**Important Dates**

- **Tuesday 1/3**
  - School Banking
- **Friday 4/3**
  - Clean Up Australia Day @ 11:30 am
- **Tuesday 8/3**
  - School Banking
- **Wednesday 9/3**
  - World’s Greatest Shave - details to come
- **Friday 11/3**
  - P&C Movie Night - Gate opens @ 6:00 pm
- **Wednesday 23/3**
  - Easter Hat Parade @ 9:00 am
- **Thursday 24/3**
  - K-6 Athletics Carnival
  - Clothing Pool Closed

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**School Leaders**

![Images of students and staff]

**Great work**

This week I had some students visit to show me their great work. Manawa, Lucia and Ruby from KS dropped in to show me their 10 wheelies. Sebastian from 1/2B showed me his neat writing and Harper and Mikayla from 1J showed me their great work.

Congratulations to Claire 5/60 on her selection in the Under 21 NSW Archery team and well done to Jesse 4J who represented the under 10s Central Coast Touch Football team at the State Cup in Port Macquarie. Jesse was given the tournament match ball and was awarded most valuable player. Great news for Jack and Harley 5/6G and Molly 4J for making it through to the Sydney North Tennis Trials. Well done guys keep up the great work.

**School Savvy**

Thank you to Dannielle Stonestreet and Kylie Wanner for coordinating School Savvy this year to inform our new parents about routines at Niagara Park Public School.

**School Leaders**

Congratulations to all of our School Leaders who were recognised at a special Leadership Assembly. We believe in all of you and look forward to you being positive role models for our students.

**Thank You**

A big thank you to Andrew Sneddon for installing the new flooring in the Clothing Pool. It looks amazing!
School Photos
School Photos are being taken on Wednesday, 30th March. This year, we are using a company called “MSP Photography”. Payment options include cash, cheque and online credit card processing. More information about packages, cost and payment can be found on the envelope that will be issued shortly.

All photographs on Wednesday 30th 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, Students 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 Wednesday 26th October. As in previous years, photo orders are on a pre-paid basis. All money orders need to be returned by Tuesday 29th March. Sibling (brothers and sisters) photo envelopes will be available upon request from the front office. 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.

School Clean Up Day
On Friday 4th March, our students will participate in Clean-Up Australia Day. Last year's Clean-Up involved more than 470,000 students across 2,100 schools Australia wide. Inspiring children to care for the environment is a vital part of Clean-Up Australia. Since 1992 Schools Clean-Up Day has allowed school students to participate in Clean-Up Australia as part of their school community. We are asking our students to bring gloves and a plastic bag so we can clean up our school and surrounding streets. Together we can make a difference.

Class Parent Contact
Feedback from a Kidsmatter survey last year indicated that parents would like an opportunity to keep up to date with what is happening in their child’s classroom. As a result, we are looking at starting a new email contact list for each class.

One parent volunteer will coordinate the contact list which will provide parents with information and advice from their child’s teacher. Parents can keep up to date with what is happening in the class and ask questions of the teacher.

The coordinator will be responsible for liaising with the teacher and forwarding any information on to the parents on the list. If you would like to be a part of this please return the note that went home earlier this week.

Athletics Carnival
Our Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday 24th March. This carnival will take place at Mingara Athletics Field and will be for all students K to 6.
**Easter Hat Parade**
The P&C are coordinating an Easter Raffle and Easter Hat Parade fundraising event. The Easter Hat Parade will be held on **Wednesday 23rd March** and includes a parade from our students with their decorated 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 asking students to donate a chocolate Easter egg or anything relating to Easter so the P&C can make some wonderful prizes for our Easter raffle. 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 shortly. 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 eggciting 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.

Have a great weekend.

**Adam Boulus**  
Principal

**SUPERSTAR ASSEMBLY**

**Big Mover Award**
Jayden W. (5/6O) received our first Big Mover Award for 2016. Jayden has demonstrated all the desirable qualities that are required in order to receive this award, as outlined below:

Since arriving at Niagara Park Public School last year, Jayden has made amazing gains, both socially and academically. His self-drive and motivation to succeed are commendable, as is his work ethic in the classroom. Jayden is a fun-loving, bubbly student with a great sense of humour who brings joy and happiness to school with him each day. He is both resilient and outgoing, and it is a real pleasure to watch him learn and grow. Jayden is also a dedicated member of our school’s Green Team and ensures he attends every meeting to put forward his ideas and to help out. He is well liked by his teachers and peers and is a valuable member of 5/6O.

Jayden, you are truly deserving of the Big Mover Award.

Jayden also received a book and will have his name engraved on the Big Mover trophy. Well done, Jayden!

**Superstar Award Recipients**
The following students received Superstar Awards at our first Superstar Assembly for 2016:

**One Star Awards**
- Joshua A. (2T)
- Kaylie B. (2C)

**Two Star Awards**
- Marley M. (3/4W)
- Declan C. (4D)
- Liam M. (4J)

**Three Star Awards**
- Kayleb K. (5/6M)
- Jessica F. (5/6O)
- Tara M. (5/6B)
- Kaiya B. (5/6B)
Semester 1 Student Representative Council
The following students were elected to represent their class on the SRC in Semester 1 and received their badges at the assembly:

Elias P. (K2D)  Lilly H. (K/1H)  Izzie C. & Patrick D. (1J)

A great effort, everyone!

Vicki Young
Deputy Principal

TWILIGHT SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Congratulations to all students who participated in the Twilight Swimming Carnival.

Well done to the following age champions for 2016.

Junior – Sienna Russell, George Wells
11 year – Hayley Doyle, James Cutbush, Hunter Elliss
Senior – Mia Cleary, Callum Nash

Sarah Gibson
Sports Coordinator

LIBRARY NEWS
Library Bags
Please remember that in order to borrow more than one book a week, students MUST bring their Library bags. This ensures that our beautiful books remain beautiful. If your child forgets their Library books on their Library day, they are welcome to bring them in on any other day and borrow at lunchtime.

Overdue Books
Overdue notices have gone out this week. If you could please have a really good look at home for these books, it would be greatly appreciated. If you cannot find your Library book or you have any questions or queries about your child’s Library books, please don’t hesitate to call, write me a note, email or come and find me in the Library. My email address is kayla.frost2@det.nsw.edu.au should you prefer to contact me in this way.

Notices that indicate that the book has been overdue for some time have been posted home to ensure that parents are aware that their child has a book out in their name. Please disregard the number notice column on your overdue notice as this is often not a true indication of how many times your child has received a notice, but rather represents the number of times the report has been printed.
Unfortunately, students who have overdue books will not be allowed to borrow and this is obviously not ideal, so the sooner these overdue books get sorted, the better. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

Kayla Frost
Teacher/Librarian

P&C NEWS

Easter Hat Parade, Egg Art Display & Raffle
The Easter Hat Parade and display of Egg Art will be held on Wednesday the 23rd March at 9:15 am so started getting those creative ideas started for your beautiful hat or Egg Art creation. 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 coming home soon. Due to regulation changes, the pricing of the ticket has changed to 50 cents per ticket. If you require additional ticket booklets, please send back the yellow slip from your ticket book to the class teacher. Request how many booklets you would like; then additional books will be returned via your child.

Robert Blandford
P&C President

COMMUNITY NEWS

Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Parish of Wyoming
First Reconciliation Day Saturday 19th March, 2016 10:00 am OLR church. First Communion Day Sunday 29th May, 2016 11:30 am OLR church. Information regarding enrolments is available by phoning the Parish office on 43 243962.
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