



Norths' News



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

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| Tuesday | 12 March 2019 | P&C AGM – 9.15am for 9.30am Start |
| Wednesday | 13 March 2019 | School Photographs |
| Friday | 15 March 2019 | National Day of Action Against Bullying |
| Monday – Friday | 18 -22 March 2019 | Harmony Week |
| Thursday | 21 March 2019 | K-2 Assembly 12.50pm |
| Saturday | 23 March 2019 | State Election and P&C BBQ |

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8 March 2019

NEW SCHOOL SIGNAGE

This week, we were very excited to see our new school signage begin to be installed. As a Positive Behaviour for Learning school, we strive to ensure our students model their behaviour and approach to learning around our values of being Responsible, Respectful, Safe and a Learner at all times. As you enter the school through the Willow Road gates you are now met by our school mascot who shares these four values with our entire community. Over the coming week we should see the remainder of the new signage installed. Keep an eye out for where our school mascot appears next!

The students will soon decide on a name for the new mascot. We are certain that our little possum will be the pride of our school alongside our wonderful learners.



ELECTION FUNDRAISING BARBECUE

A note went home with all families yesterday to let our community know about the fundraising barbecue that will be held on Saturday 23 March at the NSW State Election at St Marys North PS. The P&C Fundraising Committee are seeking volunteers to help out on the day. Any time that you have to help out will be greatly appreciated. We would also like to have a cake stall on the day and are asking for donations that can be delivered to school on Friday 22 March. The fundraising committee are working to raise enough money across the year to install brand new bubblers for our students. The bubblers will provide filtered chilled water and have a place to refill bottles. This will be a wonderful addition to our school playground! Please let us know at the office if you are able to help out.

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SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photo day is next Wednesday 13 March. Envelopes have already gone home for you to return on photo day with your child. Can we please ask that all students wear their full school uniform and arrive to school on time on the day. If you require assistance with uniforms, please visit the office to speak with me.

MISSION AUSTRALIA PLAYGROUP

Each Monday of the school term, from 9.15am – 11.15am, Mission Australia is running a Families NSW Playgroup based at our school. It would be wonderful to see new faces join in on the fun each week. The playgroup is free to attend. If you would like more information, please call Liana on 02 4727 3026.

'Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The most important thing is not to stop questioning.'
– Albert Einstein

Mrs Parrello

Principal

MESSAGE FROM THE P&C

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on 12 March at 9.30am in the staffroom. At this meeting, elections will be held for the 2019 P&C positions. We would love to see as many people attend as possible. In order to vote you must be a current P&C member. Please contact the office to find out how to become a member. After the AGM, the 2nd P&C meeting for 2019 will be held.

We would love to see new faces join us at our meetings. Not attended before? Perhaps you are a new parent to our school? Do you have toddlers? We would love to see you all! We are a very welcoming and dedicated group of parents and cannot wait to meet other interested community members who are keen to work together to help our school. We hope to see you there!

NOTE FROM THE OFFICE

SkoolBag App

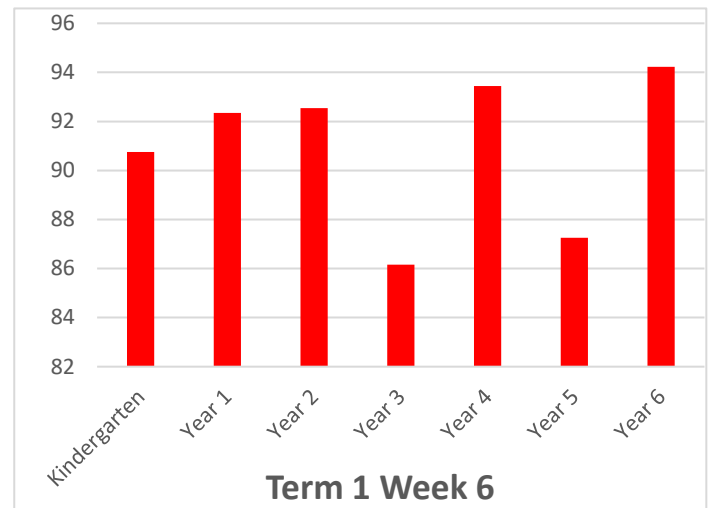
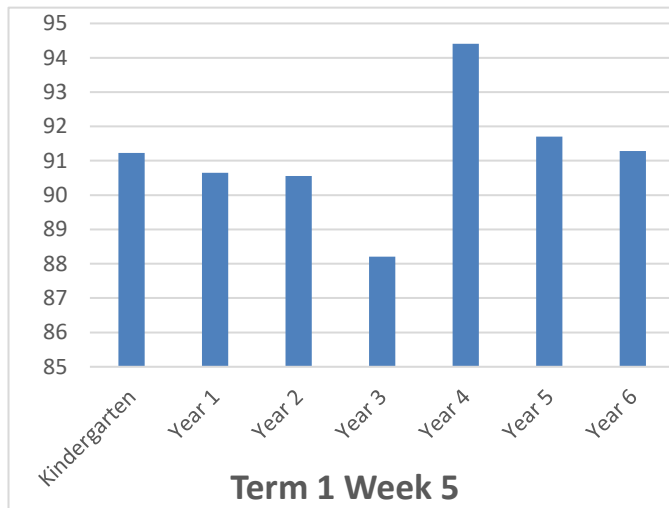
At St Marys North Public School like to keep our parents, caregivers and community well informed and up to date with what we have planned for our students. We now have the SkoolBag app that will provide our families with up to date information along with access to newsletters, excursion notes and latest news items. One feature that we are hoping will be helpful for families is the ability to let the school know the reason for your child's absence from school. Attached in this newsletter is a how to guide on how to download and set up the app ready to use. We hope that you find this a useful addition to our communication methods.

