

Important Dates

- \* Tuesday 23/5  
CCDF Rehearsal
- \* Wednesday 24/5  
PSSA Touch Gala Day
- \* Monday 29/5  
NRMA Science & Road  
Safety Day
- \* Tuesday 30/5  
Public Speaking Final
- \* Wednesday 31/5  
Wear Pink fundraiser  
- Cancer Council
- \* Thursday 1/6  
Superstar Assembly  
2:00pm in hall

## Brisbane Water PSSA Cross Country



*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,

Another fortnight has flown by! I hope all our mothers, grandmothers, aunties and significant others had a wonderful Mother's Day last Sunday. I certainly enjoyed spending time with my family.

Firstly congratulations to Roman B-B. (KE), Oscar D. (KM), Aaron D. (2F) Isla F., Jeffin S. and Nicholas P. (3F), Thomas P. (3M), Andrew K. (3/4T), Benjamin K. and Zai B. (4A) Erica K., Evie H. (5T) and Matinka De K. (6A) for reading 100 nights. Great effort kids, keep up the good work!

### Thank you!

Thank you to our wonderful P&C for all your efforts purchasing and setting up the Mother's Day stall last week. A huge thank you to the Mums who gave up their day to man the stall so that all our students got the chance to purchase something special for those they love. Days like this can only happen if there are people willing to assist, so we thank you wholeheartedly! Hopefully, we have lots of happy women out there who love their gifts!

### Staffing Update

Following up on previous news, I will be going on sick leave from the 1st June, 2023 until the end of Term 3. Mrs Vicki Young is going to be the Relieving Principal in my absence and Mrs Tenneille Melvin will be stepping into the Deputy Principal position. For this term

Mrs Kylie Williams will take on the Assistant Principal role. Mrs Kealy who will return from maternity leave in Term 3 will then share the role with Mrs Williams. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, always contact the class teacher in the first instance. If unresolved, contact the appropriate Assistant Principal for the stage.

**Term 4 Staff Development Days**

The Department of Education has two scheduled Staff Development Days at the end of Term 4 – 18th and 19th December, 2023.

This year, our staff are going to be undertaking two twilight professional learning sessions throughout Term 4 in lieu of the Staff Development Day on the 19th December, 2023. Staff will be attending an On Country professional learning with Stu McMinn from Gawura Cultural Immersions to continue to deepen the staff knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal history and culture. The second twilight session will see staff trained in CPR and Anaphylaxis as part of our annual compliance training. These arrangements will mean the school will be non-operational on Tuesday 19th December, 2023 however this will not affect families as the students last day of the year is Friday 15th December, 2023.

**Sentral for Parents - our main source of communication moving forward**

We still have a number of families who are not yet connected to the Sentral for Parents portal. This is an important communication tool that teachers use to communicate with parents. If you are not signed up you may be missing important messages from your child's teacher that are specific to their class.

From Term 3, we will no longer be sending out SMS messages for absences, messages will be sent via the Sentral app. Later this year, the Sentral app will also be used for notes and payments of excursions and from next year, it will be used to distribute student academic reports digitally.

**Early/Late Arrivals**

If you are dropping off your child/ren later than 8:55am or picking them up earlier than 2:55pm, please make sure you come into our office and speak to our office staff to sign in/sign out.

Students who are late to school **MUST** be accompanied by an adult to the office or the late arrival will be deemed unjustified.

**Notifying of absences**

If your child is going to be away, you are welcome to call our office to let us know, you can complete the absence in the Sentral for Parents App or alternatively a text message is sent out at 10:00am each day that you can reply to.

**Covid Update**

We have confirmed cases of Covid in all grades across the school. If your child has symptoms, please test them for Covid before sending them to school. Students who have tested positive for Covid, need to remain at home until symptom free. **Any child who is unwell, whether testing positive or not, should remain at home until they feel well enough to attend school.**

All students will be coming home with a new box of 5 RATs this week. If you still have old stock at home, please check the use by dates as some of our original tests have expired.

