#### Term 3 Week 4

#### 2022

#### Important Dates

- \* Friday 12/8 Stage 3 Return from Canberra
- \* Tuesday 16/8
- P&C Meeting \* Wednesday 17/8 **Sports & Special Group**
- Photos \* Friday 19/8
- Superstar Assembly
- \* Wednesday 24/8 World Vision Fundraiser
- \* Friday 26/8
- **Zone Athletics Carnival** \* Monday 29/8
- **CCDF** Dress Rehearsal \* Thursday 1/9
- Fathers Day Stall
- \* Monday 5/9 Year 6 Interrelate
- \* Tuesday 6/9
- CCDF Stage 1 \* Thursday 8/9
- CCDF Stage 2
- \* Friday 9/9 P&C Colour Run
- \* Monday 12/9
- Swim School Commences







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# **Book Fair**



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 fabulous day we had celebrating Book Week and Education Week. It was so wonderful to have so many families join us and to see so many students dressed up to parade. Wow! there were some outstanding costumes! A huge thank you to Mrs Frost for her efforts in organising the extravaganza – though I feel she enjoys it just as much as the children – those dance moves rock!!!



#### Around the rooms

Last week I had a visit from Stella and Riley in 1R to show me their amazing writing about butterflies. Wow! I could not believe the standard of writing happening in our Year 1 classrooms. On Tuesday I visited all the Stage 3 classes to talk about their Canberra excursion. We had lots of discussions about places they were going to visit, predicting what the highlights would be, and lining students up to encourage the teachers to take the giant drop at Questacon! There were many excited faces as I waved them off on Wednesday morning, I am looking forward to hearing all the stories when they return.



Congratulations to Jaxen G. (KE), Kleo P. and Harrison McB. (KM), Joshua K. (1H), Aria B. and Stella D. (1R), Poppy B-D. and Athena P. (2C), Zack G. (3J) and Isabella L. (3M) for reading for 100 nights. Fabulous work everyone!

#### **Congratulations!**

A huge congratulations to two of our amazing SLSO's, Mrs Monique Gavenlock and Mrs Kris Shackleton who were awarded the Public Education Awards of Appreciation.

Mrs Gavenlock was acknowledged for her outstanding dedication to her role as SLSO in our support unit, constantly devising strategies and activities to support the emotional and academic needs of students.

Mrs Shackleton was acknowledged for being a reliable and diligent SLSO who always provides dependable, emotional and academic support in any environment, under any circumstances for staff and students.

#### A visit from our local MP

This week we had a visit from our local federal member of Parliament, Dr. Gordan Reid. Dr. Reid was disappointed that he missed our Stage 3 students by one week at Parliament house, however Lia, Hannah, Alexis and Alex loved meeting him and congratulating him on his election win. Dr. Reid came to present us with some new National flags. The Aboriginal flag is now proudly displaying in the hall with the Australian flag.

#### School Works

This week work has started on replacing the "softfall" under the playground equipment in the bottom playground. The "softfall" was purchased in Term 1 but unfortunately, the weather delayed the installation.

We are looking forward to seeing the finished product and having the students playing safely on the equipment again.

Have a wonderful fortnight.

Lyndal Coleman **Principal** 

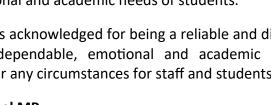
Did you know? An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

#### PHOTO DAY REMINDER

Photo day for sports and special groups will take place in Week 5 on Wednesday 17th August, 2022 from 9:00am.

Students will need to wear full school uniform on the day. The school's sports jerseys and shorts will be supplied to sports teams for their photos. Students in the Stages 1 to 3 dance groups should come with their hair done ready for their photo.

Vicki Young **Deputy Principal** 







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### **BOOK FAIR**

We would like to thank our entire community wholeheartedly for your support of our Book Fair this year. With your support, we managed to raise \$3,454 worth of funding for new books for our school Library.

#### Kayla Frost Teacher/Librarian

#### **GROK CYBER COMPETITION**

At the end of term 2, some of our Stage 3 students had the opportunity to participate in the Grok Cyber Competition. This live online competition utilises the cyber security skills and knowledge students have been developing in technology lessons and provides a chance to test these skills through online problem-solving scenarios. These scenarios developed their understanding of why it is important to protect their personal information, how to create stronger passwords, how to evaluate emails and text messages to reduce the risk of falling victim to scams and what to do if they receive a scam email or message.

Congratulations to the following students who received outstanding results in the competition: -Azriel C., Daniel D., Sam H., Christian H., Sara K., Finlay L., Satoshi M., Emelia O'M., Ebony S., Amelia T. and Maddox W.

#### Carolyn Sinclair & Catherine Clarke

#### **GAME CHANGER SEMIFINAL**

This year, 2 out of our 3 teams that participated in the Game Changer Challenge made it to the semifinal. This event was run virtually on Tuesday 2nd August, 2022.

Our teams were the Niagara Park Public School Perfect Planet consisting of Lia, Kirra, Isabel, Amber and Jasmine. The Niagara Park Public School Creative Creators consisted of Rocky, Rachel, Haylee, Mia and Matinka. This year, the problem was "we have a global challenge of ensuring healthy lives for everyone at all ages". Both teams worked collaboratively and creatively to design solutions to this problem and pitch their ideas to the judges. We all had a fun and challenging day and will find out who made it to the finals on the 18th August, 2022.



A big thank you to Sallie-Anne who was our student mentor and helped both teams generate ideas and stay focused.

#### Carolyn Sinclair Game Changer Coordinator

### **SPORTS REPORTS**

#### <u>AFL</u>

On Monday 25th July, 2022 the Niagara Park Public School AFL Team headed off to Bateau Bay Oval to compete in the PSSA Knockout. Having played in the Paul Kelly cup last term, the team were full of confidence for their first game but came up against a strong Avoca Beach Public School team, unfortunately losing our first game. They bounced back in the second game courageously beating Bateau Bay Public School then finished off the day with an extremely close result against another strong team in Berkeley Vale Public School.



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I would like to thank the parents/carers for bringing their child to the oval on the day and congratulate all of the Niagara Park Public School students involved, they all showed great determination and teamwork throughout the day.

#### Blake Hormann AFL Coordinator

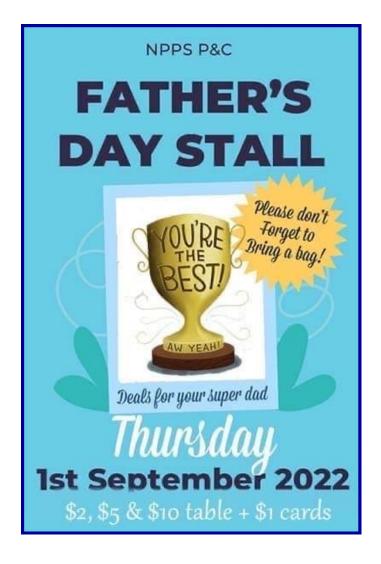
#### **BASKETBALL**

Last Friday, our Niagara Park Public School girls Basketball team headed off to our PSSA gala day. Many girls had never played Basketball before, but their expert skills in Netball gave them the confidence to tackle a new sport!

Our first game was against Narara Public School, with the first half being a tight battle. The girls came out flying in the second half, stamping their authority on the game and coming away with a fantastic win. The next game was against Kincumber Public School. The girls battled and grinded their way through the game, unfortunately falling short with the result. I am extremely proud of the girls for their sportsmanship and efforts throughout the day.



#### Blake Hormann Basketball Coordinator



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