

Important Dates

Tuesday 15/6

* School Banking

Tuesday 22/6

* School Banking

Friday 25/6

* Superstar Assembly

* Reports go home

* Term 2 ends

Monday 12/7

* Staff Development Day

- no students at school

Tuesday 13/7

* Term 3 commences

All students K-6 return

Debating



Dear Parents & Carers,

We have had another wonderful fortnight with students engaged in learning within the classroom, dance groups doing last minute rehearsals for Central Coast Dance Festival, our Student Representative Council students getting the whole school active to raise money for sick kids and our sporting teams continue to represent our school with dignity and pride.

Congratulations to Savannah W., Josh K. (KB) Nate S. and Emily R. (KE) Ivy D. (KS), Alayna W., Aria B. (K/1M), Zach H. (1F), Angelica Mc., Andrew K. and Cooper M. (1H), Isla F. and Freddie R. (1S), Benjamin K. (2/3H) Lan C. and William B. (3/4L), Jayda M., Catherine V., Tayeisha T. and Ella L. (3/4T), Maya Z., Scarlet L. and Kimberly S. (5/6H), Amelia J. (5/6M) and Ella B. (5/6R) for reading 100 nights. Fantastic effort kids!

Attendance

As part of the Premiers Priorities, all schools need to meet an attendance target. Our target to meet by the end of this year is to have 79.4% of our students attending school 90% of the time or more. That means, to have no more than 4 days absent each term. We currently have 69.4% of our students achieving this target. We are asking for your help to ensure that your child/ren attends school every day they are physically able to do so. Of course, we understand that when students are sick, they need to stay at home but we believe that having no more than 4 days absent each term is possible.

Congratulations To Our Public Speakers!

Last week, I was honoured to be asked to adjudicate the Public Speaking competitions. I was amazed at the level of talent from our students K-6.

Congratulations to our Stage winners and runner ups:

Heidi and Emma (Stage 3)

Sam and Rocky (Stage 2)

Elsie and Liam (Stage 1) and

James and Josh (Early Stage 1)

Thank you to Mrs Andrews, Miss Hargrave and Miss Christensen who coordinated the event.

Confidentiality When Dealing With Conflicts

From time to time, our students have conflict with each other. We encourage our students to report incidents or issues to the teacher on the day it has happened so that we can follow up immediately. From time to time, students report issues to parents rather than the class teacher. In these situations, we ask that you redirect your child to report the problem to the class teacher the following day. Alternatively, we ask that you report it to the class teacher as soon as you hear about it. At no time are you, as parents, to approach another student to address your concerns.

Once reported, we ask that you trust that it will be followed up and understand that we may not get back to you with the follow up, as we rely on our students to report back to you. At no time can we discuss consequences for another child with you due to privacy laws. When dealing with issues, we listen to all sides and make judgements based on evidence presented to us by the students involved and witnesses. When consequences are required, we follow our school discipline policy as well as Department guidelines. We thank parents who trust us to follow up and know that we will do so with discretion and fairness.

Have a great week!

Lyndal Coleman

Principal

Did you know?

Venus is the only planet that rotates clockwise.

If a child misses	that equals...	which is...	and over 13 years of school that's...
1 day per fortnight (90% attendance)	19 days per year	≈ 4 weeks per year	Nearly 1½ years
1 day per week (80% attendance)	38 days per year	≈ 8 weeks per year	Over 2½ years
2 days per week (60% attendance)	76 days per year	≈ 16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week (40% attendance)	days per year	≈ 24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

SCHOOL PHOTOS

All individual, sibling and class photo orders have been delivered and sent home with students. Special group photos, including SRC, Student Leadership Team, Year 6 Photo and Sports House Captains photos may be ordered online through MSP. Students who were in the special group photos, should have received a handout with information on ordering. A copy of each of the special group photos is available for viewing at the front office.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding your photo orders, please contact MSP directly on 49 668292.

SUPERSTAR ASSEMBLY

Our next Superstar Assembly will be held on the final day of term, Friday 25th June in the school hall at 2:00pm. Limited seating will be available for parents and carers unless Covid-19 guidelines change. Please remember to sign in using the school's QR code which is posted on all school gates or at the front office. Students who were absent from the Week 5 assembly will receive their certificates, along with those who have earned certificates since the last assembly.

Vicki Young
Deputy Principal

CANTEEN NEWS

Our school Canteen was one of the Central Coast Local Health District's Award prize winners at the end of 2020.

We received \$250.00 to spend on catering equipment. The Canteen Committee chose to spend our prize money on a Contact Grill. The photo shows Pam, one of our wonderful dedicated volunteers, whipping up her batch of delicious pancakes for morning tea.

To be eligible for the Award, the school Canteen must participate in implementing the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy. The Strategy aims to support student health and wellbeing by increasing the availability of healthy food and drinks in school Canteens, to help make the healthy choice the **easy choice** for students.

We proudly continue to meet all of these guidelines.

Margaret, Amanda & Jane
Canteen Manager & Supervisors



MANDARINS & LEMONS FOR SALE

Our Green Team will be selling some of our own grown produce next week.

