

**Important Dates**

- \* Friday 16/12
  - Term 4 Rewards Event
  - Last day of term for all students
- \* Monday 19/12  
Staff Development Day  
No students at school
- \* Tuesday 20/12  
Staff Development Day  
No students at school
- \* Friday 27/1/23  
Staff Development Day  
No students at school
- \* Monday 30/1/23  
Staff Development Day  
No students at school
- \* Tuesday 31/1/23  
Students Years 1-6  
Commence Term 1
- \* Friday 3/2/23  
Kindergarten  
Commence

## 2022 - That's a wrap!



*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,

What a wonderful and busy end to the year we have had with party days, Year 6 festivities, Presentation Day and Reward Day. It is always such a rewarding time of year reflecting on our students successes and a sad one too for teachers as they say goodbye to their class.

KM shared with me their Christmas writing last week and I cannot believe how far they have come in their first year of school! Pepper from KM also shared with me a book she had written all by herself – a whole book! Amazing!

Congratulations to Audrey M. and Niamh A. (KM) for reading 100 nights.

Congratulations to Blake R. (K/6W), Jaiden H. (KE), Harrison McB. and Layla O’N. (KM), Jeffin S. (2G) and Zali S. (4H) for reading for 200 nights

Congratulations also to Mackenzie M. (KM), Lachlan C. (2G), Charlotte C. (2G), Morgan B. and Eric K. (4H) and James P. (5S) for reading for 300 nights.

**Staffing News**

At this time of year, we always lose some staff members as they go off to start new adventures. Sadly Mr Steve Hoad, our school Counsellor will not be with us next year as he is cutting back his



days. Miss Christenson (now Mrs Gregory) has been successful in getting a transfer to Dubbo and will commence her duties next year. Miss Rebecca Ross will also be leaving us as she has obtained a job at OLR for next year. We would all like to thank Amelia, Rebecca and Steve for all of their hard work over the years making a difference for our students.

### **Parent/Teacher Communication – Dojo**

The Department of Education have warned schools against using Class Dojo and Seesaw as forms of communication and require us to seek parental consent before we can continue its use as a form of communication between school and home. We will need to research next year where these apps store their data and how they use data. We will also be researching alternative communication tools offered by the Department. All Dojo accounts and data stored will be deleted this Friday.

We will endeavour to find a solution as soon as possible in the new year as we know how important it is to have a line of communication from home to school so we can share your child's successes and you can provide us with information and updates as required. In the meantime, your point of contact will be calling the school office to deliver messages. Facebook will continue to be our main source of communication about upcoming events. *Please note: Facebook is not for parents to message unless in case of emergency.*

### **Visit from Mr Mehan MP Member for The Entrance**

Last week, we had a visit from Mr David Mehan our state member for The Entrance. Mr. Mehan joined us for our Superstar assembly and enjoyed watching our students receive their hard earned awards. He also kindly donated a book to our Library. Thank you Mr Mehan!



### **Services NSW Vouchers**

As we prepare for another year of learning in 2023, you can now apply for the Premier's Back to School NSW program, offering \$150.00 worth of vouchers (3 x \$50.00) to help pay for school supplies like school uniforms, shoes, bags, textbooks and stationery. Every primary and secondary school student is eligible for the vouchers. You can apply for and access your vouchers in your My Services NSW account, in the Services NSW app, by calling Services NSW on 13 7788 or by visiting your local Service Centre.

### **Starting Date and Arrangements for 2023**

The first day back for students in Years 1 to 6 will be **Tuesday 31st January, 2023**. Kinder students will commence on **Friday 3rd February, 2023** but will attend their Best Start Assessment during that week.

Our first day of school arrangements will be the same as they were this year. All students will line up with their bags in the 2022 class lines. Students 2022 teacher will take them from lines. Students will remain in 2022 classes until new enrolments are processed and 2023 classes are finalised. If our numbers reflect our current planning, we will be able to form our 2023 classes as soon as possible.

### **Share Our Space**

During the school holidays, our school will be open for the Share our Space program. Over the years, we have had a lot of vandalism and destruction during this program and we ask that you each keep an eye out on the school over the holidays. If you see any people not using our grounds for the purpose meant (using the grass area to enjoy physical activity) please report it to school security. Furthermore, please encourage your own children, present and past students, to use the grounds respectfully if they do visit.

**Merry Christmas**

I would now like to say I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and relaxing holiday spent with family and friends. Thank you for an amazing 2022, enjoy the break and we will see you back here in 2023.

Have a wonderful holiday!

**Lyndal Coleman**  
**Principal**

**Did you know?**

*It took engineers 22 years to design the zipper.*

**SUPERSTAR AWARDS**

Congratulations on the following students for receiving their Superstar Awards.

