

Important Dates

- * Wednesday 7/12
Year 6 Big Day In
- * Thursday 8/12
Year 1 Party Day
- * Friday 9/12
 - Stage 3 Party Day
 - Superstar Assembly
- * Monday 12/12
Kindergarten Party Day
- * Tuesday 13/12
Year 2 Party Day
- * Wednesday 14/12
Presentation Day
- * Thursday 15/12
 - Stage 2 Party Day
 - Year 6 Graduation Assembly
 - Year 6 Farewell
- * 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

Our Student Garden



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,

I cannot believe how quickly the end of the year is approaching. This week we had our final session with our K Start students which culminated in a wonderful meet and greet BBQ with our K Start families. It was a wonderful chance for everyone to meet and chat and we now look forward to having our new families join us in 2023.

This fortnight has also seen our Year 6 students heading off to their respective high schools for orientation days – an exciting, a little bit nerve wracking time for them. I was very pleased to receive feedback from both High Schools about the outstanding behaviour and manners of our students. Well done Year 6, it makes me very proud!

Congratulations to Martha H. (KS), Eli C. (4H) for reading for 100 nights and to Shiven P. (KM) and Scarlett M. (4H) for reading for 200 nights.

Congratulations also to the first of our students for reading for 300 nights! Estelle H. and Olivia H. (KE), Lincoln B. (1H), Aaron D. (1Y), Tayeisha T. (4L), Esther H. (4T) and Amber D. (5T). Outstanding effort everyone!

Grounds

A huge thank you to Simon, our hardworking GA who always keeps our grounds looking immaculate (despite the weather working against him this year) and to Chris who joins him on Monday each week. This week Chris and Simon have done a wonderful job of clearing out our overgrown gardens near the staff car park. It is still a work in progress but it has made a huge difference already.



Staffing News – double congratulations!

Congratulations to Miss Christensen who got married on 12th November and is now officially Mrs Gregory (but will answer to both names). She had a fabulous day with beautiful weather and has returned fresh from her honeymoon in Thailand. Congratulations also to Ms Elise Young who got married today! We look forward to hearing all about her celebrations. Ms Young will become Mrs Wainwright from the beginning of next year.

2023 House Captains

Well done to all the candidates who presented a speech to express their interest in becoming a 2023 House Captain last week.

Congratulations to the following students: Ryder and Myah (Jupiter), Maci and Anthony (Neptune), Hayden and Harrison (Saturn) and Max and Ethan (Pluto). These students will be presented with their badges at our Presentation Day in Week 10.

Busy weeks ahead

As mentioned in our last newsletter, Term 4 is a busy term with many events coming up. Please ensure you read the newsletter, check Facebook and Class Dojo regularly for updates to ensure that you or your child, do not miss out. Please remember that payments for all events such as party days **MUST be paid by the due date** or your child will miss out. No late payments can be accepted.

Have a wonderful fortnight!

Lyndal Coleman
Principal

Did you know?

A group of toads is called a knot.

“STAGE IT”

On Friday 18th November, some of our super talented band, dance and drama students performed in 'Stage It' at The Art House Wyong. The bands performance of 'Watermelon Man' and the drama and dance scene from 'Annie' were excellent!



These students showed dedication to their performances by attending workshops and multiple rehearsals and they should be so proud of themselves for how they represented Niagara Park Public School.

Thank you to Lisarow High School for giving us the opportunity to participate and a big thank you to all of our parents/carers for their support and transport.



Stephanie Goldie

NEWS FROM THE GARDEN

We have been busy in the gardens this term, making the most of the warmer weather and extended sunlight.

Our keen green team students have been tending to our range of herbs and vegetables including, rosemary, sage, oregano, basil, silver beet, tomatoes, leeks and cucumber.

Our natives planted in term 3, bottlebrush, ivory curl, hakea and grevilleas are doing well now due to the care from the students and the warmer weather.

We are very excited about the growth of our passion fruit vine, which is climbing our garden arches profusely. We will have numerous delicious passion fruits to harvest soon. Get the ice cream ready!!!

Our succulent garden is establishing very well and is full of a variety of interesting succulents that will soon produce pups. We will teach the students how to transplant the pups into pots to produce new succulent plants.

The green team have also been tending to our propagation garden, which is growing vigorously. It contains beautiful popular perennial flowering plants that are easy to propagate into new plants. We will teach the green team students how to propagate these plants and how to care for them.

We have a couple of busy remaining weeks in the garden. Can't wait for lots of gardening, propagation and harvesting next year.

Carmen Clare, Shara Toomey and Amber Tomkins
Green Team Organisers

CLOTHING POOL NEWS

Holiday Ordering

Monday 19th December, 2022 to Friday 20th January, 2023

Order Collection

Friday 27th January, 2023 8:30am to 10:00am from the Clothing Pool.

Clothing Pool is open for **sales** on Friday 27th January, 2023 from 8:30am to 10:00am (Eftpos only).

Our Clothing Pool is located at the end of the staff carpark.

Clothing Pool Ladies



NPSS P&C

CLOTHING POOL

LAST ORDERS FOR 2022

ORDER CUT OFF
3PM WEDNESDAY 7TH DEC

ORDERS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BY CLASSROOM
TEACHERS BY FRI 9TH DEC 2022

Please Note:
Clothing Pool will be closed end of Week 9

Curriculum Reform

Changes to the NSW K–2 English and Mathematics syllabuses

The NSW school curriculum has undergone the first comprehensive reform in 30 years after an extensive curriculum review and consultation.

The curriculum review has been informed by consultation with teachers and education experts from around the state, as well as a detailed examination of quality international education systems. In 2018 and 2019, parents and carers took part in the review through consultation.

Reform recommendations include the priority of building strong foundations for future learning with new English and Mathematics syllabuses for Kindergarten to Year 2. The reformed English and Mathematics K–2 syllabuses highlight foundational literacy and numeracy skills to develop competence in:

- oral language
- reading
- writing
- mathematics.

K-2 classrooms will be implementing the NSW English and Mathematics syllabuses from the beginning of 2023.