SCHOOL CLEAN UP DAY

Great Work
This week I had some students visit to show me their great work. Dwayne from 4G visited to share his improved writing, CC, Marcus, Eli, Jack and Jamaica K/2D dropped in to give me their fantastic work and Dakota from 2DM showed me his neat writing. I also had the opportunity to spend some time in classes. I visited 1M where we worked on reading comprehension, while in 6O we did a Spelling Mastery class. In 1J we labelled the character of ‘Horrible Harriet’.

Congratulations to Eli 5/6M on being chosen in the Met North Basketball team.

Boys Cricket
Congratulations to our Boys’ Cricket team on their convincing win against Ourimbah Public School last week. Thank you to Mr Briggs for coaching our team and thanks also to our parents for their support and for assisting with transport. Good luck in the next game against Wamberal!

P&C AGM
Our P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th March at 7:00 pm in the school staffroom. We welcome all our parents and carers to come along. We would love you to consider taking on an executive role and P&C Nomination forms are available on the Niagara Park Public School P&C website.
Clean Up Australia
Thank you to all of our students and staff for helping clean up our school and local community. Together we made a difference. Thanks to Miss Tout for coordinating our involvement.

Easter Hat Parade
The P&C are coordinating an Easter Raffle and Easter Hat Parade fundraising event. Easter is now fast approaching and our Easter event will be held on **Thursday 2nd April** and includes a parade from our students with their hats and a raffle of many wonderful prizes. Students are asked to make a paper/cardboard hat or decorate an old hat/cap at home with an Easter theme and bring it to school on the day of our Easter event.

We are kindly asking students to donate a chocolate Easter egg or anything relating to Easter so we can make some wonderful prizes for our Easter raffle and egg decorating competition. The more donations we receive, the more prizes you may receive. Donations are being collected at the **Canteen**. We will be sending raffle tickets home in Week 8. Your safety is our first priority, so door knocking is something we do not encourage or expect you to do. However if you do, please have adult supervision with you at all times. Please sell these tickets only to family and close friends or in some cases your next door neighbours. We have another exciting activity again this year. All students from K-6 have the opportunity to decorate a boiled/papier-mâché/styrofoam egg and have it displayed at our Easter hat parade. This is an optional activity. Eggs could be dyed, coloured, decorated to look like a chicken, bunny, bird, person etc. Your imagination is your only limit and we are really excited about seeing what Niagara Public School students create. There will be prizes for the egg decorating competition only.

Food Allergies
There are several students in the school with a variety of food allergies which include allergies to eggs, nuts, seafood and dairy products. While some allergies present as a rash or inflammation of the skin, there are more serious reactions such as an anaphylaxis reaction which requires an Epipen being administered. We encourage students to only eat the food that is packed by their parents and request that students do not swap food or take food from other students. While we highlight issues about food allergies and about keeping our students safe, if you are sending your child to school with products that contain nuts or eggs, please encourage them to wash their hands thoroughly to avoid complications for other students.

Parent Reading Workshop
On Wednesday, Mrs Thompson and Mrs Figallo presented information sessions for parents on how to help their children with reading at home. Both the morning and evening presentations were well supported by our parents. A huge thanks to Mrs Thompson and Mrs Figallo for organising the opportunity and thank you to the parents for attending.

Starcard Reward Program
Practices to recognise and reward student behaviour, effort and work habits in our school.
Positive reinforcement is used at every opportunity and underpins Niagara Park Public School community’s belief in ‘catching students doing the right thing’. Positive reinforcement is used to encourage and reinforce appropriate behaviour. To ensure consistency throughout the school, a whole school reward system is used.

The Superstar System
This system is based on printed stickers that as earned, are recorded in the students’ personal ‘Superstar’ book. These stickers are given out by teachers for exemplary behaviour. On completion of each page filled, students receive additional awards which are presented at school assemblies to provide public recognition of their achievements.
Book 1: BLUE
Page 1: One Star Award
Page 2: Two Star Award and badge
Page 3: Three Star Award and school pen
Page 4: Four Star Award and $3.00 school Canteen voucher

Book 2: MAROON
Page 1: Five Star Award and book award
Page 2: Six Star Award and name printed on Board of Honour
Page 3: Seven Star Award and silver medallion
Page 4: Certificate of Excellence and gold medallion

To ensure consistency within the school, the following conditions are in place:

- 50 stickers (K-1), 60 stickers (Year 2) and 70 stickers (3-6) are given to class teachers per term
- The stickers are given out to recognise exemplary behaviour, work habits and effort
- Grade teams are responsible for deciding how the stickers are earned within class
  (eg 3 ticks in the student’s booklet = a sticker)
- Teachers keep a class list to record stickers issued to ensure ALL students are considered
- ‘Superstar’ books are kept in the classroom and do not go home until the booklet is completed. The booklets are
  reviewed by the classroom teacher each term and collected by the grade executive at the end of each school
  year and held until classes are formed the following year.

