

Important Dates

- * Monday 12/9
Swim School
Commences
- * Interrelate Program
for Year 6 Begins
- * Kindergarten Bush
Picnic Excursion
- * Thursday 15/9
CCDF - Stage 3
- * Tuesday 20/9
P&C Meeting
- * Wednesday 21/9
Musica Viva
- * Thursday 22/9
Year 6 Fun Fair
- * Friday 23/9
Superstar Assembly
- * Term 3 Ends
- * Monday 10/10
Term 4 Commences for
all students K-6
- * Friday 14/10
K-2 Sports Carnival
- * Tuesday 25/10
P&C Meeting 6:30pm
- * Thursday 27/10
P&C Mufti Day -
Sportswear
- * Friday 28/10
Grandparents Day

Central Coast Dance Festival



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 it is Week 8 already! This term is flying by! I hope all our father figures had a happy Father's Day last Sunday and that you enjoyed your gifts purchased at the P&C Father's Day stall. Thank you to our wonderful P&C volunteers who gave up their day to ensure our students had this opportunity.

Congratulations to Sora M. (KS), Vivienne C. (1H), Verah B. (1R), Henry B., Juvan H. and Sophia (2C), Isobel McL. and Orlando B. (2F), Lydia M. (2G), Arthur B. (3J), Janco H. (4H), Alexander H. and Harper L. (4L) for reading for 100 nights and also to Mackenzie M. (KM), Lincoln B. (1H), Lachlan C. and Thomas P. (2F), Charlotte C. (2G), Liam M. and Jake L. (3J), Erica K., Kaleah M., Morgan B. and Benjamin P. (4H), Evie H. and Esther H. (4T), Lucia B. and Alexander C. (5G), Liam B. (5T) and Joshua K. (6A) for reading 200 nights! Well done everyone!

Persuasive Writers

This week, I have had some visits from some very persuasive Year 2 students. Poppy from 2F has presented me with a persuasive letter asking for buddy benches to be introduced into the school and Charli and Ivy from 2G presented me with their writing trying to persuade me to get monkey bars in the school. What great writers our Year 2 students are!

P&C Colour Explosion

There is a lot of excitement around today as we prepare for the P&C Colour Explosion this afternoon! A huge thank you to the P&C who have coordinated the event, Mr Hormann and Mr Winter who have designed our colour run course, all our volunteers and staff who will make the event the splash of colour it will be and of course, all our families and students who have raised the funds for new resources for our school! We will have photos to share on Facebook over the weekend and in our final newsletter for the term.

Congratulations – Champion Spellers!

Two of our spelling champions competed this week in the Regional Spelling Bee finals. Rachel did an amazing job lasting until Round 5 where she was unfortunately eliminated, along with many others. Huge congratulations to Dasha who WON the final and will now progress to the State finals in Term 4. Well done Dasha, what an outstanding achievement!

**SASS Recognition Week – September 5-9**

Every year, the Public Service Association encourages the whole school community to celebrate the support staff in schools. This year more than ever, our General Assistants, Administrative staff working in the office and the Library and those working in the classroom have gone above and beyond. From swiftly rolling out rapid antigen tests, ensuring the essential functions of the school and supporting the wellbeing of students, their ongoing commitment to our school has been nothing short of remarkable. Throughout this week, teaching staff have been ensuring our SAS staff know how valued they are and the P&C have put on a morning tea for them to show their appreciation. This year's theme for recognition week is 'Essential to schools, Essential to the community' – I couldn't have said it better myself! Please join me in recognising our wonderful School Administration and Support Staff, not just this week, but always.

Central Coast Dance Festival

The Central Coast Dance Festival has begun this week with our Stage 1 and Stage 2 dancers having already done their performances. Our Stage 3 group will have their turn next week. Congratulations to all our dancers.

A huge thank you to all the staff who have made this possible from creating dances and running rehearsals at school. A special thank you must go to Miss Toomey, Mrs. Kell, Mrs. Atkinson, Miss Christensen, Miss Goldie, Ms. Hextall, Mrs Flood and Miss Ross for their supervision and a huge thank you also to Mrs. Frost and Mrs. McLoughlin who will be there for all 6 nights. Without you being so generous with your time, our students would not get these experiences, so thank you! What a team!

