

**Important Dates**

- \* Thursday 27/10  
P&C Mufti Day -  
Sportswear - gold coin  
donation
- \* Friday 28/10  
Grandparents Day
- \* Wednesday 2/11  
K Start Commences  
Groups 1 & 2
- \* Wednesday 9/11  
K Start Groups 1 & 2
- \* Thursday 10/11  
K-2 Athletics Carnival
- \* Friday 11/11  
Superstar Assembly
- \* Tuesday 15/11  
P&C Meeting 7:00pm
- \* Wednesday 16/11  
K Start Groups 1 & 2
- \* Monday 21/11  
NVHS CAPA & TSP &  
Transition Day
- \* Wednesday 23/11  
NVHS Transition Day  
K Start Groups 1 & 2
- \* Friday 25/11  
NVHS Links Transition  
Day
- \* Tuesday 29/11  
NSW Public High School  
Yr 7 Orientation Day
- \* Wednesday 30/11  
K Start Groups 1 & 2  
Kinder 2023 Meet &  
Greet 11:30 - 12:15pm

## Buddy Bench Launch



*We acknowledge Darkinjung people as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our school is built and pay our respect to Elders past, present and emerging.*

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been wonderful to see our students return to school this term with smiles on their faces and ready to learn! We have a busy term ahead with check in assessments, K-2 Athletics Carnival, Grandparents Day, 2023 Leadership opportunities, end of year activities and party days, Year 6 farewell and graduation assembly as well as all the day to day busy operations.

Congratulations to Emily McC. (K/6T), Max S. (KS), Emerson F. (1H), Sergei T. (1S), Courtney S. (4H), Remi W. and Ari M. (4L) and James P. (5S) for reading 100 nights.

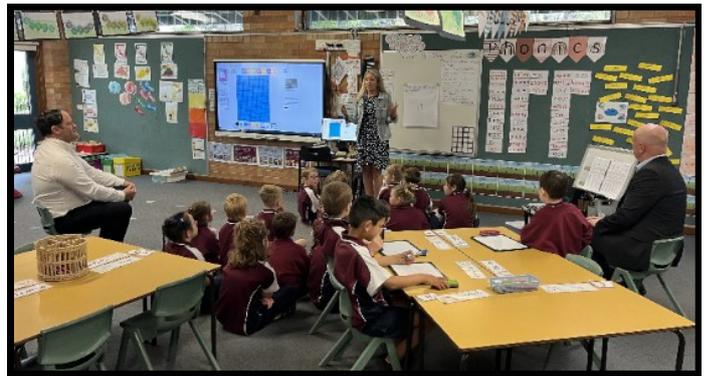
Congratulations also to Carter J. (KE), Cruz S. (KM), Nate S. and Kendrix M. (1H), Zach H. and Frankie W. (2C), Savannah R. (2F), Finlay H. and Penny K. (4H) and William B. and Harry C. (5T) for reading 200 nights.

### A Special Visit

This week we had two very special visitors, our Director of Education Leadership, Jason Baldwin and the Executive Director, Tim McCallum. Unfortunately, they were not here long but they did enjoy getting to visit 1Y and KM during their mathematics lessons.

Both men were amazed at the mathematical mindset of our students and commented on what great mathematicians we

have here at Niagara Park Public School! They also enjoyed chatting with myself and Mrs Young and hearing all about our amazing school.



### **Current Covid Guidelines**

On Friday 30 September, 2022 National Cabinet announced that from Friday 14 October, 2022 people who test positive to COVID-19 do not need to self-isolate.

In line with this announcement, the following advice is based on recommendations from NSW Health and will support schools in adapting the change while minimising the risk of COVID-19 transmissions.

**Students and staff should stay home when sick and only attend school when symptom free.** Please note that schools will continue to send home students or staff displaying symptoms.

Anyone who believes they have been exposed to COVID-19 is strongly recommended to monitor for symptoms and test if they have any concerns, as well as wear a mask.

Please note for our Support Unit the following guidelines:

All staff, students and visitors who have tested positive to COVID-19 entering our Support Unit must continue to complete 7 days of isolation and be symptom free due to the higher risk of severe illness for some students.

### **Change to the last day of Term 4**

As we near the end of the year, I want to thank you for your ongoing support and notify you of a date change for the last day of Term 4 classes.

Students will now finish school on **Friday 16 December, 2022**. This is due to an additional School Development Day announced for staff across NSW public schools. School Development days allow our staff to participate in professional learning that was put on hold due to COVID-19 staffing pressures and plan ahead for 2023 to ensure we meet the needs of our students.

With this change, we ask that you arrange alternative care for your child on **Monday 19 December, 2022**.

