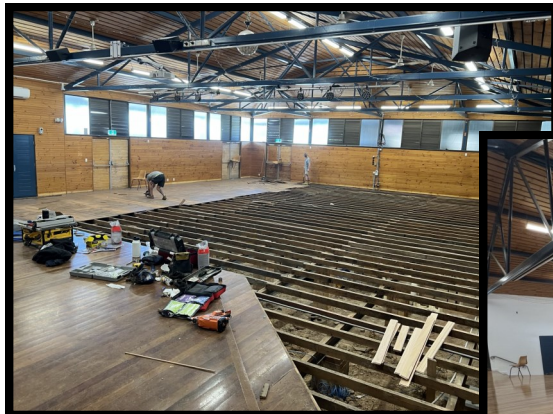


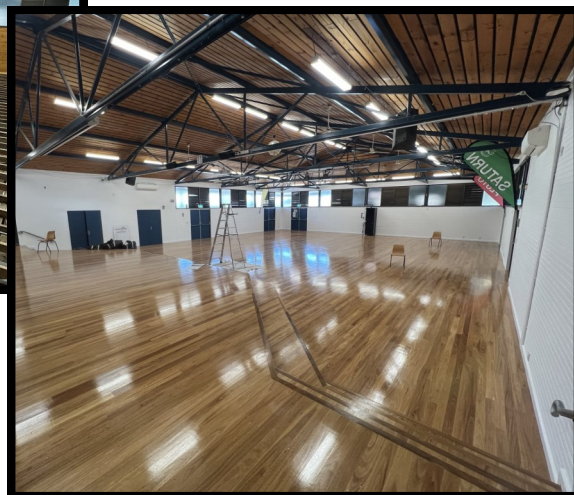
Important Dates

- * Monday 6/11
Yr 5 Lisarow HS
Transition
- * Wednesday 8/11
P&C Disco
K-2 5:00pm to 6:30pm
3-6 7:00pm to 8:30pm
- * Thursday 9/11
- K Start 9:00am
- Valley Schools
Leadership Night
- * Friday 10/11
SRC World Vision
Fundraiser
- * Thursday 16/11
K Start 9:00am

Our hall is complete!



Before



After

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,

It's been another busy 2 weeks at Niagara Park Public School!

Welcome back Mrs Coleman!

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Mrs Coleman back to school this week. I am sure that everyone in our school community will continue to show their support as she progresses into the final stages of her treatment throughout Term 4.

I would like to also take this opportunity to thank all school staff, in particular our amazing executive staff for their outstanding efforts in taking on additional duties throughout Lyndal's absence, as well as the support they have shown me in my role as relieving Principal.

Staffing News

We have wonderful news to share! It is with great excitement that we can announce that Miss Ella Searle and Mr Blake Hormann will be expecting their first baby in 2024! Congratulations to them both and we wish them well on this exciting journey.

Home Reading

Congratulations to the following students for reading 100 nights:
Wyatt H. (KS).

Congratulations to the following students for reading 200 nights:

Xander McL. and Johnny R. (1G), Jemma A. and Aria B. (2C), Natalie B. and Charlotte C. (3F), Zach H. (3M), Savannah R. (3/4T) and Tayeisha T. (5T).

Well done everyone.

Year 6 Fun Fair

Congratulations to our Year 6 students who held a very successful Fun Fair on Monday to raise funds for their end of year farewell. Students had a fabulous time participating in all the fun activities on offer.

A huge 'thank you' to our Stage 3 teachers and to the many other staff members who contributed to the organisation and smooth running of the day.

Police Liaison Officer Visit

Police Liaison Officers visited our school on Tuesday to deliver a talk to students in Stages 2 and 3. A range of topics were discussed with a view to making students more aware of behaviours that are acceptable and the possible consequences of unacceptable behaviours, including cyber-bullying.

Road Safety

To ensure the safety of all members of our school community, we are encouraging everyone to promote road safety and to discuss with your children the need to be vigilant at all times when travelling to and from school. Teachers re-visit road safety education with students in classrooms on a regular basis. As primary role models, parents/carers are reminded to set the best example by using the school crossings, avoid accessing the staff carpark and using the pathways in the community carparks when entering or leaving the school grounds.

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. Thank you for taking the time to provide your feedback. The survey window will close on Friday 17th November, 2023.

<https://forms.gle/XJJa7DCx1FYzm3dC8>

Year 5 families: Selective High School Placement 2025

Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2025 opened on Monday 9th October, 2023 and will close on Monday 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>

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 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 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

Relieving Principal

Message from Mrs Coleman

It is so wonderful to be back at school and amongst our Niagara Park Public School family once again.