Students who are on a Discipline Code Level or have received an Incident Report that week, do not receive a
‘Superstar’ award at assembly until they are successfully reviewed.

The “Big Mover” Award
This award acknowledges a student from the school who has demonstrated achievement or improvement in any
aspect of school life. Students are nominated by their class teacher and discussed with the Principal. The ‘Big
Mover’ award recipient is presented with their certificate and book prize at the Superstar assembly as well as
having their name engraved on the ‘Big Mover’ trophy. The student keeps the trophy for one week and then
returns it to the school office.

Commendations and Recognition at Assemblies
Merit awards – three merit awards are presented fortnightly to students for positive effort in school work or
behaviour
Sports awards – presented to students for displaying sportsmanship, effort and achievement
‘Superstar’ awards – refer to Superstar System
Goodie Tickets – given to students ‘caught doing something good’. This may include consistent effort, achievement,
displaying positive citizenship etc. Students record their names on the Goodie Tickets and one is drawn at each
assembly. The recipient receives a Canteen voucher, presented at the assembly.
Green Tickets – given to students ‘caught aiding the environment’. This may include working with environmental
projects, tidying areas of the playground etc. Students record their names on the Green Tickets and one is drawn at
each assembly. The recipient receives a Canteen voucher, presented at the assembly.

Wyong High School IT Program
Applications are available for Year 6 students to apply for Wyong High School’s Selective Information Technology
class. Application forms are available from Mrs Scott. There is an information evening at Wyong High School MPC,
on Tuesday 10th March at 6:00 pm. The closing date for student entry application forms is Tuesday 17th March,
2015. The entrance examination for the Selective Information class will be on Wednesday 25th March 2015.

Have a great weekend.

Adam Boulus
Principal
PSSA Cricket - vs. Ourimbah Public School

Last Friday 27th February, our PSSA Boys’ Cricket team played against Ourimbah Public School in Round 1 of the PSSA Boys Cricket Knockout at Bill Sohier Oval. The weather turned on for us after a couple of days of rain and we were ready to play. After losing the toss, we were put in to bowl first. We were able to bowl them out for 25 after 14 overs. Some notable mentions around the field were:

- Tom Owen taking a screamer in the field and bowling 2 from 2 maiden overs
- Jayden Russell’s drop catch, which turned into a run out
- Blake Carney taking a career best 4 wickets and 1 run off 2 overs
- Kane Parker bowling a dart at the middle stump
- Seamus Heaphey-Millen taking off stump out of the ground

We also saw some sensational run outs by Jack Kidd, Seamus Heaphey-Millen and Tom Owen.

With the bat, we were able to score their runs in just under 5 overs with the loss of 2 wickets, but in the spirit of the game we played on to give all of their bowlers a turn. We finished up on 3/67 after 12.4 overs.

Dylan Buckley scored an impressive 28 off about 7 overs, only to be caught in the deep on the 2nd last ball of the innings. Blake Carney helped with the bat also scoring a quick 14 off around 5 overs. Cody Starr also batted well being our opening Batsman, who unfortunately was run out. Niagara Park Public School won by 8 wickets.

Man of the Match: Blake Carney

We move on to play Wamberal Public School in the next week or so. Special thanks to the parents for assisting with transport and especially to Mrs. Kylie Buckley for keeping score for our side.

Kurt Briggs
Cricket Coordinator

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE (PRC)

This week is the official launch of the PRC for 2015! The PRC aims to encourage a love of reading and enables children to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The PRC runs from the Monday 2nd of March to Friday 21st August.

How it works K-2 (in school challenge)
Every child K-2 will participate in the challenge. Their classroom teacher will read their class 30 specially selected books throughout the challenge months. The librarian will log the books they have read onto the PRC website on their behalf. Each child will receive a certificate of participation at the end of the year.

How it works 3-6 (at home challenge)
Children can choose to participate in the challenge. They will read a total of 20 books (15 books from the PRC booklist and 5 personal choice books). Each time they finish reading a book, they log their achievement onto the PRC website. They can borrow PRC books from the school library. Upon completion of the challenge, they will receive a certificate and may have their name published on the PRC honour role. Permission notes for PRC 3-6 will be sent home and I encourage all students 3-6 to challenge themselves and take on the PRC!

Amelia Flood
Assistant Principal
**P&C NEWS**

**Family Portrait Fundraiser** - The Laura Jean Photography fundraiser will be held on **Saturday 14th March**. For a donation of $20.00, you will receive a beautiful framed family portrait. This would make a lovely Mother’s day gift. Only a few places are left in the afternoon, so be quick! Please send back the form from the flyer plus $20.00 to confirm your place. Contact Michelle Johnstone for further details by emailing: mjjohnstone01@gmail.com or phoning 0417 250 994.

