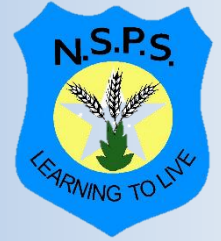




# North Star Public School BULLETIN



*Learning To Live*

*Kindness, Respect, Responsibility and Safety*

Term 4, Week 3

Gratitude

28<sup>th</sup> October 2022

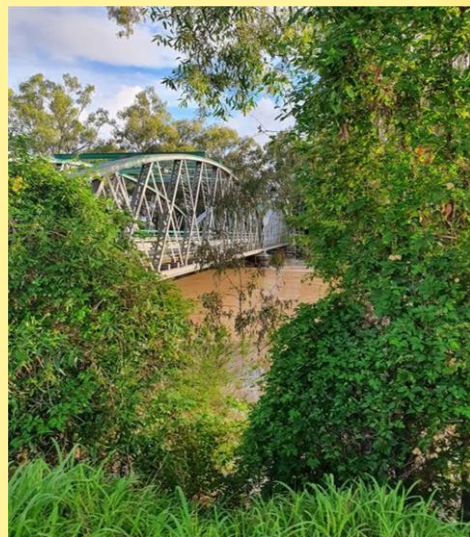
## Principal's Message

Firstly, I must say a big thank you to the teachers who kept the school running as usual, while some of us were stranded and couldn't get to school. We were very fortunate to not have to make our school non-operational as many did. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Mrs Pritchard, Miss Napper, Mrs Forsyth and Mrs Nixon. I would also like to acknowledge the great support that all schools received from our director Mr Jeremy Mills during this event. We have certainly fared a lot better than a lot of other schools, with some schools still having flood water rising through their building. Our thoughts are with the school

communities, farmers and householders who have had losses.

Regardless of floods the school weeks are ticking by and we have seven left. One of these weeks is swim week so we need to make the most of what time we have left to pack in as much learning as we can. Friday next week we have a Stem Day with the University of Newcastle. This day is funded by Inland Rail and we've invited our local schools. We hope to make this an annual event.

Unfortunately, we weren't able to have our stargazing night last Friday night because there were no stars or access to the school. Hopefully we can get another night organised as soon as possible.



*Mrs Sloan*

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

### Whats New in K-2

Our current book in K2 is "The Mess We Made" by Michelle Lord. It is a beautiful picture book that explores the environmental impact of trash and plastic in the ocean and marine life, and it inspires kids to do their part to combat pollution. We have been using the tier two and three words from the story to inspire our writing. Year Two have been learning about cause and effect. They've written some great compound sentences describing lots of cause and effects.

In science we investigated light, where it comes from and how it can only travel in a straight line. We experimented on a variety of objects to see if light could travel through them and if it changed when it did. Our blue light torches were very handy and made some very pretty patterns when shone through a bottle of water.

### Whats happening in Yr 3/4

The students are enjoying gymnastics for sport on Friday mornings and this week they started skipping for fitness.

Mrs Forsyth has continued with their work on Information Reports and soon the students will be able to create their own without assistance. Quick Writes and Free Writes are now going to be done on their laptops in preparation for the future when all their writing and research will be required to be submitted online. Please encourage your children to practise Typing.com at home or just using the computer to create stories. We learnt another form of figurative language this week and that was "Onomatopoeia". These are words that suggest the sound of what is being described e.g., "Bang", "Hiss", "Moo". The children enjoyed role playing scenarios for people to guess the correct sound word.

Year 3/4 are studying a book called "A Different Dog" with Mrs Forsyth and we have begun reading "Storm Boy" as well. The children have been connecting well with themes in these books, due to their own experiences.

Maths has been a revision of addition and subtraction strategies and in measurement we looked at converting different units of measure.

The students are reminded of the importance of reading each night to develop their vocabulary and spelling as exposure to a variety of words and sentences is essential.

### Whats new in Yr 5/6

This week in 5/6, we have been continuing our learning of science fiction narratives. In reading, we have compared two of our texts and some short films to define what makes a great science fiction plot, character, and setting. We have also investigated the themes and society issues that are covered in the stories. Students worked together to plan and write a science fiction narrative about an exciting dystopian future world that has been overrun by robots. We are looking forward to sharing it with you soon. In maths, we had a look at our check-in assessment and NAPLAN results to make learning goals. Our first goal was time elapsed and time, presented in word problems. We learnt two strategies to calculate time elapsed and really enjoyed learning how times zones work.

In Science we investigated the word 'viscous' and conducted experiments to test the viscosity of liquids. We had a lot of messy fun. Students also enjoyed making baking soda and vinegar volcanos.



### Big School News

Lizards like lollipops l, l, l and we loved the watermelon lollipops Mrs Forsyth gave us to lick! We found a lion, a leopard, a lollipop, a lizard and a couple of l's in the box. Stella has two l's in her name!

We were very clever joining the dots of a sailboat and a lighthouse.

We love playing farms and organising our different animals into their individual paddocks. Kaiden likes to drive the tractor and plough the sand around the animals.

Dressing up is one of our favourite activities and we are working on doing a performance in our dress-ups. Stay tuned! We all took a dress-up home for the week to wear.

### COMING EVENTS

<b>28<sup>th</sup> October</b>	World Teachers Day Morning tea
<b>1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	Melbourne Cup at Vicarage Cafe
<b>4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Informal cuppa with Inland Rail at 11.00am STEM day at NSPS with the University of Newcastle. Local small schools coming.
<b>21-24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Swimming School
<b>28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	NSPS Swimming carnival
<b>2 November</b>	Assembly – Community members welcome
<b>30 November</b>	Thank you lunch for the parents from the staff and students Ms Watchirs visit Assembly – All welcome Whole school photo to be taken
<b>7 December</b>	Presentation Day
<b>16 December</b>	Queens Jubilee morning tea Year Six Farewell Students last day
<b>19 December</b>	Staff Development Day



### Why Attendance Matters



## From The Office World Teachers Day!

Hats off to teachers this World Teachers' Day  
Our teachers have shown great resilience during challenging times, all so they can give students the best future possible.

Thank you Marg Sloan, Jennifer Pritchard, Megan Napper, Susan Nixon, Stacey Taylor and Wendy Forsyth for doing a fantastic job at North Star!

We had a lovely morning tea and the students made the teachers some beautiful cards to take home.



## 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

Once again, we congratulate the North Star Relay for their superb performance in Sydney coming fourth in the small schools' relay. Thank you for representing our school, Thomas Crichlow, Will Doolin, Sophie McMaster and Annabel McMaster.

This week has been relatively quiet in the sporting field, our next event will be swimming lessons and our North Star Swimming Carnival



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