



Norths' News



A Community with Expectations of Achievement and Success

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

DAY	DATE	EVENT	DUE
Friday	13 April 2018	Last Day of Term 1	
Monday	30 April 2018	Staff Development Day	
Tuesday	1 May 2018	First Day of Term 2	
Friday	11 May 2018	Mother's Day Stall	
Tuesday	15 May 2018	NAPLAN - Language and writing	
Wednesday	16 May 2018	NAPLAN - Reading	
Thursday	17 May 2018	NAPLAN - Numeracy	
Wednesday	23 May 2018	District Cross Country	

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13 April 2018

SCHOOL HOURS

At present, we are having a growing number of students who are arriving at school before 8.30am. The students are gaining entry through the carpark gates and the gate next to the pre-school. The gate next to the pre-school is only open for students attending the OOSH of a morning before school. Staff are not on duty to supervise students until 8.30am which makes this an unsafe situation. I ask that you please ensure that your children are not on school grounds prior to the gates opening at 8.30am each morning. Your assistance is much appreciated.



ANZAC DAY SERVICE

This week we held our ANZAC Day service at school. It was the first formal opportunity for our new school leaders to lead a special assembly. They did such an amazing job! We listened to the stories of 3 senior students who shared with us what ANZAC Day meant to them. Their words were extremely powerful. Mr Ted Fish, our special guest, commented on how impressed he was with our students this year. Thank you to the many families who contributed flowers towards wreaths and who made the time to join us.



MUSIC PROGRAM

It was such a pleasure to be able to watch our youngest musicians perform for the entire school this week. 1 Gumnuts have been working really hard to learn the violin and cello. They practice every day as a whole class and have small group lessons with their music teachers each Thursday. A special mention must be made to Mrs Donas, without her encouragement and patience none of this would be possible! I would also like to congratulate the Strings Group who have shown such amazing progress as well. We are so proud of all of you!



PARENT LIFE SKILL SESSIONS

This term, our Year 1, 2 and 3 students have participated in Life Skills lessons. The lessons have helped to build awareness of students' physical, social, and emotional health and wellbeing and equip them with skills to deal with the upcoming challenges of growing up. Increased self-esteem, self-image, resilience and confidence are some of the skills that have been taught through mindfulness activities. It was such a joy to have parents join us this week to participate in the lessons with their children. We look forward to again offering the same opportunity to our Year 4, 5 and 6 students and their families next term.



We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Mrs Deb Summerhayes who has been the Director, Public School for St Marys North for the past 4 years. Mrs Summerhayes has played an important role here at Norths, supporting our staff and students. She always brings an energetic presence when she visits and we will miss her dearly. Thank you Mrs Summerhayes for the smiles and dancing moves!

Finally, I would like to congratulate our staff and students for the wonderful term of learning that has occurred during Term 1. I am constantly in awe of the dedication shown by our teachers and of the determination shown by our students towards their learning. St Marys North is simply a wonderful school that we should all be so proud of. Thank you to the large number of community members who have taken the time to join with us in special events over the term. We very much appreciate the kind words and messages of thanks for the effort that is shown by our staff. Working together, we will achieve great outcomes for our students! I would like to wish everyone an enjoyable and safe holiday break.



'You are capable of so much more than even you can imagine.'

Mrs Parrello

Relieving Principal

OFFICE NEWS

The office has a large number of prescription glasses that have been handed in over a period of time. If your child is missing his or her glasses you are welcome to come to the office to have a look at the collection we have. We are not able to hand out the glasses to students.



See you all on Tuesday 1st May, 2018



Principal's Awards



Seth Amrodoros
Lucas Foxley
Connor Knibbs
Ryan Hyde

Banner of Excellence
Seth Armodoros
Ryan Hyde

We're Kicking Our Goals!

Well done to the following amazing students who have been kicking their learning goals. We continue to be so impressed by the drive and grit shown by our students as they persevere with their learning.

