

Important Dates

- * Wednesday 13/11
K Start session
- * Friday 15/11
Band Demonstration
for students
- * Tuesday 19/11
Bro/Sista Speak
- * Wednesday 20/11
K Start
- * Thursday 21/11
Year 6 Fun Fair
- * Wednesday 27/11
K Start Meet & Greet
BBQ

K Start Begins



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,

Wow what a fabulous fortnight we have had celebrating our wonderful school and sharing celebrations with our school community from our 50th celebrations, to welcoming our new K Start families, our 2025 Leadership speeches, the Valley School Learning Community Leadership night and Grandparents Day it has been busy!

50th Anniversary Celebrations

Thank you to everyone who was able to join and celebrate 50 years of Niagara Park Public School with us, whether it was in person or through our social media posts. What a fabulous celebration we had!

The students loved hearing the stories from the 'old days' and thankfully I have not yet been hit up for a mud slide down the hill. The class contributions to the time capsule were very interesting and I feel the students in another 50 years will love looking at them. Our whole school artwork and photo looked amazing and both are now proudly displaying in our front office.

A huge thank you to Mrs Flood and her hardworking team who put together the celebrations.

Valley School Learning Community (VSLC) Leadership Night

The VSLC Leadership night was a HUGE success again this year. What a night! What a lot of talent! It was so inspiring to watch leaders from all our local schools present their leadership projects. Our Leadership team did a wonderful job on their Reading Buddy project.

Thank you to Mrs Spence and Mrs Atkinson for their work with our Leadership Team on their project which has focused on connections and for the organisation of the evening.

2025 Leadership Team

Congratulations to all the candidates who presented a speech to express their interest in becoming a 2025 Leader. We had 20 quality candidates who presented their speeches – it was a difficult decision for everyone!

Congratulations to: Hana M., Ayda S., Billie M., Benjamin K., Sarsha-Jane D., Sophie E., Kristina D., Archer T., Zack G., Maisie B-D., for your successful selection into the 2025 Leadership Team. The Leadership roles will be announced at our Presentation Day assembly.

Our house captains will be elected in Week 7 during house meetings. All leaders will be presented with their badges during the Presentation Day assembly.

Reading

Congratulations to the following students for reading 200 nights:

Lenny M. (1G), Estelle H. (2M), Nate S. (3W) and Liam M. (4A).

Grandparents Day

It was a lovely time this morning getting the chance to chat with so many of our grandparents. I really enjoy seeing our students so excited to be showing their special loved ones their work, their classroom and introducing them to their friends and teachers. We were treated to an amazing concert featuring our dancers, band and choirs. What a talented group of students we have!

A huge thank you to Mrs Carlisle who coordinated the day, Mrs Clarke who coordinated the concert and all of our staff who have spent many hours training and rehearsing with our performance groups.

Staff Development Days 2025 – IMPORTANT CHANGE, PLEASE READ

Please note there have been recent changes announced to the Staff Development Days for 2025. **There will now be 4 staff development days for Term 1 from Friday 31st January, 2025 to Wednesday 5th February, 2025.**

ALL STUDENTS K-6 will commence school on **Thursday 6th February, 2026**. Please note this means that Kindergarten students will not be commencing later than the rest of the student body.

The **2025** school term dates ***for students*** are as follows:

Term 1:	Thursday 6th February, 2025 to Friday 11th April, 2025
Term 2:	Wednesday 30th April, 2025 to Friday 4th July, 2025
Term 3:	Tuesday 22nd July, 2025 to Friday 26th September, 2025
Term 4:	Tuesday 14th October, 2025 to Friday 19th December, 2025

2025 Enrolments – new arrivals and families leaving

If you are looking at moving away from the area in 2025, could you also please contact the office ASAP so that we are aware of any changes when planning for our 2025 classes.

The school is currently accepting enrolments for 2025. 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.

Selective High School and Opportunity Class Placement - 2026

(Current Year 5 Students for High School and Current Yr 3 for Year 5 Selective Class)

Applications for Selective High School and Opportunity Class entry in 2026 will be open from 7th November, 2024 to 21st February, 2025. There will be no late applications due to the longer application period, and the application closing date being closer to the test dates and logistical constraints around organising test centres and devices.

This change to the application period means that parents and carers will now need to apply for Opportunity Class placement when their child is in Year 3 (or by the end of Week 4, Term 1 when their child is in Year 4). This change applies to students currently in Year 3. For Selective High School placement, parents and carers will continue to apply when their child is in Year 5 and can now apply when their child is in Year 6 until the end of Week 4, Term 1.

Have a wonderful fortnight!

Lyndal Coleman
Principal

Did you know?

A dragonfly has a life span of 24 hours.

Changes to Scripture Classes Offered in 2025

We have been advised by the Catholic Diocese that, due to a shortage of teaching volunteers, they are unable to offer the option of Catholic Scripture classes to students attending our school next year.

