WELCOME KINDERGARTEN

Welcome Kindergarten
Welcome to our Kindergarten students and our new families to Niagara Park Public School. It is a pleasure to be able to start your Kindergarten students on their educational journey.

Great Work
Last week I had the opportunity to visit classrooms. I spent time in our Kindergarten classes and our newest students told me what was great about starting school at Niagara Park and who their new friends were. I also dropped in to visit 2/3W who showed me their 3D pictures they made about their book study ‘Charlotte’s Web’. I had lots of students visit to give me their Summer Reading Cards and Harrison and Evan 1J visited to receive their Home Reading Principal’s Awards.

Usage Agreement
This week a note was issued seeking permission for participation in child protection programs, scripture, local walking excursions, publication of school photos, internet usage and Facebook permission. We are also requesting email addresses so that we can make distribution lists to send out newsletters and notes. We require your consent to enable your children to participate in these activities and to take photos of your children. Please note that whilst it is an acceptable practice for parents to take photos of their own children, taking photos of other students is not permitted without consent.

P&C Meeting
Our first P&C meeting for the year will be held in the school staffroom on Tuesday 17th February at 7:00 pm and everyone is welcome to attend.

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Carols Under the Stars 2014
Our Carols Under the Stars was a fantastic evening at the end of last year and well supported by our school and wider community. Our students, school band and guest opera singer Michael Honeyman entertained the audience with carols and Paddy Gerrard and 2GO did an amazing job hosting the evening. The highlight of the evening was a visit from Santa and the fireworks were spectacular. A huge thank you to the Carols organising committee, the P&C and a special thanks to 2GO for their assistance. Thank you to our staff and parents for helping on the evening and a special thanks to Mr Curry our General Assistant for all his hard work.

Parking
Please be aware of the no stopping signs around the school and be aware of the designated disabled car parking areas. These spaces are for people who hold a current disabled car parking permit and for Special Transport who deliver disabled students to school. As we have many students getting dropped off, picked up and crossing roads, it is important that the road rules/signs are followed to ensure our students’ safety. Please be cautious of speed zones, particularly between 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm as the speed limit is 40km per hour.

Superstar Assemblies
Our Superstar Assembly is an opportunity for us to recognise students in our school for their consistent positive behaviour, work habits and effort. Parents are welcome to attend these assemblies which are held in weeks 5 and 9.

School APP and Facebook
If you don’t already have it, please download our Niagara Park Public School App now. You will receive reminders as push notifications; you can access our calendar and newsletters and submit absentee notes. Our App is a great way to enhance communication between home and school. You can also find us on Facebook and access notes, newsletters and information from our school website; www.niagarapk-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Advertising
We will be offering advertising space on the back of our school newsletter for local businesses from Term 2. If you currently advertise with us, you will have priority to continue your advertisement in Term 2. If you are interested in advertising in the Wayamadi, please contact our school office.

Twilight Swimming Carnival
Don’t forget our Twilight Swimming Carnival for students 8 years to 13 years will be held at Gosford Pool on Thursday 12th February from 5:00 pm. Please return the permission note sent home previously to your child’s class teacher as soon as possible.

Summer Reading is a Blast
The Summer Reading is a Blast holiday reading program has concluded. The students who participated and completed the Summer Reading is a Blast reading card and successfully read for 21 days during the holidays are eligible for a book prize. Please return your completed card to the school office by Friday 13th February 2015.

Parent Information Sessions
Our teachers have organised parent information sessions to explain all the programs, events and procedures that will be happening in classes this year.
These information sessions will take place on **Wednesday 18th February, 2015** and will be held in your child’s classroom.

Kindergarten – 3:30 pm  
(Supervision of Kindergarten students will be provided in the library during the Kindergarten information session)

Stage 3 – (Years 5 & 6) 5:00 pm
Stage 1 – (Years 1 & 2) 5:45 pm
Stage 2 – (Years 3 & 4) 6:30 pm

An information handout sheet will be available on the night and will also be provided to parents who are unable to attend.

**School Contributions**

Thank you so much to those parents who have supported our school by providing $35.00 per student for school contributions. I also thank those parents who voluntarily paid significantly more than the requested fee. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. We accept cash, cheque, credit card or Eftpos.

**School Uniforms**

School uniforms can be purchased through the school Clothing Pool, black school shoes and a school hat are required. Please ensure your child has a school hat as our school Sunsmart policy requires that students wear their hat during playtime.

**Niagara Park Public School Uniform Policy**

**Rationale:** A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of a dress code.

**Aims:**

To promote equality amongst all students.
To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

**Implementation:**

The school dress code provides choice for students, allows students to safely engage in school activities, and caters for financial constraints.
The dress code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from the school and when students are on school excursions.
Summer and winter uniforms, as well as sports uniforms will be prescribed and are required to be worn. No “short shorts” or tights are acceptable.
Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears and watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
The only head wear that is acceptable is a Sunsmart school hat consistent with our school Sunsmart policy. Hats must be worn whilst outside. Headbands in maroon, black and blue are acceptable. Hats are not to be worn inside.
Black school shoes are to be worn. “Slip on” shoes are not permitted. Joggers are allowed on sports days.
The P&C Association operates a Clothing Pool and provides good quality second hand uniforms when available.
Parents seeking exemption to the dress code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, disability and health condition must apply to the school for consideration.
Arrangements can be made to provide uniforms through the Student Assistance Scheme for families experiencing economic hardship.