Mrs Sandie Homfray

School Administrative Manager

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE – TERM 1

| Week | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
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| | 91.85 | 91.92 | 91.01 | 92.51 | 91.17 | 90.91 | | | | |

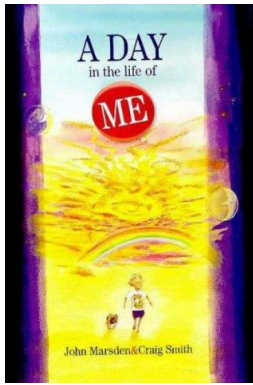


Congratulations to the following classes for having the highest attendance rates over the last 2 weeks and for meeting our school target.

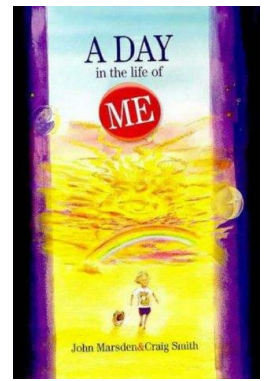
Week 5 – 4/5 Emerald 97.86%

Week 6 – 4/5 Emerald 97.32%





A day in the life of me



1/2 Diamonds have been learning to write recounts. This week we read the book 'A day in the life of me' By John Marsden and Craig Smith. In this story, a little boy has a fantastic day where he eats ice cream for breakfast, takes his dog to school and gets a pool table as a present from his teacher. We decided to write a recount of our dream days. Here they are.

First I got to sleep in and I had cereal. Next I had pizza for lunch and then I rode my motorbike. It was the best day ever!

Reed

In the morning we had pizza and coca cola. Next I walked to school all by myself and went up to the water park which was a big surprise for me. After that we had lots of hot chips with salt and sauce. It was the best day ever!

Calay

First I woke up early then I got in my ninja clothes. After that I got on my dragon. Next I went to school and I was almost done. Finally I went home. I wonder what tomorrow is going to be?

Samuel

First I woke up and had breakfast. Next I got dressed and then I went to Pizza Hut. After that I went to the shops and then I went on my computer at home. Finally I went to bed. It was a fun day!

Jayden

First I got to sleep in until Breakfast Club. My magic carpet flew me to the waterslide. Then I had pizza. Finally I played with my friends.

Mia L

First I had three pancakes. Next I rode my bike to the shops. I could buy anything I wanted. After that I went home to have pizza for lunch.

Mackenzie

First I had a sleep in. Second I ate breakfast and then I went in a limo to go to school. Then I went on the computer. Finally I got to eat pizza and we went to the Techy Room. Then the bell went early and we went home.

Tony

First I slept in then I went to McDonalds and I got an apple pie for breakfast. After eating I got a unicorn to go to school. I got to school and I got to do art. Then I got to have cookies. Then I went home.

Charnelle

First I went to the waterslide and I went on the trampoline. I went to paint.

Tailean

First I had a sleep in a bed. Then I woke up. After that I flew on a plane to school.

Mia H

First I ate pizza. Then I saw a flower on the grass. Then I had a sandwich.

Scarlett

First I slept in my cosy bed. Then I had some pizza for dinner. Then after dinner I went to bed.

Holly

First I had a nap and I got to fly on my magic carpet to school. I got to play on the googles with my class and we had the best day of my life. We got to eat pizza with my class and we had lots of fun. We played on the iPad and we got to play on the goggles again.

