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Kaya Parents and Carers,

How quickly this year seems to be passing, we find ourselves at the end of Term 2. It has been an extremely busy term and one that our students and staff have given their all. I am increasingly impressed with the manner in which our students have engaged in their learning so far this year. I am thankful for the work our staff have done since the commencement of the school year and I have no doubt they are certainly deserving of the two weeks holiday break.

Semester One Reports

The Semester One Reports will be sent home electronically this coming Thursday (29 June). If you are not yet connected to Connect, I urge you to do so as soon as possible.

Teachers have put a great deal of work into ensuring each student's report accurately reflects their progress to this point in the year. I encourage parents to chat with your child/ren about their report and encourage each of them to set themselves some goals for Semester Two. I also highlight to parents that when looking at your child's report remember that there is a step up in learning outcomes from one year to the next and we are only halfway through the school year. That means there is plenty more learning for every student and opportunities for each student to reach their individual potential by the end of the school year.

Room 6 & 10 Assembly

A huge thank you to Miss Gurner and the Room 6 students for their amazing assembly on Friday 9th June. The students spoke so clearly and articulated well when presenting to the whole school. Their performance was amazing as was the smiles on each of their faces. I know Miss Gurner was extremely nervous given it was her first assembly as a classroom teacher, however she prepared the students extremely well and was very proud of them.

Thank you to Miss Cartledge and the students in Room 10 for their amazing assembly. It was fantastic to see their smiling faces as they presented their class item. I was really impressed with how they displayed their acting skills and even more so in how Bowie gave me more hair than what I have had for many years (Thank you Bowie).

Cross Country

Our school Cross Country was to be held on Tuesday 6th June, however as you know we delayed it to Wednesday 7th June due to the weather. The day turned out to be a great day with every student running their hardest and doing their personal best. In the end it was a close competition with the winning faction being Noorn-Gold Faction. A huge congratulations to all our champion and runner up champions for each year level.

Thank you to Mr Robson for his outstanding organisation and to all our parent helpers on the day. Also, thank you to the families who were able to make it on the day, your support is appreciated by the students.

Inter School Cross Country

Fantastic effort by all our Inter School Cross Country team that competed on Monday 26th June 2023. They did us proud by running as hard as they could. We finished second. Congratulations to the students who won Champion Boy/Girl or Runner Up Champion Boy/Girl, you should feel super proud of yourself.

Thank you to Mr Robson and the parent helpers for their efforts in helping on the day.

Winter Carnival

Our Year 5 and 6 students participated in the Inter School Winter Carnival on Friday 19th May. We had teams in the Netball, and Soccer all of which gave their very best in representing NPS with pride. Most importantly they all had fun. Our A division Netball team won the championship.



West Coast Fever – Wheatbelt/Goldfields Primary School Cup

On Thursday 22nd June we had two NPS team compete within the West Coast Fever Wheatbelt/Goldfields Primary School Netball competition, a mixed Year 3/4 team and a mixed Year 5/6 team. Both of our teams performed amazingly on the day with the Year 3/4 team finishing third overall from 10 teams and our Year 5/6 team finishing first overall from 10 teams. The students demonstrated amazing sportsmanship whilst at the same time giving their best to win. I want to thank Kelly Beard, and Lisa Porteous and their support team for willingly giving their time to enter the team into the competition and coaching them. Also, a huge thank you to Mr Robson for all his work in ensuring our teams were able to compete.

Year 6 Camp

Our Year 6 students participated in their school camp during Week 5 of this Term. The students had an amazing time challenging themselves with the variety of activities they undertook. By all reports from each student, they had the best time and would love to do it all over again. I am sure the photos of them further into this newsletter will demonstrate exactly why they had so much fun.

Thank you to Miss Sparkes, Mr Southwell, Mr Nickels, Mrs Southwell, Mr McConnell and Mrs McLean for their willingness to take the students on the camp and for all their time and effort throughout the four days.

NAIDOC Week

Mrs Rafferty and Ms Stack along with the ATSI Committee have been busy planning the NAIDOC Week activities to be held in Week 3 of Term 3. More information will be sent home at the start of the term.

2024 Kindergarten Enrolments

As you may have already seen the enrolments for those children who are of kindergarten age in 2023 are now open. Any child born between the 1st July 2019 and 30th June 2020 are able to be enrolled in Kindy for 2024.

