



Norths' News



A Community with Expectations of Achievement and Success IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday	15 May 2018	NAPLAN - Language and writing
Wednesday	16 May 2018	NAPLAN - Reading
Thursday	17 May 2018	NAPLAN - Numeracy
Friday	18 May 2018	Walk Safely to School Day
Tuesday	22 May 2018	P&C Meeting 9.30am
Wednesday	23 May 2018	District Cross Country

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11 May 2018

WELCOME BACK

It was with much excitement that we welcomed everyone back to Term 2 last week. Our students have returned excited to see their friends and our classrooms are again filled with the wonderful sounds of learning. We have new activities that are happening each break time for our students to engage in, from golf putting to gardening. Our school continues to proudly support our students focusing on their development as a whole child - concentrating on their academic learning through to their mental wellbeing. On Staff Development Day our staff were involved in CPR and anaphylaxis training. This week we also engaged in PL with Dr Anita Collins who has been working with us in the area of auditory processing and brain development, focusing on using music in the classroom. This is supported by the Australian Chamber Orchestra.



NEW SCHOOL PLAN

Our new school plan for 2018 – 2020 has now been published. Over the next 3 years we will focus on 3 strategic directions:

- *Engaged Accountable Learners*
- *Informed Responsive Practitioners*
- *Sustained Effective Leadership*

I encourage you to have a look at the full plan that is available on our school website. In the coming weeks I will be inviting parents to join me in sessions that will explain our directions and detail how you can play an important part in helping us achieve our goals.

PERMISSION TO PUBLISH

This week a note was sent home with all students in Years 1 – 6 seeking new permissions to publish your child's photo and work in the school newsletter, website, Facebook page and other online platforms. It is important that all students return this note if permission is being given. Kindergarten students do not need the note this year as permission has been given on enrolment forms. We are required by the Department of Education to seek new permissions every 2 years. Thank you for your assistance in having these **returned by Friday 18 May**.



DONATIONS

We wish to extend on sincerest gratitude to a number of our families who have made kind donations to the school this term. Thank you to the families of Akuila 3O, Annabelle KC, Emily 6J, Jessica 2G, Allyse 2G, Trike 6E, Trump 6J, Chelsea 6J and Olivia 3/4G for the lovely donations to the Mother's Day stall gifts. We know they will be much appreciated at the stall on Friday. A huge thank you is also extended to Chelsea 6J and Olivia 3/4G and their family, who have donated money back to our school after the installation of the new soft fall under our fixed equipment. Chelsea and Olivia's family's company supplied the rubber that gives the bounce to the soft fall. We will use the donation to put back into future projects planned for our playground improvements. Thank you again to all for your kindness!!

Generosity
changes everything

ATTENDANCE



A reminder that school commences at 9am each day. Students need to arrive to school prior to this time to ensure that they are in classrooms ready for learning to begin at 9am. Running even 5 minutes late has an impact on students settling into their learning for the morning session. Should your child be absent, please remember that a note or phone call is required to explain the absence. Attached to this newsletter are absence slips that you can use to inform the school of your child's absence.

As we finally move into the cooler months our students will require warmer clothing. Students are expected to wear full school uniform, which includes a school jumper. All uniforms can be purchased at the school office. Should you require assistance with uniforms please do not hesitate to come and speak to us. I would like to encourage families to continue to assist other families by donating uniforms that are no longer required. This has been a wonderful help in the past.

'If 'PLAN A' didn't work, the alphabet has 25 more letters. Keep trying!'

Mrs Parello

Principal

Principal's Awards

Azaria Siafolau

EXERCISE



Your Brain!


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...

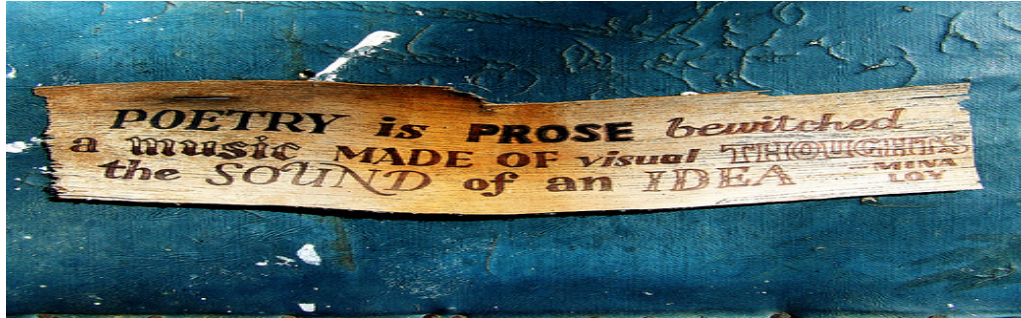


Please talk with your children about how they can use this mindset in their learning every day at school.

