

Term 3 Week 10
2022



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Important Dates

- * Friday 23/9
Term 3 Ends
- * Monday 10/10
Term 4 Commences for
all students K-6
- * Thursday 13/10
Buddy Bench Launch
Day
- * Friday 14/10
K-2 Sports Carnival
- * Wednesday 19/10
Bandfest
- * Tuesday 25/10
P&C Meeting 6:30pm
- * Thursday 27/10
P&C Mufti Day -
Sportswear
- * Friday 28/10
Grandparents Day
- * Wednesday 2/11
K Start Commences
Groups 1 & 2
- * Friday 11/11
Superstar Assembly

P&C Colour Explosion



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 that it is the end of Term 3 already! It seems like we only just began the term – but what a term we have had. From our Book Week celebrations to the Stage 3 Canberra trip, multiple sporting events, Central Coast Dance Festival and of course, the P&C's Colour Explosion I'm exhausted now just thinking about it. I hope everyone has a restful and relaxing holiday and returns in Term 4 ready to go again.

Congratulations to Maximus M. (KE), Marlee H., Issabella C. (1H), Ava D. (2C), Blake McL. (2G), Eliza Vassallo and Dominic L-M. (3M) for reading 100 nights and also to Niamh A. (KM), Ashlyn L. (2C), Chloe B. (4T) and Lia R. (5G) for reading 200 nights.

A great end to Term 3 – Pirate Day and Fun Fair

On Monday our Kinder students had their Pirate theme day. I got to visit and see the floating pirate ships they each made and helped to make some pirate hats. It was so wonderful to see all our Kinder children working together and having so much fun.

Thank you to our Year 6 students for their amazing efforts at our Year 6 Fun Fair on Tuesday. While this event is about Year 6 raising money for the end of year farewell and a present to the



school, it is a day of great fun for all students K-6. Thank you to Miss Carr, Mr Dawkins and Mrs Atkinson for all your organisation.

Congratulations!

Huge congratulations to Francis who received a 2022 Minster's Award for Excellence for her achievement with her Community Language School. Francis got to attend a special award ceremony and was presented her certificate by Mr Murat Dizdar the Deputy Secretary, School Performance.

P&C Colour Explosion

What a fabulous event our Colour Explosion was. It was a shame that we moved to the wet weather course during the day and ended up having sunshine – but I don't think it affected the fun that was had!

A huge thank you again to our wonderful P&C for organising the event, to our parent volunteers who gave up their time to assist at the event, to Mr Curry who washed away all the colour, to our staff for making it the fun that it was and of course, to our students and families for their amazing fundraising efforts. Together we have managed to raise \$16,351.86! This is an outstanding achievement and we can now look forward to seeing what the P&C purchase for our school – many fantastic ideas were discussed at Tuesday's meeting.

**Change to COVID-19 isolation requirements**

The isolation period for positive COVID-19 cases has been reduced from 7 days to 5 days for people with no symptoms at 5 days.

In our mainstream setting, staff, students and visitors who have tested positive to COVID-19 must:

- complete 5 days of isolation from the date they tested positive
- be symptom-free before returning to school. If symptoms remain after Day 5, they must continue following NSW Health guidelines to self-isolate and undertake a rapid antigen test (RAT)
- complete a RAT and return a negative result before attending school on Days 6 and 7 after testing positive to COVID-19, and
- wear a mask on Days 6 and 7 when attending school (for all staff and those students aged 12 years and older).

Due to the higher risk associated with some school settings and activities, the 7-day isolation period will remain for staff, students and visitors who have tested positive to COVID-19 and work at or attend our support unit, assisted transport and overnight excursions.

Staff, students and visitors may return to these higher-risk settings after isolating for 7 days from the date they tested positive, if they are symptom-free on their seventh day of isolation.

Masks continue to be required for all workers who support our students in our support unit and for staff working in Assisted Travel programs.

