

**Important Dates**

**Tuesday 23/2**

\* School Banking

**Wednesday 24/2**

\* Parent Information

Sessions

**Tuesday 2/3**

\* School Banking

**Thursday 4/3**

\* P&C Crazy Hair

Mufti Day - gold coin

Donation

**Tuesday 9/3**

\* School Banking

**Tuesday 16/3**

\* School Banking

**Tuesday 23/3**

\* School Banking

## Twilight Swimming Carnival



### Twilight Swimming Carnival

Niagara Park Public School held its 2021 Swimming Carnival at Gosford Pool last Thursday evening. We had a fantastic night with many children swimming in competition events. The ribbons for the first 3 fastest times in each event will be presented at an assembly later this term.

The Zone Swimming Carnival will be held at Mingara Pool and the students participating will be notified of races they will be entered in. The selection is based on qualifying times. The teachers and I were very impressed with the behaviour of the students at the Swimming Carnival and it was pleasing to see students cheering for their team mates and doing their personal best.

A huge thank you to the staff for their help at the carnival and a special thank you to Mrs Temple and Mrs Sinclair for their excellent organisation, along with all staff who attended to help out and to ensure the carnival was a success. Thank you also to our parents for supporting their children.

### Parent Information Sessions

Our teachers have organised parent information sessions to explain the programs, events and procedures that will be happening in classes this year. These information sessions will take place on **Wednesday 24 February 2021** and will be held in your child's classroom.

Kindergarten and K/1M:

4:00pm to 4:30pm

Stage 2 and 2/3H (Years 3 & 4)

4:45pm to 5:15pm

Stage 3 – (Years 5 & 6)

5:30pm to 6:00pm

Stage 1 – (Years 1 & 2)

6:15pm to 6:45pm

An information handout sheet will be provided to parents who are unable to attend. Covid-19 QR Codes and declaration forms will be available in each classroom, so there is no need to come to the office first to sign in. We request that only one parent attend the information session to comply with Covid-19 guidelines. A map of the school has been included in this Newsletter.

Parents of students in our support unit will be invited to a meeting on an individual basis.

## **Usage Agreement**

Each year we ask parents/carers to sign a Usage Agreement form that requests permission for:-

- Walking excursions
- Child Protection lessons
- Media coverage
- Internet Usage
- P&C Fundraising
- Email
- Facebook

Your support with your authority, enables these programs to operate efficiently. The Usage Agreement has been provided and **we require one returned for each student.**

## **Voluntary School Contributions**

Each year, we ask families to support their child/children by donating \$45.00 per child to the school. This Voluntary School Contribution is tax deductible and is used as a Library Fund to purchase much needed literacy and technology resources. For us to continue to provide quality literacy and technology resources, we would appreciate your support.

School Contributions can be paid by cash, cheques can be made out to Niagara Park Public School, credit card or EFTPOS. You are also able to pay on line through the school's website: -

[niagarapk-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://niagarapk-p.schools.nsw.edu.au) simply click on the tab "make a payment" enter your details and submit.

## **Sport House Captains , Library, IRC & Bus Monitors**

Students will be advised this week if they have been successfully elected to these Leadership roles and will receive their badges in Week 5.

## **Scripture**

Scripture classes are held every second Wednesday and commenced this week. Should you wish to change your child's scripture arrangements from 2021, please advise Mrs Williams in writing.

## **P&C Crazy Hair Mufti Day**

The P&C will be holding a crazy hair mufti day on Thursday 4 March. Students may come to school wearing crazy hair and mufti clothes on the day for a gold coin donation.

## **Parent/Caregiver Code of Conduct**

At Niagara Park Public School, our aim is to support all parents and caregivers in the education of their child/children. The Parent/Caregiver Code of Conduct is intended as a guideline to ensure mutual understanding of expectations.

We know a child learns behaviours and values from the example their parent/caregivers, teachers, people around them and peers display. Teachers' behaviours are monitored by the Department of Education 'Code of Conduct'.

Parents/Caregivers play an important role in their children's lives. While displaying inappropriate behaviour is often the result of many factors, parent/caregivers can reduce incidents by being good role models and helping to create a positive environment in which their children can be valued. There are 5 important

considerations for parent/caregivers:

1. Understand what children want and need from their parent/caregivers
2. Encourage fairness
3. Keep your emotions in check
4. Respect the staff
5. Uphold the 'CODE OF CONDUCT'

### **Understand what children want and need from their parent/caregivers**

Children want and need boundaries set by their parent/caregivers in much the same way as society needs laws. Children need to know that those boundaries are consistently applied and the consequences of defying the rules are applied, not in anger but fairly. Children also need to know their parent/caregivers support them. Support does not mean parent/caregivers accept everything the child says as truth. We all know people can shade the truth to suit their purpose or perception. Trying to be your child's best friend often means they have no adult to count on when they need one.