Congratulations to:

WEEK 8

3 Lilly Pilly

Makayla, Chrissy and Maria

WEEK 9

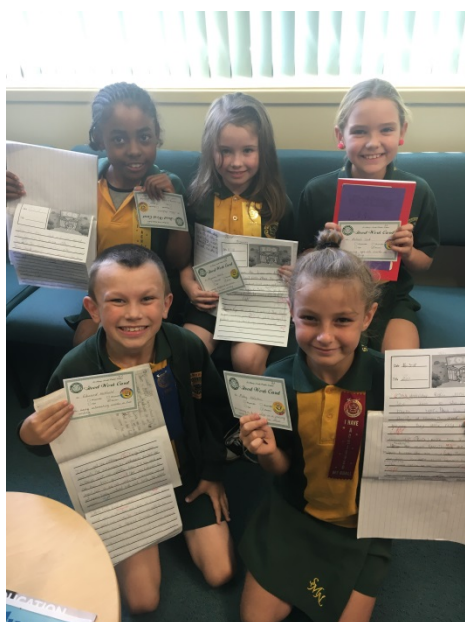
3 Lilly Pilly – Miley, Bellah, Bryanna, Edward and Peter

5 Kangaroo Paw – Dakota

WEEK 11

3 Lilly Pilly – Brianna, Lucas and Lincoln

6 Eucalyptus - Ashlee





In 3 Orchid we have been reading *The Story of Rosy Dock* by Jeannie Baker.
We have used her writing as a model to write about our FABULOUS class.

3 Orchid is fun and engaging.
Learning is valued.

The laughter roars loudly at times
and great wonderful super learners strive to do their best
helping their peers along the way.

Plenty of learning and fun occurs every day of the school week.

Within the classroom walls super learners can be found!



At St Marys North Public School, we celebrate Autism Awareness.
We celebrate Autism every day.... in our classrooms and in our playgrounds.
This year the SRC put on a huge fundraiser for Autism Awareness, raising over \$450 for the Luke Priddis Foundation.
Thank you to all the staff, students and community members for their contributions in making this such a special day at our awesome school!



Luke Priddis
Foundation
Supporting kids with Autism Spectrum Disorders

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION

CULTURAL LESSONS FOR STUDENTS

This term, Maryanne Wallace has presented cultural lessons to all classes in relation to the units of work for each grade.

Early Stage 1 - listened to stories and learnt some modern Aboriginal songs. Students learnt about why sacred sites are important to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

Stage 1 - learnt about the natural features of places identified in Aboriginal Dreaming stories and examined how the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples describe weather and seasonal calendars. Students learnt about the different Aboriginal symbols and incorporated these into their maps of the school.

Stage 2 - learnt about the way Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People value the environment and the custodial responsibility for country and place. Students explained the sustainable practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' use of the environment and its resources.

Stage 3 - learnt about the land clearing practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. Students compared the way of life for Aboriginal Peoples with Torres Strait Islander Peoples. Maryanne taught students about the contribution of Aboriginal ANZACS during World War 1.

ABORIGINAL DANCE GROUP

This term a group of students have been learning traditional Aboriginal dances by Teagen and Mark Pittman. This group performed for the students and community at Monday's assembly. It was delightful to see the pride that these students have in their Aboriginal identity and culture. Their next performance will be at NAIDOC Day celebrations at the end of Term 2.

The dance group is called, MARAYONG DREAMING.

(Marayong is the Darug word for emu)



ABORIGINAL EDUCATION COMMUNITY CULTURAL SESSIONS

Maryanne will be leading Aboriginal cultural lessons for the community each term. For next term the session will be held on Friday 1 June 9-10am in the Aboriginal community room.

Term 2 - Language Groups and Darug Land

Term 3 - Pioneers and Trailblazers - Women in History

Term 4 - Connection to Country

Drop in for a yarn...



Starting from Term 2, the Aboriginal Community room will be open every day between 8.30-9am for our parents and community members to drop in for a coffee and have a chat with other members of our school community.

