

Important Dates

- * Tuesday 24/10
P&C Meeting 7:00pm
- * Thursday 26/10
Year 6 Fun Fair
- * Friday 27/10
Band Recruitment
Concert
- * Saturday 28/10
Final day for MSP
Sports & Group Photos
- * Thursday 2/11
K Start Begins 9:00am
Superstar Assembly
- * Friday 3/11
Grandparents Day
- * Thursday 9/11
Valley Schools
Leadership Night
- * Friday 10/11
SRC World Vision
Fundraiser

Bandfest



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,

An update from Mrs Coleman

Hello all,

I just wanted to update everyone that I will not be returning next week as planned. I will now be returning on Wednesday 1st November, 2023.

All treatment so far has been going well, I am just required to take a little more time to heal under Doctor's orders.

I am really looking forward to being back soon.

Lyndal Coleman
Principal

It's hard to believe that we are in the final term of 2023. Students have returned to school refreshed from their holiday break and ready to participate in all the fun activities that Term 4 brings.

Sydney North Athletics Carnival

A huge congratulations to Lia R., Zahli F., Ava D., Jasmine M., Liam M., and Lennox T. who represented Brisbane Water Zone at the Sydney North Athletics Carnival last week. This was a fantastic achievement and we are so proud of them for reaching such an elite level in their chosen sport. Special mention and congratulations goes to Zahli F. who will be

progressing to represent Sydney North at the NSW State Athletics Carnival. We wish her every success!

Home Reading

Congratulations to the following students for reading 100 nights: Mallory D (KE), Emilia T (KS) and Kendrix M. (2C).

Congratulations to the following students for reading 200 nights: Amity S. (KS), Bella C. (2C), Emilia L. (2M) and Benjamin P. (5T).

Niagara Park Public School Parent Survey 2023

Each year we seek your feedback via our parent survey, with a view to ensuring all members of our school community are provided with opportunity to contribute their ideas and opinions.

Please find below the link to our Parent Survey 2023. This survey will help us to better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will assist us in identifying what works and what we could do to improve student outcomes. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary and all responses are anonymous. Please click on the link below or cut and paste into your browser.

<https://forms.gle/XIJa7DCx1FYzm3dC8>

Thank you for taking the time to provide your feedback.

Year 5 families - Selective High School Placement 2025

Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2025 opened on 9th October, 2023 and will **close on 20th November, 2023** at the link below.

Information and an "intention to apply" note has been sent home with Year 5 students. Please return your "intention to apply" slip to the office as soon as possible. This is not your application; however it is used for school records and allows us to follow up on students who are applying. Parents can apply online at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

MSP Sports and Special Group Photos

Flyers were sent home this week with students who had their photo taken as part of a sporting team or special group last term. Please refer to the information on the flyer when placing your order. All orders must be placed online with MSP **prior to 28th October, 2023** so as not to incur a late fee. Please do not send any orders or money in to the school. If you wish to view your child's photo prior to ordering, we have an album of the photos taken available for viewing at the front office.

Hall Update

Re-flooring of our school hall is complete and it looks amazing! We are now waiting for the painters to come in to refresh the painted surfaces and the refurbishment will be complete.

New Signage

We have new signage at various points around the school, including at delivery and entry gates. In addition, we have 8 new School Rules posters installed near play and high traffic areas and our long awaited Yarning Circle protocols have also been installed in lower Area 2.

Twilight Session - Professional Learning for Staff

As previously advised, staff will participate in 2 twilight professional learning sessions this term in lieu of a staff development day on Tuesday 19th December, 2023. The first of these sessions will be held on Tuesday 24th October, 2023 where staff will be attending an On Country familiarisation at Staples Lookout. To ensure adequate time for travel to the venue, there will be **no staff onsite to answer calls once afternoon dismissal has taken place on that day.**

2024 Enrolments – new arrivals and families leaving

The school is currently accepting enrolments for 2024. If you know of families intending to enrol who are moving into the area, please let them know to phone the school office. Alternatively, we now have online enrolments available via our website. If you are looking at moving away from the area in 2024, could you also please contact the school office so that we are aware of any changes when planning for our 2024 classes.

Reports

Over the coming weeks, our teachers will be very busy completing, analysing and grading assessments to determine student academic performance in order to complete the Semester 2 reports. Please try to ensure your child is present every day that they are well enough to do so. Academic reports will be sent home on **Thursday 14th December, 2023**.

Last day of Term 4 for students

Just a reminder that the last day of school for students in 2023 is **Friday 15th December, 2023**.

Have a lovely weekend.

