



### **Kaya families,**

As we approach the end of the year, it is a wonderful opportunity to look back on the many achievements and memorable moments of 2025. I am very grateful to be part of a strong and supportive community that values learning, creativity and genuine connection. Below is an overview of key highlights from this term along with important updates as we conclude the school year.

### **School Board,**

Our School Board held its annual open meeting in Week 8 and worked through a comprehensive agenda. This included a review of the Board's role, the Principal's Update, Business Plan target progression, the 2025 Board self assessment, a finance update, 2026 Board nominations and the School Board Annual Report. We also took time to acknowledge Ebony Cleveland for her seven years of dedicated service to Northam Primary School, expressing our sincere gratitude for her commitment and contribution. We farewelled Joe Manning as he concludes his time on the Board and as Chair, thanking him for his leadership and the positive difference he has made. Thank you to all Board members for their ongoing support of our school.

### **Kindergarten Graduation,**

Our Kindy A and B classes delighted us with their concerts this term. These events were not only entertaining but also a wonderful celebration of our youngest students as they complete their first year of school. Thank you to our dedicated Kindy staff for their work in preparing these concerts, and to families for your ongoing support.

### **Year 6 Graduation,**

Graduation is a significant milestone for our Year Six students. This week we celebrated their achievements and wished them well as they prepare for the transition to high school. To our graduates, we hope you are proud of how far you have come and excited for all that awaits you in the years ahead.

### **Last Day of Term,**

A reminder that the final day of Term Four is Thursday 18 December. It will be a day to acknowledge the end of a successful school year and welcome the holiday season. Students with Good Standing will enjoy the PBS reward which will be a pool party at our local pool.

### **Upper Years Deputy Principal 2026,**

I am delighted to share that Phove Rafferty has been appointed to our Leadership Team as Upper Year Associate Principal for 2026. We are very pleased to have Phove continuing with us and look forward to the positive impact she will have in this role.

### **Celebrating Our Student Leaders,**

We extend a special farewell to our outgoing faction captains and student leaders and thank them for their dedication throughout the year. Congratulations to all Year Five students who addressed their factions with confidence during the election process. Your willingness to lead and take on challenge is commendable. Thank you also to the upper years students for participating in the voting process.



### **Student Leaders,**

Students from Years Three to Five have cast their votes, and I am delighted to announce the students who will step into leadership roles next year. You can find their names later in this newsletter.

### **Reports,**

Semester Two reports were released this afternoon through Connect. If you are unable to access your child's report, please contact the office as soon as possible for assistance.

### **Staff Farewells,**

As the year draws to a close, we farewell several staff members: Mr P (on leave in Term One), Mrs Purslowe (on leave in Term One), Mrs Pritchett (will return in 2027), Miss Marriott, Miss Palman, Mrs Vanicek, Miss Kelly, Mrs Gough, Mrs Neeson and Mrs Taylor. We sincerely thank each of them for their dedication, passion and commitment to our school. We wish them well for the future and hope to see some of them return to Northam Primary School in the years ahead.

### **Collection of Medication,**

If your child has medication at school, including EpiPens, please collect these from the office by the end of the day on Thursday 18th December 2025. Medication must be collected by an adult as we are unable to send it home with students.

All medication will need to be returned on the first day of school in 2026, Monday 2nd February, ensuring items are within date. Please also provide any updated care plans at that time.

### **Year 6 Transition to High School,**

Congratulations to our Year Six students for their engagement in the transition process for high school. Most of our students will be attending Northam Senior High School in 2026, making these two transition days an important part of preparing for a smooth start. Students attending other high schools completed transition days at their respective schools.

### **Class Lists 2026,**

Class lists will be available on the office windows on Friday 30th January. Our staff will be preparing classrooms to ensure a positive start to the new year. Families are asked to wait until Monday 2nd February to meet your child's teacher and visit the classroom, unless an earlier visit has already been arranged.

### **Happy Holidays,**

Thank you to our entire community for a fantastic year. I wish every family a safe, happy and restful holiday break. We look forward to welcoming you back in 2026 for another exciting year of learning and growth.

