Welcome Back!
I hope you all had a great holiday relaxing with family and friends.

Great work
This week I had some students visit to show me their great work. George, Carmody and Natalie from 3L visited so I could read their cork and bottle stories. Dakota 1F shared his great reading results and Reece KF completed her reading log. Nina, Madeline and Jacqueline from KC also dropped in to share their excellent spelling results. Congratulations to Lani 4C our Big Mover from the end of term 2 and congratulations also to Hayden 6M as he received gold in the State Archery Field Titles and broke 2 Australian records and 3 State records. Hayden also competed in the Trans Tasman Competition and won a bronze in the Under 14s and a gold in the Under 21 teams. I also had the opportunity to drop in and listen to the Metrognomes who are doing a great job with Mrs Clarke and Miss Morris. Well done, keep up the great work.

Term 3 Reward Day
At the end of last term, all students who achieved their Star Card Reward participated in an end of term disco or Ten Pin Bowling. The students had a fantastic time and we thank them for their great behaviour and effort last term.
World Teachers’ Day

World Teachers’ Day was recognised on Sunday 5th October. I would like to acknowledge the work our teachers do, their dedication, commitment and their professionalism. The occupation of a teacher requires a range of very special personal qualities, strengths and talents. It requires selflessness and an unrelenting focus on children and their best interests. I would like to thank our teachers for the special job they do.

Holiday Work

Over the school holidays there were a variety of projects completed at our school. The most obvious being the construction of a new COLA in the Year 1 area and a new LED school sign at the front of the school. Thank you to the P&C for their financial assistance. Other work undertaken was repairing the school solar and a ramp was built in the Year 1 area.

Bandfest

Next week our two school bands will be participating in Bandfest. The Geckos will be performing on Monday 13th October at 1:40 pm and the Goannas will be performing on Wednesday 15th October at 9:20 am.

Where: Lake Macquarie Performing Arts Centre,

What to Wear: Long black pants, black shoes, black socks, school shirt to school and a band polo shirt will be provided to wear on the excursion.

What to Bring: Instrument, recess, lunch and a water bottle

Thank you to Mrs Clarke for coordinating our school’s involvement in Bandfest and thanks to the parents for assisting with transport.

Have a great weekend.

Adam Boulus
Principal

TEAM PHOTO DAY

On Thursday 23rd October, 2014 our extra-curricular photos will be taken by The School Photographer. The photos will be on display in the school foyer and photos will be available for purchase after they become available for viewing. Approximate photo costs will be: 1 photo $14.00, 2 photos $26.00, 3 photos $36.00, 4 photos $44.00, 5 or more photos $10.00 extra per photo. A note with further information about this day will be sent out next week.

Joanne Figallo
Assistant Principal

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SUPERSTAR ASSEMBLY
On the last day of Term 3 we had our Superstar assembly. Congratulations to the following award recipients.

One Star Awards
Jett Churchmoore 1F  Kalaya O’Reilly 1M  Sienna Russell 3W
Faith Porter 1J  Phoebe Ham 1M
Gabriella Kylma 1J  Lillian Bowles 1M
Isabelle Hart 1J  Brooke Wise 1M

Two Star Awards
Tayla Wise 2DM  Anthony Henley 4A
Laura Zhang 3G  Oliver Dawes 4A
Liam Buckley 3L  Byron Moffat 4A
Jessica Place 3L  Emily Hinde 5/6S
Holly Nash 3W  Zane Harding 5G

Three Star Awards
Keira Shepard 4A  Emily Davis 5G  Abbey Johnstone 5/6S
Samuel Hodson 4C  Joshua Hanlon 5G  Kaiya Lesniewicz 6H

Four Star Award
Jessica Livette-Vial 5/6S

Six Star Award
Blayke Fortescue 5/6S

Big Mover Award - Lani Dowse
Lani’s achievements and efforts have been consistent since arriving at Niagara Park Public School. She is a hard working student who always puts in 100% effort. She has a positive attitude and is always willing to ‘have a go’ in all school events. She is a motivated, enthusiastic and responsible student.

Lani has demonstrated a very determined and focused attitude and has made huge academic gains in Literacy and Numeracy. She always takes on board any advice or new strategies happily and with a smile.

Lani is a wonderful and supportive friend, always wanting to help others and has shown significant growth in her confidence level. Congratulations on all of these sensational achievements Lani. You are a very deserving recipient of our Big Mover Award.

Joanne Figallo
Assistant Principal

CAKE STALL TRAYS
Today each family will have received a foam tray requesting a donation of an item such as a cake, slice or biscuits etc., for the Cake Stall at our school Fete.

Along with this tray you should have received an instruction sheet and a sticky label in a freezer bag. This kit needs to be returned to school with your baked item on it. **This item can be delivered to the staffroom on Friday 24th October between 2:30 pm and 3:15 pm or to the hall on Fete day (preferred option) between 8:30 am and 12:30 pm.** If you are unable to bake an item, we are happy for you to donate a packet mix which we will make ready for the Fete day. Please send any donated unbaked items in by **Friday 17th October.**

Additional trays can be obtained from the school office or Mrs Figallo.

Joanne Figallo & Melinda Rugg
Cake Stall Coordinators
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Laura Debnam
Kids Matter Action Team Coordinator

OFFICE GOSSIP

Bus Passes
Transport for NSW requires a new application form for free travel from students who hold a current Busways pass who are progressing from Year 2 to Year 3. To be eligible for free travel in 2015 you must live outside the 1.6 km radius from our school.

Eligible Year 2 students will be given a new application form in the next week which must be completed and returned to the front office as soon as possible.

If your child is ineligible for free travel in 2015, parents are able to purchase a pass from the Busways Kincumber depot during the December/January holidays.

If you have any concerns or enquiries, please contact me so that I may assist you further.

Leanne Roods
Administration Officer

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
You should have received your Scholastic order forms this week. Please return your orders by Monday 13th October to your child’s class teacher if you wish to place an order. Payments accepted are cash, credit card and cheque which should be made payable to Scholastic Australia.

Did you know that 20% of all Scholastic orders made are returned to the school to spend on resources for your children. The school will be having a $10.00 buy one get one FREE Book Fair later this term. Books will be available while stocks last. More details will follow.

As this will be our last Book Club for the year, I would like to thank everyone for their support.

Ellen Woodbridge
Scholastic Book Club Coordinator

P&C NEWS

School Fete
Our school Fete is fast approaching, to be held on Sunday 26th October. Please think of how you can assist in the lead up to the Fete or on the day, maybe by helping out with the allocated stall for your child’s class.

Next P&C Meeting
Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st October at 7:00 pm in the staffroom. Please come along and join us. Everyone is most welcome.

Katherine Bolton
P&C Vice President
COMMUNITY NEWS

Now enrolling for term 4!
Classes held straight after school at Niagara Park Public School Hall.
Thursdays 3:10 pm Jazz Technique,
3:40 pm Jazz
4:10 pm Hip-Hop
4:40 pm Contemporary

To secure your spot, please phone 0401 473 457 or email jessie@jbdance.com.au/www.JBDance.com.au

Central Coast Indoor Netball
Central Coast Indoor Netball at the Niagara Park Youth Centre are looking for more ladies to play in their Wednesday morning competition. Games are only 30 minutes and cater for all levels of players and a free crèche is offered. Come along and join in the fun. Please phone Bronwyn on 0408 258 468.

Gosford Waterpolo
Come and try Waterpolo at Gosford Pool on Sunday 19th and 26th October from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. For children aged 7-10 years old. Please register at gosfordwaterpolo.net/events or phone 0422 923 548 for more information.

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