Simote

First I got to have KFC for breakfast! Next I was riding a horse to castle. Next I did skids on the motorbike. Next I went into out of space and I saw spaceship. Then I went home.

Emily

First I ate pizza. Next I went on the bus to school. Then I went on the slippery dip. Next I had a sandwich and then I played.

Kaelie

First I got to sleep in until seven. Then we got to use technology. Then we got to have pizza. We got to fly home.

Wyatt

First I walked upstairs. Next I went in the girl's room. Next I played the game. Then I played again. After that I ate pizza.

Thulu-wii

On Friday I got to sleep in and I had fairy floss for breakfast. After that we got to go on a plane and we went to the city. Then we got to go on a rocket and we went to the moon. Then we went in a helicopter and then I went to sleep.

Kile

First I got to sleep in until seven thirty in my nice and cosy bed. Next I flew in my magic carpet all by myself to school. After that we had a water park in the grass area for two hours. Then we had art in the afternoon. Finally we had an early mark.

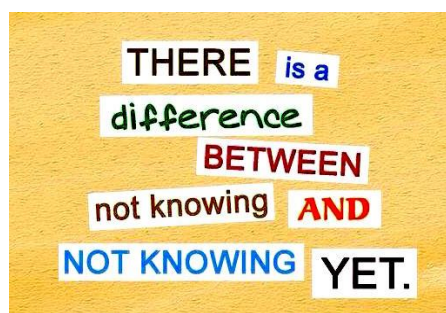
Hennessy

First I ate cereal for breakfast. Next I flew on the magic carpet to the Techy Room. Then I ate a sandwich and I went to the pool. Finally I go home.

Marcus

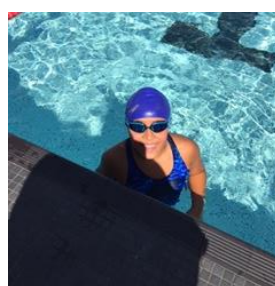
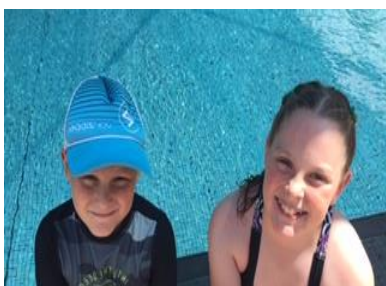
First I woke up early and then I played with my friends.


Karim



DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Friday 1 March, 8 students qualified to represent St Marys North at the District Swimming Carnival. This amazing team, Koby, Callum, Jessica, Amelia, Makayla, Azaria, Leilani and Lucy swam beautifully and most importantly, swam quickly. All swimmers qualified to swim in the top two fastest heats -IMPRESSIVE! Every student swam new personal bests in nearly all of their events. This year we even had our first relay team which consisted of two junior and two senior competitors. They did an amazing job competing against teams consisting of all seniors and finished 3rd. Norths would like to congratulate our District Swimming Team for their tremendous efforts. We would like to pass on a special congratulations to Leilani and Lucy who qualified for Region. Leilani: 1st Backstroke and 2nd Freestyle. Lucy: 2nd Backstroke. Good luck Leilani and Lucy.



| WEEK 4 | Learners | Learner Learn and Accept Rules | WEEK 5 | Responsible | Responsible Play Sensible Games |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
|  K-AQUAMARINE | Jai-T Tobin | Harper Hanslow |  K-AQUAMARINE | Rydan Chaszczewski | Sapphira Gardiner |
|  K-OPAL | NJ Collis | Hunter Baker |  K-OPAL | CJ Feeman-Wall | Cataleya Niko |
|  K /1-ONYX | Cassidy Taylor | Michael Aiono |  K /1-ONYX | Diana Tran | Kayden Bentley |
|  1-AMETHYST | Annabelle Clavan | Mark Williams Welsh |  1-AMETHYST | Olivejune Pologa | Zoey Jones |
|  1-MOONSTONE | Ruby Collins | Lakyn Davis |  1-MOONSTONE | Samuel Keesing –Smith | Arizona Dando |
|  1/2-DIAMOND | Mia Haynes | Ace Sivanila |  1/2-DIAMOND | Mia Haynes | Emily Kutasi |
|  2-JADE | Kayla Brooks | Leon Singh |  2-JADE | Wyatt Fry | Buloo Hopkins-Kinchela |
|  2-PEARL | Sisilia Ikamanu | Nara Tuivasa |  2-PEARL | Hemi Bonser | Nita Tutola |
|  3-SAPPHIRE | Allyse Mallitt-MacDougall | Kevin O'Neill |  3-SAPPHIRE | Isabella Brown | Axle Ryan |
|  3-TOPAZ | Nevaeh Valasis-Ika | Esi Luke |  3-TOPAZ | Lucy Doole-Dunham | Hamza Abdul Rehman |
|  3/4-SUNSTONE | Djay Tobin | Tyler Shield |  3/4-SUNSTONE | Maddison Mount-Parker | Amelia Kavana |
|  4-QUARTZ | Gordon Vaa | Oceana Kemara |  4-QUARTZ | Myah White | Aleira Murphy |
|  4/5-EMERALD | Olivia Koprivic | Lochlan Schempp |  4/5-EMERALD | Emma Hobson | Jack Gullo |
|  5-JASPER | Saige Spaulding | Tyler Bater |  5-JASPER | Lucas McAlister | Imogen Page |
|  5/6-COLBALT | Siennah Smale | Joey Nader |  5/6-COLBALT | Emily Bartlett | Marcus McDonald |
|  6-RUBY | Amalia Bradney | Talmage Brown |  6-RUBY | Lucy Doole Dunham | Hamza Abdul Rehman |