### **Warm regards**

Jess Munro  
Principal

# STUDENT LEADERS 2026



**Head Boy— Bentley Emery**

**Head Girl— Jayne McLean**



**Anna Largo — Student Leader**

**Dakota Stewart — Student Leader**

**Eli Cornthwaite — Student Leader**

**Caleb Manning — Student Leader**

**Ben Waylor — Kaa-Kaa Faction Captain**

**Grace Choules — Kaa-Kaa Faction Captain**

**Millie Baigent — Djer-Djer Faction Captain**

**Jay Mann — Djer-Djer Faction Captain**

**Phoebe Sharp — Noorn Faction Captain**

**Teilah Scott — Noorn Faction Captain**

**Nixon Endersby — Yongka Faction Captain**

**Briar Falconer — Yongka Faction Captain**

# BOOK AWARD WINNERS

## End of Year Concert 2025

**ROOM A** Elena Waylor  
Harper Farkas  
Jax Papadopoulos

**Room B** Judd Smith  
Meissa  
Carol Coutinho Araujo

**Room 1** Russell Zeng  
Olympia Sermon  
Lola Winsor

**Room 3** Maguire Douglas  
Angel O'Donnell  
Nora Largo

**Room 4** Eli Logan  
Bailee Gough  
Oscar Spatcher

**Room 5** Brenton Finlay  
Liza Coutinho Araujo  
Anderson Douglas

**Room 6** Brylee Manning  
Johanna Cutang  
Leonardo Zwetsloot  
Tarkyn Caton

**Room 7** Jesse Megee  
Amity McConnell  
Canaan Bell-Hastie

**Room 9** Evelyn Grigio  
Jayne McLean  
Kaylah Broadbent-Carley  
Beatriz Coutinho Araujo

**Room 10** Caleb Manning  
Miccaella Durig  
Dakota Stewart

**Room 11** Cruz Manning  
Ben (Luke) Waylor  
Morgan Neuiwouldt  
Eli Cornthwaite

**Room 12** Bentley Emery  
Elsie Lance  
Kaizen McConnell  
Cherish Lagawan

**Art** Hope Sears  
Evelyn Grigio  
Piper Peacock

**Language** Stella S Rm 7  
Scarlett A Rm 9  
Meah K Rm 12  
Lonsdale Porters  
Elsie Lance  
Lucy Edwards

**Sport**

**Science** Lila Miller  
Lilliana Tonkin-Dolbel  
Kaizen McConnell



## PERFORMING ARTS

In Visual Arts, the students ended the year by using the Art Elements such as colour, line, shape and pattern. Year 1 students made a 3D cat head attached to a pattern body. By using abstract technique Room 6 collage a witch's head. Room 10 painted flowers in a vase using acrylic paint and by swirling a cotton bud in blobs of red and white paint they made roses.



## KINDY

What a busy and exciting end to the term we have had in Kindy!

We explored familiar stories through retelling, reenacting and lots of imaginative play. The Three Billy Goats Gruff was a clear favourite. The children loved learning the story and even acted it out on the playground with trolls hiding under bridges. We also went on a bear hunt, stomping through the grass, the mud, and the river, and enjoyed retelling the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

Our learning linked beautifully to maths as we spent time measuring and comparing objects. Students practised describing sizes, heights and lengths through hands-on experiences and classroom activities. In literacy, we explored rich language to describe what we saw and felt. Words like thick oozy mud and cold splashing water helped bring our stories to life. Students also continued developing their early reading skills by sounding out words using the sounds they know. For example, they practised breaking down the sounds in /d/o/g/ and blending them.

A highlight of the term was our Kindy Graduation. The children were amazing on stage, performing with confidence and joy. They had been practising so hard in the lead up, learning their songs, movements and speaking parts. It was wonderful to see their excitement and pride on the day. We are so proud of how far they have grown this year.

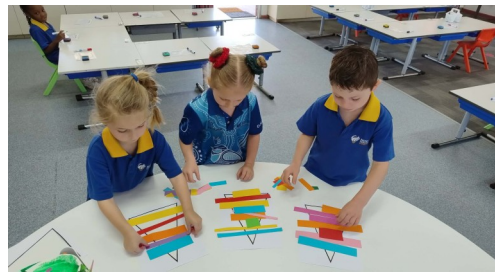


We also enjoyed a fun ice cream party after the Colour Run. Our class received the highest donations, and we truly thank our families for their generous support. The children were very excited and had a wonderful time.

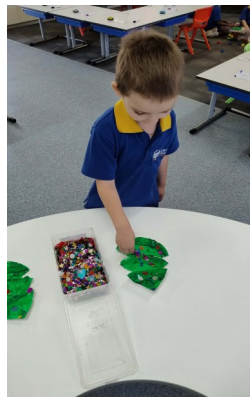
Thank you to our families for your support.  
We hope you enjoy a wonderful holiday break.



