Term 4 Week 4

2022

NIAGARA PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

Learning For Life

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Important Dates

* Wednesday 9/11
  K Start Groups 1 & 2
* Thursday 10/11
  K-2 Athletics Carnival
* Friday 11/11
  Superstar Assembly
* Monday 14/11
  SRC Diabetes Awareness Day
* 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

NSW DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Grandparents Day

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,

Congratulations to Hannah P. (KM), Maddie R. (2C) and Bryher S. (4L) for reading for 100 nights.

Congratulations also to Olivia H. (KE), Johnny R. (KS), Natalie B. (2C), Blake M.(2G), Maitua T. (3J), Alex H (4L), Silas (4T) and James P. (5S), for reading for 200 nights.

What a fabulous event we had last Friday for Grandparents Day! It was so wonderful to walk around the classrooms and see our students proudly showing their grandparents their work and introducing them to their friends and teachers. I was completely blown away by the amazing talent of our students who performed in the concert and I know the grandparents I spoke to felt the same way. Congratulations to the band, choirs and dance groups who all performed, you were outstanding and thank you to all the staff, Pauline and Rowen who give up their time to rehearse with these groups. Further thanks to Mrs Figallo and her team of helpers for coordinating the day and hosting the morning tea.

K Start

This week saw the start of our K Start program. We had lots of excited little people joining us to get to know the school ahead of the start of their educational journey in 2023. Unfortunately, I have been

out of school at a Principals Conference for 4 days this week and missed the excitement but I am looking forward to meeting and greeting all our little ones and their families next Wednesday.

Valley School Learning Community (VSLC) Leadership Night
Next Wednesday, 9th of November will see the celebration night for School Leadership Teams from across our Valley Schools Learning Community. This is an opportunity for all schools to present to each other their leadership projects and what it has meant for their schools.
Thank you to Mrs Atkinson for the work she has done with our leadership team on their buddy bench project which has focused on resilience.

2023 Leadership Speeches
Next Tuesday our Year 5 candidates will be presenting their speeches to outline why they wish to be a part of our 2023 leadership team. Students from years 2-5 will then vote for the students they feel would make the best leaders. I wish all our candidates the best of luck and I look forward to seeing who our next leadership team will be. Parents of all candidates are invited to attend.

Visitors to the school
Just a reminder to all visitors to our school, you must come to the office and check-in upon arrival at our school so that we are aware that you are on school grounds. It is imperative that everyone also checks out when they are leaving, if there is an emergency on school grounds we need to know who is in the school. Thank you for helping us keep you all safe.

2023 Enrolments – new arrivals and families leaving
The school is currently accepting enrolments for 2023. If you know of families 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.

Year 5 families: Selective high School Placement 2024
Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2024 opened on October 18 and will close on November 16, 2022 at the link below. 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

Current Covid Guidelines
Please remember that the following covid guidelines are still in place.
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.

Teaching Opens Doors
The NSW Department of Education has just launched a new campaign to promote the teaching profession. The 'Teaching Opens Doors' Campaign features a number of teachers and students from NSW public schools and highlights the ways in which teaching 'opens doors' to a number of opportunities within and beyond the classroom. You can find out more about the campaign at education.nsw.gov.au/teachingopensdoors.

Have a wonderful fortnight!

Lyndal Coleman
Principal

Did you know?
A man had the hiccups for 69 years.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

We had a very special morning celebrating Grandparents Day last Friday with over 450 visitors! Our grandparents spent the morning visiting their grandchildren to see all the wonderful things we do in our classrooms and after a coffee and cake, they all squished into the hall for a special performance from the talented dance, choir and band students. It was a fantastic morning full of laughter and smiles across the school from children, teachers and our grandparents. Thank you to all those that were able to make it far and wide, we had such a fabulous morning with you all.

Niagara Park Public School Staff

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 18 November, 2022.** *http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/2468*

Vicki Young
Deputy Principal

WORLD DIABETES FEDERATION

On Monday 14th of November the Student Representative Council will be hosting activities in aid of World Diabetes Day.

World Diabetes Day (WDD) was created in 1991 by the International Diabetes Foundation and the World Health Organization. WDD aims to promote the awareness of issues important to individuals diagnosed with diabetes. It is marked every year on 14 November, the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting, who co-discovered insulin along with Charles Best in 1922. The campaign is represented by a blue circle logo, which signifies the unity of the global diabetes community in response to the diabetes epidemic. Every year, the World Diabetes Day campaign focuses on a dedicated theme that runs for one or more years. The theme for World Diabetes Day 2021-23 is Access to Diabetes Care.

world diabetes day
14 November

Students are invited to wear **blue clothing** and will be participating in activities that promote diabetes awareness. **No donations will be required on the day.**

KINDERGARTEN 2023

K Start.

This week we had our first K Start session. All the children are to be commended on their outstanding behaviour in class. It was so lovely to see the group socialising and beginning to make new connections with friends they will be starting school with next year. At next week's K Start the groups will be visiting the library and there will be uniforms on display as well.

K-Start Meet and Greet BBQ

Wednesday 30th November 11:30am - 12:15 pm

In the final week of K Start, we are hosting a BBQ so parents can meet other families and chat with the teachers. Mrs Flood will talk briefly about the Best Start Assessment and the organisation for the first week of school. We hope to see everyone there.

Amelia Flood
Assistant Principal

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MATTERS

This week our attendance rate across the school was 92%. This is an amazing improvement from previous weeks. Great work Niagara Park, keep it up!

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

Tenneille Melvin
Assistant Principal Curriculum Instruction

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