

Important Dates

- \* Monday 5&6/6  
S3 Science Incursion
- \* Thursday 8/6  
S2&3 Spelling Bee
- \* Friday 9/6  
P&C Mufti Day  
"Role Model"
- \* Monday 12/6  
Public Holiday  
Kings Birthday
- \* Thursday 15/6  
Sydney North Cross  
Country
- \* Friday 16/6  
Lisarow High  
Transition Year 6

## Pretty in Pink



*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,

Congratulations to the following students for reading for 100 nights.  
Zali W. and Lennox S. (KE), Harrison F., Remi G. and Kenley M. (KM),  
Amity S. (KS), Arden F. (1H), Niamh A. and Mackenzie M. (1Y), Nate S. and  
Lincoln B. (2M), Baeyer M. (3/4T), Jayda McF., Sarsha D. and Liam J.  
(4/5H), Benjamin P. (5T) and Mia G. (6T).  
Well done everyone!

It seems surreal that I am writing my last newsletter for a while now. I do not want to leave my Niagara Park Public School family and as I feel so well at the moment, I do feel guilty about leaving, but I know I am leaving the school in great hands and that I will be back before I know it! I also know that it is important for me to stop now, to breath and to focus on my recovery. All of this is possible because of the amazing team we have here!

### Public Speaking

It was such an honour to be asked to judge the Public Speaking competitions on Tuesday. Yet again I was amazed at the talent of all our stage finalists from Stage 1 all the way to our Stage 3 competitors. All three competitions were very close, the topics were varied, the humour flowed and the confidence from all speakers oozed. Congratulations to all the students who were finalists. Further congratulations to our stage winners and runners up: Lia, Rocky, Elsie, Frankie, Emily and James who will all progress to the Zone Public Speaking competition.

**Lockdown Drill**

On Tuesday we practised our lockdown drill using our new bell system. The siren was sounded in all classrooms and playground areas so it was audible to all. All classes were quick to lockdown and secure themselves in safe locations. Thank you to all the students who were able to respond to the alarm responsibly and safely. This procedure is a part of our Work Health Safety procedures and is practised annually.

**Mid Term reward**

Congratulations to all the students who made the mid term reward last Friday and got to enjoy a zooper dooper! All students who earned the reward have been working hard in class, staying in class and present at school. There is still time for those students who did not make mid term reward to get on track for the end of term reward!

**Thank you!**

Thank you does not seem enough for the love and support I felt on Wednesday as I was surrounded by a sea of pink! I thank each and every one of you from our students, to parents, to staff—wow, way to make someone feel special! I received signed cards from every single class and therefore every student! Thank you also to all those who have donated to the Cancer Council. I am blown away by the amount of money we have raised as a school community. I have also loved reading all the messages you have left for me. Thank you!

I will exit stage left now knowing that I have a whole community behind me and I will ensure that I return stronger and better than I am now ready to continue to lead Niagara Park Public School to the greatest heights we can reach!!!

Have a wonderful fortnight.

**Lyndal Coleman**  
**Principal**

***Did you know?***

In most advertisements, the time displayed on a watch is 10:10

**SUPERSTAR AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students on receiving their Superstar Awards.

**One Star**

Eva C.	(2C)	Louie B.	(2C)	Jo McC.	(2C)
Elliott L.	(2F)	Jack M.	(2F)	Dashel D.	(2F)
Grace F.	(2F)	Verah B.	(2F)	Fyn S.	(2F)
Navreet C.	(2F)	Harrison G.	(2F)	Charlie O.	(2M)
Lakyn S.	(2M)	Joshua G.	(2M)	Hana M.	(4A)


**Two Star**

Elsie C.	(3F)	Poppy B-D.	(3F)	Isla F.	(3F)
Billie W.	(3F)	Lexi R.	(3F)	Ricky S.	(3F)
Tazeena B.	(3M)	Aylah M.	(3M)	Henry B.	(3M)

Lewis B.	(3M)	Thomas P.	(3M)	Andrew K.	(3/4T)
Zai B.	(4A)				

**Three Star**

Ella L.	(4/5H)	Chaise T.	(5G)	Morgan B.	(5G)
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**Four Star**

Brendan L.	(4/5H)	Sophie Mcl.	(5G)	Oliver M.	(5T)
Maci M.	(5/6D)	Max M.	(6T)		

**Five Star**

Malia McF	(6T)
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**BIG MOVER AWARD - Brendan L. (4/5H)**

Brendan is a remarkable young man who has made significant and positive progress in his personal and academic life. In group activities, Brendan plays an integral part, using his unique talents to contribute to the group's successes. His leadership skills are evident through his involvement in the Buddy Bench program, and he is always the first to offer help and assistance to his fellow students, making him an invaluable member of our school community.

