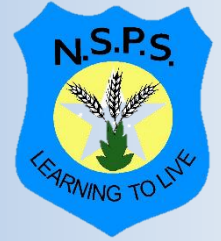




North Star Public School BULLETIN



Learning To Live

Kindness, Respect, Responsibility and Safety

Term 4, Week 5

Gratitude

11th November 2022

Principal's Message

We are knuckling down for the last five weeks of school so that we can cover as much learning as possible. Teachers are very focused on continuing learning and preparing assessments and reports. Term four is always an opportunity to build on our learning to date.

The year six farewell plans are well underway for a great evening at the Vicarage Cafe. We are so excited about the farewell and sad to say farewell to our delightful year six girls. The P and C has most generously provided \$500 towards the event. There will be a cost per head. There is more information to come.

Today we observed one minutes silence at 11.00am for our Remembrance Day Ceremony, an important commemoration to remember those who fought and died in war. Our students made poppies to wear, and we also recited the poem *'In Flanders Fields'*, which was written by a Canadian doctor, Major John McCrae in 1915.

Two special visitors, Dave and Paul, came to our school today to raise awareness about Dementia. Dave, who lives in Goondiwindi has been riding over the last month from Griffith to help raise funds to try and find a cure for this disease. The children were very inquisitive about his journey and asked questions about what he eats, where he sleeps, what does he see on his bike and many more. Thank you, Dave.



Mrs Sloan

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

Whats New in K-2

Another busy week in K2, with everyone working hard to do their very best every day.

Year 2 have been focusing on making their writing interesting by tightening tension in their stories. Kindergarten have been learning to write on lines and working hard to make sure they start their letters in the correct place. Everyone is focused on paying attention to punctuation when they are reading to ensure the story makes sense. Our book this week is "How to Catch a Star" by Oliver Jeffers. The story is about a little boy who comes up with many different plans to catch his very own star. We have been finding many noun groups in the story. They help to make the reader get a picture in their head of what is happening.

In Mathematics we are learning about length and using direct comparison to work out what is bigger or smaller. We have been making and using rulers with centimetres and meters and deciding what is the most efficient way to measure large and small items.

Whats new in Yr 5-6

5/6 had a fantastic time on Friday at the STEM Day. They joined in with the other schools, asked questions, answered questions, helped younger children, and did everything they were asked beautifully. They also enjoyed their own private free time with all the scientific equipment. I loved the way they welcomed the other school students during breaks and were so welcoming to the kids joining their sports game before the STEM Day began.

Fantastic effort everyone but especially 5/6!!!

In English, we have finished joint writing our science fiction story and will be able to share it with you at assembly. We are now beginning to plan our own science fiction or fantasy stories. We are focusing on extending ourselves by writing about something less familiar.

In reading, we have read 'Matthias and the Dragon' working on our fluency, author's

intentions, and comprehension. We have also worked hard on identifying dependent and independent clauses in our reading and have a gained deeper understanding of complex sentences.

In Mathematics, we have revised decimals and converting units of measurement. We have also challenged ourselves to solve written word problems using the skills we have learnt.

We have been learning about Tsunamis in science and have enjoyed Ms Napper's fitness and sport lessons, although, we miss Mrs Nixon!

Some photos from the STEM Day



Big School News

Zebra in a zoo z, z, z action is drawing a 'z' in the air for Soundwaves. We found a zero, a zipper, a zebra and the letter z in our 'What's in the Box?'



We made a zoo for our zebras in a foil container with sand. We used matchsticks for the fence, artificial grass, cut up yellow paper for hay, small twigs for trees and a bottle top for their water container. We think the zebras would like to run around on the lawn at home as their zoo cage is quite small!



We made zig zag lines from our rolled playdough, and we made a zebra as well. We used a stick to make the stripes on our zebras. Skye's zebra on left and Stella's zebra on the right.

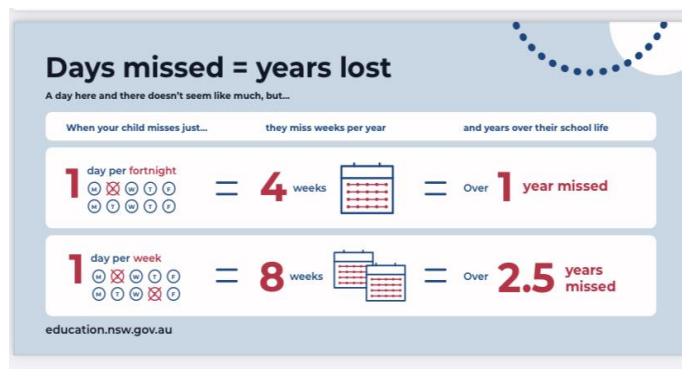


We had a go at skipping in a long rope this morning. First, we practised jumping on the spot and then we had a turn in the long rope. We loved it so much we did it again at lunch time with Indy and Lucy.



Mrs Forsyth

Why Attendance Matters



Remembrance Day

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month marks the moment the guns fell silent on the Western Front after the bloodshed of World War I. Over the past century, this moment has been adopted across the globe as a time to remember those who served and sacrificed in all wars and conflicts.

On the battlefields of the Western Front, in soil churned up by shelling and trenches, poppies were among the first flowers to bloom. For many, their scarlet petals echoed the bloodshed of the Great War and they became a powerful symbol of the loss of life the conflict represented.

It was a Canadian doctor, Major John McCrae, who penned the poem which first associated poppies with remembrance. Devastated by the death of a young soldier, Major McCrae wrote the poem during the second battle of Ypres in 1915.

His words are still read each year on Remembrance Day:

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

Swimming School Lessons 2022

Our Intensive Swimming Program has been scheduled for **Monday 21st November until Thursday 24th November 2022 at the Goondiwindi Swimming Pool.**

Our swimming carnival will be held on **Monday 28th November at 10.00am – 1.00pm DST**

Students will depart school by bus when the buses arrive after a short toilet break each day and arrive back at school by 3.00pm. Thank you to the P&C for paying for the bus and for Hayley who has graciously donated her time to drive the bus.

The cost of the program will be \$75 per student.

Please return the permission note **no later than Thursday 17th November 2022.**

Payments can be made either by cheque, cash or using the POP system which is on our North Star School website. If you need information on how to use the POP system, please call the office.

COMING EVENTS

21-24th November	Swimming School
28th November	NSPS Swimming carnival 10am – 1.00pm
2 November	Assembly – All welcome 1.50pm
30 November	Assembly – All welcome Whole school photo to be taken after 9.00am
7 December	Presentation Day at 9.30 Molly Makim Hall
16 December	Queens Jubilee morning tea 11.00am Year Six Farewell 5.30pm Students last day
19 December	Staff Development Day



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