**One Star**

Ivy D.	(1H)	Kendrix M.	(1H)	Nate S.	(1H)
Billie B.	(1H)	Isaac M.	(1R)	Patrick W.	(1Y)
Aaron D.	(1Y)	Anthony H.	(5S)		

**Two Star**

Kaiden C.	(2C)	Freddie R.	(2C)	Ava D.	(2C)
Taavi K.	(2C)	Natalie B.	(2C)	Olivia N.	(2F)
Carter S.	(2F)	Ivy M.	(2G)	Clayton N.	(2G)
Blake M.	(2G)	Lydia M.	(2G)	Nicholas P.	(2G)
Arthur B.	(3J)	Isabel W.	(3J)	Callie R.	(3J)
Wyatt B.	(3J)	Archer T.	(3J)	Maisie B-D.	(3J)
Kristina D.	(3J)	Jack O.	(3J)	Victoria K.	(3M)
Nykai B.	(3M)	Sarsha D.	(3M)	Cody S.	(4H)
Jaxan F.	(5G)	Chanel C.	(5S)	Ava S-B.	(6A)
Ruby-M. O.	(6A)	Scarlet L.	(6K)		

**Three Star**

Finlay H.	(4H)	Jaxon P.	(4H)	Eila K.	(4H)
Ayaan B.	(4L)	Ivy S.	(4T)	Jayla D.	(4T)
Lucia B.	(5G)	Coby C.	(5G)	Lucas E.	(5G)
Felicity T.	(5S)	Allira R.	(5T)	Haylee A.	(5T)
Chantel M.	(6A)	Ava B.	(6A)	Luka Z.	(6A)
Sam H.	(6A)	William M.	(6A)	Francis C.	(6A)
Tyrone H.	(6D)	Darcy H.	(6D)	Hayden D.	(6D)
Ivy W.	(6D)	Riley J.	(6K)	Taylor H.	(6K)
Liam W.	(6K)	Liam H.	(6K)		

**Four Star**

Hayden H.	(4T)	Silas L.	(4T)	Sam F.	(5G)
Alexis S.	(5G)	Mya F-F.	(5T)	Nikayla L.	(6A)
Giancarlo F.	(6A)	Azriel C.	(6D)	Connor S.	(6D)
Daniel D'S.	(6D)	Alex H.	(6D)	Violet J.	(6D)
Cooper A.	(6K)	Christian H.	(6K)		



**Five Star**

Matinka D.K. (5T)

**Six Star**

Rocky C. (5S) Kirra M.

**BIG MOVER AWARD - Aydin R. (5T)**

Aydin is a friendly and courteous individual whose happy personality brings joy to our classroom. Throughout the years he has been at Niagara Park Public School he has grown into a respectful and compassionate student.

Aydin demonstrates a mature attitude towards all aspects of school life. He has shown persistence when completing challenging work and always demonstrates a desire to improve. This year, Aydin has 'wowed' his teachers and peers by stepping out of his comfort zone. He has shown resilience and determination while public speaking and participating in whole school competitions.

Aydin consistently follows school and classroom rules and is an excellent role model for others. He is valued by his peers due to his considerate and thoughtful nature. Aydin has shown a growth in confidence when interacting and working with a range of peers within the classroom.

Aydin should be very proud of the consistent effort he has displayed throughout his time at Niagara Park Public School. Congratulations on a very well-deserved Big Mover award.

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

**FROM THE OFFICE**

On behalf of all your office staff, we would like to wish you all a beautiful Christmas and a safe and happy holiday.

To our Year 6 students and families, what a pleasure it has been to have you here with us, most of you since you 5! It has been wonderful to see you grow and develop into the amazing young people you are today and we will miss your smiles and wish you well on this next exciting part of your lives.

We look forward to seeing everyone in 2023.

**Kristine, Leanne, Cathie, Kristen and Deb**  
**SASS Staff**







Dominic Perrottet MP  
Premier of New South Wales



Dear Parents,

As the 2022 school year draws to a close, I wanted to thank you and all parents, students and teachers for your extraordinary efforts this year.

I also want to let you know about a new program that will ease pressure on household budgets by helping to pay for your children's school supplies at the start of the next school year.

From 12 December 2022, NSW parents can access a **\$150 Premier's Back to School NSW Voucher** for each child in primary school, secondary school or home-schooling in 2023.

Vouchers can go towards the cost of school uniforms, shoes, bags, textbooks, or stationery purchased from registered businesses. You can apply for the vouchers via the Service NSW app, and for more information, visit [service.nsw.gov.au](http://service.nsw.gov.au), call 13 77 88 or attend a Service NSW Centre.

This new program is part of our plan to give families a more secure financial start to the year.

It has been fantastic to see so many students back in the classroom and thriving in 2022 after so many disruptions, and 2023 is shaping up to be an even bigger year for education in NSW.

We're rolling out a new, back-to-basics curriculum; making changes so students are even better prepared for employment and further education; doing more to recognise and reward our best teachers; and making it easier for parents to connect with your children's education.

It's all about taking those important steps to make NSW education the best it can be, so we can set up our children for future success.

Thank you again for all your efforts this year. I wish you and your family a safe and happy summer - and don't forget to download your Premier's Back to School NSW Voucher from 12 December.

Yours sincerely,

Dominic Perrottet MP  
Premier