## ROOM A



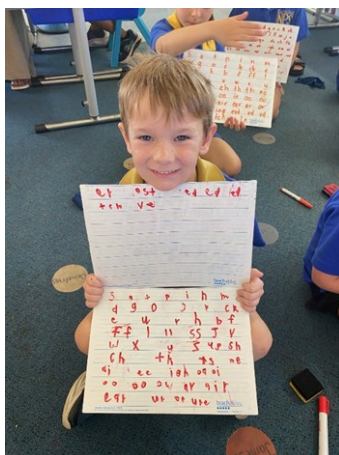
Our classroom has happily stepped into the festive season! Students have been busy working on a variety of Christmas crafts, creating paper-strip Christmas trees, wreaths, angels, and sparkling sequin Christmas trees. Their creativity and enthusiasm have filled our room with holiday cheer, and we can't wait to share their beautiful work with you.



## ROOM B

Term 4 has been a busy whirlwind of learning in Room B, and we can't believe how quick the term has gone. We have been learning about Australian money in maths and can name all the coins and what they have on them!

In weeks 8, 9 and 10, we have been reviewing all the sounds we have learned throughout the year and are amazed at all of our recall of these. In Talk for Writing we have been completing a unit of work on the short fiction story 'The Elves and the Shoemaker'. We even integrated our HASS and Design and Technology in making our own shoes if we were an elf.



We wish everyone a safe and happy summer holidays and would love to thank all the students and their families for a wonderful year in Room B. Thank you also to the amazing Miss Mehl, Mrs Neeson and Mrs Walker for supporting us to do our best in Room B this year. We can't wait to see what amazing learning everyone does next year as you move to Year 1 and 2.

Mrs Manning & Miss McGarry

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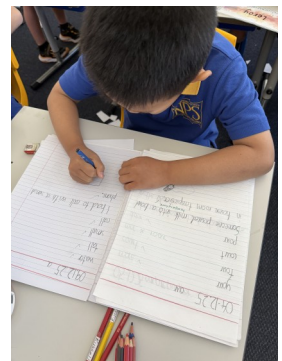
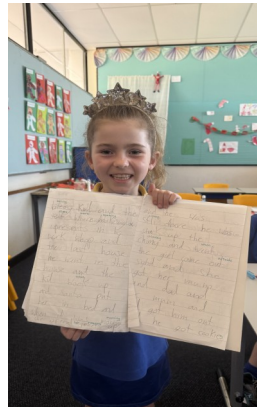
**SENSIBLE**

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## Room 1

Over the past few weeks, our Year 1 students have engaged in a range of purposeful learning experiences. In Phonics, they explored different spelling patterns for the /or/ sound, including al, augh, oor, our, oar, and ore, strengthening their phonemic awareness and spelling skills. In Writing, they studied "The Elves and the Shoemaker" and used it to innovate their own narratives, applying questioning techniques (who, what, when, where, why, how) and using subjects, adjectives, and verbs to enhance their writing. In Mathematics, they have consolidated their understanding of halving collections, dividing by sharing and grouping, and working with addition and subtraction within 100. During free learning time, the children have shown creativity through Christmas craft activities and by writing thoughtful notes to our classroom elf, supporting both fine motor and written communication skills.



## Room 3



Wow! We can't believe the year has come to an end. We've had a busy couple of weeks. In Writing, we have been learning how to write a persuasive text, and our students worked in groups using modal verbs to write rules for different places. In Reading, we have been learning about the boxer crab, turtles, and the leafy sea dragon. In Mathematics, we have been learning about shape and number patterns, and students created their own pattern octopus. We have also been learning about fractions and even made fraction cupcakes to help students understand how parts make a whole. Some of our students have also been learning sign language, and they proudly signed and sang a Christmas song to our class it was a beautiful moment to watch. We participated in the Colour Fun Run, where the students enjoyed getting splashed with lots of colours. We finished the term off with the end of year concert our students did an amazing job participating, and they were very brave. It has been an absolute pleasure teaching the students in Room Three this year. Thank you to all of the parents; it has been wonderful working with you, and we truly appreciate your support.





## ROOM 4

What an exciting end to the year it has been in Room 4!

Our week was filled with colour, energy and fun as students took part in the Colour Run. The joy on their faces was priceless, and it was a fantastic way to celebrate our efforts this term.

We have also been busy practising for our End-of-Year Concert. Students are showing great enthusiasm and confidence as they rehearse their performance with Room 7.

