



Norths' News



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

13 May 2019	Monday	Library Monitor Badge presentation at Assembly
14 May 2019	Tuesday	NAPLAN
15 May 2019	Wednesday	NAPLAN
16 May 2019	Thursday	NAPLAN
18 May 2019	Saturday	Election Day
22 May 2019	Wednesday	National Simultaneous Story Time
23 May 2019	Thursday	Three Sisters Excursion - 8.30am K-2 Assembly – 1M – 12:50pm

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WELCOME BACK

It was with great 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. 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. Staff set themselves professional development goals each year and will again, this term, engage in professional learning to ensure that we are providing our students with high quality educational experiences.



Over the holiday break, our classrooms received an upgrade with new felt noticeboards installed at the back of all classrooms. They have given our rooms a real lift and we look forward to the front walls being covered in the same board during the next holidays. The holiday break also provided us with the time to install our new bubbler system to one side of the school grounds. The new bubblers not only look amazing but offer our students fresh filtered and chilled water. The bubblers allow students to fill drink bottles as well. We encourage all students to bring a drink bottle to school that can be refilled at the new bubbler stations.

FUNDRAISING

Our P&C team will continue to actively run fundraising opportunities that will see us be able to install the new bubbler system to the Debrincat Road side of our school. The State Election BBQ that was held last term, proved very successful. The P&C will again be running a BBQ at the upcoming Federal Election on Saturday 18 May. We thank you in advance for your support at this event and any future fundraising opportunities that may be offered.

CANTEEN

The Department of Education's Asset Unit has approved a total upgrade to our school canteen. Our canteen has been in need of improvements for a very long time and we are very excited that we will now have our facilities improved. The upgrade is set to occur in the second half of this term. It will mean that whilst the upgrades are taking place the school will not be able to provide canteen facilities to our students. It is anticipated that the improvement works will take around 3 weeks. We will ensure that we notify the community of the intended dates as soon as we are notified.

I would like to take this opportunity to again seek volunteers for our canteen. Our canteen is currently school run and only operates 3 days each week due to the lack of people who are willing to volunteer. We appreciate that our lives are very busy but without helpers we simply cannot offer a canteen service to our students and families. I would ask that anyone who can spare a few hours each week contact the school office and speak to us about helping out. In the absence of volunteers the school may need to look at tendering out the canteen building to outside operators who will provide our students with healthy options every day of the week.

EXCURSIONS

Across each year, we offer our students the opportunity to attend excursions, both inside and outside of school. Excursions take a lot of planning and preparation and when offered have a closing date where money and notes are due by. A reminder that this due date cannot be extended as firm numbers are required to be provided to bus companies and venues and risk management forms need to be submitted. Should you require additional time in paying for an excursion it is important that you make contact with the school before the due date. Students who do not have their notes and payment in by due dates will unfortunately not be able to attend the given excursion.

I would like to wish all our mothers, aunties, grandmothers and fathers who are in the important role of mum, a very Happy Mother's Day this Sunday. May you have the chance to slow down a little and enjoy everything that is wonderful about parenthood.

'To the world you are one person, but to your child you are THE WORLD!'

Mrs Parrello

Principal

NOTE FROM THE OFFICE

We are excited to announce that St Marys North will be trialling a newly developed Online Enrolment System (OES) from Monday, 20 May 2019.

The Online Enrolment System is designed to provide flexibility for parents to submit an Application to Enrol in a NSW Government School online at a time best suitable to you. The application can be accessed on all browsers and mobile devices including IOS and Android.

The online application process is currently restricted to:

- enrolments into **local** schools only
- children who are Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or permanent residents
- children who live in NSW.

