

Important Dates

- * Monday 13/12
K to 6 Class Xmas Parties - mufti
- * Wednesday 15/12
School reports go home
- * Thursday 16/12
Term 4 Ends
- * Friday 18/12
Staff Development Day
- no students at school
- * Friday 28/1
Staff Development Day
- no students at school
- * Monday 31/1
Staff Development Day
- no students at school
- * Tuesday 1/2
All students K-6
Commence Term 1

Year 6 Farewell

Dear Parents/Carers,

As I write the final newsletter for 2021, I honestly cannot believe that we are at the end of the year already. It has certainly been another different year and one that we will remember forever. I feel so honoured to have been chosen to be the Principal of Niagara Park Public School and I knew as soon as I walked in the door, what an amazing school we have! Recently, I have been enjoying all our end of year activities and learning how we celebrate here at Niagara Park Public School.

As I have been unable to see you all face to face at Presentation Day and other events, I would like to take the opportunity now to thank each and every one of you, our parents, carers and wider community. I thank you wholeheartedly for your ongoing support and understanding throughout the year. The most difficult part of this year has been not being able to have you come into school so I could meet you all properly and work together to support your child/ren at school. I thank each of you who did reach out through the year.

Congratulations to Emily M. (K/6P) and Lucas P. (5/6T) for reading 200 nights.

Congratulations also to Ben H. (K/6P), Lincoln B. and Aaron D. (KS), Charlotte C. (1F) Lachlan C. (1S), Liam M. (2/3H), Liam B. (3/4F), Amber D. and Morgan B. (3/4L) for reading an amazing 300 nights! Well done everyone, we are very proud of you.

Survey Feedback

Thank you to all the families who completed our recent survey – we received 96 responses which is outstanding! The majority of surveys were overwhelmingly positive which is fantastic to hear, especially the comments regarding staff support during lockdown. It is such a great opportunity for us to receive feedback so we can continue to improve. Some of the survey results are included here for your perusal:

- 91.7% of parents feel welcome and valued
- 95.8% feel teachers and executive are approachable and willing to listen
- 92.7% believe parents are kept well informed of events, activities, and initiatives
- 76% of responses felt students and parents are kept informed about academic progress
- 95.8% believes the school provides essential skills in literacy and numeracy
- 84.3% feel students are challenged in their learning
- 99.2% would recommend Niagara Park Public School to new families moving into the area
- 94.7% have a high level of satisfaction with Niagara Park Public School

Some areas of focus for us for 2022 will be to improve communication about student's academic progress and ensuring we continue to challenge students and communicate this to parents.

Year 6 Celebrations

This week we held our Year 6 Farewell which was a fabulous event! A huge thank you to the parents who organised the evening – it was absolutely perfect down to the finest detail (except the weather). We also held our Year 6 Graduation Assembly where teachers got to celebrate each of our Year 6 students. Thank you to all the Stage 3 teachers who made these events possible – it takes so much time and effort, but it was worth it!

2022 Leadership Team

Today we have announced our 2022 Leadership Team. Congratulations to our School Captains: Elizabeth and Miller and our Vice Captains: Heidi and Joshua. Further congratulations to our 6 Prefects: Ellie, Kirra, Ella, Connor, Giancarlo and Will. I am looking forward to working with you all next year.

Presentation Day

On Wednesday we celebrated some of the special achievements of many of our students throughout the year. Thank you to Mrs Young for her organisation of these events, Mrs Shepherd for organising and printing the awards and Mr Curry who works tirelessly to set up for every one of these celebrations.

Unfortunately, we were unable to post the pictures on Facebook as promised due to privacy, as student's full names were on the certificates, but I hope you each enjoyed receiving the individual photos from your class teacher.

Reports

Next Wednesday 15 December, you will receive your child's 2021 Semester 2 report. These reports are a modified version of the usual reports due to the extended period of learning at home. You will also receive your 2022 requirement list so you can send your child/ren prepared on their first day of school.