In the classroom, students have continued to shine in their learning. In English, we have been exploring persuasive writing, learning how to use strong arguments, emotive language and convincing reasons. We also continued working on our informative reports, developing clear paragraphs and interesting facts to teach our readers.

In Maths, Room 4 has enjoyed our unit on money. Students have been “online shopping”, calculating totals, working out change and applying real-life

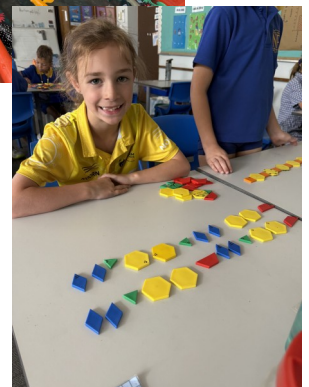
problem-solving skills. It's been a wonderful term. Well done, Room 4!



## ROOM 5

In Room 5, we have continued exploring our great oceans. We have read all about ocean creatures, from boxer crabs, whales, turtles and even the rare leafy sea dragon. We've learnt about how important they are, and we want to educate other people too! We've learnt lots of persuasive writing techniques, and have focussed on why we need to look after our oceans.

We have continued with our ocean theme in design technology, and have been designing devices which can help clean up our oceans and remove all the rubbish that ends up there. We have come up with some incredibly creative ideas!



We've been lucky enough to have some fun events this term! We loved taking part in the Colour Fun Run, and brought plenty of energy and smiles to the day. We also shone on stage during the end-of-year concert dance with Room 6—what a fantastic way to celebrate creativity and teamwork! As we wrap up an amazing term, we'd like to thank families for their support throughout the year. Wishing everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

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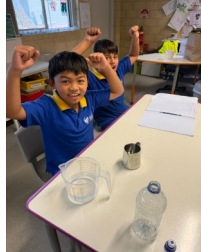
**RESPECT**

## ROOM 6

Wow, the end of the year already! What an enjoyable, productive and very busy last few weeks of Term 4 we have had in Room 6. We had lots of fun activities this term such as the Colour run and End of Year Concert. Throughout the Term, Room 6 practiced hard for their item for the end of year concert, and I'm sure you'll agree with me, when I say how amazing they were. Their creative efforts in decorating their rock and roll guitars for our backdrop also didn't go unnoticed, and it looked amazing!

In Writing we have learnt how to write a persuasive text, and we are now very good at persuading our audience to do what we want! In Maths, we have learnt about money while also continuing to practice and consolidate our place value knowledge through a range of hands-on activities.

It has been a year full of learning, laughs and fun, and I thank everyone for your efforts and contributions to the successful year we have had. I hope everyone has a happy and safe holidays.



## ROOM 7

Can you believe it's already the end of 2025?! Room 7 has had a fantastic finish to the year. We had the best time performing at this year's End of Year Concert and are now eagerly counting down to the pool party this Thursday!

In the classroom, students have been busy exploring persuasive writing and learning about units of money. We've also loved working together during building and construction activities, where students applied strong collaboration and problem-solving skills.



What a wonderful way to wrap up the year. Wishing everyone a happy and safe holiday break!

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## ROOM 9

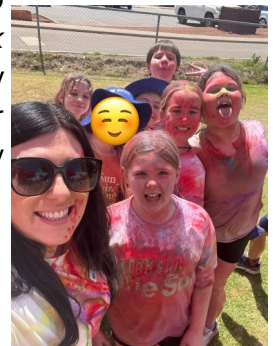
What a fantastic end to the term and year it has been in Room 9!



In Writing, students have been exploring persuasive texts, designing creative and imaginative new ways to travel while carefully considering the positive impacts these ideas could have on our environment. Their enthusiasm and thoughtful discussions have been wonderful to see. In Maths, we have been busy working with money—calculating costs and change—as well as exploring data through tally charts, picture graphs and bar charts. We also revisited area and perimeter, with students applying their knowledge confidently across different tasks.

We've enjoyed plenty of exciting events too. Our Colour Fun Run was a highlight of the term (and my first ever one!). It was so lovely to see everyone smiling, laughing and making memories—the slip and slide was definitely a crowd pleaser! We also began rehearsals for our End of Year Concert. The theme this year was 'Rock and Roll'. Room 9 and Room 10 learnt a dance to a mash-up of *Heartbreak Hotel*, *We Will Rock You* and *Eye of the Tiger*, and they absolutely shone on stage. I am incredibly proud of their hard work, dedication and the amazing performance they delivered. [Congratulations](#) to all the award recipients.

