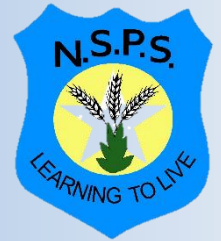




# North Star Public School BULLETIN



*Learning To Live*

*Kindness, Respect, Responsibility and Safety*

Term 1, Week 4

Gratitude

24<sup>th</sup> February 2023

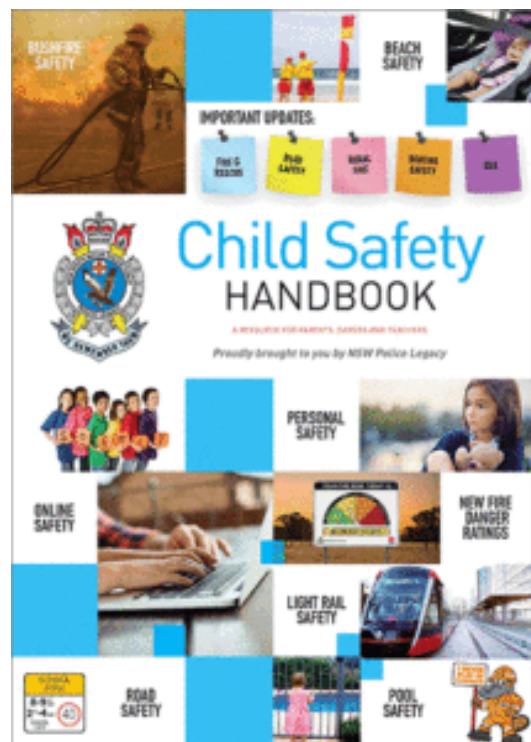
## Principal's Message

Well, the weeks are whizzing by and we are already preparing for Naplan. This week I worked through the teachers Performance Development Plans with them. This is where they make plans for professional learning that they will use to support student learning and growth. I have completed my Performance Development Plan and will share with Mr Mills next week. Every fortnight after school on a Thursday, Mr Mills is offering professional learning for principals. The first session of this was yesterday and I found it very useful. Next week after school we will have planning meetings where the teachers share the classroom planning with me and talk about their successes and next steps.

Every year schools are required to write an Annual School Report to evaluate the previous year. The Annual School Report is due by the end of the term and I have been working on it on the weekends. I think I've broken the back of it and am confident I'll have it finished in the coming weeks. We use data from a range of sources to formulate the report: from the Tell Them From Me data, our finance records, attendance data and professional learning logs to name a few. In addition, we are formulating 2023 school plan, in particular mapping out actions in relation to our strategic directions.

I had a wonderful meeting with our leadership team Sophie and Thomas this week and we discussed fundraising. The dynamic duo are going to raffle a patchwork rug for Mothers' Day. They are raising money to replace our long jump pit. They also suggested to me that we purchase an additional basket to house the basketballs. I'm very happy to take their suggestion and we will be purchasing the basket as soon as possible.

I have included an electronic child safety guide that was sent to me from the Primary Principals Association. It's not just for principals, it is for parents, community and teachers. It has heaps of information on many topics related to child safety. Please find it as an attachment to the Bulletin.



*Mrs Sloan*

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

### Whats New in K-2

Another fantastic week in K2. We have been making art works using wax crayon and colour washes.

Homework is coming home on Tuesdays and returned the following Monday.

We have been reading 'A Bird and a Bag' by Pamela Alen to learn about narrative writing and telling stories. Kindy have started reading their very first books and are excited to keep learning their sounds.

In Mathematics we have been learning our 2D shapes and what attributes make them similar and different. Year 1 have learnt about trapeziums and that they have attributes that are similar to a rectangle and a triangle at the same time. We have all enjoyed playing the 'Attribute Train Game' and learning about patterns along with our shapes. We even added some music into our lesson on patterns and used our new percussion instruments to create some ABB and AAB patterns to play.

### Whats new in Yr 3-4

We have been working very hard this week to fit our timetabled learning in.

The children realised it was our first Monday in the classroom this year. The first Monday was a pupil free day and on the second Monday, the Macintyre swimming carnival was held.