Firstly, I want to thank everyone for their ongoing support throughout this year. A huge thank you to Mrs Young who has filled my shoes as Principal and Mrs Melvin who stepped into the Deputy Principal role. It was comforting to know the school was in very capable hands in my absence. Furthermore, thank you to all the executive team who have stepped up and taken on extra responsibilities as well as all the staff as I acknowledge that everyone is affected when there is a change in leadership. I am ever so grateful and thankful that we have such an amazing team here at Niagara Park Public School, without that I would not have been able to take the time I needed to rest and recuperate as I did.

Over the coming weeks I will still be taking some leave and working part time as I move into the final stages of my treatment – radiation. Mrs Young and Mrs Melvin will continue to step up into the roles of Principal and Deputy Principal in my absence and together we will make it to the end of 2023!

I have had a wonderful start to my return to school - my first morning back I visited the Breakfast Shack where I was greeted by so many of our students welcoming me back - it is so special to feel loved. It was so wonderful to see the Breakfast Shack up and running as it was in final planning stages when I went on leave. I want to give a huge thanks to our amazing SLSO team who coordinate this each morning and to our school leaders who assist - what a wonderful way for so many to start their day.

On Thursday I spent time in the K Start rooms meeting all our new little ones. It was great to meet some of our new parents and say hi to the familiar faces! Finally, today I got to spend time with all our grandparents and grandfriends having a cuppa and enjoying a fabulous concert! What a return to work!

I am looking forward to catching up with you all over the coming weeks!

Lyndal Coleman

Principal

SUPERSTAR ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to the following students on received their Superstar certificates.

One Star

Jacob W.	(K/6C)	Harley W.	(K/6I)	Tanisha M.	(K/6T)
Harrison Mc.B	(1G)	Safayet S.	(1G)	Aysha R.	(1G)
Hannah P.	(1H)	Kacey H.	(1H)	Layla O’N.	(1H)
Martha H.	(1Y)	Lani C.	(1Y)	Crystal S.	(1Y)
Jared G.	(1Y)	Caden T.	(2M)	Harlo H.	(5T)

Two Star

Bane D.	(K/6T)	Skye D.	(3F)	Max W.	(3M)
Luke H.	(3M)				

Three Star

Liam M.	(3M)	Michael D.	(5T)	Jayden R.	(5T)
Cameron R.	(6A)	Ayza F-W.	(6A)	Lamorna S.	(6A)
Liam S.	(6T)	Emerson B.	(6T)		

Four Star

Zander M.	(4/5H)	Phoenix S.	(5G)	Lucia B.	(6T)
Lucas H.	(6T)	Jesse R.	(6T)		

Six Star

Rachel K.	(6A)	Matinka DeK.	(6A)	Malia McF.	(6T)
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Eight Star

Mia G.	(6T)				
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BIG MOVER AWARD - William B. (6T)

William has shown notable progress during his educational journey. He consistently displays qualities that make him an asset to the classroom. He is known for his kindness and caring nature, which contributes to a positive classroom environment. William's strong work ethic and high personal expectations have driven his academic achievements. His peers appreciate his pleasant personality, making him a well-liked classmate.

Furthermore, William's natural curiosity is evident as he consistently asks insightful questions and displays an eagerness to learn. Throughout his primary school experience, William has made significant strides, showcasing his dedication and potential as a student.

Congratulations William.

Tennielle Melvin

Deputy Principal (Rel.)

YEAR 6 FUN FAIR

On Monday, our wonderful Year 6 students organised fun activities and games for the students of Niagara Park Public School.

Our Year 6 students do this each year as a major fundraiser for their Year 6 farewell. They have spent the past 8 weeks planning and working as teams to develop their stall/activity. Our Fun Fair was a great success with many students saying 'how awesome' the Fun Fair was.

I would like to commend our Year 6 students on their hard work and dedication throughout the planning process and a big thank you for the school community getting involved and supporting our students.

Elliot Dawkins

Stage 3 Coordinator



STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

On Country with Stu McMinn from Gawura Cultural Immersions

On Tuesday 24th October, 2023 our staff headed up to Staples Lookout for an afternoon of First Nation Culture. We started with a delicious afternoon tea supplied by Auntie Katherine from Walu-Windiriaay. They use traditional ingredients they have personally harvested from the bush.

Menu:

Saltbush Damper bread with warrigal greens sea celery dip

Cinnamon Myrtle muffins

Kangaroo Curry and Wattleseed Damper

Lemon Myrtle Cordial

Strawberry gum cheesecake

We then headed down the road and into the bush where we walked down to Pudikan sacred site. On this tour we explored local cultural sacred sites and learned about their significance. Stu talked about local songlines and the significance the cultural landscape plays in the creation and religious beliefs of First Nations people. It was designed to give a window into First Nations beliefs and practices. Our staff deepened their knowledge of First Nations people and through the immersion gained a greater appreciation for cultural perspective and showing them how cultural thinking could or may influence their teaching practice and how to embed it into their programs.

