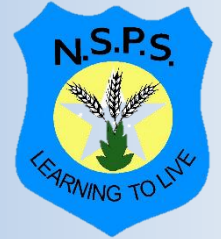




North Star Public School BULLETIN



Learning To Live

Kindness, Respect, Responsibility and Safety

Term 4, Week 2

Gratitude

21st October 2022

Principal's Message

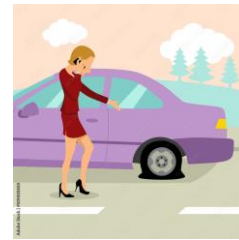
What an outstanding effort from our athletes, in Sydney this week. It is such a feat to get there and we are very, very proud. Well done Sophie, Annabel, Thomas and Will.

It has been quite a strange week with some staff having to work from home and many students stuck at home doing remote learning.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Miss Napper and Mrs Pritchard for keeping the school open.

We weren't able to host the Astronomer from the University of Southern Queensland today due to the inclement weather. We will work with him to earmark another night to look at the stars.

We need to say a big thank you to Todd Crichlow for changing Mrs Forsyth's tyre in the rain on Wednesday. Thank you so much Todd.



Mrs Sloan

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

Whats New in K-2

K2 has had a fantastic start to Term 4, we have been busy learning our new performances for the end of year.

In English Kindergarten have been working on writing sentences and making them into stories with beginning, middle and end. Year 2 are learning about paragraphs and how to make their stories interesting using metaphors. Kindergarten have started learning their next set of sounds with ch, sh and th this week.

In Mathematics we have been working on our number skills and created two giant number lines. Kindergarten made 0 to 12 and Year 2 made 0 to 60. They discovered that counting by 1s and counting by 5s had the same spaces on their number lines and that if we made them into a circle, it was a clock. This is helping to see that we can tell time by counting just the same as a normal number line.

A favourite activity this week has been 'How Many Dots'. The children roll ten dice and group them together into tens to make it easier to count the total number.

Whats happening in Yr 3/4

Another week has just flown by in the Year 3/4 classroom.

Rain has affected us once again, but it enabled us to experience Gymnastics in the North Star Hall which we all enjoyed. Unfortunately, it was just too wet to get over to the hall on Wednesday for the K2 class to enjoy the experience.

Mrs Forsyth continued working on information reports, this week researching the Yellow-Rumped Thornbill (apologies if I have the poor birds name wrong. Year 3/4 can set us straight on this.) From all reports they have been working hard on their report writing.

Be aware that students from Year 3/4 may try "pulling your leg" this week but if they do make sure they "face the music" for their

cheeky exploits. We have learnt about the figurative language of Idioms this week and in grammar we have been looking at "Noun Groups".

Globular Clusters, Magellanic Clouds, Planetary Nebulae along with Neptune, Jupiter and Saturn were all astronomical objects we were hoping to view through a telescope tonight but unfortunately due the cloud cover and rain, it had to be cancelled. However, Year 3/4 have done their research on the internet this week and found images of these objects and are eager to one day view them through a telescope.

Tallying, Recording and Predicting were the skills required in "Chance" during Maths. The students rolled the dice to verify their predictions. We found the Volume of a variety of rectangular prisms by counting centimetre cubes and then by measuring boxes and using the formula: $\text{Volume} = \text{Length} \times \text{Width} \times \text{Height}$.

Whats new in Yr 5/6

We have missed our athletes this week but have loved watching them on the live stream. Congratulations to our super stars!

We have a new teacher in town! Ms Indya Doolin spent the middle session on Wednesday teaching Transition. She read her students a lady bug book and lead them in creating actions. They sang a lady bug song together and she guided them to make lady bugs. Ms Doolin also taught them a ladybug maths lesson. All, with positive and encouraging words! You're a natural Ms Doolin!



Big School News!

We watched Sophie run her 1500m race and had some books read to us by 3-6 students. We found lots of 'f' things in the box – a fairy, flower, fox, frog, number 4 and the letter 'f'. Our letter 'f' is for Five fat fish f, f, f. We coloured a fairy mask and a fireman mask and were very clever at cutting them out. Our scissor skills have really improved.

We were very lucky to have an excellent teacher for our middle session. Miss Indy Doolin did a ladybird story, song and a counting game with us on the smartboard. She even did a ladybird spot counting activity and helped us make a ladybird with Ms Napper. Harriet received an award from Indy for excellent listening in all activities.



COMING EVENTS

28th October	Morning tea for World Teachers Day
1st November	Melbourne Cup at Vicarage Cafe
4th November	Informal cuppa with Inland Rail at 11.00am STEM day at NSPS with the University of Newcastle. Local small schools coming.
6th November	Garden Day at Sandy's 'Cleveland'
7th November	P&C Meeting
21-24th November	Swimming School
28th November	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



School Horse Sports Tamworth

Lucy Doolin represented NSPS at the Tamworth Interschool Equestrian Extravaganza (ISHE) over the weekend. Lucy and her pony Mikey competed in Primary (K-6) 60 cm Combined Training and placed 4th on Friday. On Saturday they jumped in the 60cm Show jumping placing 8th and also competed in the Primary (K-6) Prelim dressage competition riding the 1B and 1 C tests and placing 7th and 3rd respectively. Sunday Lucy and Mikey tried their hand at show riding which is where both horse and rider must look very neat. They were excited to win a 4th place in the hacking class. There were over 800 competitors at the event from schools all over NSW and Qld. Congratulations Lucy!

Sport With Mrs Nixon

As I am writing this Bulletin four North Star students are marshalling for the Norm and Elizabeth Small Schools Relay. Goodluck to Thomas, Will, Sophie and Annabel.

On Wednesday Sophie had a great run in the 1500m and Annabel is competing in 12/13 years High Jump today. Congratulations to these students and their parents for their massive effort getting to Sydney for the PSSA NSW State Athletics Competition.

A special thank you to all North Star Students who helped in the training of the school relay team. Special mention to Harry Woods, Oscar Watkins, Emily Crichlow, Sam McMaster and Lucy Doolin who gave up their play time to give the relay team some competition. Bill McMaster, Bella McInerney, Indya Doolin, Ava Coulton, Simon Watkins and Isabelle Uebergang all helped out occasionally, thank you so much!

Newsflash

Our fabulous relay team came fourth in the final of the Norm and Elizabeth Small Schools Relay team. We are all so proud of you. Congratulations!



Community News

Ashford Horse Sports

Ashford Central School would like to extend an invitation for our school to attend their Horse Sports Day, to be held on Friday 11th November 2022, at the Ashford Showground. It will be run in conjunction with Ashford Pony Club and will run under PCANSW Insurance. All competitors must be current financial members of a Pony Club and provide proof of membership.

A canteen will be operating throughout the day run by Ashford Central School P & C.

If anyone is interested in their child participating in this event, Sandy Doolin has kindly offered to go as our team manager. Please ring the school as soon as possible as nominations must be in by the 4 November.

Farrer Agricultural High School

Do you have a son in Year 5 interested in attending Farrer in 2024?

Farrer is Australia's only selective Agricultural High School for boarding and day boys. It's more than an education, it's an experience! A Farrer boy embodies Confidence, Character and Community. If you have a son in Year 5 who is interested in attending Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School in 2024, you will need to register for the Selective Schools Test which will be held in 2023.

Registrations for the Selective Schools Exam will be open between October 18 and November 16 2022.

THE SELECTIVE SCHOOL EXAM IS COMPULSORY FOR ANY STUDENT STARTING FARRER IN YEAR 7.



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