NAPLAN

This week we have sent home the NAPLAN results for Years 3 and 5. These provide a snapshot of achievement in the essential skills of reading, writing and mathematics – skills that will set them upon the path to success as adults. NAPLAN allows parents and carers to see how their child is progressing in literacy and numeracy against the national standards and compared with their peers throughout Australia. At the classroom level, NAPLAN provides additional information to support teachers' professional judgement about student progress. At the school level, it also helps to further identify students for targeted support along with internal school measures as well as the opportunity to evaluate school wide programs, achievements and areas for improvement.

Due to not having NAPLAN in 2020, there is no school growth data for Year 5 students, however our school results against our premiers priority targets are very pleasing. In reading, we had 52.46% of our Year 3 students in the top two bands and 54.79% of our Year 5 students. In Numeracy, 32.69% of our Year 3 students and 29.41% of Year 5 students were in the top two bands. What fabulous results considering

the two years we have had with interruptions due to covid – a credit to our students, parents and of course our outstanding teaching staff.

Have a wonderful fortnight.

Lyndal Coleman
Principal

Did you know?

A kangaroo can't jump unless its tail is touching the ground.

PACER (Parliament & Civics Education Rebate)

Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government contributed funding of \$30.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

SPORTS NEWS

Basketball

Our superstar basketball team ventured to Lake Haven on Tuesday 30th August, 2022 to take on Warnervale Public School. It was a very close and competitive match that had the coaches and parents biting their nails in anticipation from the very first minute! All of the players from both sides played a tremendous game however, Niagara Park came out on top winning, with a score of 38-32.



A special thank you to Mr. Uriel for his help throughout the game. Thank you also to Ms Clarke for her assistance with the match. Well done team!

Elliot Dawkins
Basketball Coordinator

ATHLETICS

On Friday 26th August, 2022 our Niagara Park Athletics team travelled to Mingara Athletics Centre to compete at the 2022 Brisbane Water Zone Athletics Carnival.

Our team was made up of 40 students across years 2-6 who competed in all track and field events. Thankfully the forecasted rain did not arrive and allowed a full day of competition between all the school within our zone. All of the students represented themselves and our school with great pride and determination. Every competitor did their very best and we are proud to say, we have a number of students that achieved selection in the Sydney North Athletics Carnival in Week 10.



Congratulations to Luca B. - 11 years high jump, Jasmine M. - 11 years discus and shot put, Kirra M. - 11 years 100m and high jump, Lia R. - 12/13 years 100m and 200m, Liam M. - junior 1500m, Denzel S. - 11 years 100m.

A big thanks to all the family members who attended the carnival to support our team. A particular thanks to Mr & Mrs Rawnsley who accepted the responsibility of being our Niagara Park Public School team managers on the day.

Luke Thompson & Ben Winter
Zone Athletics Coordinators



Compulsory School Attendance



What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence.

How can I explain my child's absence at Niagara Park Public School?

- You will receive a text message on the day your child is absent. If you reply to the text message your child's absence will be explained. Please note if you have multiple children away on the day, you will need to include all children's names in the reply, so each child's absence is explained.
- Send in a written note to your child's classroom teacher.
- Phone the school and let the office staff know.
- Send a message to the classroom teacher on Class Dojo.
- If you don't explain your child's absence, you will receive a reminder note from school. Please return the tear off slip within 7 days to explain your child's absence.

Free family fun at the Parliament of NSW

Friday 7 October 10am to 3pm

FREE ENTRY

Cartooning Workshop
Draw people and objects with the award-winning illustrator and cartoonist Eric Lobbecke. Every half hour from 11:00am, finishing at 2:00pm.

Vote for me!
Learn how to vote with the NSW Electoral Commission. Every half hour from 10:00am.

Mock Committee Hearing
Have your say as a participant in our committee hearings. Every half hour from 10:00am.

\$4 Democracy Sausage

The Public Café open

AUSLAN interpreters available

Visit us at Australia's oldest Parliament as it opens its doors for **Family Fun Day**, an open day packed with free, fun activities for children from 4 to 12 years and their families. In addition to the above, there will be many activities on offer for families to enjoy, including craft, tours of our historic chambers, roving musicians and more...! (You might even get to meet some very important people.)

BOOK NOW

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
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WHERE
6 Macquarie Street, Sydney - opposite Martin Place

MORE INFORMATION
www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/events

Go4Fun
Central Coast Local Health District

FREE healthy lifestyle program

10-week program for 7 to 13-year-old kids and their families*
Go for healthy eating advice, active games and positive changes for the whole family. Most importantly, go for fun!
*contact us to see if it will suit your family

Register now: call 1800 780 900 or visit go4fun.com.au

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