Thank you for helping us to keep our students, staff and families as healthy as we can.

Have a wonderful fortnight.

**Lyndal Coleman**  
**Principal**

## ***Did you know?***

*Dentists have recommended that a toothbrush be kept at least six (6) feet away from a toilet to avoid airborne particles resulting from the flush.*

## **SUPERSTAR ASSEMBLY**

The next Superstar Assembly will be held on Thursday, 1st June, 2023 (Week 6) in the school hall at 2:00pm. Students will be presented with their Superstar Awards and the Stage 2 Dance Group will be performing. Parents and carers of these students are welcome to attend.

**Vicki Young**

**Deputy Principal**

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

### **2023 Premier's Reading Challenge**

The NSW PRC online registration is now open and registration closes at midnight on Friday 18th August, 2023. This is Week 5 of Term 3, so time to get that reading bug happening.

Students from K to 2 will complete the challenge in class with their teachers and thus will not need to register their reading record, however all students from Years 3 to 6 will be responsible for their own lists and may need reminders to keep registering their books online.

If you are keen to help at home, the Premier's Reading Challenge can be accessed via the student DET Portal or directly via the Premier's Reading Challenge website at:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge/>

Students will need to select 'Logon' on the left side menu and then use their existing DEC username and password to logon, then select 'Student Reading Records' to begin entering their books.

If you have any trouble logging on, please see Mrs Frost in the Library or email me at: [kayla.frost2@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kayla.frost2@det.nsw.edu.au) and I will be happy to help out.

Remember: Books read from 1st September, 2022 count towards the 2023 Challenge.

**Kayla Frost**

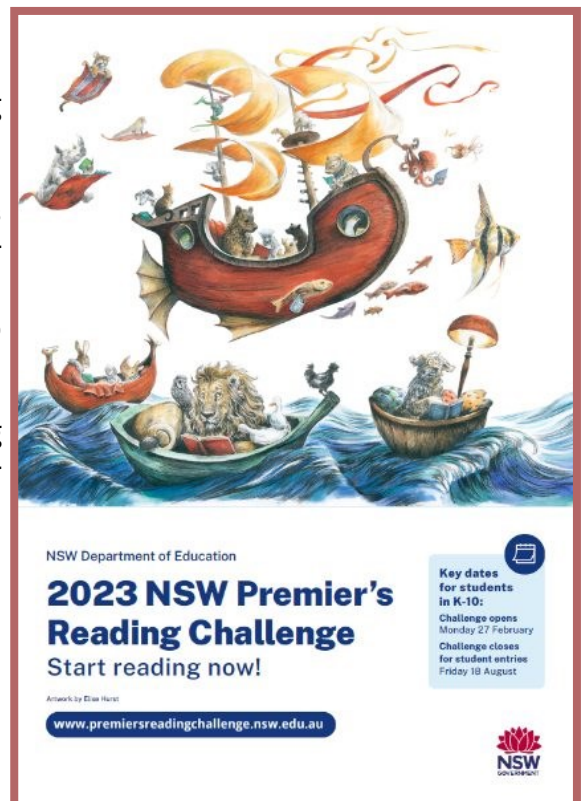
**Teacher Librarian**

## **SPORTS NEWS**

### **BASKETBALL**

On Thursday, 11th May, 2023 the Niagara Park Public School Basketball team played against Narara Public School. The boys played an extremely good game, unfortunately going down by 5 in the end. I would like to thank the parents and carers for their support and the boys for representing our school with passion and pride.

Well done team!





**SOCCER**

On Friday 12th May, 2023 we had seven Stage 3 students represent our school at the Brisbane Water PSSA Football (Soccer) trials. The girls kick started the day with a high level of football played. Kaleah was electric in midfield, Zahli dominated through the centre, Lucia showed her ability to glide past defenders and Lan was a set piece specialist!

For the boys, Beau was rock solid in defence, Harrison displayed his outstanding passing range on the wing and Noah had a sharp eye for goals on the day.