### **Encourage fairness**

When children see their parent/caregivers treating others with disrespect when angry, they learn from example that the way to deal with their anger is to do the same. When they see their parent/caregivers treat others unfairly, they learn that unfairness is OK as long as you are the one being unfair, not when you are the recipient. Respect, fairness and integrity are encouraged through good role models. Your child will learn to respect other people by seeing you do the same. They'll accept the staff's decisions when they see you value the staff and accept their decisions.

### **Keep your emotions in check**

As an adult, you should leave the stress and tension of daily life behind when dealing with your son/daughter. Concentrate on the bigger picture and which of YOUR characteristics you most want your child to emulate. If you want your child to copy your calmness and non-judgemental attitude, then this is what you need to show them.

Outright bad behaviour, such as losing your temper, swearing or aggression is totally unacceptable. It will embarrass your child and sets a poor example.

### **Respect the staff**

Staff at schools play an essential role in providing a positive educational experience for children. Without them there would be little or no educational or behavioural progress for your child, so they need to be treated with respect and courtesy. If you want to see or speak to a staff member, please make an appointment through the front office.

### **Uphold the 'CODE OF CONDUCT'**

It is important that you uphold this Parent/Caregiver's Code of Conduct. Any person contravening the code of conduct would be setting a very bad example to their child and the provisions of the *Enclosed Lands Protection Act (1901) and its Amendments* may be evoked. Should issues arise in relation to students, parents and staff, please bring them to the attention of the Principal. Your cooperation is sought in making a safe and happy school.

### **Safer School Zones**

None of the seven offences below attract demerit points when committed elsewhere on the road but **now in a school zone** they each come with two points.

Please be aware of these road rules:

1. Stopping in intersection - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439.00 and 2 demerit points.
2. Stop within 20m of intersection (traffic lights) - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439.00 and 2 demerit points.

3. Stop within 10m of intersection (no traffic lights) - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439.00 and 2 demerit points.
4. Stop near bicycle crossing lights - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439.00 and 2 demerit points.
5. Obstruct access to ramp/path/passageway - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$330.00 and 2 demerit points.
6. Not parallel park in the direction of travel - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a \$330.00 fine and 2 demerit points.
7. Parallel park close to dividing line - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a \$330.00 fine and 2 demerit points

For more information please visit:

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/roads/safety-rules/demerits-school.pdf>

### **Communication**

The school offers a variety of ways to communicate with the school community. You can locate information on our school website: [www.niagarapk-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.niagarapk-p.schools.nsw.edu.au) our newsletter (Wayamadi), Facebook page, our school app and on our LED notice board. Our staff also use Class Dojo, Seesaw and email.

While we receive communication from our school community at various times of the day and also on weekends, it is not often practicable to get back to you with an immediate response, as we often have obligations outside of school hours or are spending time with our families. We will however endeavour to respond to you within a suitable time period.

Have a lovely weekend.

**Vicki Young**

**Principal (Rel.)**

### **SCHOOL BANKING IS BACK**

School banking is back and will be on every **Tuesday**.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way to help young Australians learn about money and practice good savings habits. For each weekly deposit made at school, students will receive a token. Once they collect 10 tokens, they can redeem them for a School Banking reward.

If your child has previously participated in School Banking, or has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account, they can start banking straight away by bringing their yellow deposit wallet to school on School Banking day.

If your child has lost their deposit wallet, please contact your School Banking Coordinator or visit any Commonwealth Bank branch for a replacement.

Our School Banking program is made possible because of volunteers. Thank you to our volunteers for donating their time to run School Banking for our students.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please visit: [www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)

**Jane Cassidy**

**School Banking Specialist - Central Coast**



## OFFICE GOSSIP

### Covid-19 Requirements for entry onto school grounds

The Department of Education have issued new requirements for parents/carers entering school grounds this week. You will be required to scan the QR Code from Service NSW and show a staff member and if entering the office you will **also** need to read the Covid-19 acknowledgement and sign the visitors book.

We realise that this can be annoying when you are only dropping off a child but appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

**Leanne Roods**  
**Administration Officer**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### In School Therapy Sessions 2021

The Resilience Clinic SCHOOL SITES SESSIONS service has clearance and expertise in working with children and staff within the public and private school sector.

Contact the Resilience Clinic by phone or text Heather on 0490 782 012 or email: [ask@resilienceclinic.com.au](mailto:ask@resilienceclinic.com.au) for further information on how our mobile service may be able to assist your pre schooler, primary schooler or high schooler.

Available for both NDIS and privately funded clients.  
No referrals required.

### Free Lower Limb Assessments

The University of Newcastle Podiatry Clinic at Wyong hospital is offering children age 0-17 free lower limb assessments. Appointment times: Mondays from 2.30pm to 4.45pm until 31st May 2021.

Children will be assessed by final year students, supervised by a podiatrist. Assessment can include foot, ankle, leg and knee problems. Common reasons for consultation include warts, heel pain, night-time leg pains, rehab after ankle sprain and advice about flat feet. Advice can also be offered on footwear and normal development. For more information, or to make a booking, please phone 43 947280.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, all patients and parents/guardians will be given face masks to wear for the appointment. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:

[Fiona.Hawke@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:Fiona.Hawke@newcastle.edu.au)



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\*many Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Derry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to [www.dss.gov.au](http://www.dss.gov.au) for more information.