New Executive Staff for 2022

We have 2 new executive staff joining us next year – an Assistant Principal and an Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction, which is a new position. During Term 3, the NSW Department of Education created Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction positions for all schools. This is exciting for our school and will ensure our students continue to have access to the most up to date, evidence-based teaching and learning strategies and programs. Congratulations to Mrs Amelia Kealy who was successful through merit selection at gaining our Assistant Principal position. Congratulations also to Mrs Tenneille Melvin who will fill our Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction position during Term 1, while the position is advertised to be filled permanently.

Uniform

This year 2021, was the last year for our change over of uniforms. From 2022, all students will need to be wearing the 'new' school uniform.

Party Day

Next Monday we will hold our class party days at school. All students will be involved in a special sporting event and have a movie with their class including special treats supplied by the school. Please remember to send your child with a special party lunchbox for them to enjoy on the day.

2022 New DoE Guidelines

Towards the end of January, we will keep you updated on the new guidelines for 2022 as they become available to us. We will confirm all arrangements and guidelines via our Facebook page prior to school starting.

2022 Dates – reminder

Just a reminder that we will be having two consecutive School Development Days at the beginning of next year on Friday 28 January and Monday 31 January, 2022. All students K-6 will commence on **Tuesday 1 February, 2022.**

Have a wonderful Christmas and enjoy your break.

Lyndal Coleman

Principal

Did you know?

Jingle Bells was the first song played in space.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE TEACHERS

We have enjoyed the time that we were able to spend with your children this year and have prepared a Christmas message for Catholic families. Please follow this link: [An Advent & Christmas Message from Catholic SRE Scripture Teachers](#)

Vicki Young

Deputy Principal

CHANGE TO EFTPOS PAYMENTS IN 2022

From the commencement of Term 1 2022, the Department of Education will be disabling the function on our EFTPOS machine that allows us to process payments over the phone.

Payments from 2022 can be made using the online payment system (POP), EFTPOS in person only and cash.

Leanne Roods

Administration Officer

OUR MOB, YOUR MOB, MY MOB ART COMPETITION

Aboriginal students in years K-12 across all NSW Public Schools were invited to enter the Our Mob, Your Mob, My Mob art competition.

Sallie-Anne D. in Year 4 was one of five runners up. What an achievement for one of our students!

Congratulations Sallie-Anne, we are very proud of you!

Ali Carlisle

Aboriginal Education Coordinator



BIG MOVER AWARD - Carter B. (5/6A)

Carter has developed into a confident learner and regularly demonstrates a mature attitude towards his learning. His happy and cheerful nature creates a joyful and calm environment for his peers. Carter is a kind and caring friend to others, and always goes out of his way to make sure those around him are feeling happy and safe at school. He shows strong leadership skills when working with others in group-based activities and will often guide his peers through their learning. His easy-going nature makes him an asset to any classroom. Carter willingly takes on classroom jobs and takes pride in being a respectful class member. He is respectful towards staff members and enjoys being able to share his weekend activities and interests with those around him. He has demonstrated great growth in his maturity and learning, as well as becoming more confident to express himself.

Carter is a very worthy recipient of the Big Mover award.



Vicki Young

Deputy Principal

SUPERSTAR AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the following students who received their Superstar certificates at last week's assembly.

One Star

Eddie C.	(K/6C)	Keinzley R.	(K/6P)	Lydia M.	(K/1M)
Jeffin S.	(K/1M)	Skye D.	(K/1M)	Lucy B.	(K/1M)
Kyra T.	(K/1M)	Rowan S.	(K/1M)	Jacob W.	(K/1M)
Holly M.	(K/1M)	Melody L.	(K/1M)	Tazeena B.	(1F)
Callum B.	(1F)	Taavi K.	(1F)	Clayton N.	(1F)
Poppy C.	(1H)	Cooper M.	(1H)	Cale McF.	(1H)
Luke H.	(1S)	Blake M.	(1S)	Sophia H.	(1S)
Poppy B.	(1S)	Paris S.	(1S)	Kaiden C.	(1S)
Henry B.	(1S)	Hendrik B.	(1S)	Khaleesi L.	(2M)
Kit T.	(2M)	Elisha E.	(2M)	Grace L.	(3/4G)
Imogen D.	(3/4G)	Riley R.	(5/6A)	Ava S. B.	(5/6A)
Mimi L.	(5/6R)	Christopher P.	(5/6T)		

