



# Norths' News



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

Monday to Friday	1 April to 5 April 2019	Student Led Conference Week
Tuesday	2 April 2019	Autism Awareness Day
Thursday	11 April 2019	K-2 Assembly
Friday	12 April 2019	Easter Hat Parade
Friday	12 April 2019	Last day of Term 1

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### STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES

Student-led conferences are due to be held in Week 10 of this term. Notes went home last week for parents to select a suitable time. Our teachers and students look forward to the conferences as they provide our students with the opportunity to share with their families the learning that they are engaging in daily in their rooms. Ownership over learning is vital for students to make gains in their learning. Meetings with teachers can still be organised should parents wish.

### P&C FUNDRAISING

I would like to extend our thanks to the wonderful community members that helped run the barbecue on Election Day. The ladies generously gave up their time to help raise money for the installation of new bubblers at school. Thank you as well to the large number of families who donated cakes to sell and thanks must also go to everyone who stopped by and bought a sausage sandwich on the day. All fundraising across the school this year will be put towards the bubblers. Keep an eye out for the tally we keep that will show us how close we are to achieving our goal. This will be displayed in one of the new notice boards at the entrance to the school foyer.

### HARMONY WEEK

Last week we celebrated Harmony Week across the school. Harmony Week is a chance to celebrate our cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. I would like to congratulate the amazing teachers that we have here at Norths who planned wonderful activities in all learning spaces for our students to learn a little more about other cultures. Our students had the opportunity to cook a meal using our new mobile kitchen. Hopefully your child shared this experience with you and brought home the recipe to try at home.



## Harmony Day

## PARENT LIFE SKILL LESSONS

This term, our Year 4, 5 and 6 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. Next week we invite families to join in with your child's lesson. A note will be sent home with more details. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to share in one of the many experiences that we offer our students. We look forward to again offering the same opportunity to our Year 1, 2 and 3 students and their families next term.



## TEACHER PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Our dedicated teaching staff participate in professional learning across each year. This week we have had a number of teachers attend workshops outside of school and our classroom teachers have been involved in planning sessions that allow for the development of stage based programs. These learning sessions are an important part of teacher development. It does, however, mean that our teachers will have days off class to allow them to be involved in their professional learning. Our classes are staffed with quality casual teachers on such days to ensure the learning program for each class continues.

Finally, I would like to congratulate our students who have recently been selected as St Marys District PSSA representatives across a large number of sports. It is a wonderful achievement to be selected to represent the St Marys District and we wish you all luck at your upcoming Sydney West events. We are so proud of you!

'Don't wait until you've reached your goal to be proud of yourself. Be proud of every step you take toward reaching that goal.'

*Mrs Parrello*

Principal



## 2019 P&C COMMITTEE

I would like to firstly thank the hardworking 2018 P&C for their contributions to our school last year. We very much appreciate the time that you give and the money that was raised for our students. I would like to congratulate the following community members on their recent nominations for positions in the P&C for 2019.

<b>President</b>	Melissa Dick
<b>Vice President</b>	Jane Page
<b>Secretary</b>	Tamara Brooks
<b>Treasurer</b>	
<b>Executive Members</b>	Lisa Williams, Rebecca Armodoros and Julie Burt.

The P&C plays a vital role in our school community. This dedicated group of community volunteers provides their time and energy to many events across the school year as well as organising fundraising events to give back to the school. Participating in the P&C enables community members to work closely with our school and provide a parent voice.

I would encourage all community members to think about the role you could play, even if it is a small one, in working together to ensure our children have every opportunity to become the best versions of themselves they can be. If you think you may have some time to spare, or are interested in how you can help out, please drop into the school office and we can discuss the many ways you can be involved.

Presently, the P&C meets twice a term on a Tuesday at 9.30am. The next P&C meeting is scheduled for 7 May next term. At this meeting the remaining positions will be filled. We hope to see you there.

## A NOTE FROM MRS GRAY

I just wanted to take an opportunity to say hello and to thank the community of St Marys North Public School for making me feel so welcome.

It has been a pleasure for me to get to know many students across the school and to meet parents and carers at the Willow Gate on a Wednesday afternoon.

One of my favourite things about being a Learning and Support Teacher is meeting the many members of our school community.

Please come and say hello if you see me around the playground, I'd love to meet you ☺ You'll know who I am because I am the new face wearing a St Marys North Public School cap.

I look forward to working in partnership with you.

