



North Star Public School BULLETIN



Learning To Live

Kindness, Respect, Responsibility and Safety

Term 4, Week 6

Gratitude

18th November 2022

Principal's Message

Welcome to the end of week six term four. Only four weeks to go until the students are finished for the year.

On Thursday I attended the Principals Network Meeting in Moree. We had a range of professional learning ranging from The New Curriculum, teaching fluency in reading and the School Plan. It is great to be able to keep abreast of initiatives in step with our city counter parts. Next year the new English and Maths Curriculum for Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two will roll out statewide.

We are fortunate to have been one of the 500 schools that engaged in early implementation in 2022 so our staff are well prepared for the change. The New South Wales Department of Education has taken the Curriculum developed by the New South Wales Education Standards Authority NESA and created a scope and sequence and written units for teachers to implement. This will ensure consistency of delivery across the state.

I had the honour of handing out the Macintyre Young Writers Awards this morning.



We had some awesome news this week concerning the results of the State relay event held earlier in the term.

Our small schools relay team was awarded a bronze medal from the NSW State PSSA Athletics Carnival. Apparently, one of the teams who had placed in the Norm and Elizabeth Austin Relay had been accidentally entered into the wrong division. To be eligible to compete in this relay your school must have an enrolment of less than twenty-six in February of the year of competition, when school enrolments are officially recorded.



Mrs Sloan

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

Whats New in K-2

Another busy week has flown by! This week in Literacy we worked on our fluency in reading and practised sounds using the lessons on Decodable Readers Australia online. Kindergarten can now all sign into their computers without needing their card that has their username and password on it. Well done, Kindy!

We have been enjoying the books 'How to Catch a Star' and 'Up and Down', both written and illustrated by Oliver Jeffers. Our task was to compare the two stories and then write compound sentences. Year 2 wrote their compound sentence in a tension paragraph. Kindergarten produced some great sentences and we're proud to share them with Year 2.



In maths we have been looking at chance and data. The chance of rain lately is likely but raining elephants is impossible. We collected some data about favourite play equipment by using tally marks and then used the data to make a column graph. Year 2 do a fabulous job in assisting Kindergarten. Thank you, Year 2.



We have also been enjoying skipping and playing Pac-Man during the breaks. We have some very talented skippers.

Whats happening in 3/4

Year 3/4 student have been very busy this week working with Mrs Forsyth to finalise their Information Report PowerPoints. On Wednesday, they presented their PowerPoint presentations to the school at the school assembly. We were all very impressed with their efforts and we learnt about Kookaburras, Yellow-Billed Spoonbills, Budgies, Peregrine Falcons and Wedge-Tailed Eagles.



This week was assessment week and the students were very diligent in completing a number of assessment tasks. Well done Year 3/4!

Next week we will all be going swimming, which will be a well-deserved break from assessments. Let's hope the weather warms up a little so everyone can enjoy the week!

Big School News

Vase in a van v, v, v.

We made beautiful vases by gluing buttons, glitter jewels, stickers and ribbons onto a piece of card. Mrs Forsyth glued them onto a tin and sprayed the tins with varnish. Don't they look fabulous with our flowers. Thank you Annabel and Sophie for bringing in some roses and lavender to add to Mrs Forsyth's collection of flowers.



Mrs Forsyth traced around us on the cement, and we coloured in our dresses and Kaiden coloured his shirt and jeans.

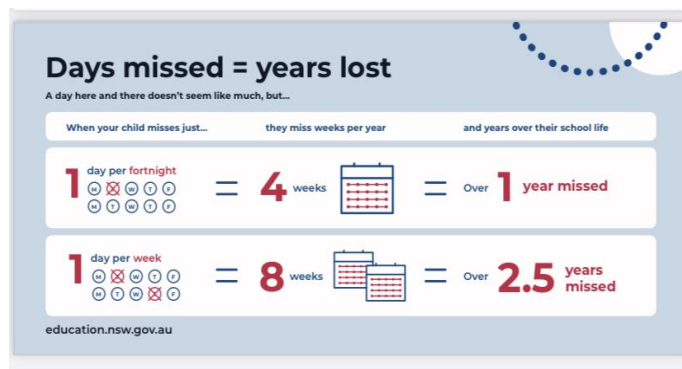
We sorted fruit and vegetables into their groups and Skye knew what an eggplant was. We enjoyed eating Mrs Forsyth's crunchy carrot sticks and we knew that carrots were vegetables.

Our story today was 'I Love You Daddy' and all the baby animals showed their love for their fathers in different ways. The baby elephants splashed, the tigers blew raspberries and the hares jumped.

Mrs Forsyth



Why Attendance Matters



From The Office

Term 4 is flying by so fast with only four weeks to go!

Thank you to the parents who have sent in permission notes and paid for swimming school. If you haven't paid yet, please go to the school website (Make a Payment). It is very easy to use.

Along with this Bulletin, I have attached an invitation to our Presentation Day at the Molly Makin Hall on 7 December 2022 at 9.30am. We are looking forward to seeing parents, grandparents, family members and the community at this very special event. The students are very excited to show everyone what they have been practising for our day.

The last day of school for students is Friday 16 December 2022.

Staff development days for Term 1 in 2023 are the 3rd and 6th February.

All students from K-6 will return to school on **Tuesday 7 February 2023.**

Our transition class will commence **Thursday 23rd March 2023.**

If you know of any children who are of age to attend our transition program, please have them call the school on 0746763128.

We have a lot of excess furniture at school that needs to go to a new home. If you are interested in any tables or chairs please ring me as soon as possible so we can arrange something.

Mrs Bush

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 Friday 18th 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
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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