Two Star

Harper L.	(2/3H)	Liam M.	(2/3H)	Kayden L.	(2/3H)
Alex H.	(3/4C)	Ryder B.	(3/4F)	Malakai S.	(3/4F)
Asher S.	(3/4F)	Chaise T.	(3/4G)	Jasmine H.	(3/4G)
William B.	(3/4L)	Marcus L.	(3/4L)	Coby C.	(3/4L)
Levi R.	(3/4L)	Harry S.	(3/4L)	Harry S.	(3/4L)
Lucia B.	(3/4L)	Morgan B.	(3/4L)	Kaden H.	(3/4T)
Maia McD.	(5/6D)	Archie S.	(5/6T)		

Three Star

Thomas K.	(K/6C)	Louis S.	(K/6C)	Chloe B.	(2/3H)
Esther H.	(2/3H)	Ayla G.	(2/3H)	Zander M.	(3/4C)
Sam F.	(3/4F)	Jesse R.	(3/4F)	Lucas T.	(3/4F)
Jonathan N.	(3/4F)	Benjamin P.	(3/4F)	Kaleah M.	(3/4L)
Amber D.	(3/4L)	Penny M.	(3/4L)	Alexis S.	(3/4L)
Lan C.	(3/4L)	Luke G.	(3/4L)	Abbey P.	(3/4T)

Eli C.	(3/4T)	CC F.	(5/6A)	Ella W.	(5/6A)
Samuel W.	(5/6A)	Maia U.	(5/6A)	Jay W.	(5/6A)
Myah J.	(5/6R)	Susana G.	(5/6T)	Ali T.	(5/6T)
Layla B.	(5/6T)				

Four Star

Jack P.	(K/6C)	Matinka D. K.	(3/4F)	Matilda S.	(3/4G)
Jasmine M.	(3/4G)	Malia M.	(3/4G)	Catherine V.	(3/4L)
Sallie –Anne D.	(3/4T)	Ella G.	(5/6M)	Eli M.	(5/6D)
Lilly H.	(5/6D)	Isabella H.	(5/6D)	Dora Z.	(5/6D)
Ella C.	(5/6M)	Ella G.	(5/6M)	Jasmine S.	(5/6T)
Lucas P.	(5/6T)				

Five Star

Mia G.	(3/4F)	Blake E.	(5/6A)	Ashley W.	(5/6D)
Scout D. K.	(5/6H)	Mikayla D.	(5/6H)	Hunter C.	(5/6M)
Kirra M.	(5/6M)	Olivia R.	(5/6T)		

Six Star

Isabella R.	(5/6A)
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Eight Star

Alan C.	(5/6R)
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Vicki Young

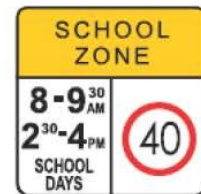
Deputy Principal



Traffic and Parking around your School

Parking rules are designed to stop vehicles from parking where it would be dangerous or inconvenient for others. Please consider the residents when parking in streets surrounding your school.

- A **School Zone** is the area around a school with a speed limit of 40 km/h. Between the School Zone and End School Zone signs you must obey the school zone speed limit. The school zone speed limit only applies on gazetted school days and during the times shown on the sign.



- School Bus lights** – buses use signs and orange flashing ‘wigwag’ lights to warn motorists and pedestrians that they are picking up or setting down school children. The lights begin to flash when the bus stops and the doors are opened. They keep flashing for about 30 seconds after the doors close and continue even after the bus moves off. You must not drive past the bus in the same direction at more than 40 km/h while the ‘wigwag’ lights are flashing as there may be children crossing or about to cross the road.



- A **No Parking Zone** means that you must not stop for more than two minutes. You must remain in or within three metres of the vehicle. No Parking Zones are suitable for dropping off and picking up.



THESE SIGNS MEAN YOU MAY STOP HERE TO DROP OFF / PICK UP BUT YOU MUST

- stop for up to 2 minutes only
- stay within 3 metres of vehicle

**Kids look to you to keep them safe - please park legally in school zones
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- A **Bus Zone** means that the area is restricted for bus use only. If hours of operation are shown, the restriction only applies to this time. You may use this area outside of these times.