Inclusive, Engaging and Respectful School Package

The Inclusive, Engaging and Respectful (IER) Schools package was announced in February this year by NSW Minister for Education and Early Learning, Hon. Sarah Mitchell. It centres on three new policies and procedures and a framework that together set the guidelines for how we ensure all children and young people can learn through public education in a safe and engaging way. The IER School package includes the:

- Inclusive Education Policy for students with disability
- Student Behaviour Policy and Procedures
- Restrictive Practices Framework and Restrictive Practices Reduction and Elimination Policy and Procedures.

With these new policies, we want all students to:

- be included in all aspects of school life and supported to learn to their fullest capability
- be supported in engaging, respectful, and effective classrooms with positive and inclusive practices
- feel welcomed, valued and safe in our schools and classroom

Two of the policies are new: the Inclusive Education Policy; and the Restrictive Practices Framework and Policy. Both clarify *existing* legal obligations, effective, appropriate and prohibited practices and the rights of students, parents and carers.

The Student Behaviour Policy replaces the Student Discipline in Government Schools and Suspension and Expulsion Policy. The key change is the approach all NSW public schools will take to address disruptive or inappropriate behaviour by a student. The duration of a suspension will be reduced along with the number of suspensions across a school year. Every school will be able to draw on the support of a range of staff including, behaviour specialists to effectively address issues resulting in these behaviours in order to prevent future escalations. We will continue to work closely with you and all our families.

It does not mean however, that students who are violent or seriously disrupt the learning and wellbeing of others, will be kept at school. Any student who puts the safety of other students, teachers and staff or visitors at risk of harm – will be suspended until it is safe for them to return.

The Inclusive Education Policy for students with disability and the Student Behaviour Policy become operational in Term 4, 2022 and the Restrictive Practices Policy becomes operational in Term 1, 2023.

The staff and I are reviewing our current approach to all of the areas covered by these policies and will share any changes we believe need to be made with you next term.

Our school already takes a strong, positive student-centred approach, but we want to work with you to ensure, together, every student has the right support at the right time to help them grow into confident, resilient adults.

For more information on these policies, please visit the [NSW Department of Education website](#).

Have a wonderful holiday, look forward to seeing you all next term!

Lyndal Coleman
Principal

Did you know?

The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.

SUPERSTAR ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to the following students who received their Superstar certificates at today's Superstar assembly.

One Star

Marlee H. (1H)	Joshua K. (1H)	Kaleb F. (1H)
Zavier L. (1R)	Stella D. (1R)	James S. (1R)
Amelia E. (3J)	Ella E. (3M)	

Two Star

Ryan C. (2F)	Tilly G. (2F)	Nicolas A. (2F)
Jake L. (3J)	Benjamin K. (3J)	Ashley M. (3M)
Dominic L-M. (3M)	Bille M. (3M)	Grace G. (3M)
Emie R. (4H)		

Three Star

Sophie M. (4H)	Imogen H. (4L)	Oscar W. (5S)
William B. (5T)		

Four Star

Ella-Jane P. (4L)	Esther H. (4T)	Tanaya W. (6A)
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Six Star

Mia G. (5T)	Heidi B. (6A)
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Watch this space to read about our Big Mover recipient next term.

Vicki Young
Deputy Principal

SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME

During Week 9, our amazing Year 2 students participated in the School Swim Scheme. They demonstrated great behaviour as they walked to and from the pool and made fantastic progress with their swimming. They should all be so proud of themselves!

A huge thank you to Ms Figallo for organising this wonderful opportunity for the students, to our SLSOs for their help with making it run smoothly, and to 5 Star Swim School for the fun lessons!

Stephanie Goldie
Year 2 Classroom Teacher









NIAGARA PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

TERM 4 Calendar 2022

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Oct	10 October	11	12	13 Buddy Bench Launch Day 	14 K-2 Sports Carnival 
2 Oct	17 Check in Assessments Yrs 3, 4 & 5	18	19 Scripture Bandfest 	20	21
3 Oct	24 Check in Assessments Yrs 3, 4 & 5	25 P&C Meeting	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	11 Superstar Assembly 
6 Nov	14	15 P&C Meeting	16 Scripture K Start	17	18
7 Nov	21	22	23 K Start 	24	25
8 Nov/Dec	28	29	30 Scripture Christmas Assembly  K Start	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
11 Dec	19	20 SDD No Students	21 School Holidays	22	23