**Important Dates**
- Friday 27/2: Superstar Assembly
- Clean Up Australia Day
- Monday 2/3: Life Education Commences
- Tuesday 3/3: School Banking
- Wednesday 4/3: Getting Reading Right Workshops 9 am & 5 pm
- Saturday 14/3: Laura Jean Photography Fundraiser
- Tuesday 17/3: Gifted & Talented Session 7 pm in IRC
- Friday 20/3: School Photos
- Thursday 26/3: Athletics Carnival K-6

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**Great Work**
This week I had some students visit to show me their great work. Charlie and Levi from KT shared their writing with me, Lillian from KS showed me her Golden Star Award and Shyla, Hannah G, Riley and Nikita shared their narrative responses. This week I dropped in to 1M and saw some students creating great art work and students from 2DM showed me their “Mini Me’s” that they created.

**KidsMatter Launch Invitation**
Our KidsMatter Launch day last Friday was an amazing success. Our launch day featured over 20 service providers from all over the Central Coast and was attended by numerous parents from our local community and also supported by visitors from our Valley Schools Learning Community and Gosford Office. Our students also had a great time completing their KidsMatter activities in class. A huge thank you to Mrs McLoughlin, Mr Curry and Mrs Debnam for their outstanding organisation and for making the experience for our community so worthwhile.

**Life Education**
The Healthy Harold Life Education van will be at NPPS next week! Classes will visit the van from Monday 2nd to Wednesday 11th March. Permission notes were sent home last week and the cost to attend is $10.00 per child. Thank you to Mrs Flood for organising Life Education.
Athletics Carnival
Our Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday 26th March. This carnival will take place at Mingara Athletics field and will be for all students K to 6.

School Savvy
Thank you to Jo Gates and Ellen Woodbridge for coordinating school savvy this year to assist in informing our parents on the Niagara Park Public School routines.

School Photos
School Photos are being taken on Friday 20th March. This year we are using a company called “The School Photographer”. They offer a variety of packages along with some extras to purchase. Payment options include cash, cheque and online credit card processing. More information about packages, cost and payment can be found on the envelope that has been issued. All photographs on Friday 20th March require full summer school uniform and black shoes. Photos for the day will include class, individual and sibling photos along with: Year 6 Photo, Student Leadership Team, Senior House Captains, Junior House Captains and Semester 1 SRC representatives. All sport, group and team photos will be taken at a later date in Term 4 on Tuesday 20th October. As in previous years, photo orders are on a pre-paid basis. All money orders need to be returned by Monday 16th March. Sibling (brothers and sisters) photo envelopes are available upon request from the front office and packages start from $15.00 each. Please note the Year 6 group photo is a complimentary gift to our Year 6 students. Correct payment for your photo orders (cash, cheque or pre-paid credit card) can be placed in or on the envelope. Please note that no change can be given. You must complete a separate envelope for each child and for each package that you order. All envelopes can then be cross checked with our class lists.

Arriving Late
Unfortunately there are students who are consistently arriving to school late. When students arrive late they miss out on information, disturb classroom routines and their learning is disrupted. The Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) monitors and tracks student attendance, they support parents and implement programs to assist students in arriving to school on time. Those students who are regularly away from school without an acceptable excuse or are regularly late may be referred to the HSLO caseload. With your support hopefully we can reduce our absentee rate this year.

NAPLAN
Test dates for all students in Years 3 and 5 are 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th May as a catch up date for students who were away. Please avoid making appointments etc., for students on these dates as the information gained from the testing program is very important for both parents and the school.

Usage Agreements
Earlier this term a note was issued seeking permission for child protection programs, scripture, local walking excursions, publication of school photos and internet usage. We require your consent to enable your children to participate in these activities and to take photos of your children. We are also requesting email addresses so that we can make distribution lists to send out newsletters and notes. If you haven’t already, can you please return the completed note to the front office as soon as possible, every student is required to return a note.

Have a great weekend.