We started our grammar lessons talking about common nouns. In spelling we are reviewing our long vowel sounds and we have used our handwriting books for the first time. Reading is a very important skill to learn as it is the basis of our learning at school and in the greater community, understanding what we read is vital.

Years 3/4 have been focusing on a daily lesson of reading comprehension. One of our readings was an informative text about Bamboo. Did you know that in some countries they make bicycle frames out of Bamboo. You may even have a shirt or a set of sheets made from Bamboo.

The students are working on a story called "Imagine" where they are given five characters to choose from and they must write their story around the chosen character. There were five objects to choose from as well. I am looking forward to reading their stories.

Today, Mrs Forsyth has started working with Year 3/4, on activities which will be used in our school show display. I believe they are doing a research activity, please ask your children what interesting facts they have discovered today.

### Whats new in Yr 5/6

It has been a big week for sport! Year 5 and 6 children have competed in swimming, touch, tennis and oz-tag. Congratulations to the children for striving to do their best in the sports they chose.

On Tuesday, I pointed out to the class how cooperative and kind they are to each other. At break times, they have been enjoying creating a dance together and some conversations in class were about swapping and lending each other good books to read. We are lucky to have such good role models in our seniors.

Homework started this week! We talked about homework being a consolidation of learning from school and a way to build good study habits. Not a stressful time.

I was glad to hear from the children that they were enjoying reading "Growing Up with a Bucket Full of Happiness". This will give the children a greater understanding of ideas covered in our 'Resilience Project' sessions with Mrs Sloan.

NAPLAN practise is in full swing and we're making it as fun as possible while keeping in mind that it is an important assessment, and we need to all try our best. Year 6 is off the hook this year but it is good practice to be familiar with the type of questions in the tests.

While reading our class novel "Wonder", August is teaching us some wonderful life lessons in empathy and tolerance. Although this week's reading was a bit of a tearjerker. We are looking forward to some parents joining us for assembly on Friday afternoon.

### Canteen News

A big thank you to Mrs Coulton for a wonderful canteen morning tea today. The fondue pots were so nice!



### COMING EVENTS

24 February	Moree Zone Tennis Trials
6 March	Regional Swimming Carnival - Armidale
10 March	Girls & Boys Soccer trials Moree
13 March	Regional Tennis
14 March	Regional Touch
16 March	Transition students start for 2023
5/6 April	State Swimming
17 May	Year 5/6 GRIP Leadership Moree
20 June	Life Education Van
26 July	School Photographer

## UNIFORMS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
School Uniform	School Uniform	Sports Uniform	Sports Uniform	School Uniform

### Why Attendance Matters

## Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

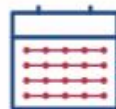
they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

**1** day per fortnight



= **4** weeks

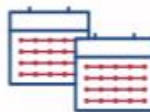


= Over **1** year missed

**1** day per week



= **8** weeks



= Over **2.5** years missed

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## Sport With Mrs Nixon

### McKechnie Shield Swimming Carnival Moree Zone

Fish at North Star School? I am not sure about "at" but I am sure they come from North Star Public School.

Nine students from North Star attended the Moree Zone Swimming Carnival known as the McKechnie Shield which was held in Narrabri on Wednesday 22 February 2023.

Sophie McMaster, Thomas Crichlow, Lucy Doolin, Will Doolin, Harry Woods, Emily Crichlow, Bella McInerney, Bill McMaster, and Sam McMaster all swam like fish to bring back the McKechnie Shield.

What an amazing effort from all of these swimmers. Congratulations to all of you and your parents for getting you there! It was an early start and lots of roadworks to contend with.

### Special Congratulations

**Sophie McMaster:** Senior Girls Champion

**Will Doolin:** Runner Up Junior Boys Champion



### Boys/Girls Touch Football at Moree

Yesterday, Sophie McMaster, Emily Crichlow and Thomas Crichlow competed in the touch football trials in Moree. Sophie and Thomas are through to Tamworth and I'm sure it will be Emily's turn next year. Well played everyone!



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### ATTACHED TO THIS BULLETIN:

1. Child Safety Handbook