NAIDOC DAY Wednesday 4 July

The next planning meeting for our NAIDOC day celebrations will be held on Friday 11 May at 9am in the Aboriginal Community Room.

All community members are welcome and encouraged to be involved in our NAIDOC day events.



**BECAUSE OF HER,
We Can!**

8-15 JULY 2018

4 BANKSIA, 4 JACARANDA AND ST MARYS NORTH STRINGS GROUP ST CATHERINE'S SCHOOL WAVERLEY EXCURSION

On Wednesday 11th April, 4 Banksia, 4 Jacaranda and St Marys North Strings Group went on our annual visit to St Catherine's School Waverley. Our students participated in music activities with St Catherine's Performance Band and Strings Orchestra. St Marys North Strings Group played for St Catherine's students and then played with the combined orchestra - a wonderful experience for our string students. We were then treated to a performance by the combined orchestra. After a wonderful barbeque lunch with the students from the orchestra, we all sadly had to say goodbye but we are looking forward to our visit next year.



10 What Questions to Develop a Growth Mindset in Children

1. What did you do today that made you think hard?
2. What happened today that made you keep on going?
3. What can you learn from this?
4. What mistake did you make that taught you something?
5. What did you try hard at today?
6. What strategy are you going to try now?
7. What will you do to challenge yourself today?
8. What will you do to improve your work?
9. What will you do to improve your talent?
10. What will you do to solve this problem?

At St Marys North, the teachers and students are learning to have a positive growth mindset.

Do you have a positive growth mindset?

Our growth mindset quote this fortnight is...



Please talk with your children about how they can use this mindset in their learning every day at school.

SYDNEY WEST PSSA OPENS RUGBY LEAGUE

On Tuesday, Jordyn and Tema represented St Marys PSSA at the Sydney West Opens Rugby League Carnival. Both boys played exceptionally well and put in a gutsy effort which saw their team finishing 5th overall. Well done, boys!



SYDNEY WEST SOCCER

Last Wednesday, Naomi Hart represented St Marys PSSA at the Sydney West Soccer Competition. Naomi played exceptionally well and was an asset to her team. Naomi, along with her teammates, were successful in making it to the semi-finals. Congratulations and well done, Naomi. We are all so proud of you.

COLES VOUCHERS

Students and staff would like to say a massive thank you to our wonderful families and community for your continued support. Our fabulous Office staff, along with Madison from 4 Jacaranda, have been busy bundling the many vouchers that have been collected. We look forward to using the new sports equipment. St Marys North you are **AMAZING!**



Why don't eggs tell jokes?

They'd crack each other up.

WOW TICKETS

Congratulations to the following students who won the end of term WOW ticket draw:

Allens – Shaylee 6J

Elliots – Mia 4J

Landys – Akuila 3O

Sands – Zac 1B

WOW!

These lucky students received a \$20 book voucher to spend at QBD Books.

This term, Allens were the House with the highest percentage of WOW Tickets. On Thursday 12 April, all students in Allens enjoyed a wonderful games afternoon. Well done Allens! Keep earning WOW Tickets everyone and maybe it will be your House next term.

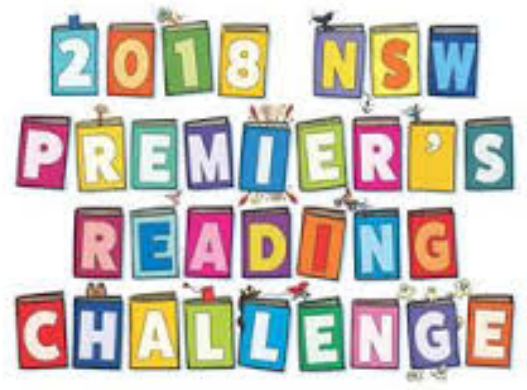


PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following Years 3-6 students who have already completed this year's PRC independently: Arasi 6E, Simon 6J, Henifha 5K, Annika 6E, Imogen 4B and Ryan 6E. You are star readers!