WEEK 1	Responsible	Responsible - Wait patiently in line	WEEK 2	Respectful	Respectful - Moving quietly between rooms
 K BLUEBELL	Mia Paul	Jack Bailey	 K BLUEBELL	Levi Shield	Kyemma Lester
 K DAISY	Ace Sivanila	Mia Shield	 K DAISY	Tailean Alisi	Wyatt Vaughn
 K COOLABAH	Annabelle Clavan	Romio Kemara	 K COOLABAH	Braithyn King	Jaela Rewi
 1 GUMNUT	Xavier Tootoo	Leah Hyde	 1 GUMNUT	Kevin Kessing	Angel Valasis-ika
 1 PROTEA	Aaliyah Siafolau	Mya Tobin	 1 PROTEA	Katie Barber	Jafra Younis
 1 BLUE GUM	Bailey Blewitt	Keiralee Knox	 1 BLUE GUM	Leon Singh	Max Watters
 2 FRANGIPANI	Esi Luke	Riley Edwards	 2 FRANGIPANI	Jayleese Sivanila	Ryder Hanslow
 2 WARATAH	Emilee-Rose Westbrook	Coen Mathieson	 2 WARATAH	Lydia Allanson	Natasha Gold
 2 GREVILLEA	Alyse Mallitt-MacDougall	Cayden Duffy	 2 GREVILLEA	Belinda Taylor	Nathan
 3 LILLY PILLY	Myah White	Teeara Russell	 3 LILLY PILLY	Bellah Cook	Annabella Ali
 3 ORCHID	Elizabeth Braid	Akulia Namoli	 3 ORCHID	Lochlan Schempp	Leo Bonser
 3-4 GUM BLOSSOM	Olivia Bush	Damian Mitchell	 3-4 GUM BLOSSOM	Aveai Pologa	Jonae Rochfort
 4 JACARANDA	Liana Haynes	Ian Waters	 4 JACARANDA	Bryce Windell	Scarlett Henshaw
 4 BANKSIA	Dominik Jones	Te Tah Paul	 4 BANKSIA	Rozane Chand	Kaitlyn Stephenson
 5 ACACIA	Triffany Smith	Madison Suckling	 5 ACACIA	Ethan Schempp	Vanessa Pijov
 5 KANGAROO PAW	Zoe-Jane Hill	Daniella Dee	 5 KANGAROO PAW	Marcus MacDonald	Dakota Kemara
 6 JARRAH	Tyson Mack	Serenity Mitchell	 6 JARRAH	Simon Ankuma	Charleise Thode
 6 EUCALYPTUS	Chelsea Niven	Kyesha Hutchinson	 6 EUCALYPTUS	Jordyn Duffy	Jasmine Borg

Poetry Writing by 6 Jarrah

Last term 6 Jarrah wrote cinquains about the animal of our choice.
Then we wrote a poem based on our Accelerated Literacy text, "Fire" by Jackie French.
We hope that you enjoy reading them!



Wolf

Ferocious. Feared.
Lurking and prowling.
Leader hunting for pack.
Howling!
- T.M. -

Unicorn

Colourful. Magical.
Gallop through grass.
Horn shimmering and glittering.
Talented!
- C.T. -

Cheetah

Speedy. Vicious.
Stalking its prey.
Pouncing on graceful gazelles.
Ferocious!
- J.B. -

Unicorn

Colourful. Shiny.
Flying over oceans.
Glittery and golden horn.
Magical!
- F.A. -

Wolf

Vicious. Mysterious.
Sneaking behind prey.
Howling in silvery moonlight.
Dangerous!
- A.E. -