**Easter Hat Parade and Egg Art Display** - The Easter Hat Parade and display of Egg Art will be held on **Thursday 2nd April**. We are requesting donations of Easter eggs and Easter items. The majority of these eggs and items will be used for raffle prizes, with 12 prizes being made from the donations for the Egg Art winners. All donations can be delivered to the school Canteen please. Raffle tickets will be sent home shortly. We are also requesting donations of cane baskets for displaying the raffle prizes.

**Mother’s Day Stall** - For this year’s Mother’s day stall, we are requesting donations of brand new loofahs, new tea towels and new sports drink bottles (either flat or normal size). These can be handed in to the school Canteen.

**Clothing Pool News** - Due to a change in the Clothing Pool coordinator, the days of opening will change as of Term 2. The new hours will be:

- Monday afternoon - 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm
- Thursday morning - 8:30 am to 9.30 am

If you are able to assist in the Clothing Pool, please contact Kim Sneddon on 0419 630 119 or email nppctreasurer@gmail.com.

The Clothing Pool has school sport house shirts for sale if you need one for the upcoming Athletics Carnival. Sport house shirts are $5.50 each.

**Aussie Farmers Direct** - Our school has teamed up with Aussie Farmers Direct to raise funds! Aussie Farmers Direct provides a home delivery service of **100% Australian owned and grown produce**. You can conveniently shop online from the comfort of your own home and wake up to an esky full of fresh produce or a weekly delivery of bread and milk, it’s up to you. Everytime you shop with Aussie Farmers Direct, they will donate a portion of your expenditure to our school - it’s that easy! To start shopping go to AussieFarmers.com.au/FundraisingOffer.

Are you already a customer? You can link your Aussie Farmers Direct account to the school by visiting AussieFarmers.com.au/LinkMyAccount. For further information please visit AussieFarmers.com.au or phone 1300 654 562.

**Walkathon Coordinator** - We are looking for expressions of interest from 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 the students. If you are interested in being this year’s Walkathon Coordinator, please email nppspandc@gmail.com or phone Julie Munro (P&C President) on 0432 112 919.

**P&C Membership and AGM** - Our next P&C meeting on **Tuesday 17th March** is our Annual General Meeting and everyone is welcome. If you wish to stand for a position on the committee or vote at this meeting, you need to be a financial member. If you’d like a membership or nomination form to complete, please email nppspandc@gmail.com. Membership costs $2.00 per year. The completed form with fee can be returned to the lovely ladies in the school office, as can any nominations for executive positions.

Katherine Bolton
P&C Vice President
**OFFICE GOSSIP**

Often parents ask for extra notes because their child didn’t bring one home or it has been misplaced. So as you don’t miss out, all notes are placed on the school’s website for your convenience. Please take time to visit our new website [www.niagarapk-schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.niagarapk-schools.nsw.edu.au) and have a look at it. Here you can read our newsletter, download notes, keep up to date with our calendar, have a look at photos and read helpful information from the Department.

**Leanne Roods**  
Administration Officer

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

Welcome back to Scholastic 2015. A few things have changed this year. There will only be one catalogue for each child appropriate to their grade. To view the other catalogues, please visit: [http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/](http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/)

You can now [order and pay online](http://parentpayments.scholastic.com.au) and choose the Book Club option or follow the instructions on the back of your catalogue.

Issue 2 Book Club is due back on **Monday 9th March** and books will be distributed when they arrive. Your Scholastic purchases earn Niagara Park Public School money to spend on resources. 20% of each order is allocated back to our school. Last year’s remaining rewards have recently been spent on $700.00 worth of readers for our students.

**Ellen Woodbridge and Joanne Gates**  
Scholastic Ladies

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Central Coast International Women’s Day**  
Free Expo on Saturday 7th March, 2015 at University of Newcastle Ourimbah Campus. Entertainment, seminars, food and market stalls, information stands, interactive displays and free health checks. All enquiries to: cciwdexpo@gmail.com

**1st Narara Scout Group - Garage Sale**  
1st Narara Scout Group will hold a MONSTER GARAGE SALE on Saturday 14th March, 2015. Sale starts at 8:00 am. Come along to the Scout Hall on Narara Valley Drive (right next to Niagara Park School) and find yourself a bargain..... clothing, books, toys, puzzles, household items, magazines, dvd/cd, etc. Delicious home made cakes will also be available.

![Gifted Awareness Week Australia](image)

**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**
KS are having a Sensational Start to School!

On our Kids Matter day launch KS had a great time working with bubbles. They practiced using self-control by not popping the bubbles when they were blown around them. They also practiced calming down by blowing in and out, using deep breaths, and watched as the bubbles took away their worries.

In KS we read “Dinosaur Farm” by Frann Preston-Gannon as a part of our Literacy session. We made some Dinosaurs out of shapes and thought about what our own dinosaur would do on a farm.
Marni’s Studio of Performing Arts

- Classes are held at Narara Valley High School on Thursday afternoons.
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