*Mrs Gray* ☺



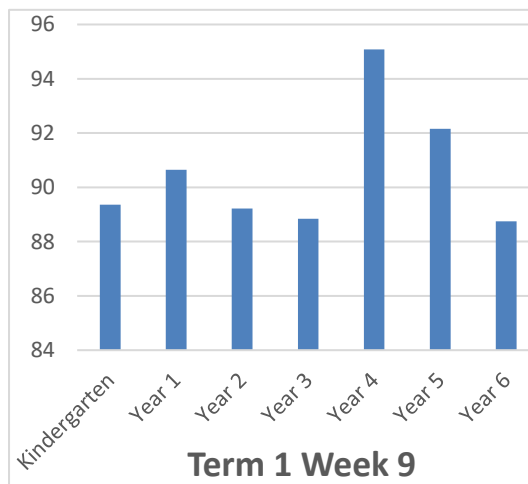
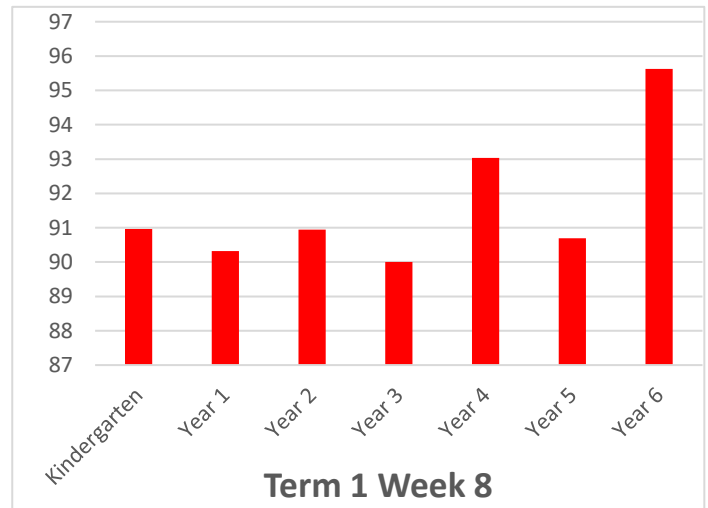
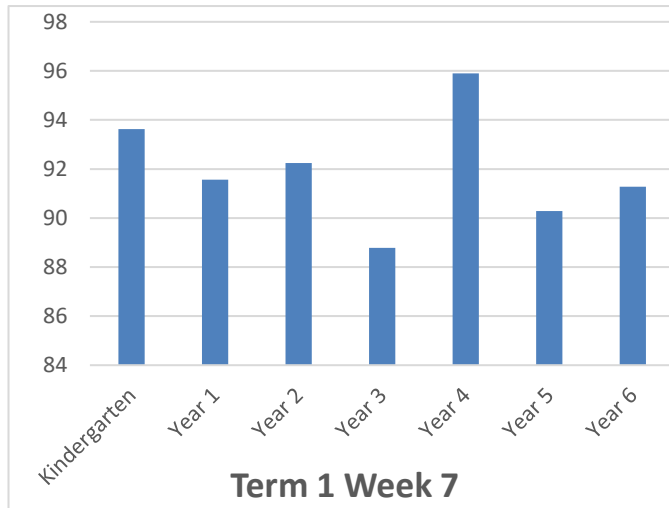
The 2019 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge finishes on 30 August 2019.

Years 3-6: You have 23 weeks left to finish reading your 20 books.

You can do it!

## WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE – TERM 1

Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	91.85	91.92	91.01	92.51	91.17	90.91	92.19	91.51	90.72	












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

Week 7 - 4/5 Emerald 97.32%

Week 8 - 6 Ruby 96.43%

Week 9 - 4/5 Emerald 99.11%



WEEK 6	Respectful	Respectful Play Fairly	WEEK 7	All Settings Safe	Respectful Include Others
 K-AQUAMARINE	Quade Fergusson	Dailey Blayden	 K-AQUAMARINE	Kai Soltani	Ryan Robinson
 K-OPAL	Grace Obele	Sheku Koroma	 K-OPAL	Caden Woldseth	William Cox
 K / 1-ONYX	Anthony Hammond	Anabelle Beck	 K / 1-ONYX	Malakai Ajal	Claire Foster
 1-AMETHYST	Olivejune Pologa	Zoey Jones	 1-AMETHYST	Trey Andrews	Lincon Anderson
 1-MOONSTONE	Jayden Mamoe	Lianna Shakya	 1-MOONSTONE	Braysten Corrigan	James Weterings
 1/2-DIAMOND	Mackenzie Samuel	Tony Seu	 1/2-DIAMOND	Mia Lawson	Holly Hayes
 2-JADE	Zac Thompson	Max Watters	 2-JADE	May Aiono	Mya Tobin
 2-PEARL	Xavier Tootoo	Erika Brooks	 2-PEARL	Blair Grisedale	Leah Hyde
 3-SAPPHIRE	Owen Monares	Billy James Ballantine	 3-SAPPHIRE	Logan Hayes	Mia-Rose Robinson
 3-TOPAZ	Isabella De Gier	Natasha Gold	 3-TOPAZ	Amarra Akuta	Levi Tobin
 3/4-SUNSTONE	Leo Bonser	Ruby Beck	 3/4-SUNSTONE	Jason Bailey	Jessica Clavan
 4-QUARTZ	Connor Knibbs	Peter Ankuma	 4-QUARTZ	Kayla Dee	Angelika Howes
 4/5-EMERALD	Jackson Sumner	Makayla Halvorson	 4/5-EMERALD	Kye Davis	Paige Stacy
 5-JASPER	Bryce Windell	Charlee Collis	 5-JASPER	Yvonne Haumani	Beau-T Tobin
 5/6-COLBALT	Enoka Fretton	Chelsey Tideswell	 5/6-COLBALT	Katelyn Connor	Riley Duffy
 6-RUBY	Bailey Hepenstall	Zoe-Jane Hill	 6-RUBY	Mickaylah Holden	Ella MacKay-Patten





