


Important Dates

- * Tuesday 21/3
Harmony Day
P&C Meeting 7:00pm
- * Monday 27/3
Henny Penny
Chicken Arrives
- * Thursday 30/3
School Photo Day
- * Monday 27/4
Henny Penny
Chickens Arrive 
- * Easter Hat Parade/
& Raffle
Superstar Assembly
Term 1 Ends
- * Monday 24/4
Staff Development Day
No Students at school
- * Tuesday 25/4
Public Holiday -
ANZAC Day
- * Wednesday 26/4
Term 2 commences
for all students K-6

Athletics Carnival



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,

How can it be Week 8 already! We have a busy 4 weeks coming up so please make sure you are keeping up to date with school events on our Facebook page, via our newsletter and from next week – via the newsfeed on the Sentral for Parents App.

Sentral App for Parents – please connect ASAP

We now have the majority of our parents connected to the Sentral app. If you are still to connect, please do so as soon as possible so that you can receive notifications on your phone in regard to student absences, upcoming events, as well as being able to keep in contact with your child's class teacher when required. Please contact the office if you are still having trouble accessing Sentral. The codes were all resent this week to families who are yet to connect.

Teacher Messaging

The SENTRAL Parent Portal allows families to message their child's classroom teacher privately, similar to the Class Dojo App used last year. Please note: all urgent information needs to be phoned through to the school office. Examples include, changes to pick up arrangements, early leavers information, messages/information required for that day. **Teacher correspondence via the Sentral app should always be non-urgent communication.**

Please do not send through messages specific to that school day to the teacher via Sentral, as they may not access the messages during the school day.

Protocol for use of teacher messaging: assume the teacher will not see or respond to messages on the same day. If a response is required by the teacher, they will make every effort to get back to you as quickly as possible. Classroom teachers' main priority is to be present and active in responding to day-to-day teaching and the wellbeing of their students. Responding to these non-urgent requests, will be handled within a reasonable time frame according to the teacher's current workload at that time. Staff have been told not to read and respond to messages between the hours of 5:00pm and 7:00am as their family time is just as valuable as yours.

National Assessment Program - Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN)

This week NAPLAN assessments started for our students in Years 3 and 5. We have been very proud of the way all students have approached the assessments with positive attitudes, knowing that they only need to try their best. Information harvested from these assessments are used by the school to drive future directions in teaching. I would like to remind everyone, these are a point in time snapshot of student progress and should not cause any distress to students. Testing is a usual part of our teaching and learning programs.

P&C AGM

A reminder the next P&C meeting is Tuesday 21st March, 2023 at 7:00pm in the Staffroom. This is the Annual General Meeting (AGM) where the P&C will vote for key positions such as President, Treasurer, Secretary etc. The P&C are a valued part of this school and they do a wonderful job managing our Canteen, running the Clothing Pool and raising funds for specific school needs.

School Gate

Hopefully you have all seen our new automated front gate on Facebook. If you are entering or exiting the gate during school hours, please ensure you shut the gate behind you when you are buzzed in and out, so that we can keep the site secure (and so Leanne doesn't have to keep running up and down the steps!). We are getting an automatic closer installed soon and we will let you know when this is in place but for now, please shut the gate.

Extended Leave

This is just a reminder that all families need to apply for any leave that equals **5 consecutive days or more**. You can apply for approval of leave by filling in the Extended Leave form and returning it to our office. A certificate will be issued for you to take with you, especially when travelling. The leave form can be found online or alternatively, contact the office and they can send it home.

Have a wonderful fortnight!

Lyndal Coleman

Principal

Did you know?

The longest one-syllable word in the English language is "screeched."

SCHOOL PHOTOS

MSP Photography will be taking class, individual and sibling photos in Week 10 on **Thursday 30th March, 2023**. Students should wear full school uniform on the day with black shoes. Each student should have received a photo flyer with their name and class on the front. Details regarding options for photo packages, prices and payment are available online by logging onto: www.msp.com.au

Some points to remember when ordering are:

Individual student names and Shoot Key numbers are printed on the flyer that students bring home. The bottom section of the flyer should be retained by you for future reference. It is preferred that all payments are to be made online directly to MSP. **Mastercard or Visa credit/debit cards are accepted.**

Spare envelopes for individual students are available at the front office, if flyers are lost or for those students who are new to the school and may not have received a personalised flyer. These envelopes do not have a Shootkey. **Payment may be made online or in cash on photo day.**

EACH CHILD WILL NEED TO BRING THEIR FLYER AND/OR SPARE ENVELOPE AND SIBLING ENVELOPES TO SCHOOL ON PHOTO DAY, NOT BEFOREHAND. Each child will take their own envelope to the photographer when it is their turn to be photographed.