Vicki Young

Principal (Relieving)

BANDFEST

This week our two bands, the Geckos and Goannas, both performed at Newcastle City Hall for Bandfest.

On Monday, the Goannas played Iron Heart, Feel it Still, Seven National Army and Handclap. They placed 4th out of 13 bands due to their amazing performance. Lia was recognised for her wonderful talent and received a Rising Star award, only two students out of 200 were given that award. What a fantastic achievement!

On Wednesday, the Geckos played Surprise Symphony, Power Rock, Majestic March and Let's Rock. It was their first time performing at Bandfest and they did wonderfully! They received a commended award for their performance and great feedback from the adjudicators.

All students should be so proud of their performances and behaviour throughout Bandfest, they represented our school with pride!

A huge thank you to Pauline, Rowen, our band families, Miss Goldie and Ms. Clarke for making this event such a successful one for our students.

Stephanie Goldie & Catherine Clarke

Bandfest Coordinators

WORLD VISION FUNDRAISER

On Friday 10th November, 2023 our SRC will be holding a fundraiser for World Vision. We are asking students to bring a gold coin donation to help support our World Vision sponsored children. Please note this is not a mufti day.

SRC Team



Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment*
- ✓ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:



For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:

Saver Plus NSW / ACT Team

SaverPlusNSWACT@thesmithfamily.com.au

1300 610 355

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Find out more at saverplus.org.au

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

SCHOOL EXPECTATION FOCUS

14 - WEEKS 1 AND 2



BE RESPECTFUL



Speak politely
and be friendly.



School Student Travel

Term 4 2023

2024 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a new or replacement School Opal card or travel pass for 2024 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement because of a new shared parental arrangement (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details **before the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and travel passes remain valid for the start of the 2024 school year. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade (i.e. grade two to grade three), the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), we will send an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2024.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

Changes to your bus service provider

Within Greater Sydney, a number of bus service providers have changed their names.

Parents intending to lodge an application for a School Opal card will need to visit [transportnsw.info trip planner](#) to obtain the correct bus operator name servicing your area prior to lodging an application.

Travel from Term 1 2024

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for 2024 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel open at the start of Term 4 2023, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a busy period for local transport operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Students using School Opal cards are also reminded that they must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Further information can be found at [Plan your trip to school | transportnsw.info](#)

Enquiries can be submitted at [Fares, concessions, tickets & top-up feedback | transportnsw.info](#)



NIAGARA PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

Term 4 Calendar 2023

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Oct	9 October	10	11 <i>Scripture Years 3-6</i> SISA Years K-2	12	13
2 Oct	16 Bandfest -Goanna Cooinda Cup Interrelate	17	18 <i>Scripture Years K-2</i> SISA Years 3-6 Bandfest Gecko	19	20
3 Oct	23 Interrelate	24 P&C Meeting	25 <i>Scripture Years 3-6</i> SISA Years K-2	26 Year 6 Fun Fair	Band Recruitment Concert World Teachers Day
4 Oct/Nov	30	31	1 November <i>Scripture Years K-2</i> SISA Years 3-6	2 <i>Superstar Assembly K Start</i>	3 Grandparents Day
5 Nov	6 Lisarow High Transition Year 5	7	8 <i>Scripture Years 3-6</i> SISA Years K-2 P&C Disco	9 VSLC Leadership night <i>K Start</i>	10 World Vision Fundraiser
6 Nov	13	14	15 <i>Scripture Years K-2</i> SISA Years 3-6	16 <i>K Start</i>	17
7 Nov	20 Narara Valley High Taster lessons for TSP, CAPA and STEP	21 P&C Meeting	22 <i>Scripture Years 3-6</i> SISA Years K-2	23 <i>K Start</i>	24
8 Nov/Dec	27 Narara Valley High First Nations Transition Day	28 NSW Public High School 2024 Year 7 Orientation Day Narara Valley High Parent Information session	29 <i>Scripture Years K-2</i> SISA Years 3-6	30 <i>Superstar Assembly K Start Meet and Greet 11:30 am</i>	1 December P&C Mufti Xmas
9 Dec	4	5 Presentation Day	6 SISA Years K-2	7 Kindergarten Party day Year 6 Farewell	8 Year 1 Party day Year 6 Party day Band concert for parents
10 Dec	11 Year 2 Party day	12 Year 6 Motiv8	13 Term 4 Rewards event	14 Stage 2 Party day Year 5 Party day	15 Last Day of Term 4 for students.
11 Dec	18 SDD No Students	19 SDD No Students	20 School Holidays	21	22

Uniform Shop: Open Thursday mornings 8:30 am – 9:00 am

P&C Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the school staffroom