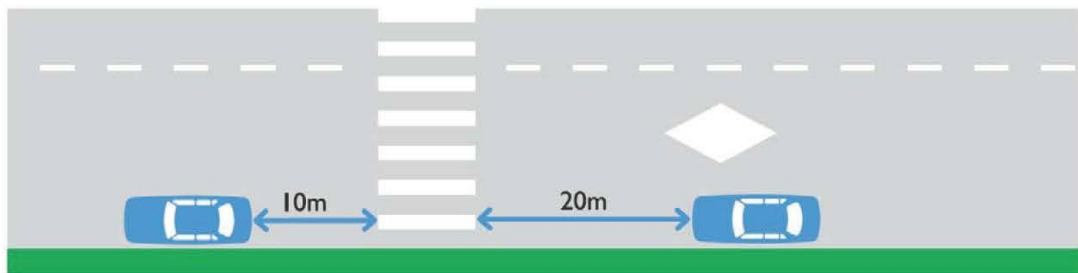
- A **No Stopping Zone** means no stopping at any time.



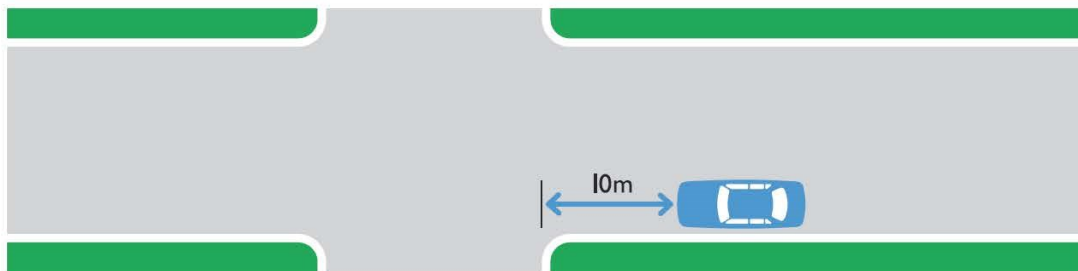
Other times when you must not stop

You must not stop your vehicle (that is, bring it to a stop and either stay with the vehicle or leave it parked) in the following circumstances:

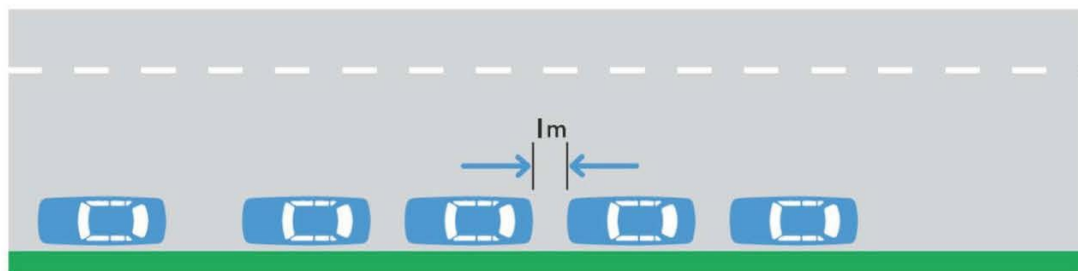
- ❌ Double parked (that is in the road alongside a car that is parked)
- ❌ Across a driveway or footpath
- ❌ On a median strip or traffic island
- ❌ On footpaths and nature strips
- ❌ On or within 20 metres before and 10 metres after a children's crossing or pedestrian crossing



- ❌ Within an intersection
- ❌ Within 10 metres of an intersecting road at an intersection without traffic lights unless signposted otherwise



- ❌ In Bus Stop, Bus Zone, Taxi Stand or Taxi Zone signed areas
- ❌ At least one metre from any other parked vehicle, close as possible and parallel to the kerb, and facing the same direction as the traffic lane



- ❌ Within three metres of any double centre lines
- ❌ Within 20 metres before and 10 metres after a bus stop

Adherence to signposting, linemarking and road rules around your school will assist in providing a safe environment for the school community and residents.



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