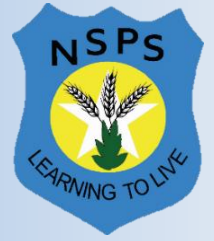




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Principal's Report

Good grief! This term is flying. We only have six *full* weeks until the end of the term. We have booked our students into swimming at the Goondiwindi pool for the week starting 29th November. Our attendance at this will be dependent on the COVID restrictions at the time. We will keep you posted.

Canteen today was once again exemplary. Thank you very much, Tori. Tori had a lovely chocolate cake for Harry's birthday which is on Monday. Everyone enjoyed it!



The beautiful garden that the P and C completed at the front of the school is flourishing. It is a joy to walk in each day.

We have Mrs Marsh joining our teaching staff for three days a week until the end of the term. Mrs Marsh will be working across the school but primarily in the 4/5/6 classroom to provide tailored individual lessons for students. Mrs Marsh will be working at the Croppa Creek school on Thursday and Friday.

On Wednesday I participated in Mr Mill's Principal Network Day. Areas we covered included finance and budget, the School Improvement Plan and Aboriginal Education.

Mr Mills will be joining us for our presentation day on December 15 and then meeting with me as part of my Performance Development Plan cycle. I will be meeting with staff earlier that week to finish off their Performance Development Plan cycle for the year.

Teachers have a Staff Development Day on Friday December 17, the day after the students finish for the year. The students last day is December 16.

Next year we will have three staff development days before school commences. We have added the end of the year staff development day to the already gazetted two staff development days at the beginning of the year. Our staff development days are 3,4 and 7 February. Years one to six commence on Tuesday 8 February and Kindergarten on the 9 February.

Today is World Teachers Day. It is a great opportunity for us to acknowledge and show appreciation for the outstanding job that teachers do. I have been very impressed with the passion and commitment that the North Star teachers display at school.

We have ordered 10 new IPADS to complement our technology resources. Our existing IPADS were getting a little too old to enable us to upload new Apps. We are disposing the old IPADS in line with the Department audit requirements. Each family will be offered the opportunity to buy one IPAD for fifty dollars. Could you please email Jane if you are interested in taking up this offer. Please indicate if you would like to buy additional IPADS if they are available.

Mrs Sloan

What's On in 1-3

This week in 1-2-3 we have been very busy problem solving. The students are using their problem-solving mats that help them to decide what is important in the question, what type of problem it is and if they need to use blocks, drawings, or their known facts to find the answer. Year 3 have been working hard on learning about division and multiplication using their problem-solving skills and paddle pop stick to work out all the possible factors of a number.

In writing we have been learning about tightening tension in our stories but gradually increasing the problem or solution until we get to an exciting ending. The students have continued to work using their plans and we have been enjoying reading each other's stories on a Friday when we all give and get feedback to help make our story writing better.

In Buddies this week the younger students have been reading with their buddies and have been working on their communication skills by completing challenges where the students need to work as a team to complete a task. The activity in the photo shows how they had to work out how to get across the room with everyone touching but not using their arms. The floor caterpillar was an idea that came from year one.



Mrs Pritchard

What's on in Years 4-6

Years four, five and six are working through their novel study on the House on the Edge of Magic while continuing their focus on inferential comprehension and tightening tension in writing.



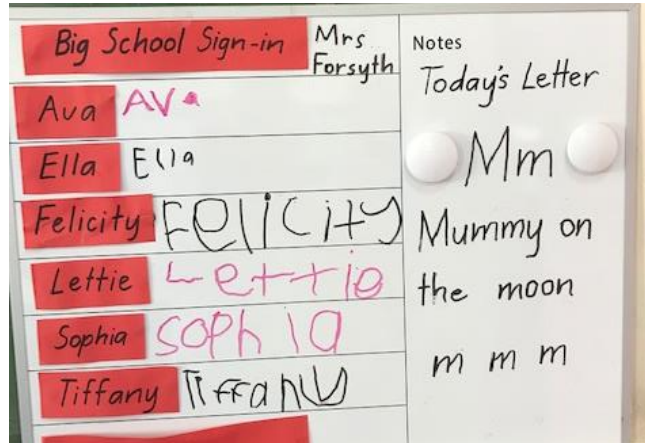
We are coming to the end of their online Art unit presented by Sarah Van Dongen, A Dutch Illustrator. This unit will culminate with the students completing self portraits that we hope to display at our presentation event. Mrs Taylor has been continuing to work with the students on digital presentations for Presentation Day.



Mrs Sloan

Big School News with Mrs Forsyth

We had lots of fun learning about the letter 'm' for 'Mummy on the moon m m m'. We all made pictures of our mothers dancing on the moon in beautiful pink dresses decorated with buttons, stars, and hearts. Mrs Forsyth forgot to take a photo of our mothers but here is her mother dancing on the moon. We are getting very clever at signing our names on our Sign-In board.



We made milo milkshakes from milo, milk and icecreamm. We also had some marshmallows and m and m's.



Mrs Forsyth