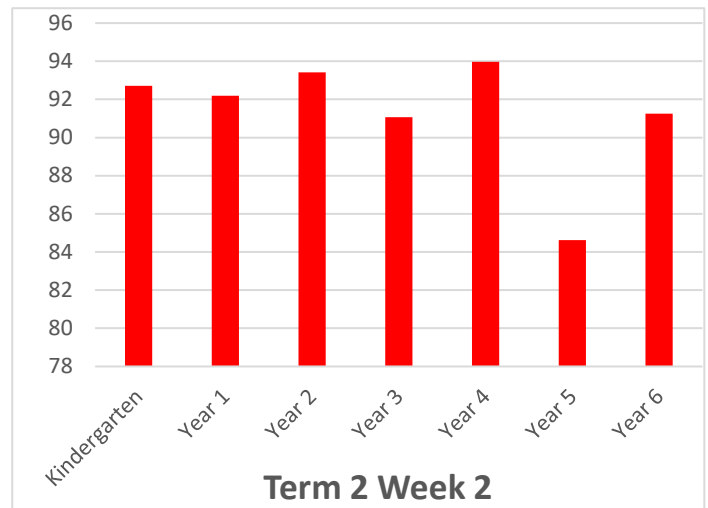
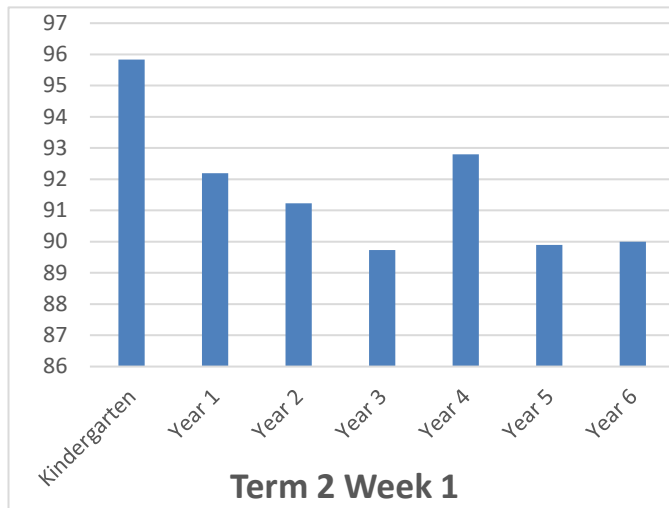
We look forward to trialling this new enrolment platform that will hopefully then be rolled out across all schools in NSW. All new families to our school will now enrol using this online system rather than the old paper based system.

Mrs Sandie Homfray

School Administrative Manager

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE – TERM 2

Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	91.69%	91.40%								



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

Week 1 - K Aquamarine 98.68%

Week 2 - 2 Pearl 98.96%



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

Years 3-6: You have 16 weeks left to finish reading your 20 books.

You can do it!

WEEK 1	Responsible	Responsible Wait Patiently in Lines	WEEK 2	Respectful	Respectful Move Quickly Between Rooms
 K-AQUAMARINE	Grace Obele	Izayah Bevan	 K-AQUAMARINE	Ryan Robinson	Lexi Matthews-Brown
 K-OPAL	Lailee Nash	Bruno Tuivasa	 K-OPAL	Eunice Oloitoa	Caden Woldseth
 K / 1-ONYX	Anabelle Beck	Logan Temenczko	 K / 1-ONYX	Anthony Hammond	Claire Foster
 1-AMETHYST	Jaela Rewi	Emma Nouata	 1-AMETHYST	Levi Shield	Riley Irving
 1-MOONSTONE	Samuel Keesing-Smith	Xavier Arrow	 1-MOONSTONE	Jayden	Mia Mack
 1/2-DIAMOND	Reed Gadd	Wyatt Vaughn	 1/2-DIAMOND	Samuel Hobson	Karim Mohammed
 2-JADE	Sophia Walker	Manaola Kaufusi	 2-JADE	Shae Donovan	Max Watters
 2-PEARL	Erika Brooks	Joycelyn Gibling	 2-PEARL	Noah Armodoros	Jayce Stephenson
 3-SAPPHIRE	Belinda Taylor	Jason Li	 3-SAPPHIRE	Britney Jones	Cooper Herreros
 3-TOPAZ	Natasha Gold	Malakii Murphy	 3-TOPAZ	Emilee Westbrook	Callam Firman
 3/4-SUNSTONE	Annabella Ali	Ellie Cook	 3/4-SUNSTONE	Alanna Hammond	Abubakar Abdul Rehman
 4-QUARTZ	Lucas Foxley	Dana Gordon	 4-QUARTZ	Casey Kay	Latoya Jones
 4/5-EMERALD	Ruby Pannaye	Aveai Pologa	 4/5-EMERALD	Hadassah Nomor	Ryan Rich
 5-JASPER	Lucas McAlister	Phoebe Pannaye	 5-JASPER	Lucas McAlister	Yvonne Haumani
 5/6-COBALT	Riley Duffy	Kaitlyn Stephenson	 5/6-COBALT	Rita Reuelu	Manamo'ou Ikamanu
 6-RUBY	Ethan Schempp	Vanessa Pijov	 6-RUBY	Ella Mackay Patten	Bellah Vitnell