You have **20** weeks left to finish your 20 books.

YOU CAN DO IT!





















MOTHER'S DAY STALL

The Mother's Day stall will be held on Friday 11th May, 2018. The students will be able to purchase one gift for the stall with the gifts ranging in price for \$2 to \$6. Students will be able to purchase any left over gifts (if any are left over) at first break.

The P&C are kindly asking for donations for the Mother's Day raffle. Donations can be taken to the school office. Many thanks in advance from the P&C.



WEEK 9	Learners	Sharing and returning equipment	WEEK 10	Responsible	Making good choices
 K BLUEBELL	Haydin Firman	Selomiti Taufa	 K BLUEBELL	Riley Irving	Thulu-Wii Hopkins-Kinchela
 K DAISY	Mia Haynes	Seon Singh	 K DAISY	Joshua Gray	Ace Silvanila
 K COOLABAH	Leihana Reuelu	Logan Watson	 K COOLABAH	Romio Kemara	Kyah Moreton
 1 GUMNUT	Sisilia Ikamanu	Jayce Stephenson	 1 GUMNUT	Sisilia Ikamanu	Leah Hyde
 1 PROTEA	Olivia Ritchie	Brendon Taylor	 1 PROTEA	Tony Seu	Calay Blanchard
 1 BLUE GUM	Bailey Blewitt	Simote Makasini	 1 BLUE GUM	Buloo Hopkins-Kinchela	Xzavier Salt
 2 FRANGIPANI	Tamara Tuivasa	Jayleese Sivanila	 2 FRANGIPANI	Elijah Pologa	Nevaeh Valasis-Ika
 2 WARATAH	Allira Jones	Kevin O'Neill	 2 WARATAH	Lucas Hepenstall	Coen Mathieson
 2 GREVILLEA	Ella-Rose Paul	Callam Firman	 2 GREVILLEA	Isabella De Gier	Axle Ryan
 3 LILLY PILLY	Djay Tobin	Chrissy	 3 LILLY PILLY	Lucas Foxley	Riley Blewitt
 3 ORCHID	Elijah Brybag	Kayla Dee	 3 ORCHID	Janitta Dixon	Lochlan Schempp
 3-4 GUM BLOSSOM	Lila Faapo	Hadassah Nomor	 3-4 GUM BLOSSOM	Jack Gullo	Xian Li
 4 JACARANDA	Aiden Dunn	Yvonne Haumani	 4 JACARANDA	Ruby Pannaye	Elijah Eagleton
 4 BANKSIA	Rozane Chand	Kaitlyn Stephenson	 4 BANKSIA	Sienna Tolmie	Imogen Page
 5 ACACIA	Amalia Bradney	Aleisha Hammond	 5 ACACIA	Kiah Mathieson	Natarila Young
 5 KANGAROO PAW	Chelsey Tideswell	Naomi Hart	 5 KANGAROO PAW	Lucy Doole-Dunham	Brooke Jackson
 6 JARRAH	Laveena Sahdev	Faith Alderton	 6 JARRAH	Monique Saunders	Kayleigh Collins
 6 EUCALYPTUS	Kiera Dunn	Adam Bartlett	 6 EUCALYPTUS	Kyesha Hutchinson	Chelsea Niven

WEEK 11	Respectful	Safe - Putting rubbish in the bin
 K BLUEBELL	Levi Shield	Tevita Makasini
 K DAISY	Wyatt Vaughn	Mia Shield
 K COOLABAH	Jancinta Whyte	Lakyn Davis
 1 GUMNUT	Isabella Baker	Annalise
 1 PROTEA	Leon Singh	Mya Tobin
 1 BLUE GUM	Meliya Ford	Samuel Ankuma
 2 FRANGIPANI	Xavier Habib	Logan Hayes
 2 WARATAH	Andrew Hatfield	Luca Miles
 2 GREVILLEA	Shruti Saravanakumar	Madyson Sait
 3 LILLY PILLY	Annabella Ali	Peter Ankuma
 3 ORCHID	Elizabeth Braid	Natasha King
 3-4 GUM BLOSSOM	Alanna Hammond	Angelique Watters
 4 JACARANDA	Siennah Smale	Enoka Fretton
 4 BANKSIA	Tyler Bater	Reupena Reuelu
 5 ACACIA	Vanessa Pijov	Nikora Rogers
 5 KANGAROO PAW	Senila Kalolo	Isabelle Mills
 6 JARRAH	Harley Day	Jordan Bradney
 6 EUCALYPTUS	Kurt Waters	Harley Tobin



