



North Star Public School

BULLETIN

Learning To Live

Kindness, Respect, Responsibility and Safety

Term 3, Week 1

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Principal's Report

Welcome back everyone! We are all really looking forward to our Primary Production learning this term. We been planning over the holidays but welcome any suggestions from our parents and community as we have many experts in our midst!

Thank you so much to the parents who have completed the survey that I sent out last term. It has been most informative and coincidentally we have already implemented some of the suggestions.

All our community members all have differing gifts and talents. We are hoping that we can persuade some of you to come and share these with our students from time to time. To get an idea of the scope of your talents I have put together a short survey that we will send out. Feel free to forward it to anyone who you think may be keen to participate in the school community and the students' learning journeys.

This week's Bookweek Theme is 'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds. We are looking forward to our guest readers BA, KP, Mt and JM coming along. I wonder if they will be dressing up too.

In the meantime, if you can help out with reading please let us know. Tori has already volunteered and will be coming in on Thursdays.

Each year all staff complete the PDP Professional Development Plan process. It is where staff determine their areas for development in line with their own, their students' needs as well as the school plan priorities.

This process was negotiated with the Department and the Teachers Federation. Staff have just completed the mid-year self-assessment.

I am in the process of setting up a parent library. I have brought in some books from my library and there are a number of others I will get Jane to buy when she has a minute.

Last term I applied for a teacher on the Fast Stream program for 2022. This position is an extra to our school.

Last term we advertised for an additional teacher to assist with differentiated evidence based teaching. We did not have any applicants for the full-time position.

The student's toilets were reroofed over the holidays. On Friday we are having a visit from Alison Brand (Our asset manager) and I am raising with her our concerns about the verandah floor boards and stairs in wet weather.

Later in the term we will be holding a planning day so we can plan quality 21st Century learning spaces both indoor and outdoors. I am still tracking down the expert planner for the Department so we can have the best possible advice.

COVID 19

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

Regards,

Mrs Margaret Sloan

Principal

What's on in K/1/2

Welcome back to Term 3, what a fabulous start to the term we have had. It was so much fun on the first day to see everyone dressed as a farmer to launch our Agriculture Unit. Our class has been busy painting the windows with farm pictures, please check out our window gallery next time you're visiting the school.



Our books about farming have arrived from the Henry Parks Library and they will support us with our research about farming and our novel study this term for our year 3 students "Fantastic Mr Fox" by Roald Dahl.



This week in Maths we have been working on addition and being automatic in our number facts. We have done this by playing lots of games using addition and practicing using mental addition strategies.

We have started learning a dance from the musical 'Matilda' with the students from 4-6 and we will be saving that to perform at the end of year but I'm sure that you will hear a few exciting bits every now and then about how 'Revolting' they get to be at school.

Mrs Pritchard

What's on in 3-6

With only four days we packed as much as we could in.

We commenced our unit with a KWL. (What we know and what we want to learn.

We have been focussing on improving our technology skills in case we need to work from home. (Hopefully not!) Typing.com is the typing program we are using and next week we will work with Prodigy, an online maths program.

Our classroom is looking much brighter and we are most grateful to Tori, Rachel and Chris for moving furniture and covering our noticeboards.



Keeping Our Children Safe Online

In readiness for Learning from home (if we need to) I have included an e safety link. As you know keeping our children safe when online is critical.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-us/blog/covid-19-online-safety-kit-for-parents-and-carers>

Mrs Sloan

Big School News with Mrs Forsyth

We had the most beautiful day focussing on the letter 'b'. In our 'What's in the Box?' we found a butterfly, bear, book, broccoli, block, bird, banana and lots more. We did some handwriting with thick lead pencils and made playdough bunnies, butterflies, boys and bears. Felicity turned her boy into a girl with beautiful long hair.



There is a worksheet in the 'Special Book' that your daughter/s took home that they may like to do as 'homework'. (Not compulsory). Please ensure their Special Books come back each Wednesday. Thank you.

Our favourite part of the day was dressing up as ballerinas in hot pink tutus and learning some ballet moves from Celia Pritchard.

We had the best time!

Bella from Year 1 joined us as Mrs Forsyth had a spare tutu.

Celia also performed a dance for us all which was mesmerising!



Before recess, Mrs Forsyth cut out bear faces from pikelets. We cut up half a banana and then mashed it with a fork and spread the banana onto the bear faces. We used blueberries for their eyes. They were yummy!



Mrs Forsyth

Sport from Mrs Nixon

A great start to the school term for Sport, we had a fine day for an athletics carnival!

Last Wednesday Croppa Creek and Tulloona Schools joined us to complete the events which were not completed at the rained-out Macintyre Athletics Carnival at Croppa Creek. The children enjoyed the day as they felt it wasn't as stressful as some carnivals because they were on home turf.

The students enjoyed some very exciting relays, North Star School won the whole school relay by a big margin.

We all especially enjoyed the Minor Relay with our Transition students joining in to make two relay teams with the help of Lucy Doolin and Will Doolin. The transition children were very eager participants, Tulloona out did North Star in this one.

Thank you to everyone involved for a great day!

Heferen Shield

Next Friday, 23 July 2021, the Heferen Shield which is the Moree Zone Athletics Carnival will be held in Moree at the Boughton Oval starting at 9:00am sharp.

Unfortunately, no spectators are allowed on site due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Good luck to Annabel and Sophie McMaster, Indy and Will Doolin, Thomas and Emily Crichlow, Lucy Doolin, Oscar Watkins and Harry Woods.

Mrs Nixon



Key Dates

Term 3

School Photos – have been postponed due to Covid 19 restrictions at school. I will try and reschedule for Term 4

Heferen Shield Athletics – Moree
Friday 23rd July

Kids Create Space Program (Ms Taz)
Monday to Friday – has been postponed due to the lockdown in Sydney. We hope to reschedule for Week 6

Dance Performance/BBQ/Student parent sport – Friday 30th July – will depend on restrictions for parents to enter school grounds.

School Dental Visit – Monday 23rd August

Bookweek parade and celebrity readers – Friday 27 August

North West Athletics Carnival – Friday 3rd September

Please keep checking as I will be adding dates throughout the term as they become available.