Have a great weekend.

**Adam Boulus**  
**Principal**
A NOTE FROM OUR DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

I am delighted to join Niagara park Public School staff this year in my new role as Deputy Principal.

I have been made feel very welcome by the whole school community and look forward to working with you and supporting your children in their learning.

Vicki Young
Deputy Principal

P&C NEWS

Welcome
Welcome back to school – we hope you all had a fun, relaxing holiday! Welcome to all our new parents and children at the school, especially our new Kindergarten students. We hope you are all settling in well.

Tea and Tissues
We wish to say a big thank you to those parents who volunteered to help with “Tea and Tissues” for our Kindergarten parents/carers on Monday. Your time and effort was greatly appreciated.

School Savvy – Orientation for New Parents
School Savvy is designed for new Kindergarten parents/carers, however anyone is welcome to attend to find answers to those questions you might be too afraid to ask about our wonderful school. If you’re thinking: “What is a Star Card?”,”What is a Goodie Ticket?“ or “How do I use the School App?” then this short course is for you!

School Savvy will commence on Friday 13th February at 9.00 am to 10.00 am in our school hall. Tea and coffee will be provided so please come along and meet other parent/carers like you. If needed, there will be a second part to School Savvy that will be held on Friday 27th February.

Are You Looking For a New Home or Business Loan?
Our P&C have teamed up with Newcastle Permanent as part of their introducer program to fundraise for the P&C. For every eligible loan - home or business greater than $100,00 our P&C will receive $600.00 per application.

If you are considering a new loan, please contact Newcastle Permanent and mention that you were introduced by Niagara Park Public School and let the fundraising begin!

P&C Meetings
Our first P&C meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday 17th February at 7:00 pm in the school staffroom. It would be great to see lots of new and familiar faces there! These meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month during the school term. Please come along to find out about the latest happenings and future plans in our school directly from the Principal and teachers. You may also like to become involved with some of the fundraising and community events planned for this year e.g. Easter hat parade, Mothers’ and Fathers’ day stalls, walk-a-thon, trivia night, Summer night markets, disco and Christmas carols.

If you are unable to attend meetings, you can still become a member to keep up-to-date by receiving the meeting minutes (email nppspandc@gmail.com to request an Application Form). If you are willing and able to volunteer throughout the year, please contact Julie Munro (P&C President) on 0432 112 919. Any assistance is greatly appreciated.

Katherine Bolton
P&C Vice President

COMMUNITY NEWS

Wyoming Narara Netball Club
A family orientated club looking for registrations in all age groups to commence play on 28th March. Registrations taken on Saturday 7th February 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Wyoming Shopping Centre. Please contact Cheryl Hogan on 0414 533 452 or email wnnsec@gmail.com
Niagara Park Dockers Junior Australian Football Club
Registrations being taken for Auskick (boys and girls 5-8 years old) and Sunday Footy (boys and girls U9’s, U11’s and U13’s on 8th February from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm and Sunday 1st March 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at Paddy Clifton Oval, Narara. For further information please contact Michelle Sullivan on 0422 957 901.

Gosford City Dragons
Registrations being taken on Saturday 7th February 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Valley Tavern, Niagara Park and Saturday 14th February 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at Gosford RSL, West Gosford. For further information please contact Shaun Holwell on 0400 649 408 or Ron Bain on 0419 972 682.

Gosford Kariong Storm
A family orientated club with a friendly atmosphere is taking registrations on Saturday 7th February and Saturday 14th February at Wyoming Shopping Centre from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm or go along to training on Wednesdays and Fridays at 5:30 pm at Narara Valley High School.

Gosford Rugby Club
A great family club where you can play in a fun, safe and friendly environment. Registrations being taken every Saturday in February. 7th February at West Gosford McDonalds and Wyoming Shopping Centre 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. 15th February at Wyoming McDonalds and Gosford Showground 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. 22nd February at West Gosford McDonalds and Wyoming Shopping Centre 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. 28th February at Wyoming McDonalds and Gosford Showground 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Please contact Andrew on 0417 288 445 or Kate on 0411 094 859 for more information.

Model Train Rides
On Saturday 28th February from 11:00 am till 4:00 pm there will be train rides for little and big kids for $2.50 for everyone over 3 years of age by courtesy of Central Coast Steam Model Co-Op at Showground Road, Narara. This is a fundraiser for the Gosford City Model Railroad Club Men’s Shed. Picnic tables can be reserved for $15.00. Please phone John Gordon on 43 282642 for more information.

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5. Follow the instructions.

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