Penguin

Small. Soft.
Waddles on ice.
Sliding on its belly.
Loud!
- D.B. -

Tiger

Dangerous. Violent.
Hunting for animals.
Surviving in the wild.
Fast!
- F.W. -

Lion

Hostile. Horrifying.
Stalking his prey.
Roaring and terrifying animals.
Sneaky!
- L.S. -

Saber-tooth

Vicious. Agile.
Stalking its prey.
Majestically moving past trees.
Fierce!
- H.D. -

Cheetah

Speedy. Courageous.
Slicing through prey.
Flexible, agile and powerful.
Hostile!
- S.A. -

Cheetah

Speedy. Clever.
Pouncing on prey.
Camouflage in tall grass.
Hunter!
- J.S. -

Alsatian

Vicious. Protective.
Barking and aggressive.
Pouncing on terrified people.
Deadly!

- J.H. -

Volcano

Lava like snakes, creeping, yearning
Trees turned debris, floating, burning.
Volcano, the giant that destroyed it all
Volcano now a fear to all.

- E.C. -

Cyclone

Trees like twigs, swaying, smashing
Homes turned debris, crumbling, crashing.
Cyclone, the boldest of them all
Cyclone now all buildings shall fall.

- S.A. -

Blizzard

Snowflakes like feathers, drifting, fluttering
Ice turned mirror, melting, glittering.
Blizzard, the magic that covered it all
Blizzard now a snow-white wall.

- E.C. -

Tsunami

Waves like mountains, crawling, crashing
Sea turned destroyer, rolling, smashing.
Tsunami, the monster that crushed it all
Tsunami now an aqua blue wall.

- G.P. -

Tsunami

Waves like skyscrapers, rolling, bashing
Houses turned rubble, crumbling, crashing.
Tsunami, the monster that swallowed it all
Tsunami now a cold blue wall.

- S.M. -

Blizzard

Snow like feathers, shimmering, gliding
Water turned icy, glimmering, sliding.
Blizzard, the giant that covered it all
Blizzard now an icy white wall.

- M.S. -

Unicorn

Colourful. Mischievous.
Prancing towards rainbows.
Swirly and sparkling horn.

Unique!

- K.C. -

Blizzard

Snowflakes like crystals, freezing, whirling
Winter turned savage, snatching, swirling.
Blizzard, bolting, full of fright
Blizzard now a blanket of white.

- C.K. -

Tornado

Houses like birds, spinning, smashing
Trees turned missiles, flying, crashing.
Tornado, the bravest of them all
Tornado now a tower so tall.

- S.K. -

Tsunami

Waves like washing machines, tumbling,
swirling
Bricks smashing windows, crashing,
hurling.
Tsunami, the giant that engulfed it all
Tsunami now a torture wall.

- A.E. -

Blizzard

Ice like crystals, falling, crashing
Liquid turned snow, rolling, smashing.
Blizzard, the monster that froze it all
Blizzard now a clear white wall.

- T.M.-

Volcano

Hot ash like smoke, blowing, turning
Lava turned molten, flaming, burning.
Volcano, the giant that destroyed it all
Volcano now a mountainous wall.

-T.T.F. -

Cyclone

Houses like glass, falling, smashing
Tiles turned missiles, shattering, crashing.
Cyclone, the giant that destroyed it all
Cyclone now a windy wall.

- S.B. -+

Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart



This year our school is participating in Jump Rope for Heart – a fantastic physical activity and fundraising program by the Heart Foundation that has been running for 35 years.

Since Jump Rope for Heart started in 1983, schools have raised more than \$75 million for the Heart Foundation's lifesaving work.

Jump Rope for Heart is a great way for your child to keep fit and learn new skills, but it also helps raise funds for vital heart research and education programs.

The fundraiser will begin when students receive their sponsorship forms on the 14th May 2018 (Monday, week 3). It's important you register your child online, so they can receive the full benefits of the program and participate in online fundraising. If you don't have access to the internet, you can record your child's fundraising on their sponsorship form.

Sign your child up for online fundraising by visiting www.jumprope.org.au

The fundraiser will end on the 22nd June, 2018 (Friday, week 8). On this day, students will participate in skipping activities with their stage and bring their sponsorship forms and money to school to be collected. If you have participated in online fundraising, you will not need to bring any sponsorship forms or money in on the day.