**KEEP
CALM
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
START
TOMORROW**



WE ALL BELONG TO OUR COMMUNITY

Celebrate Neighbourhood Centre
Week in Werrington

Monday 30th April 2018

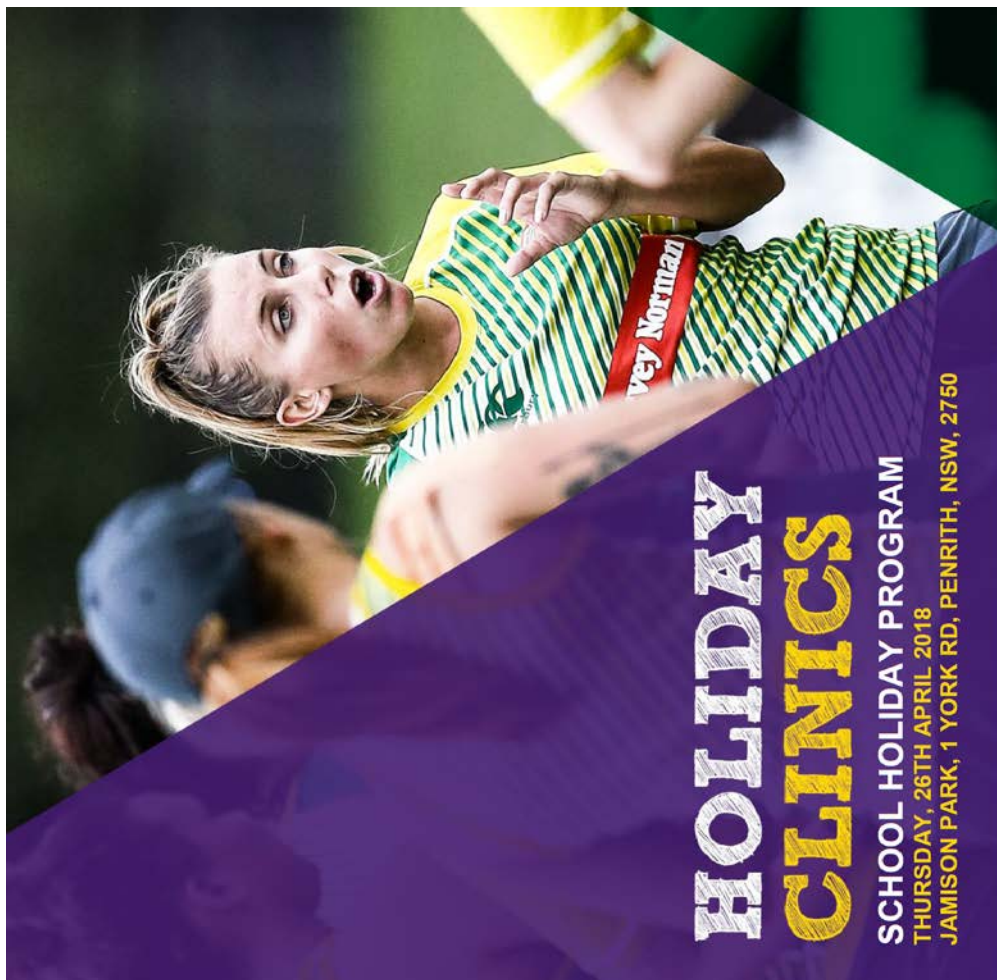
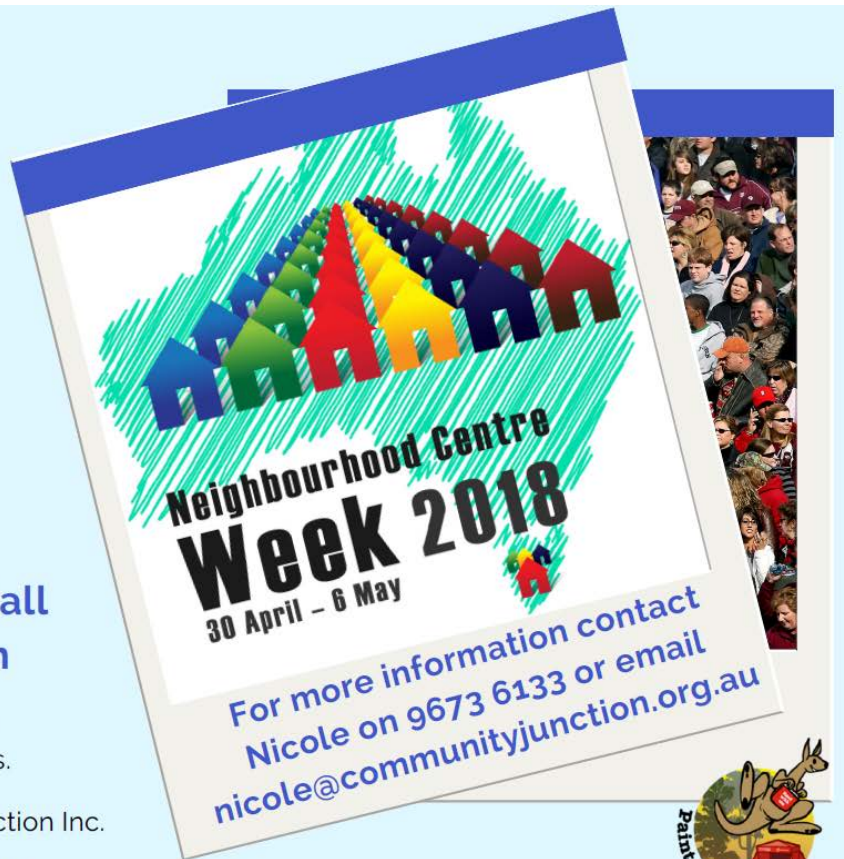
2:30pm - 5:00pm