### **2023 Enrolments – new arrivals and families leaving**

The school is currently accepting enrolments for 2023. If you know of families intending to enrol who are moving into the area, please let them know to phone the office. Alternatively, we now have online enrolments available via our website.

If you are looking at moving away from the area in 2023, could you also please contact the office so that we are aware of any changes when planning for our 2023 classes.

### **Reports**

Over the coming weeks our teachers will be very busy completing, analysing and grading assessments to determine student academic performance in order to complete the Semester 2 reports. Please try to ensure your child is present every day that they are well enough to do so. Academic reports will be sent home on **Wednesday 14 December, 2022**.

### **Year 5 families: Selective High School Placement 2024**

Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2024 opened on 18 October, 2022 and will close on 16 November, 2022 at the link below. Information and an “intention to apply” note has been sent home with Year 5 students today. Please return your “intention to apply” slip to the office as soon as possible. This is not your application, however it is used for school records and allows us to

follow up on students who are applying. Parents can apply online at:  
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

## **P&C Colour Explosion**

All prizes for the Colour Explosion have been handed out this week. Congratulations to Jaxon P. for being the highest fundraiser in the school. Further congratulations to 4H who were the highest fundraising class and who got to enjoy a pizza party today.

A huge thank you to the P&C for organising the fun event and for sorting all the prizes for our very happy fundraisers. At the P&C meeting this week, it was discussed what the money raised could be used to purchase, so you can look forward to hearing all about that in the near future.

Have a wonderful fortnight!

**Lyndal Coleman**  
**Principal**

## **Did you know?**

*There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.*

## **BIG MOVER AWARD - Louis S. (6A)**

Louis is a hardworking, friendly and positive member of our class who has worked extremely hard this year. He has engaged cooperatively in group work and willingly shared his ideas and points of view with his peers. Louis consistently demonstrates and upholds our school rules of being safe, respectful, responsible and proud and wears his uniform with pride.

Louis has developed in his ability to approach challenges with a positive attitude. When he first entered Year 6, there were many things he was worried about. However, throughout the year, he has really tried hard to give everything a go and has always put in his best effort.

Louis has a keen interest in technology and in learning about how it can be used in our everyday lives. He is also eager to share information about the Chinese culture and how this is a big part of both his life and the life of his family.

Louis, we love your sense of humour, your passion about your heritage and your positive attitude. We also love how you have strived to come out of your comfort zone to make lots of new friends and to try lots of new things.

Congratulations on receiving the Big Mover Award!

## **SPECIAL PHOTO ORDERS**

An individual flyer with a personalised shoot-key for online ordering through MSP was sent home this week with any students who had their photo taken on our Sports/Special Group photo day. If you would like to view the photo/s that your child/children are in before purchasing, there is an album at the front office containing all photos taken on the day that you are welcome to look through. Orders



must be in by **Sunday 23 October, 2022** and all photos are \$15.00 each.

### **TELL THEM FROM ME PARENT SURVEY 2022**

Please follow the link below (or copy and paste into your browser) to the Tell Them From Me Parent Survey 2022. Each year we seek feedback from parents on their perceptions of their children's experiences at home and at school. The survey is voluntary and completely anonymous but we would really value your feedback to inform our practices at Niagara Park Public School. If you have more than one child at the school and your perceptions vary from child to child, you may complete the survey more than once. The survey window will be open until **Friday 4 November, 2022**. <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/2468>

**Vicki Young**  
**Deputy Principal**

### **KINDERGARTEN 2023**

Our K Start program starts on **Wednesday 2 November, 2022** and will take place in the KE classroom. For the new parents to our school, if you park in the Scouts car park we will have people at the gate to direct you to the correct area. Please note that the gates will be locked between sessions, so if you are running late you will need to enter via the main gate, off Narara Valley Drive.

We have started a Kindergarten 2023 Dojo so that we can communicate reminders and answer any questions you may have in the lead up. Please follow the instructions that were mailed to you at the end of last term. If you have misplaced your dojo invite or would like a direct link, please email [amelia.flood@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:amelia.flood@det.nsw.edu.au)

**Amelia Flood**  
**Assistant Principal**

### **BUDDY BENCH LAUNCH**

The Buddy Bench initiative was the brain child of the Niagara Park Public School 2022 Leadership team. As part of the Valley Schools Learning Community and for our 2022 Leadership Project, we had to implement something within our school which would support our students in building their confidence and resilience.



We researched what resilience means and it is 'the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties'. To us, we know that having people around you, who support you, can help you get through tough times. We wanted something which would help kids come together and make new friends, especially after spending so much time away from each other during the COVID pandemic.

Our benches arrived in the school holidays but we kept them hidden ready for the big reveal. This happened on Thursday 13 October, 2022 and all of the Niagara Park Public School students were really excited to see them. The students were given a taste of some of the activities they can do at recess and lunch with their new friends, when they go to the buddy benches.