Thank you for supporting the Jump Rope for Heart program!

Heart Foundation
Jump Rope for Heart



Alex Chambers

Jump Rope for Heart Coordinator

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE



Well done to the following Years 3-6 students who have also completed this year's Challenge independently:

Aveai 3/4G, Vanessa 5A, Kayleigh 6J, Chelsey 5K and Laveena 6J.

WHAT CHAMPIONS!

LIBRARY BORROWING COMPETITIONS

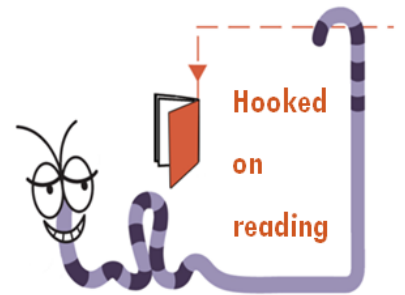
In Term 1 the best borrowing classes were:

1 st 3 Orchids:	85% of their class borrowed every week
2 nd 5 Kangaroo Paw:	70% of their class borrowed every week
3 rd 6 Eucalyptus:	70% of their class borrowed every week

These classes all enjoyed their special prizes.

Only 32 K-2 and 64 Years 3-6 students received a Good Work Card for being a Champion Borrower. Let's hope those numbers increase in Term 2.

Remember to be a Champion Borrower, you need to return and borrow every week each term.



You have **16** weeks left to finish
your 20 books.

YOU CAN DO IT!



BEAKFAST CLUB

Just a reminder to parents and students that the Breakfast Club is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday's mornings from 8.30 to 8.50am.

One piece of toast and a drink – 70 cents.

Two pieces of toast and a drink – 90 cents.

ALL STUDENTS WELCOME!!





THE LETTER E

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

15 & 29 March 2018	12 & 26 April 2018	10 & 24 May 2018
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Save up to 70% of the retail price
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\$20 Standard

\$30 Family

\$15 Vegetarian

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SSI settlement services International

www.thestaplesbag.ssi.org.au

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP- INTENSIVE 8 WEEK PROGRAM

For children aged 3-5 years, priority given to children not currently attending speech therapy, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and families in North St Marys.

Dates: Wednesday mornings 10-11:30 am, starting on 9th May- 27th June 2018

Where: North St Marys Neighbourhood Centre - Cnr Debrincat Ave & Oleander Rd
North St Marys

Opportunities for parents to engage with their child to help develop language and communication skills and to speak with a speech therapist.

Limited places please contact Catherine on Catherine.harding@penrith.city or 0419976917

Funding provided by Department of Social Services and Indigenous Advancement Strategy and supported by these organisations:



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'MIX & MINGLE'

TIME: 1.30pm

PLACE: Community Junction

Term 2 Dates

Week 3 17th May, 2018

Week 4 24th May, 2018

Week 7 14th June, 2018

Week 9 28th June, 2018

After Mother's Day Pampering, **Biggest Afternoon**
Tea!, Art lesson and a surprise!

Please, come and enjoy!

Bring a friend!



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St Marys



Silver Steps What's Next? Parenting Group for over 25's

Starting Mondays

7th May 2018

9.30am – 11.30am

Is parenting sometimes hard? Have you thought, I wish I had other parents to talk to? Come along to **Silver Steps**

This group is exactly that. Together we can work through the trials and tribulations of parenting in a supportive environment. We work together through topics such as: finances, the mind, the body, the spirit and loads more



Weekly @ St Marys South Public School

Mix & Mingle

Enjoy meeting other parents and carers, share experiences and gain new strategies and resources.

There will be guest speaks and hear about opportunities in the area. **ALL WELCOME**

Thursdays @North St Marys Neighbourhood Centre

Dates: TBC

Time: 1.00pm

For more information, please call Megan on 0296231443 or Jerry 0247243018



Duplo Club @ Nth St Mary Neighbourhood Centre, Corner of Debrincat Ave & Oleander Cres

Mondays weekly X 8 weeks' Time 3:15pm -4:45pm

Starting 7th of May -2nd July 2018

It's not Therapy, But it is an opportunity



This group works with children and their families, who have additional needs. Duplo club gives children the opportunity to work with other kids on their social skills. Parents will learn ways to talk with their children and increase the interaction in a supportive environment