All students who currently attend Catholic Scripture will be moved into Non-Scripture classes for 2025. If you would prefer that your child/children attend the Combined Scripture classes instead of Non-Scripture, please contact the school directly and this can be arranged. Combined Scripture classes may include educators from the Baptist Church, Liberty Family Church, Australian Christian Churches, Anglican Church, Presbyterian Church and/or Churches of Christ in the delivery of the Special Religious Education (SRE) program.

Please note that students attending Non-Scripture are fully supervised and engaged in meaningful activities, such as reading, viewing or constructing, during the time that scripture classes are held. It is anticipated that Catholic Scripture classes may be able to resume in 2026.

Niagara Park Public School Parent Survey

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Your feedback on this survey is very important to us and will help to inform future planning.

We would greatly appreciate you taking the time to respond. The survey will be open until **Friday 6th December, 2024** and is completely anonymous.

<https://forms.gle/dpc2UKfJ36jtM7xLA>

Vicki Young
Deputy Principal

SUPERSTAR AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received their Superstar Awards.

One Star

Harry H.	(K/6K)	Hunter L.	(K/6K)	Renae M.	(K/6W)
Callum B.	(1G)	Lennon M.	(1G)	Rishita G.	(1G)
Ryan L.	(1G)	Sophia K.	(1G)	Edan M.	(1/2F)
Hamish M.	(1/2F)	Oliver H.	(1/2F)		

Two Star

Riley B.	(K/6K)	Kye L.	(2M)	Aysha R.	(2M)
Aria B.	(3/4M)	Aysha R.	(2M)	Vivienne C.	(3F)
Kendrix M.	(3F)	Bonnie S.	(3W)	Alayna W.	(3/4M)
Callum B.	(3/4M)	Fyn S.	(3/4M)	Arthur B.	(5G)
Sonny M.	(5H)	Amelia E.	(5H)		

Three Star

Lachlan C.	(4A)	Vika K.	(5H)	Jessica S.	(5G)
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Four Star

Evangeline M.	(6C)	Imogen H.	(6C)	Scarlett M.	(6C)
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BIG MOVER AWARD - Alex H. (6C)

Alex is a dedicated, hardworking and fun-loving student who has shown great development throughout his time at Niagara Park Public School. Alex has shown commitment to his learning throughout his time at school, always putting in his best effort and has approached the challenges of Year 6 with a positive, can-do attitude. His growth in confidence and motivation to achieve his best in the classroom and the manner in which he now tackles new tasks with such enthusiasm and focus has been inspiring.

Alex brings a wonderful sense of humour and lively spirit to the classroom. His bubbly nature brightens everyone's day, making him a joy to be around. Alex is quick to offer help and shows respect to his teachers and peers. He has developed great resilience and positivity throughout his primary school years and is a positive role model to his fellow students.

A skilled sports player, Alex is known for his team spirit and sportsmanship, always encouraging his peers to succeed. Beyond his own achievements, he is generous with his time and always willing to lend a hand to those around him.

Congratulations on receiving the "Big Mover" award, Alex. You are indeed a deserving recipient, and we wish you every success in the future.

Vicki Young
Deputy Principal



ATTENDANCE DRAW WINNERS

Our current attendance rate across the school is 91.5%. Keep up the great work NPPS!

Week 2 Winners			
Mila C.	Tayeisha T.	Jarad G.	
Phoebe C.	Isobel M.	Andrew K.	
Week 3 Winners			
Heath V.	Nic A.	Vivienne C.	Johnny R.
Ella B.	Morgan B.	Bryher S.	Huxly G.



The winners received a \$3.50 Canteen voucher, thanks to the sponsorship from Eden and Tayla from One Agency.

Every day counts. We know the first day of school is just as important as the last day of the week or term. Regular attendance can help your child to develop social skills and get the most out of their learning.

When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

Tenneille Melvin
Deputy Principal



Every Day Matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:

- Learn
- Strengthen friendships
- Build skills through fun



SPORTS NEWS


On Wednesday 6th November, 2024 Stage 2 and 3 students participated in a league tag gala day at Adcock Park, West Gosford. Students had an amazing day and lots of fun playing League Tag. Our students displayed excellent sportsmanship and were very respectful to referees and teaching staff all day.


Thank you to the parents/carers for transporting our students to and from this carnival. Also thank you to the NRL development staff for coordinating and running this gala day.

Thanks Miss Toomey, Miss Tomkins, Mrs. Hinchcliffe and Mr Dawkins for your coordination of the event and coaching!

Elliot Dawkins
Sports Coordinator







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J&B DANCE CLUB!

Dance Club is a 2-hour all rounded program where dancers learn Acrobatics, Jazz, Contemporary & Hip Hop, over 4 Terms
Mid Year & End of Year




MINI & JUNIOR 6-9YRS
Thursday
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