Adam Boulus
Principal

SUPERSTAR ASSEMBLY AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who received the following awards:- Bus Monitor, IRC, SRC, swimming awards, Superstar awards and our Big Mover award. Well done everyone, we are proud of you!
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## SWIMMING PLACE AWARDS—BOYS

### 50m Freestyle

- **7/8 years** - Travis Pankhurst
- **9 years** - George Wells
- **10 years** - James Cutbush
- **11 years** - Jack Kidd
- **12/13 years** - Will Adams

- **Junior** - George Wells
- **11 years** - Jack Kidd
- **12/13 years** - Jayden Russell

- **Senior** - Will Adams

### Breaststroke

- **Junior** - George Wells
- **11 years** - Jack Kidd
- **12/13 years** - Jayden Russell

### Backstroke

- **Junior** - George Wells
- **11 years** - Jack Kidd
- **12/13 years** - Cooper Elliss

### Butterfly

- **Junior** - George Wells
- **11 years** - Nil
- **12/13 years** - Will Adams

### 200 IM

- **Junior** - Will Adams

### 100m Freestyle

- **Open** - Jayden Russell
**SWIMMING PLACE AWARDS—GIRLS**

**50m Freestyle**
- **7/8 years** - Taylor Havercamp, Sienna Scales, Phoebe Ham, Soraya Watt
- **9 years** - Sienna Russell, Keeleigh Hurst, Jazmin Dugan, Molly Kidd
- **10 years** - Stephanie Spencer, Ashley Owen, Holly Nash, Airlei Gibson
- **11 years** - Megan Catto, Jazmin Middleton, Abi Knight, Mia Hobson
- **12/13 years** - Emma Singh, Kira Verschoor, Shyla Moore, Hannah Bolton

**Breaststroke**
- **Junior** - Taylah Fortescue, Sienna Russell, Laura Zhang, Ashley Owen
- **11 years** - Megan Catto, Jazmin Middleton, Danielle Livette-Vial, Keira Shepherd
- **12/13 years** - Hannah Bolton, Emma Singh, Abbey Johnstone, Kira Verschoor

**Backstroke**
- **Junior** - Ashley Owen, Taylah Fortescue, Maddison Young, Airlei Gibson
- **11 years** - Megan Catto, Akeisha Strelcs, Keira Shepherd, Zoe Groves
- **12/13 years** - Emma Singh, Kira Verschoor, Abbey Johnstone, Hannah Bolton

**Butterfly**
- **Junior** - Nil
- **11 years** - Megan Catto
- **12/13 years** - Kira Verschoor, Abbey Johnstone, Emma Singh

**200m IM**
- **Junior** - Nil
- **Senior** - Megan Catto, Kira Verschoor, Abbey Johnstone, Hannah Bolton

**100m Freestyle**
- **Open** - Megan Catto, Emma Singh, Abbey Johnstone, Hannah Bolton

**SUPERSTAR AWARDS**

**Three Star Awards**
- Hannah Bolton (60)
- Michael Seaborn (4/5D)

**Four Star Awards**
- Eli Taylor (6M)

**BIG MOVER AWARD**

Hunter Elliss

Hunter is an important member of 4G and an outstanding example of how perseverance and determination can pay off. He has made incredible progress in both Literacy and Numeracy through continually trying his best and giving everything a go. Hunter is a fantastic role model in our class as he meets all challenges with dedication and a smile. He's not afraid to ask questions and always strives to finish all set tasks to a high standard. He enthusiastically engages in all classroom activities and gives 100% in everything he does.

Hunter also displays positive behaviour in the playground by being friendly, caring and respectful. Many other teachers have commented on his exemplary behaviour and he should be commended for setting such an incredible example for all other students.

I know that if Hunter continues to dedicate himself to doing his best, both in and out of the classroom, he is going to continue to achieve amazing things and have an unforgettable Year 4. Congratulations Hunter, you are a truly deserving winner of the Big Mover Award.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS - Friday March 20th, 2015**

This week all students received an envelope from The School Photographer. If you wish to place an order for a photo package, please complete the required details on the envelope and return to the school. Details for payment are provided on the envelope and include an on-line, over the phone or cash/cheque payment option.
In addition, if you have more than one child attending the school, you can order a sibling photo to be taken on the day. Sibling photo envelopes are yellow and are available on request from the front office.

All class, individual and sibling photos will be taken on this day, along with the school’s leadership team photos and the Year 6 Group photo. All sporting team photos will be taken later in the year.

Please ensure all envelopes are returned to the school on or before March 20th and that your child is in full school uniform on the day.

Vicki Young
Deputy Principal

PARENT WORKSHOP - HELPING YOUR CHILD AT HOME WITH READING

We would like to invite parents to our ‘Getting Reading Right’ workshops, which will be held in the IRC on Wednesday 4th March at 9:00 am to 10:00 am and 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. These sessions will discuss beginning reading strategies used at school and how to best support your child with reading at home. The workshop will be most useful for parents of K-2 students. We look forward to seeing you there!