Playgroups – During School term only



Weekly @ Bennett Road Public School Monday 7th May 9:15am – 11:15am

Weekly @ Nth St Marys Community Junction (PlayVan) Wednesday 2nd May 9:30am – 11:30am

Fortnightly @ St Marys Public School Wednesday 9th May 9:15am – 11:15am

Fortnightly @ Oxley Park Public School Wednesday 16th May 9:15am – 11:15am

Weekly @ St Marys South Public School Friday 11th May 9:15am – 11:15am



Bringing Up Great Kids

This is a free program for parents and carers caring for kids aged 0-12years.

Bringing Up Great Kids is a fun program that focuses on how parents communicate with their children, helping build stronger positive relationships.

Location

North St Marys Neighbourhood Centre
Cnr Debrincat Ave & Oleander Road,
North St Marys

Time

9.30am—11.30am

Dates

Every Tuesday for 6 weeks
22nd of May— 26th of June 2018

- Messages from the past—Explore how what we think and feel influences how we parent our kids

- Learn about how kids brains grow and work

- Understand kids communicate through their feelings and behaviour

- Look at what are the important messages we want to pass on to our kids, and how we can do this

For more information or to book you place, please call Jerry on 02 4724 3018 or Kim on 02 9673 3908

****Limited Childcare Available Bookings Essential****

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This program is offered in partnership with Community Junction



3D DESIGN WORKSHOPS

WITH BUILD-A-MIND

WHO Students aged 10 - 15 years

WHEN Tuesdays from 15 May to 3 July
4 - 5.30pm

COST \$144 for 8 weeks

For more information please contact 4732 7891 or email childrensteamlibrary@penrith.city

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CELEBRATING THE 8TH ANNUAL

SYDNEY CLASSIC ANTIQUE TRUCK SHOW 2018



Public Show Day - Sunday 27th May 2018 - 8am to 3pm
Museum of Fire, Penrith (Charity Event)



**FREE AMUSEMENT RIDES AFTER ENTRY
DISPLAYS AND ENTERTAINMENT**

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Concession \$10 (excludes free child entry)

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St Mary's North Public School Starting School Group

Starts August 2nd 2018
9.30 am–11.30 am
Thursday Mornings
@ St Marys North Community Centre
During School Terms 3 and 4

Free Play
Learning

Do you have a child starting kindergarten next year?

Group
Activities

Join us for a starting school playgroup. It helps provide a gentle introduction to school life through play.

Please bring some fruit, a bottle of water and a hat for your child.

Parents stay with their child at the playgroup. Siblings can attend.

Each morning there will be free play, group time and morning tea.

Children not attending any other Early Childhood Services have priority of access.

Stories &
Games

Visit Areas
of the
School









For more information please phone
St Mary's North Public School on 02 9623 1443
or Tamara Nicholls on 0423 720 492



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Term 2 2018 Planner

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
1	30 April Staff Development Day	1 May Students Years 1-6 return to school 	2 May	3 May	4 May	5/6 May
2	7 May	8 May Healthy Skills for Life begins for Years 4, 5 and 6 	9 May	10 May	11 May Mother's Day Stall 	12/13 May 
3	14 May	15 May NAPLAN - Language Conventions and Writing	16 May NAPLAN - Reading 	17 May NAPLAN - Numeracy	18 May Walk Safely to School Day 	19/20 May
4	21 May	22 May P&C Meeting 9:30am 	23 May District Cross Country 	24 May	25 May	26/27 May
5	28 May	29 May	30 May	31 May	1 June	2/3 June
6	4 June	5 June	6 June	7 June Synergy Dance evening performance 	8 June	9/10 June

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
7	11 June Queen's Birthday long weekend	12 June ACO musician visit 	13 June Synergy Dance Matinee 	14 June	15 June	16/17 June
8	18 June	19 June	20 June	21 June	22 June Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off Day 	23/24 June
9	25 June	26 June	27 June	28 June	29 June	30 June/1 July
10	2 July	3 July Whole School Reward Day 	4 July NAIDOC Day 	5 July	6 July Student Reports sent home 	7/8 July

**School resumes for Term 3 for all students on
Tuesday 24 July 2018.**