



# North Star Public School

## BULLETIN

**Learning To Live**

**Kindness, Respect, Responsibility and Safety**

**Term 3, Week 2**

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### **Principal's Report**

The second week back has just flown. Both classes are embracing the farm theme and we are looking forward to our first excursion to Simon and Sandies in a few weeks. We are only at the preliminary planning stage and will let you know as soon as we have finalised the details. We are so fortunate to have local places to visit that fit into our learning as we are not currently permitted to leave our local area for excursions.

Congratulations to Annabel, Indya, Lucy and Thomas who participated in the local final of the Multicultural Public Speaking competition. Thomas was awarded a Highly Commended in the competition. Well done everyone.

We have had to postpone our Education Week plans as our dance teacher is in a hotspot and won't be able to travel to North Star. We have rescheduled our dance lessons to week six, however that is looking less and less likely. We will keep you posted!

We have also rescheduled our Book week Extravaganza so that it falls on a day when our transition class is at school. Miss Pritchard has ordered a number of the Shortlisted Books so we can share them with the students. On top of our Book week activities in the morning, Mrs Nixon is planning a Farmers Challenge. That is bound to be heaps of fun!

On Wednesday Toni Munro, the Attendance Support Officer came out from Moree and provided professional learning for staff on the department's expectation for roll marking and supporting student attendance. We will be including attendance information in future bulletins, so everyone has current information.

All teaching staff are completing training in Mathematics teaching. Mrs Pritchard and I completed the first of a two-part professional learning on Wednesday and Mrs Nixon and Mrs Taylor will be undertaking their part one in a couple of weeks. We have homework between the sessions to help us to apply the learning in our classes.

The new Maths resources we ordered arrived today. Woohoo!

Mrs Bush and I attended online professional learning on Audit procedures with Mr Mills on Thursday after school. We have more sessions later in the term. Mrs Bush got straight on to making sure all our processes are in place and up to date. Yesterday the main topic relevant to us was staff mandatory training. Staff have to complete a range of mandatory training each year including things like Child Protection, Anaphylaxis and Corruption Prevention.

On Wednesday next week, after school we are having a learning session with Emma Kirby, the Literacy and Numeracy Implementation Coach where we will be analysing our learning progression data in maths. Understanding student data is an area we are focussing on as a staff, focusing on student data and where to next for each student will help ensure that there is strong differentiation for all students. High Impact Professional Learning is a priority for all schools in New South Wales.

Again, we would like to thank Mrs Nixon for her organisation of and attendance at the Heferen Shield. Congratulations to our dedicated athletes for their attitude and participation.

*Mrs Margaret Sloan*

### What's on in K/1/2

Wow! What a wonderful week we have had with some great achievements in reading from Year 1 and 2.

Year 3 have been learning to collaborate and discuss what they think about the book they are reading (Fantastic Mr Fox).

In Maths this week we have learning about Area with Mrs Nixon and discovered how many blocks it would take to cover a desk in the library. We are continuing learning about different ways to use numbers and explain our thinking.

We are learning about Google Classroom and practicing logging in from home using technology as homework. Please try to have your children log in independently at home as they can do this at school without assistance.

Prodigy has no separate maths activities, I set all the work that the students complete as part of the game and can see their results in real time. The activities will increase in difficulty as the students get them correct, the game is an adventure across a variety of lands where they can earn pets and cast spells against other Maths Wizards. They can challenge each other when they are online at the same time, but only with people in their same class.



*Mrs Pritchard*

### What's on in 3-6

Our 4/5/6 class warmly welcomed our new student, Alirose to our class this week.



In literacy, we have been exploring the elements and processes of informative texts in the context of our farming theme (mostly wheat this week). Mrs Nixon has been looking at bread in science and we have various types hanging on the wall in the classroom going mouldy.



Students have been memorising Our Country by Dorothea McKellar. They have done a great job as this is not an easy poem to say, let alone remember. Our class will recite it together at next week's assembly. We will be learning poems each week or fortnight for the rest of the term.

Each week the students have homework set in Google Classrooms. All students have a log in for Google classrooms.

*Mrs Sloan*



### Big School News with Mrs Forsyth

We had a sensational day learning about the sound 's' and counting and ordering numbers to 10. The girls were very clever at putting their numbers in the correct order and even counted dots on dominoes and matched them to the correct numeral.



We made snakes out of playdough and put them onto a letter 's'. We also traced over the letter 's'. We sang 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star' and we have beautiful voices.

Mrs Forsyth read the story 'Each Peach Pear Plum' and we played 'I Spy' to find the hidden characters in the pictures.

We loved making our sun catchers with yellow triangles for the sun's rays and crepe paper, shiny cardboard and ribbon inside the sun.

Our favourite part of the day is reading a story to a soft toy and our Developmental Play time.

Did you know we are playing with Mrs Forsyth's doll 'Cindy' and some of Mrs Taylor's dolls?



**Please remember to send in your blue folders of information next week as Jane requires your details for the school.**

Thank you for returning their Special Books each week. It is important for your daughter/s to show you what they have been learning. I absolutely love teaching the girls. Some were very disappointed that the 'other teacher' wasn't there yesterday. I am obviously not very good at ballet

*Mrs Forsyth*

### From the Office

Week two, Term 3. The year is flying by fast!

Attendance in schools is a high priority focus for the Department of Education.

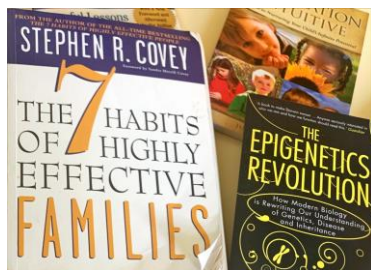
Our attendance rate for Term 3 is 92.3%

It is very important that when your child is away from school you either ring the school or send an email to the child's teacher or to the office regarding an explanation on why your child/ren are not at school. If we do not receive an explanation, your child/ren are marked unjustified and it reflects on our attendance reports that are reviewed by a team in Moree. If your child/children are arriving late at school or are needing to leave early, it is a requirement of the DOE to come to the office, check in with the COVID app and sign the student in or out.

We appreciate your understanding in this matter

Thank you, Mrs Pearlman, for coming to school and helping in our library. It was lovely to have you back in the school doing what you do best! The students enjoyed you helping them choose books to read and are looking forward to you coming back each week.

At school, we have a section of books that parents can borrow if they would like to. We will be adding more books to our basket over the year so if you would like anything, please let us know and we will see if it is available to purchase.



*Mrs Bush*

### Key Dates

#### Term 3

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

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 30<sup>th</sup> July – Cancelled

Farm Excursion to Cleveland – 13<sup>th</sup> August

School Dental Visit – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

Bookweek parade and celebrity readers as well as Farmer challenge – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September

North West Athletics Carnival – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

#### Term 4

Overnight Boomi Excursion 27, 28<sup>th</sup> October  
More information to follow