Family envelopes for **sibling photos** are available at the front office on request. **These are not automatically sent home.** These envelopes also have a Shootkey, allowing parents to pay online.

**** Please ensure your children know that they are having a family photo taken and to provide MSP with their sibling photo envelope on the day, as only those who present their envelopes to MSP will have sibling photos taken.** Unfortunately, we will have no other way of knowing which families require sibling photos.

Single Parent Families

Please label your envelope/flyer as 'Mum's Copy' or 'Dad's Copy'. These photos will be kept at the office to be collected by the parent/carer who placed the order.

*Late orders after photo day must be placed online through the MSP website and will attract a late fee of \$20.00 after 7 days.

If you have any enquiries regarding ordering or payment of photo packages, please contact MSP Photography on: 49 668292 or email: admin.nhvcc@msp.com.au

Vicki Young
Deputy Principal

CENTRAL COAST DANCE FESTIVAL ENSEMBLES

This week, a number of our students travelled to Kincumber High School to audition for the Central Coast Dance Festival Ensembles.

Congratulations to Sallie-Anne, Felicity, Malia, Jasmine, Ayda, Nina, Sophie M. and Josephine, who all represented our school with pride and will be receiving 2 'role model' dojo points each for their exemplary behaviour while representing our school.

A special congratulations to: Jasmine, Nina, Sophie and Josephine who were successful in their auditions and will be representing our school and dancing in the Central Coast Dance Festival Regional Ensembles this year. Well done everyone! We are so incredibly proud of you all!

Kayla Frost
Regional Ensemble Coordinator, Central Coast Dance Festival

NEWS FROM THE GARDEN

With the warm weather over the holidays and Mr Curry watering the garden, our vegetables and herbs grew profusely.

The Green Team has been very committed weeding and harvesting the gardens. The gardens are now looking tamed and tidy. Our passionfruit vine has taken off with a magnificent display of flowers that will soon turn into lovely passionfruits.

The students were amazed at the size of some of our cucumbers and were excited collecting approximately 20 and taking them home to add to their sandwiches and salads.

Our silverbeet, basil and tomatoes have been the best performers. The students have been harvesting large amounts of each, taking home large handfuls. Perfect for lasagne, bolognese or ravioli. To ensure your cut basil stays fresh, pop the stems in a jar of water just as you would do with a bunch of cut flowers. If you keep the stems in water, your basil should last just over a week and you can pick at the leaves when required to add flavour to your cooking.

We are starting to get the garden beds ready for planting our new vegetables and herbs, including capsicum, corn and beetroot.

Happy gardening from the Green Team.

Carmen Clare, Shara Toomey & Amber Tomkins
Green Team Coordinators

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Last Friday, we had a wonderful day at our Athletics Carnival. This year, we started a little earlier than usual to run the 1500m event. It was great to see our students keen to have a go at the race.

Throughout the rest of the day, our students participated in a range of events. All students attempted the long jump and high jump. We had some impressive scores from all age divisions. It was great to see students come out of their comfort zone and participate in multiple running races. At the end of the day, we were lucky enough to have some time up our sleeves. We used this time wisely and had a Year 6 vs teachers relay. Of course, our Year 6 students were unbeatable.

We would like to thank our students for their positive, supportive attitude throughout the day. It was amazing to see everyone celebrating not only their own, but also each other's successes.

A big thank you to our teachers for running the events and making the day run smoothly. Many thanks also to all of our parents/carers and community members who came to cheer on our students, giving the carnival a wonderful atmosphere. Well done Niagara Park Public School!

Amber Tomkins
Athletics Carnival Coordinator



BRISBANE WATER ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to our swimmers who competed at the Brisbane Water Zone Swimming Carnival on Friday 3rd March, 2023. Everybody swam their best and had a great time. Special mention to our wonderful students for their impeccable behaviour, great sportsmanship and wonderful manners. We are so incredibly proud of each and every one of you!

