G.	(3/4G)
Giancarlo F. D.	(3/4H)	Matilda S.	(3/4T)	Benjamin H.	(5/6A)
Kye S.	(5/6A)	Tazmin P.	(5/6A)	Isabella R.	(5/6A)
Brayden T.	(5/6R)	Jack S.	(5/6R)	Mikayla T.	(5/6R)
Gretchen E.	(5/6S)	Klarissa W.	(5/6S)	Cayley J.	(5/6T)
Coen A.	(5/6T)	Nate McD.	(5/6T)	Ella C.	(5/6T)

Four Star

Heidi B.	(3/4L)	Blake E.	(5/6H)	Lewis P.	(5/6R)
Scout De K.	(5/6S)	Toby M.	(5/6T)	Jayden C.	(5/6T)
Cooper Q.	(5/6T)				

Six Star

Alana C.	(5/6R)
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Congratulations!

BIG MOVER AWARD - Holly T. (5/6A)

Holly demonstrates a positive and enthusiastic attitude towards all areas of school life. She is a kind and responsible student who always seeks to help and assist those around her. She always goes out of her way to make sure that all her peers are included and encouraged throughout whatever activity they may be completing. Holly has a 'never give up' attitude and persists with all tasks regardless of how challenging they may be. She has made wonderful progress in mathematics this year. Her ability to work within a group to solve difficult problems using fractions is incredible! One of Holly's best qualities is her caring nature. She can always be relied upon to be a friend who will talk with you, listen to you or make you laugh when you are feeling down.

Holly has made wonderful gains throughout 2020 and we have no doubt she will continue to work hard and achieve amazing things into the future. All her past and present teachers are proud of the way she has always been a model Niagara Park Public School citizen. She is a very deserving recipient of the Big Mover Award.

Congratulations Holly.

Nicole Pattison
Deputy Principal (Rel.)





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THURSDAY - 5-9 YEARS
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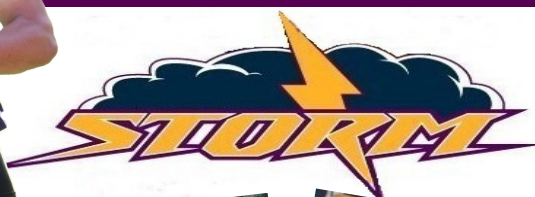
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