We are looking forward to celebrating with our pool party next week, as well as enjoying our well-earned PBS class reward—we smashed our target!



A huge well done to every student in Room 9 for the incredible journey they've taken this year. I'm so proud of every single one of you! You have worked so hard this year. Thank you for welcoming me into your class and as your teacher. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents and carers for their continued support this year—it is definitely a team effort. Wishing all of Room 9 and their families a lovely break and holiday.

## ROOM 10

We've done it! The end of 2026 for Room 10. As we reach the end of another wonderful year, I want to acknowledge the hard work, growth, and resilience shown by the students. They have embraced challenges, celebrated achievements, and supported one another with kindness. Our classroom has been filled with curiosity, creativity, and plenty of laughter. I would also like to thank the families for their ongoing support. Their partnership makes a tremendous difference in your children's learning and wellbeing. We've spent the last few weeks finalising our persuasive writing, arguing why the weekend should or shouldn't be three days long. We have covered consent and how our bodies work in Health, and finished probability and likelihood in Maths. The students have worked hard until the very end and I am so proud of them all. The colour run was phenomenal and the end of year concert was an absolute highlight, with the students demonstrating their dance moves and dedication on the night.

They totally rocked!

I wish them all the best for the future and will miss them dearly. It has been a pleasure to have been their teacher.



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## ROOM 11

As the year comes to a close, we have been reflecting on what a truly special year it has been in Room 11. The final weeks have been filled with laughter, energy, and festive fun! We have loved getting into the Christmas spirit with Christmas-themed Just Dance routines, eagerly checking in each day to see what mischief the elves have been up to, and enjoying some very delicious treats kindly provided by Miss Marriott's mum.

A huge highlight was working together to create and perform our amazing end-of-year concert item. The dedication, teamwork, and confidence shown by the students was something to be incredibly proud of. We also had an absolute blast participating in the colour run, making colourful memories to finish the year on a high.

I am so proud of every student in Room 11 and all that they have achieved this year. I hope they look back on their time in Room 11 with happy memories and a strong sense of accomplishment. Wishing all families a safe, restful, and joyful holiday, and all the best for the year ahead.



## ROOM 12

And with that... Year 6 comes to an end. It's hard to believe how quickly this year has flown by. What feels like only yesterday we were settling into a new classroom, and now we have reached the final chapter of primary school together.

Over the past few weeks, our classroom has been buzzing as we embraced the Christmas spirit, from decorating the room and enjoying festive activities to soaking up all the end-of-year excitement. Our final weeks have certainly been jam-packed, with the Colour Run being a huge highlight and an absolute blast for everyone involved. It was wonderful to see the students having so much fun and supporting one another. Thankyou to everyone that organised this.



Graduation was a very special and memorable celebration, marking the end of an important chapter and the beginning of an exciting new one. As we enjoy our final moments of Year 6, there is still plenty to look forward to, including our last day of school pool party.



A great deal of time and effort went into preparing for our Christmas concert, and the students should be incredibly proud of themselves. Miss Marriott deserves an incredible amount of praise for her time, effort and patience while choreographing our dance and supporting the students as they learnt it. The final performance was truly incredible and something to be very proud of. [Congratulations](#) also to our book award recipients, a well-deserved achievement that reflects the effort, growth and positive attitudes shown throughout the year.

It has been a privilege to teach such a wonderful group of students. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved and wish them every success as they move confidently into the next stage of their schooling.

Bring on High School!

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# TERM 1 PLANNER

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY EARLY CLOSE 2.30PM	FRIDAY
1	2 February STUDENTS RETURN	3	4	5 Sports	6
2	9 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	10	11	12 Sports	13
3	16	17	18	19 Sports	20
4	23 Intern Swimming	24 Intern Swimming	25 Intern Swimming	26 Intern Swimming Sports	27 Intern Swimming Assembly
5	2 March Labour Day	3 Intern Swimming	4 Intern Swimming	5 Intern Swimming Sports	6
6	9 ASET Academic Selective Entrance Test	10 ASET	11 NAPLAN	12 NAPLAN Sports	13 NAPLAN
7	16 NAPLAN	17 Harmony Week NAPLAN	18 Harmony Week NAPLAN	19 Harmony Week NAPLAN Sports	20 Harmony Week NAPLAN
8	23 Harmony Week NAPLAN	24	25 Swimming Carnival ?	26 Sports	27 Assembly
9	30 NSSA Lightning Winter Carnival	31	1 April	2 LAST DAY OF TERM Sports	3

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