Also a big thank you to our parents/carers for taking the time to bring their children to the carnival. Congratulations to Emily R. for 1st in the 8 year girls 50m, Cadi W. for 2nd in the 12 year girls 50m freestyle. Cadi, Lia, Zahli and Lan for 1st in the girls Senior freestyle relay. These girls will now represent Brisbane Water Zone at the Sydney North Carnival. Also a congratulations to Liam, Philip, Will and Arthur for 3rd place in the Junior boys freestyle relay.

Blake Hormann
Swimming Coordinator

HENNY PENNY HATCHING

Our Henny Penny Hatching program is happening again this year in Week 10 and Week 11. Please see the timetables for the available times that you are welcome to come into the Library with your families, to visit and have baby chicken cuddles! You may even be able to see a chicken hatch!

Please note: Entry and exit will need to be through the side and top gates please, as the bottom gate will need to be locked after school pickup.

If you are keen to watch our live feed of baby chicks after school hours, please join our Facebook group "The Chicken Feed" at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/303630711866760/>

If you are interested in adopting some free baby chicks and are available to pick them up on the Thursday afternoon of Week 11, please email Mrs Frost at: kayla.frost2@det.nsw.edu.au. (2 chicks at a time and must be kept inside under suitable conditions. Mrs Frost will email the details once you have made contact).

Looking forward to seeing our families there!

Kayla Frost
Teacher/Librarian

Chicken Cuddles Week 10!				
Mon 27th	Tues 28th	Wed 29th	Thurs 30th	Fri 31st
Not this morning please, we haven't arrived yet.	Not this morning please, all staff are in a meeting.	8:30 - 8:50	8:30 - 8:50	8:30 - 8:50
3:00 - 3:30	3:00 - 3:30	Not this afternoon please, all staff are training in the library.	3:00 - 3:30 (In the hall today)	3:00 - 3:30

Chicken Cuddles Week 11!				
Mon 3rd	Tues 4th	Wed 5th	Thurs 6th	Fri 7th
8:30 - 8:50	Not this morning please, all staff are in a meeting.	8:30 - 8:50	Not this morning please, as we are busy preparing for our Easter Hat Parade.	Good Friday
3:00 - 3:30	3:00 - 3:30	Not this afternoon please, all staff are training in the library.	Not this afternoon please, this spot is reserved for those adopting chickens and taking them home.	Good Friday

Easter Hat Parade!

Date: Thursday 6th April,
Time: Parade Starts at 9:15am
Where: Basketball Court

Parents / Community members allowed?: Yes please! Bring the family! We are so excited that we get to see you all there! Come and have a dance and a laugh and celebrate with us!

Hats: Please make at home if your child wishes to participate.
 Easter hats are not compulsory.
 There is no competition for the best Easter hat.

Raffle: Our P&C Easter Raffle will be drawn at the parade!

Colouring in / drawing competition: Winners announced after parade!

Wet weather: Not happening. (But if it does, we go ahead).

HAPPY Easter



LISAROW PUBLIC SCHOOL

Country Fair



RIDES Live entertainment
 Street food MARKETS & STALLS **RAFFLE AUCTION**

Saturday 18 March
 9am - 3pm Macdonalds Rd Lisarow





CENTRAL COAST GIRLS COME & TRY



AFL Hunter-Central Coast Invite you to join us for an Hour of Skills and Drills with local Women Senior Footballers and an AFLW Star. The sessions are designed to introduce new Girls to the Game with a lot of fun along the way, targeted at Girls aged 5 to 15 year olds in the Region.

Register below at 1 of our 2 venues to be involved.

Meet Richmond Tiger AFLW Star Eilish Sheerin #31

- 2022 All Australian Defender
- 2nd Richmond Best & fairest
- AFLPA Best First Year Player
- NSW Recruit (Richmond 2nd Pick)

Scan the QR Code to Register for your location

10AM - 11AM ADOCK PARK
1PM - 2PM DON SMALL OVAL



**Saturday
March 18**





Registrations are now open!

Come and play for Barnies! With no junior teams, we are a truly unique club on the coast.

visit: www.bu.fc.football



Looking for players aged 15 to 90 to join one of our all-age men, women, over 35s or 45s teams

All skill levels welcome!

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