We will have mandarins on sale for 20 cents and lemons for 50 cents. The money raised will be used to buy more supplies for our gardens. Green Team members will be selling the fruit at recess and lunch next week in the Canteen area.



Green Team

SPORTS NEWS

PSSA Basketball

On Monday 7th June, 2021 Niagara Park played the first round games of the NSW PSSA Basketball knockout.

The boys played first against Narara Public School. Niagara Park Public School started off strong and scored some great goals through some slick passing and accurate outside shooting. Narara Public School then went on a scoring run of their own and put some quick points on the board. The game was anyone's to win at half time with only 2 points separating the teams. Both teams played well and the game remained close throughout the entire second half. At the end of the game, it was Narara Public School that came out on top, winning by 2 points.

The girls played next, also against Narara Public School. With many of the girls playing their first game of competitive basketball, it took a little bit for them to settle into the game but they showed early signs of some great teamwork and they scored some impressive goals. As the game progressed, Niagara Park Public School

grew in confidence and continued to play as a team to score their points. At the end of the game, the much more experienced Narara Public School team came out on top.

I would like to thank all the players for training hard and participating to their full potential on the day. I would also like to thank Narara Valley High School for supplying referees and our parents/carers who came along to cheer on our teams and assist with scoring.

Dane Hartshorn
Basketball Coordinator

DEBATING

Recently, the Niagara Park Public School Geckos competed in two very close debates.

On Friday 28th May, we debated against the Narara Black Bellies. We argued the negative side, stating "That we should NOT allow kids in Year 5 and 6 to use social media sites". We had some very good arguments as well as rebuttals, but unfortunately Narara Public School beat us.

However, on Wednesday 2nd June we made a good comeback and celebrated our victory against Central Mangrove. In our fourth and final debate, the overall topic was "Parents, Kids and Responsibilities". We were the affirmative team, and argued "That kids in Year 5 and above should be allowed to stay at home unsupervised in the evenings". The negative side argued that it was unsafe, however our strong arguments that children would benefit from being given the opportunity to take on greater responsibility and potentially even relieve some stress from families, as well as our rebuttals, secured us the win.

We are very grateful and appreciative for the support and feedback the adjudicators, Ruth and Nataly, gave to us and we are especially grateful for our debating coordinators, Mrs Andrews and Mrs Atkinson.

Geckos Debating Team
Cordelia, Ella, Scout & Mikayla

WONDER REWARDS

Niagara Park Public School will be taking part in the Wonder Rewards Recycling program.

As a school, we need to collect **bread bags, wrap bags and bread tags** and then place them into one of our Wonder Recycling bins (please see add in this week's newsletter).

All of our plastic bags and tags will be turned into amazing sports equipment.

Amber Tomkins
Coordinator



OCCI-CC is a volunteer marine conservation organisation based in NSW. It aims to promote and educate the community on marine and coastal environmental issues. It also participates in programs that conserve and protect these spaces



Why not join our FREE WINTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



Come and explore, **mangrove, rock pool and saltmarsh** environments with OCCI guides this **June/July** school holidays, and learn about the fascinating creatures that live there including the birds of our waterways.

We have a **Maximum of 25 people per walk so bookings are essential.**

Most suited to ages 5 years to adult. **All Children** need to be accompanied by **an adult**, who will be responsible for them.

All participants are required to wear **closed in shoes** for protection (which will probably get wet!)

Dates of activities walk types and 'venues':

Sunday 27.6.21 @3.pm Terrigal Haven Rock pool Walk

Thursday 1.7.21 @ 10am Salt Marsh discovery and pond dip, Tuggerah Parade/Salt Water Creek

Monday 5.7.21 @ 10am Mangrove Walk, and pond dip, Kincumber Board Walk from Carrack Rd wharf

Wednesday 7.7.21 @10am Salt Marsh discovery and pond dip, Tuggerah parade/Salt water creek.

To book, please text Linda on **0404 450 429**

You will need to leave: 1. Your name, 2. Phone No. Preferably mobile;

3 Children's names. 4. Children's ages. 5. Date & walk location you wish to join.

6. Source of information.



Help us turn
BREAD BAGS into
**SCHOOL PLAY
 EQUIPMENT**

**COLLECTIONS
 CLOSE AT THE
 END OF
 TERM!**



**Our school is taking part in the Wonder
 Recycling Rewards campaign this term.**

Help us collect bread bags so we can earn points
 to redeem on new RHSports equipment.

It's simple! All you need to do is keep your empty
 bread bags and send them to school with your kids!
 We will then place them in Wonder's pink collection box
 and post them off to be recycled. The more we collect
 the more points our school earns!

Collections close 25th June.

Tip for collecting:

Use one empty bread bag to
 collect a bunch of other bags.

Did you know

Our school is now in the draw to
WIN 1 of 5 exercise circuits made from
 the soft plastic we collect!

**BRING IN YOUR BAGS
 BEFORE JUNE 25TH!**



Tag Wonder on social #wonderrecycling
 to share all your recycling champion stories!



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