Rebecca Thompson and Joanne Figallo

SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all Niagara Park students who competed in our school swimming carnival. Notes have gone home to students who will be competing in the District Carnival at the Peninsular Leisure Centre on Monday 9th March.

Congratulations to the following students who were our age champions this year.

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Sarah Gibson
Sports Coordinator

LIFE EDUCATION

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Amelia Flood
Assistant Principal

P&C NEWS

Family Portrait Fundraiser - The Laura Jean Photography fundraiser will be held on Saturday 14th March, 2015. For a donation of $20.00, you will receive a beautiful framed portrait of your family. This would make a lovely Mother’s day gift. Please return the form from the flyer plus $20.00 to confirm your place – popular times fill fast – first in best dressed! Contact Michelle Johnstone for further details by emailing mjohstone01@gmail.com or by phoning 0417 250 994.

Christmas Carols 2014 - The inaugural Christmas Carol evening held last December was a huge success with many happy children and families in attendance and many positive messages received by Mr Boulus following the event. We would like to thank the efforts of Tammy, Sammy and all our parents, carers and teachers who helped out. While it was held as a community event, it made a profit of $511.92. We look forward to being able to hold an even better Christmas Carol evening later this year.
Walkathon Coordinator - We are looking for expressions of interest for someone interested in organising the walkathon this year. In recent years, the Walkathon has been one of our most successful fundraisers and an enjoyable day for our students. If you are interested in being this year’s Walkathon Coordinator, please email nppspandc@gmail.com or by phoning Julie Munroe (P&C President) on 0432 112 919.

Clothing Pool News - Pre-ordered senior jackets are ready for collection from the Clothing Pool. For anyone wanting to purchase a senior jacket, we have a limited number available in different sizes for $80.00.

The Clothing Pool has school house shirts for sale if you need one for the upcoming Athletics Carnival on Thursday 26th March. House shirts are $5.50 each.

Easter Hat Parade - The Easter hat parade will be held on Thursday 2nd April. Start thinking of fantastic hat designs and your Egg Art creations.

Canteen News - There is a tasty new food item in the Canteen: Vegemite and cheese wraps are now available for $0.60 each.

Katherine Bolton
P&C Vice President

15th to 20th March

To celebrate Gifted Awareness Week, we will be holding a session for parents to learn more about gifted and talented students. In this session, we will discuss what the terms ‘gifted’ and ‘talented’ mean, stereotypes of the gifted learner, methods schools use to identify gifted and talented students and support networks available for parents. The session will run from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the school IRC on Tuesday 17th March, right before our P&C meeting. Everyone is welcome!

Rebecca Thompson and the GAT Committee
2T are off to an AMAZING start!

Amazing Artworks!

‘Boogie Boarding’ - 2T created some amazing artworks in Week 2. We had to practice our best listening skills and did a great job!

Healthy Minds and Bodies

We have been practicing different ways to have a calm and healthy body and mind by completing daily sessions of Cosmic Kids Yoga online and using the Smiling Mind app to learn to meditate!

Super 6 Reading Comprehension

2T along with the rest of Years 2–6 have been learning about the Super 6 Comprehension Strategies. We have learned how to use questioning in our reading to help us better understand the text!
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FREE Teen Triple P Seminar Series
The Power Of Positive Parenting

Children and Young People's Mental Health is pleased to offer parents of young people this evidence based seminar series. There are three 2 hour seminars in the series which will be held on 3 consecutive Wednesday evenings at Erina Community Health Centre. You can attend just one or all three seminars.

The program does not address the management of mental health problems in teens, however many parents have found the program useful in reducing the everyday conflict and stress associated with parenting teens.

DATES:          11TH MARCH – RAISING RESPONSIBLE TEENAGERS
                18TH MARCH – RAISING COMPETENT TEENAGERS
                25TH MARCH – GETTING TEENAGERS CONNECTED
TIME:           6PM – 8PM
VENUE:          ERINA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE (169 The Entrance Road, Erina 2250)
PRESENTERS:     Ruth Phelan and Jo Heap

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL: To book into our seminars or for more information, please phone Children & Young People's Mental Health on 4328 7350 and ask for Ruth or Jo.

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