Banner of Excellence

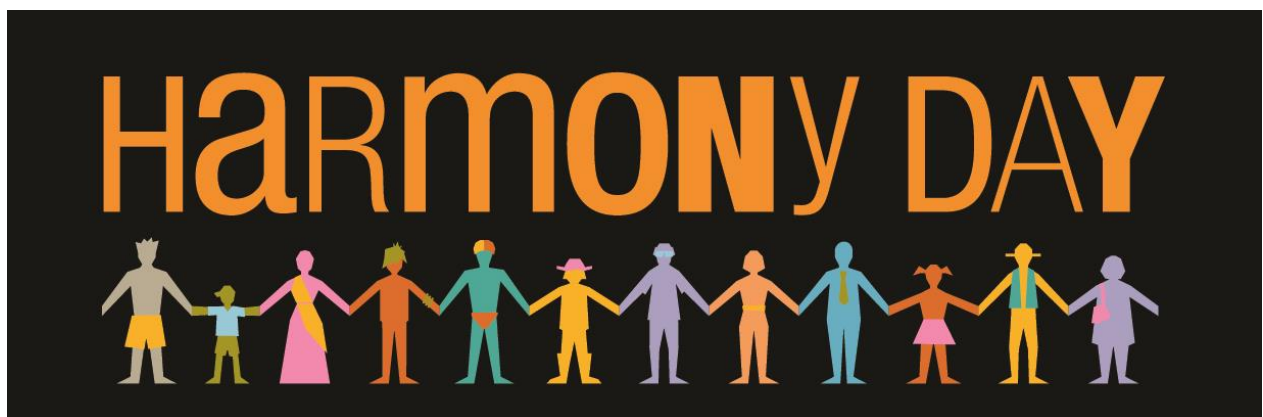
Azaria Saiafolau



The 2019 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge finishes on 30 August 2019.

Years 3-6: You have 25 weeks left to finish reading your 20 books.

You can do it!



March 21 is Australia's Harmony Day, which celebrates the country's cultural diversity. To celebrate it here at Norths we are having a week long celebration – Harmony Week in week 8. Classes will learn about the culture and food of a country before having the chance to prepare, cook and enjoy that country's special recipe using our new class kitchen cart.

Kindergarten students will how to cook Moroccan Cous Cous.

Stage 1 students will learn how to cook delicious Quesadillas.

Stage 2 students will learn how to cook yummy Fried Rice.

Stage 3 students will learn how to cook an amazing Stir Fry.

Stay informed with the SkoolBag App



The SkoolBag app is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minutes notices, newsletters and **all** school communications.

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Download the app

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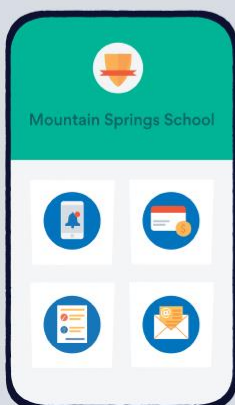
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SkoolBag 

Erskine Park High School

"Pride in Achievement"



INFORMATION EVENING

**We are holding an information evening for
Year 6 students and their families**

**A SCHOOL TOUR WILL OCCUR
ON THE EVENING AT 6.00PM**

PLEASE MEET AT THE SCHOOL HALL

**THURSDAY 14TH MARCH 2019
AT 7.00PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL**

**Contact Kylie McMahon on
9834 3536 for more information**



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To St Marys North Public School:

Childs name: _____ Class: _____

Food Allergy: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