The SRC leaders who volunteered to be a part of our project, are our new buddy bench leaders and will be at the benches at recess and lunch and will lead games and activities for students who are looking for new friends and lots of fun.

Thank you to Mrs Atkinson for helping us, all members of the Leadership team for working so well together and to the SRC for coming on board and joining us for this wonderful initiative.

**Ellie, Ella, Kirra and Josh**  
**Leadership Team**

## PUBLIC SPEAKING REPORT

### Semi Finals

On Wednesday 21 September, 2022 Callie Y. (KE) James S. (1R), Natalie B. (2C), Junior C. (4H), Remi W. (4L), Heidi B. (6A) and Rocky C. (5S) represented our school at the Central Coast Public Speaking Semi Finals at Lisarow Public School. They all did an amazing job and should be extremely proud of themselves.



### Grand Finals

On Tuesday 11 October, 2022 three of our amazing public speakers, Callie Y. (KE), Natalie B. (2C) and Rocky C. (5S) represented our school in the Central Coast Primary School Public Speaking Grand Final at Somersby Public School. It was a tough competition with incredible speakers from all over the Central Coast. They presented superbly at this event and should be extremely proud of their efforts.



It takes a very brave person to speak in front of such a large crowd!

Congratulations to all our Public Speakers. We are very proud of you.

**Elise Young, Shara Toomey & Rebecca Ross**  
**Public Speaking Coordinators**

## PREMIER'S SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to Dasha S. (4T) on winning the Junior Regional Final in the Premier's Spelling Bee and making it to State Finals level.

Well done Dasha, we are very proud of you!



## BANDFEST

Our Geckos and Goannas Bands should be incredibly proud of their behaviour and performance at Bandfest! They impressed the audience with 'Havana', 'Scissors Paper Rock', 'Aurora' and 'Thriller'. They represented Niagara Park Public School with pride and demonstrated what great musical talent we have here.



Thank you to all of our parents for their continued support of our band program as well as their willingness to transport students to Warner's Bay Theatre. A huge thank you to Pauline and Rowen for all of their hard work teaching our students. Our bands wouldn't be what they are today without their passion for music.

**Stephanie Goldie**  
**Band Coordinator**

## P&C FUNDRAISER

A reminder that on **Thursday 27th October 2022**, our P&C are holding a "Sportswear" Mufti Day. Please come dressed in your favourite sportswear and bring a gold coin donation.



**P&C Committee**

Transport for NSW



# School Travel

Term 4 2022

## 2023 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2023 open from **Monday 10 October 2022**.

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2023 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and entitlements remain valid for the start of the 2023 school year. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade (i.e. grade two to grade three), the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), we will send an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2023.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

## Travel from Term 1 2023

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for 2023 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel open at the start of Term 4 2022, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a busy period for local transport operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations difficult.

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We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Students using School Opal cards are also reminded that they must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Further information can be found at [transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel](https://transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel)

Enquiries can be submitted at [transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback](https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback)



NIAGARA PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

Updated TERM 4 Calendar 2022

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Oct	10 October	11	12	13 Buddy Bench Launch Day	14
2 Oct	17 Check in Assessments Yrs 3, 4 & 5	18 P&C Meeting	19 Scripture Bandfest	20	21
3 Oct	24 Check in Assessments Yrs 3, 4 & 5	25	26	27 P&C Mufti Sportswear	28 Grandparents Day
4 Oct/Nov	31	1 November	2 Scripture K Start	3	4
5 Nov	7	8	9 K Start	10 K-2 Sports Carnival	11 Superstar Assembly
6 Nov	14	15 P&C Meeting	16 Scripture K Start	17	18
7 Nov	21 NVHS CAPA, TSP and Transition Day	22	23 NVHS Transition Day K Start	24	25 NVHS Links Transition Day
8 Nov/Dec	28	29 NSW Public High School 2023 Year 7 Orientation Day	30 Scripture Christmas Assembly K Start Kindergarten 2023 Meet & Greet 11:30am -12:15pm	1 December P&C Mufti Xmas	2
9 Dec	5	6	7 Year 6 Big Day In	8 Year 1 Party day	9 Superstar Assembly Stage 3 Party day
10 Dec	12 Kindergarten Party day	13 Year 2 Party day	14 Presentation Day	15 Stage 2 Party day Year 6 Graduation Assembly Year 6 Farewell 6pm	16 Term 4 Rewards event Last Day of Term 4 for students.
11 Dec	19 SDD No Students	20 SDD No Students	21 School Holidays	22	23

Scripture: Wednesday (Even weeks)

Uniform Shop: Open Thursday mornings 8:30 am – 9:00 am

P&C Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the school staffroom