Ali Carlisle

Aboriginal Education Coordinator

BRO SPEAK AND SISTA SPEAK MENTORS FOR 2023 or 2024

We are currently running our Sista Speak and Bro Speak programs with our students in Years 3 to 6 without a mentor. For a short time we had a Sista Speak mentor, however she was unable to continue.

We are desperately reaching out to see if there are any First Nations members of our school community who would be interested in helping us through sharing knowledge and experiences with our students. The girls meet on Monday afternoons between 2:00pm and 2:55pm and the boys meet on Tuesdays between 2:00pm and 2:55pm. However, we can be very flexible to suit the schedule of any volunteers willing to assist.

Blake Hormann is currently working towards the boys building relationships with each other through sharing stories and teamwork based indigenous games. They have made talking sticks for our yarning circle and have an interest in music, dance and other forms of indigenous art.

This term Ali Carlisle is working with the girls on connecting to Country, writing a personalised Acknowledgement of Country and a 'Who Am I' project. The girls are interested in art, dance, weaving and the Dreaming.

If you feel as though you or someone you know may be interested, please contact the school and either Ali Carlisle or Blake Hormann will reach out to you or you can contact them directly via email or phone to answer any questions or discuss ideas.

We appreciate any support you can offer.

Ali Carlisle

Aboriginal Education Coordinator

Blake Hormann

Niagara Park Public School Bro Speak Facilitator



SCHOOL EXPECTATION FOCUS

14 - WEEKS 5 AND 6



BE PROUD



Always do
your best.



Wed 8 Nov

NPPS P&C PRESENTS

NPPS SCHOOL DISCO

\$5 Entry **\$2.50 Sausage sizzle**

K - 2 **3 - 6**

5PM - 6.30PM **7PM - 8.30PM**

BBQ Available before both sessions, plus assorted sweets

GET YOUR TICKETS FLEXISCHOOLS APP

App purchases will close 9pm 6th Nov.

WRIST BANDS WILL BE GIVEN OUT AT SCHOOL FOR PRE-DISCO PURCHASES
CASH IS ACCEPTED ON NIGHT, WILL NEED TO LINE UP AT DESK.

NIAGARA PARK SCHOOL BAND

JOIN THE BAND!

Is your child interested in joining the school band?

The school band is now taking enrolments for 2024 and is open to all students currently in years 2-5.

No prior experience needed!

What do you need to do?

Complete an online [Expression of Interest](https://www.teachingservices.com.au/EOI) form. Your child will then meet with a music teacher at school to determine to which instrument they may be best suited.

www.teachingservices.com.au/EOI

More detailed information will then be sent home, prior to online enrolment for 2024. If your child is an existing band student with TSA, no need to re-enrol.

Learning an instrument in an ensemble is a great way to experience the social, educational and personal benefits that music and the arts have to offer! TSA provides a variety of tuition options as well as instrument hire and sales to help parents give the gift of music to their children.

TSA is a registered Creative Kids provider and delivers instrumental programs with a focus on inclusion, student engagement and well-being.

teaching services AUSTRALIA

CREATIVE KIDS

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Central Coast Family Support Services

GRANDMatters Forum

Friday 10th November 2023

9:30am - 2:30pm
Mingara Events Centre
12-14 Mingara Drive, Tumby Umbi

FREE for grandparent carers
Register on ccfss.org.au/all-events/register

Key Note Speaker

Maggie Dent
Maggie will explore the topics of "Real Kids in an Unreal World"

"We can't change the world, however we can help our children to develop emotional buoyancy and competence by experiencing life's joys and successes, as well as its challenges and setbacks. When this is done within the safety of supportive relationships — especially in families and communities — one building block at a time from birth to 12, children can grow into being the capable, independent adults we all yearn to meet one day."

This forum is to provide grandparents who have full time care of their grandchildren with accurate information, resources and support.

On the day:

- Registrations open at 8:30am
- Forum runs from 9:30am-2:30pm
- Morning tea and lunch included.
- Free childcare available.

Please join us for a day of engaging and informative guest speakers presenting topics affecting grandparent carers. Representatives from government departments and a range of community organisations will also be available to answer questions.

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CENTRAL COAST FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

GOSFORD KARIONG STORM

COME AND TRY DAY

COME AND SEE WHAT RUGBY LEAGUE IS ALL ABOUT

Saturday 4 November 2023
Sunday 11 November
Rugby Open

League Club Path
Supportive Central Coast League Club

0402 190 282

MEET THE COACHES AND PLAYERS

JOIN IN ON SOME SKILL BASED DRILLS

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