# *Principal's Awards*



Hennessy Higbid

Emily Kutasi

Lila Faapo

Esi Luke

Kyedon Fields

*Banner of Excellence*

Azaria Siafolau

## **PSSA TRIALS**

This term we have had a number of students attend PSSA trials. We can proudly announce that a large number of students were successful at these trials. Norths would like to congratulate all students who attended these trials. Successful students will now compete against teams in the Sydney West Region where they will not only be competing to win but hoping to secure a position for their respective sport to represent the Sydney West. We wish all successful participants the best of luck at their Sydney West Carnivals.

## **BASKETBALL**

Leilani, Lucy, Janarri, Talmage and Nikora

## **NETBALL**

Leilani and Lucy

## **TOUCH FOOTBALL**

Jonny, Archie, Chelsey, Saige, Naomi and Lucy

## **SOFTBALL**

Talmage, Azaria, Lucy, Naomi and Leilani

## **SOCCER**

Archie, Naomi, Jaydaleah and Chelsey

## **RUGBY LEAGUE 11'S**

Jonny, Enoka and Talamge

## **OPENS**

Kamil and Archie



## HOUSE CAPTAINS AND SRC

On Monday, 11 March, we had two very special celebrations at our whole school assembly. At this assembly we announced our 2019 House Captains and SRC Representatives. Students were elected by their peers and should be extremely proud of this achievement. We know that each and every one of these students will do a tremendous job in their new roles and will wear their badges with pride. Congratulations, we are so proud of you!

### HOUSE CAPTAINS

Allens: C	Hamza and Lucy	VC	Kurt and Michaela
Elliots: C	Bailey and Zoe-Jane	VC	Davut Can and Gracie
Landys: C	Nikora and Ella	VC	Marcus and Sisigafua
Sands: C	Archie and Bellah	VC	Ethan and Leilani

### SRC

KA	Alira and Odin	3S	Allyse and Owen
KO	Olivia and Norman	3T	Chloe and Nevaeh
K/1O	Serenity and Romio	3/4S	Ruby and Leo
1A	Christina and Jack	4Q	Dana and Lucas
1M	Ainslee and Braysten	4/5E	Lila and Aiden
1/2D	Hennessy and Simote	5J	Saige and Bryce
2P	Sandar and Hemi	5/6C	Tiahna and Manamo'ui
2J	Faith and Max	6R	Zoe-Jane and Kurt





# Learning with K/1 Onyx

**K/1 Onyx have been working hard in literacy groups.**



K/1 Onyx love to read books and write stories every day! During literacy groups we work both independently and cooperatively in small groups to complete our activities.





## HARMONY WEEK

2019 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Harmony Day. This year the event was officially renamed Harmony Week. Harmony Week celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. To celebrate Harmony Week our students enjoyed cooking using our brand new portable kitchen. Kindergarten students cooked Moroccan Cous Cous. Stage 1 students cooked Mexican Quesadillas. Stage 2 students cooked Chinese Fried Rice. Stage 3 students cooked Asian Stir Fry. You can tell by the happy faces just how much our students loved cooking, and especially eating, these delicious dishes!





A photograph of a snowy landscape under a dramatic, red-hued sky. The scene shows rolling hills covered in snow, with a few small buildings and trees visible in the distance. The text is overlaid on the image in a large, bold, black font with a white outline.

***Stage 3 camp to  
Canberra and the snow  
is coming up in  
approximately  
16 weeks!!  
Please make regular  
payments to the office!!***





Yesterday the 'Bee Team' from 5/6 Cobalt spent the day being **scientists, entomologists** and **apiarists** (bee keepers) at Hawkesbury University. They are excitedly participating in a project called "**No Bees No Future**" and are learning about how necessary bees are in the pollination of plants, fruits and vegetables.



Did you know that honey is actually bee vomit?  
Yum!! Delicious!!



The 'Bee Team' meet each week to plan what they can do to ensure the survival of bees for the future. They plan to have their very own **Native Australian Stingless Bee** hive at our school and watch while these marvellous bees pollinate and develop our school gardens, as well as make us some delicious honey!





You're invited to the...

## Easter Hat Parade



When: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Where: School Hall

Time: 9:30am

Please wear full school uniform and your decorated Easter Hat.

April 2<sup>nd</sup> is Autism  
Awareness day



## Wear Blue for Autism

Puzzle face paint 50c



1 Nail painted 10c

Cupcakes 50c