All students displayed wonderful sportsmanship and represented our school with great pride. I would like to congratulate Noah, Zahli and Kaleah for being successfully picked to represent our Brisbane Water zone.

**Blake Hormann & Elliot Dawkins**  
**Sports Coordinators**



Online  
donations  
can also be  
made  
by using the  
QR code  
below:



# WEAR PINK

*in support of Mrs Coleman*

On Wednesday 31st May, we are holding a fundraiser to raise money for the Cancer Council.

This cause is close to our hearts. As you may be aware, our beloved Principal, Mrs Coleman, was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. She is currently receiving treatment and will be taking extended leave shortly to focus on her health and her family.

To make her last day fun, we are asking all staff and students to wear as much pink as they like and also make a small donation to the Cancer Council.

Donations can either be made online  
<https://www.biggestmorningtea.com.au/s/63665/88117>  
or may be sent in with students for collection on the day.

**WE WANT MRS COLEMAN TO FEEL THE COLLECTIVE  
LOVE OF THE ENTIRE SCHOOL COMMUNITY IN A  
SEA OF PINK!**

SCHOOL EXPECTATION FOCUS

**T2 - WEEK 5**



**BE RESPECTFUL**



Respect the  
property of others.



SCHOOL EXPECTATION FOCUS

**T2 - WEEK 6**



**BE SAFE**



Remain in  
bounds.





## School student travel information for parents and students

### School Travel Passes

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass but have not yet applied need to [apply](#) or [update](#) their details as soon as possible.

In the Opal network, students should 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.

New Student Opal cards (including new Term Bus Passes) will be sent to the student's nominated postal address within two weeks of their application being approved.

Students living in rural and regional areas will receive their travel pass from their nominated transport operator. It may be issued via their school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some rural and regional operators do not issue travel passes.

Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

### Terms of Use

**Students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off** in line with the [Opal terms of use](#).

All students are required to comply with the [Student code of conduct](#). The code of conduct aims to ensure the safety and well-being of school children and other passengers. It is important that parents ensure their child is aware of this, as failure to comply with the code of conduct can result in a suspension from travel.

Further information can be found at [transportnsw.info/school-travel](https://transportnsw.info/school-travel)  
Enquiries can be submitted at [transportnsw.info/passes-concessions-feedback](https://transportnsw.info/passes-concessions-feedback)



**Camp dates for 2023**  
**Wednesday 20th September - Friday 22nd September**

## Time to Nominate!!!!

**The camp aims to:**

- The electives being offered at the Central Coast GAT Camp 2023, by excellent practitioners, are:

- Drama
- Visual Arts
- English
- Creative Mathematics
- Science/Environmental Studies
- Sports Science



## Successful Applicants

**Successful candidates will be informed from Monday 12th June 2023. If your child is selected to attend, a \$50 deposit will be required to confirm your child's place.**

The cost of the camp will be **\$450** inclusive per student, to cover meals, accommodation, sport and recreation activity, special resources for electives and expert tutors.

Please fill out the form below for your child to be considered for the Central Coast GAT Camp, 2023.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

It is the responsibility of parents to arrange transport for their child to and from camp. Students are encouraged not to bring mobile phones, ipads/ipods or any other electronic games.

*The Central Coast GAT Camp is aimed at Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) Students.*

**Thank you.**

**CCGAT CAMP Committee 2023**

## Central Coast GAT Camp Parent Nomination Form

I would like my child (name) \_\_\_\_\_

from (school) \_\_\_\_\_ to be considered for the Central Coast Gifted and Talented Camp for 2023.

My child's elective choice is (please circle **one**):

- Creative Mathematics,
- Science/Environmental Studies
- Sports Science
- English
- Drama
- Visual Arts

I am aware that the camp will involve overnight accommodation and it is the responsibility of parent/s to provide transport to and from the camp. I am also aware that the camp has the approval of the School Educational Director.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(parent/guardian)

Please return this nomination form to your child's school by **Tuesday 23rd May** or your nomination will not be able to be considered.