**Arthur Neave Memorial Hall
43 Parkes Ave Werrington**

- Free sausage sizzle, jumping castle, youth games, kids craft and activities.
- Meet the team from Community Junction Inc.
- Get to know other services in your area

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HOLIDAY CLINICS

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

**THURSDAY, 26TH APRIL 2018
JAMISON PARK, 1 YORK RD, PENRITH, NSW, 2750**

PENRITH SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC

Penrith Holiday Clinic is a day program for kids aged 5-12 of any gender that focuses on fun, fitness and participation.

Costs \$40 per child which includes NRL Holiday Pack.

Register at playnrl.com

Morning Tea & Water provided.

Clinic Commences at 10:00am and Finish's at 1:00pm.

Contact Name: David Bayssari **Phone Number:** 0419 100 109
Email: dbayssar@nrl.com.au

PLAYNRL.COM





SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

For primary school aged children



Cupcake Decorating Workshop

MONDAY 23RD APRIL

- North St Marys Neighbourhood Centre
Cnr Debrincat Ave and Oleander Rd
North St Marys
- 11:00am - 1:00pm
- Gold coin donation
- Limited places available

Bookings are essential

For more information please contact Kim 9673 3908 or email kim@communityjunction.org.au

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The Staples Bag

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Get your weekly groceries
from The Staples Bag pop up shop

Where: North St Marys Neighbourhood Centre
corner of Debrincat Ave & Oleander Rd, North St Marys

When: every second Thursday 11am-12pm

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12 & 26 April 2018

10 & 24 May 2018

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