



North Star Public School BULLETIN



Learning To Live

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Term 4, Week 4

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Principal Report

It has been a productive start to the term, with both classes well and truly settled into class routines and now working through the first of our two assessment weeks. Teachers will soon be providing available times for Term 4 Parent/Teacher meetings. Please be sure to secure your time early as there will be limited spaces to accommodate these given the very busy end to the year.

Thank you to Mr Michael Sky and students from Croppa Creek PS for inviting NSPS over to Croppa for the Harvest Classic, where students had the opportunity to interact with farming machinery from many years ago as part of their studies in History and Geography. Mr Sky kindly arranged for their school bus to collect our students for the excursion and we thank you for including us in this worthwhile learning opportunity.

A special mention to Mrs Karen Backus for her ongoing commitment to our P&C Fundraising efforts, particularly in relation to the many hours dedicated to preparing grant submissions. Although much of this work occurs 'behind the scenes', we certainly appreciate your time and expertise in this area.

Congratulations to Emere Lazarus on her incredible achievements recently at State Athletics in Homebush. We are all very proud that we have such a strong and committed competitor representing our school. Further details on Emere's performance are provided in the Sports Report section of this Bulletin.

A warm thank you to our parents who have kindly offered their assistance with reading in the K/1/2 room. Students are often very excited to share their progress with our parents and we appreciate your support in ensuring that every child has the opportunity to read aloud to an adult every day.

With Grandparents and Community Members Day fast approaching, please assist the school by ensuring our invitations have reached all families and community members. It will be a lovely opportunity for our visitors to see first-hand some of the activities that students engage in at school. We will also be hosting our Remembrance Day assembly on this day in lieu of Monday 11th November. Parents are very welcome to join us for this assembly, **commencing at 11.30am.**

Wishing you all a lovely fortnight.

Ms Jesser

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What's on in K/1/2

K/1/2 are thoroughly enjoying the use of their I Can Journals, and especially love the positive feedback they receive from Mum and Dad. Our recent entry showed a balance of some rich learning in Maths, along with students developing some positive, lifelong friendships with their peers.



One parent commented that 'both are very important' and on reflecting on that comment, it is important to highlight that as a school we recognise our role in shaping our students to not only become capable young learners, but to develop the social skills to interact in a positive and supportive way with their peers. High quality teachers are one of the most powerful and influential factors in any child's life and it such a privilege to work with the students at NSPS.

Thank you girls and boys.

Ms Jesser

What's happening in 3/4/5/6

Year 3-6 students have been learning to enhance the quality of their informative writing by incorporating subject-specific language and elaborating on main ideas. When describing a farming harvester, Sam Doolin wrote, *The New Holland CR Combine is a very advanced machine with one of the best grain samples. This is all because of its twin rotor system. The apparatus has one of the fastest unloading systems ever that does not choke the feeder house because of its impressive speed. The header can easily slip through heavy crops due to the power of its V6 engine.* Excellent work, Sam.

Students in the senior class have also started their second semester assessment period and have been practising sitting formal exams. This is a skill that will be used by the children for many years to come in secondary and tertiary education settings. Please encourage your child(ren) to keep hydrated by drinking lots of water and to get lots of sleep to recharge their brain(s) in this busy time at school.

Well done 3-6, keep up the great work!

Mr Newton



Week 2 Awards

Student of the Week K/2

K/2

Harry Woods

for working exceptionally hard to reach his learning goals.

Achievement Awards

K/2

Will Doolin

for excellent use of mathematical strategies..

Sophie McMaster

for showing persistence and commitment in her learning

Student of the Week 3-6

3/4/5/6

Sam Doolin

for being a responsible learner by asking relevant questions and focusing on the task at hand.

Achievement Awards

3/4/5/6

Annabel McMaster

for using inverse operations to check answers to mathematical questions.

Oscar Backus

for exhibiting mature behaviour and asking appropriate questions during lessons on puberty.



Week 3 Awards

Student of the Week K/2

K/2

Ned Phillips

for showing determination in reaching his learning goals.

Achievement Awards

K/2

Mackenzie Gardiner

for working very hard to reach her learning goals.

Oscar Watkins

for completing set tasks on time and to a high standard.

Student of the Week 3-6

3/4/5/6

Marli Swanborough

for working well independently and taking pride in his book work.

Achievement Awards

3/4/5/6

Indya Doolin

for applying teacher feedback by neatly arranging algorithms in maths.

Emere Lazarus

for her cohesive and well-structured informative writing this week.



2019 Harvest Classic Excursion

Today NSPS students joined Croppa Creek PS students and local community members to travel back in time and learn about farming machinery used in the past. The organisers, Mr Laurie and Mrs Cheryl Timmins, kindly showed our students tractors, headers, augers, corn shellers and lots of other examples of agricultural technology that have been used in our local area over the past century. The children were able to witness Mrs Nixon's son, Robert, harvesting wheat using an old header and unloading grain into a truck. Mr Geoff Nixon demonstrated emptying a header (from the 1950s) and the process of filling grain bags and stitching them closed by hand. After experiencing the hard work of farmers from older generations, the students were walked around a modern-day John Deere header with GPS-tracking technology and an air conditioned cab. This valuable educational experience ties well into our K-6 'Local History' unit of work, and the challenge has been set for NSPS students - **Be part of the improvements made to this technology over the next hundred years!**



Co-curricula

NSWPSSA State Athletics Championships

This week Emere Lazarus a Year 4 student from North Star Public School travelled to Sydney with her mother and her siblings to compete in the State PSSA Athletics Championships.

Unfortunately Dad had to stay home and work. Emere competed in the 9 Years 100m Dash and Emere placed 35 equal whilst sustaining an ankle injury during her race.

Emere should be very proud of her efforts, not only representing herself in an individual event but flying the flag for North Star Public School, this was a huge effort.

This year Emere's journey to Sydney started with the Athletics Carnival at North Star Public School by winning her age event (9Years) and she further showed her speed by coming second in the "Whole School 100m Championship". Emere then went on to win her age race at the Macintyre Athletics Carnival and then again at the next level, the Moree Zone Carnival better known as the Heferen Shield. Emere then progressed to the North West Area Carnival in Tamworth where she came 2nd in her age race securing a place on the North West Athletics Team to compete in Sydney at the State Carnival.

Congratulations Emere and thank you to Sam and Kama for supporting Emere through her journey.

