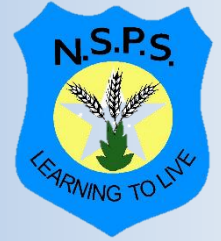




North Star Public School BULLETIN



Learning To Live

Kindness, Respect, Responsibility and Safety

Term 4, Week 1

Gratitude

14th October 2022

Principal's Message

Welcome back everyone.

Week one is done and dusted, and it looks like it will be a race to the end of the year.

Can you believe the absolutely awesome job that the landscaping team completed over the holidays. The have totally transformed the spaces! Words defy me! Amazing, fabulous!!!!

We are looking forward to many lessons and lunches in this beautiful area. Actually, I find myself standing and staring at the yarning circle. It is very zen.

We are planning our astronomy night with Roger McQueen from the University of Southern Queensland. I've spoken with Rod this week and have confirmed our booking. Rod will make a decision next week about whether we will proceed depending on the level of cloud cover. We are thinking we will have a family picnic on the Oval and then will move into our stargazing when the stars come out.

Next year Rosie Watchirs will be joining us as our Rural and Remote Teacher. She is coming out to meet us on Wednesday in week five.

We wish our athletes speed and strength in Sydney next week. Whatever the outcome we are very proud of your efforts to date.



Mrs Sloan

**Resilience:
Protecting them does not prepare them,
Preparing them protects them**

Whats happening in Yr 3/4

Hello Everyone! It was wonderful to see everyone back after, I hope, a restful and enjoyable holiday.

Unfortunately, we had a slow start due to students being stranded at holiday destinations or at home with an illness.

Maths was eagerly anticipated this week as we were doing Probability and Statistics this week. A large packet of M&M's was our source of data which the children were hoping to devour at the completion of the lesson. Much to their disappointment they were only given a mere morsel as the M&M's are required for another lesson on Monday. Mrs Forsyth was working on 2-D and 3-D shapes, discovering names and properties of these shapes. Please ask your students to find some examples of these shapes as you move about your week.

Creating Information Texts is the focus in Writing this term. This is a very important skill for the students to learn as they proceed through life particularly in education. Mrs Forsyth introduced the topic to them with a report on the Willy Wagtail.

The students will be reading two chapter books this term, "A Different Dog" by Paul Jennings with Mrs Forsyth and "Storm Boy" with Mrs Nixon. Please encourage your children to read at home as this not only expands their reading skills but it helps them broaden their vocabulary. We have sent home their reading diary to record and comment on their reading.

We are looking forward to a great term to complete the year.



Whats new in Yr 5/6

We have had a great start to Term Four!

The big news this term is that 3-6 is going to put on a short play at the end of the term! Students are loving it and are desperate to choose their role however, we are going to practice the play for a while before we choose roles so everyone is familiar with the whole play and it is a team effort.

We have been learning about cause and effect in reading. The cause explains why something happens and the effect is the description of what happened. We enjoyed practising it in a short story called 'The Orb'.

5/6 are exploring new genres in reading and are delving into science fiction with stories like 'The Orb' in coming weeks. We are continuing our learning about informative texts and are experimenting with biographies.

In mathematics, we have been enjoying working with patterns and algebra. Students have been enthusiastic about solving problems to continue patterns and year 6 have dabbled in some year 7 algebra. We have also discovered a new bingo style game to practise our additive and multiplicative strategies.

We are learning about volcanoes in science and enjoyed learning about Mt Vesuvius in Pompeii yesterday. Students were particularly intrigued with it.

Thank you for visiting us last term at the Book Week event. We loved having you and were so pleased you could see how fabulously our acting skills are developing!!! I am still hoping I can share the videos with you shortly!!!

Good luck to Annabel, Thomas and Sophie in Sydney next week!



Big School News

This week we learnt all about the letter 'b'. Bounce balloons b, b, b! We had fun playing 'Keepy Uppy' (keep the balloon in the air) and bouncing them on our hands. We had to hold them tight when we went outside.

We made beautiful blue butterflies using playdough, buttons, glitter jewels and pipe cleaners. Just fabulous!

For number work, we had to choose a card and put that number of bears on the Teddy Bear Bus. Very clever work!

After lunch, we played some dress-up games, shops and some new puzzles. We absolutely loved being ballet dancers and dancing to the 'Sugar Plum Fairy' in our pink tutus!

COMING EVENTS

18/19 th October	State Athletics
21 st October	NSPS Star Gazing event
28 th October	P&C Meeting Morning tea
4 th November	Inland Rail morning tea 11.00am
21-24 th October	Swimming School
28 th October	NSPS Swimming carnival
2 November	Assembly – Community members welcome
30 November	Thank you lunch for the parents from the staff and students Ms Watchirs visit Assembly – All welcome
7 December	Presentation Day
16 December	Queens Jubilee morning tea Year Six Farewell Students last day
19 December	Staff Development Day



Kaiden



Stella



Skye



9 teddy bears on a bus



From The Office

Why attendance matters

Minutes lost = days lost per year. A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just 5 minutes per day they miss 3 days per year.

30 mins per day equals 18 days per year.

Patterns of lateness or leaving early can have a serious impact on your child's education.

Our Fabulous Gardening Team



Community News

Gwydir Shire Council is delivering a Community Events Program, Reconnecting Regional NSW. This program is aimed at supporting economic and social recovery in regional NSW.

North Star, as a participating community, can host free Pilates classes led by physiotherapist Phoebe Baskerville. These will be held at the North Star Hall on Tuesday mornings and are open to all members of the public.

In addition, our events program will include a "Build a Step Stool" workshop. To be held at the North Star Hall grounds, conducted by Doug Wales. This will be a one-day workshop with date yet to be announced.

A second one-day workshop is in the pipeline with details yet to be finalised. Watch this space.

For more information contact
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Sport With Mrs Nixon

Good luck to Annabel McMaster, Sophie McMaster, Will Doolin and Thomas Crichlow who are competing in the NSWPSA State Athletics Carnival in Sydney next week.

Sophie is competing in the 1500m 11 Year Girls Track event and Annabel is competing in the Senior Girls High Jump.

Thomas (1), Will (2), Sophie (3) and Annabel (4) will compete in the Norm and Elizabeth Austen Small Schools Relay.



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