PANTHER TROPHY

Both our junior and senior teams represented St Marys North at the Panther Trophy on Tuesday 7 May. Both teams played exceptionally well and all players displayed wonderful sportsmanship. Ms Wallace and Miss Allatt could not have been any prouder. Congratulations and well done teams. Thank you to all parents, family members and friends who came and supported our teams. A special thank you must go to Mr Knibbs and to our coach Ms Wallace.



SYDNEY WEST SELECTION

We would like to pass on our congratulations to Lucy who has successfully been selected for both the Sydney West Netball and Touch teams. Congratulations and good luck at your respective carnivals, Lucy. We are so proud of you.



With effort and determination,
you can achieve anything.



ST MARYS NORTH 21 DAY READ ALOUD CHALLENGE

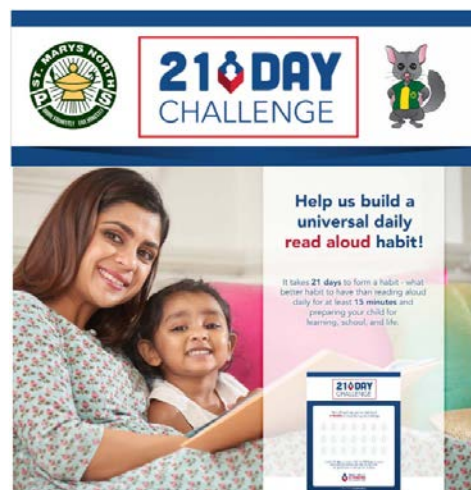
On Wednesday 1 May we started a 21 Day Read Aloud Challenge that will finish on 22 May with the ALIA National Simultaneous Storytime event for 2019. The aim of the challenge is to encourage all Norths parents to read aloud to their children for 21 days during daily home reading. Research says that when a child is read aloud to for 15 minutes every day from birth, they will be ready to learn when they enter kindergarten; children will have the literacy skills needed to succeed in school; and be prepared for a productive and meaningful life after school.

Each student in K-2 and 3S took home a 21 Day Read Aloud Challenge card to record daily read alouds with their parents. This is in conjunction with the regular home reading card and count towards the normal home reading record. Additional cards are available for students 3-6 from the office.

We will celebrate reading aloud on Wednesday 22 May with the ALIA National Simultaneous Storytime event. This year's text that all schools will read aloud at 11am is *Alpacas with Maracas* by Matt Cosgrove. Each student that participates and completes the read aloud challenge will receive a certificate of achievement for their parents reading aloud to them every day for 21 days.

We hope you will continue the challenge. Thank you to the many parents who made the pledge on the school Facebook page or on the sign-up sheet at the front office window or Debrincat COLA.

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Will Kick-Start a Positive Reading Habit for Life*



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Last Wednesday, St Marys North Public School held their ANZAC service. All classes learned about the symbols of ANZAC and planted a poppy in our own Flander's Field. Students helped to make their class wreath by bringing in flowers.



We would like to thank Mr Fish and his special guest for their participation at our assembly.





Our school leaders did a wonderful job of leading our ANZAC Day service.

On the first Sunday of the school holidays, Mrs McAlister, Mrs Baker and students from St Marys North PS represented our school at the annual St Marys ANZAC March and Service. They proudly marched with our new banner, kindly donated by Year 6, 2018.