Brendan's growth in maturity and self-regulation this year has been both noticeable and commendable. He has demonstrated a level of emotional awareness and control that has resulted in an improved ability to navigate social situations and to handle confrontations. His communication skills have also shown great improvement, with a more thoughtful and respectful approach to expressing his opinions and listening to others.

Brendan has consistently displayed a growing sense of responsibility and accountability for his actions, taking ownership of mistakes and actively working to make amends to improve his behaviour. His focus and effort have been admirable, and all of his teachers have noted a significant increase in his motivation to learn and his willingness to take initiative in class.

Brendan approaches all aspects of school life with the utmost enthusiasm, while still demonstrating sensible behaviours, making him a great role model for his peers and a well deserving recipient of our Big Mover Award. Well done, Brendan!

**Vicki Young**

**Relieving Principal**


**NRMA ROAD SAFETY AND SCIENCE SHOW**

On Monday 29th May, students across the school watched and participated in the NRMA Road Safety and Science show. The talk taught students about road safety strategies and how they can ensure they are safe community members around the roads. Students had a fabulous time engaging in fun activities and each were given a reflective bag tag which they can add to their school bags. Thank you to the NRMA for your time and for providing our students with wonderful and practical information about seatbelts, helmets and road safety!

**Brooke Carr**

**Class teacher**

## SPORTS NEWS

### **Brisbane Water PSSA Cross Country**

On Friday 19th May, 48 students from Niagara Park Public School competed at the Brisbane Water cross country carnival, held at Wyoming Public School. All students competed exceptionally well on the day with a few stand out mentions. Lennox 1st place in the 8-9 years boys, Indii 4th place in 10 years girls, Liam 6th place in 10 years boys, Amelia 6th place in 10 years girls, Hayden 5th place in 11 years boys, Amber 4th place in 11 years girls and Kaleah 5th place in 11 years girls.

These students will all represent our school as part of the Brisbane Water team to compete at the Sydney North Cross Country carnival on the 15th June, 2023 at the Entertainment Grounds. Good luck to all students involved.



**Elliot Dawkins**  
**Sports Coordinator**

## WEAR PINK DAY

On Wednesday 31st May, 2023 we flooded the school in a sea of pink, in support of Mrs Coleman and to raise money for the Cancer Council. Our amazing school community made sure Mrs Coleman could feel the love and support that surrounds her at Niagara Park Public School. The money raised for the Cancer Council exceeded our expectations!

Cancer Council is almost completely funded by the community, so without donations they would not be able to provide vital financial, practical and emotional support to cancer patients and their loved ones, nor would they be able to continue to fund life-saving research to help generations to come.

We raised in excess of \$2 000.00, what a generous school community we have.

We wish Mrs Coleman all the best as she continues her treatment and focuses on her health. We look forward to her return in Term 4.



**Niagara Park Public School staff**

## National Reconciliation Week 2023

National Reconciliation Week commences on Sorry Day, 26<sup>th</sup> May every year and ends on 3<sup>rd</sup> June (Eddie Mabo Day). Last Friday our students participated in discussions and activities around the mistreatment of First Nations people. This week our students continued these discussions and activities in their classrooms about what Reconciliation means and how we can be a part of building respectful relationships between our school community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures and futures.



**National Reconciliation Week (NRW)** is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. This year's theme for National Reconciliation Week 2023 is "Be a Voice for Generations". Keep up the momentum for change. The theme encourages all Australians to be a voice for reconciliation in tangible ways in our everyday lives – where we live, work and socialise. For the work of generations past, and the benefit of generations future, act today for a more just, equitable and reconciled country for all (Reconciliation Australia).

**Eddie Mabo** - Mabo Day is marked annually on 3<sup>rd</sup> June. It commemorates Mer Island man Eddie Koiki Mabo and his successful efforts to overturn the legal fiction of terra nullius, or 'land belonging to no-one'. The Mabo case, led by Eddie Koiki Mabo, an activist for the 1967 Referendum, fought the legal concept that Australia and the Torres Strait Islands were not owned by Indigenous peoples because they did not 'use' the land in ways Europeans believed constituted some kind of legal possession.

Despite the fact that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples occupied the land, spoke their own languages and had their own laws and customs before the British arrived in 1788, 'Terra nullis' was an attempt to give 'legitimacy' for the British and Australian governments to allow the dispossession of all Indigenous peoples of their land.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people also had – and continue to have – a strong connection to 'Country' – the Australian land.

National Reconciliation Week – 27 May to 3 June – is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

Reference: <https://www.reconciliation.org.au/>

Aboriginal Education Team



# Compulsory School Attendance

## What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling. Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.



## 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. If they are away for multiple days you will need to respond each day or include the dates in the message.
- 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 Sentral Parent app.
- Lodge an absence through the Sentral Parent app.
- 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.

At Niagara Park Public School we recognise that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school. We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.