# Central Coast Library Service News Primary School



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## YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY... HERE FOR YOU



### CHILDREN'S LIBRARY CARDS

Your child has everything they need for school. New shoes, hat and uniform as well as all the essential supplies on the school list. But do they have their own library card?

A library card provides your child with free access to both online and in-branch study and recreational resources.

Imagine accessing information from home from reputable resources such as Britannica Library when those projects start rolling in. Participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge? Borrow 20 PRC titles on your child's card, leaving your card free to borrow DVD's or books for your own reading pleasure.

#### Join the library online:

1. Visit [centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/membership](http://centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/membership)
2. Click 'join online'
3. Accept the terms and conditions
4. Choose your preferred branch location
5. Enter your details
6. Press submit

You will be issued with a library membership number to access the [eLibrary](#) resources, which can then be transferred to a full membership at any branch. Your password is your date of birth as an eight digit number [ddmmyyyy].  
Need further assistance?  
Call any branch or email [library@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au](mailto:library@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au)

Another school year is upon us and we are ready to support our learning communities, students and families across the Coast.

Central Coast Library Service has an extensive range of print and digital resources - available free of charge to library members.

Our Outreach Team, including a dedicated Children's and Youth Team, have experience and knowledge to assist students of all ages. We also run a variety of programs including Bookblasts bookclub and school holiday programs.

Please email [children&youth@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au](mailto:children&youth@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au) to discuss how the library can support your school, class or child.

Visit <https://www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/libraries/our-branches> for branch locations and opening times.



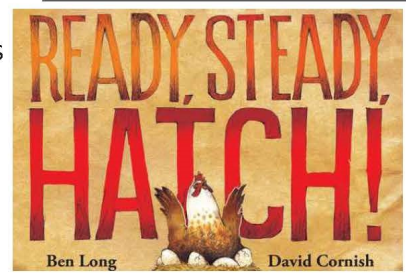
## PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE 2021

The PRC commences Monday 1 March and we are ready to read! Are you taking on the PRC this year? Central Coast Library Service has a vast PRC collection for all ages and reading levels.

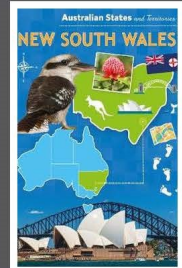
PRC books are easily identified on our shelves with coloured level stickers and are often grouped together on the branch shelves. Library staff can help you locate where they are in your local branch and may even have a reading recommendation or two.

You can also search for PRC books on our library catalogue. Use the search term 'Premier's reading challenge' or 'PRC'. You can also reserve PRC items from home and call into the library to collect them. Access the catalogue [online](#) through our website or via the Central Coast Library Service app.

You can borrow up to 20 items per library card, making it super easy to complete your reading challenge.

**K-2**
**3-4**
**5-6**


**PRC  
BOOKS  
AVAILABLE  
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## ONLINE LITERACY PROGRAMS

### Storytime

Preschool-aged children and their families are invited to join us online for stories and songs each Monday morning. Enhance your child's pre-literacy skills with 30 minutes of fun story telling with our Library Children's Team in the comfort of your own home.



### Lego Club

Love Lego? Looking for creative inspiration? Each month you can join in our Facebook group LEGO challenge. Become a LEGO hero and share your ideas with the group. Scan the QR code to join our Facebook group.



### Bookblasts Bookclub

Students in years 3-6 are invited to discuss their favourite books and authors. There are no set titles and everyone is welcome. We are meeting online via Zoom for the first term.

Visit [centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/libraryevents](https://centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/libraryevents) or email [children&youth@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au](mailto:children&youth@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au) for further details.



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Registration Fees are \$120 for U'6's & U7's: \$170 for U8's and above, which includes; insurance, shorts, socks and Club shirt.  
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Facebook: Gosford City Football Club

**Play Football this year with the Gosford City Dragons!**

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This seasons games run from April through to August 2021.

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- **FREE SAP Academy** which all Under 9-12's players are welcome to try out for at our grading days.
- **FREE Development Squad** for all Female Footballers 5-16 years.

**GRADING STARTS TUESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY**

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS

**FOOTBALL MANAGER CONTACTS:**

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| Under 5-7's     | Cameron Bradley<br>0412 571 654 <a href="mailto:lookinland01@yahoo.com.au">lookinland01@yahoo.com.au</a> |
| Under 8-11's    | Nicole Stammers<br><a href="mailto:nicolestammers@hotmail.com">nicolestammers@hotmail.com</a>            |
| Under 12's-18's | Gavin Drummond<br>0411 557 133 <a href="mailto:gdrummond@balmain.com.au">gdrummond@balmain.com.au</a>    |



**REGISTER ASAP:**

We start creating teams in February, teams are confirmed at the beginning of March and no new teams can be added to the Club after March 12<sup>th</sup>.



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