Students who are in Kindy this year (2023) also need to be formally enrolled for pre-primary for 2024. I urge those families who have a child in Kindy this year to complete the 2024 pre-primary enrolment as soon as possible.

Simultaneous Story Time (NSS)

This year NSS took place on Wednesday 24 May 2023 at 11:00am and our whole school stopped at that time to read this year's story "The Speedy Sloth", by Rebecca Young (author) and Heath McKenzie (illustrator). Our students loved the story and their follow up activities after listening to the story demonstrated they fully understood the message the story was about. Thank you to Mrs Donaldson for organising our school to participate and for the way in which she supported our staff in preparing for the session.

School Survey

As a follow up to the Community Survey conducted late Term 1 our student leaders undertook the task of asking parents/carers to participate by filling in questions about our Learning Environment and Relationships. We gained some fantastic data from this aspect of the survey which will enable us as a school community to enhance current practices moving forward. I will share the data with the School Council in our Term 3 meeting and then release it in the next newsletter.

Independent Public School

Earlier this Term I sent home information about the benefits of becoming an Independent Public School. I have followed that up this week with our students asking parents the question "Do you support NPS becoming an Independent Public School"? I am happy to say we have the support of our community to proceed in undertaking the selection process. Therefore, our School Council Chair, Joe Manning and I will be presenting our case to the Independent Public School Selection Panel on the 30th August 2023. We will inform our community of the outcome once known.

30th June – Last Day of Term 2

This Friday 30th June 2023 is the last day for Term 2.



Start of Term 3

Staff and students, all return to school on **Monday 17th July 2023**.

School Development Day

Our final School Development Day (Pupil Free Day) is on **Friday 21st July 2023 (Friday of Week 1, Term 3)**. Students do not attend school on that day.

Faction Carnival

Our school Faction Carnival is being held in Week 5 of Term 3.

The Jumps and Throws are on Tuesday 15th August on our school oval and the running races and team events will be held on Friday 18th August at Jubilee Oval. Mr Robson will send further details home with regards to

timings for both days in Week 1 of Term 3.

P&C

I continue to say just how lucky we are as a school to have such an enthusiastic, well organised and dedicated group of parents on our P&C. Their efforts always ensure our students get to participate in many P&C run events and they raise much needed funds to help our school.

The Penny War turned out to being a very hotly contested competition between classrooms. The result came down to the last few moments where so many parents came in and placed money to either take points off classrooms or to put points towards their own child's classroom. A huge thanks to the classroom teachers for getting involved and encouraging students and families to get involved.

But as with all competitions there can only been one first placed winner and a huge congratulations to Mrs Rafferty, Room 5 students and families for taking out first place and winning the Pizza Party. I am certain our amazing P&C President Breanne Best will be in touch with Room 5 to confirm the Pizza Party details.

Attendance

Developing the habit of going to school every day is vitally important so your child does not miss out on important ideas, concepts, knowledge and skills they need for future learning.

Going to school every day helps children learn the important life skill of 'showing up' – at school, at work, to sport and other commitments

Did you know?

- In the early years of school, many concepts, such as literacy and numeracy, are taught in a sequence. This means that if your child is often away from school, it can make it difficult to catch up later.
- The Western Australian Telethon Kids Institute has found that the attendance habits set in Kindergarten and Pre-Primary are likely to continue throughout a child's school life, so it is important for them to go to school every day.
- The School Education Act 1999 requires all enrolled students to attend every day that their school is open.

If your child is absent from school, we ask that you contact the school and provide a reason for the absence so it can be accurately recorded on the attendance records.

Finally, I would like to wish all our families and staff a very safe holiday break and we look forward to seeing all our students return on Monday 17th July 2023. Stay safe.

Mark Donaldson
Principal

MERIT CERTIFICATE AWARDS

Assembly Friday 9 June 2023

Room A	Archer W	Harper G	Room 9	Lucy E	Nicole L
				Piper P	
Room 1	Jesse M	Cannan B-H	Room 10	Anarchy G	Ava B
Room 3	Kasey S	Oscar S	Room 11	Lenny L	Stefan M
Room 5	Ariana B	Parker P		Ahnika T	
Room 6	Ineke D	Sienna W	Room 12	Bailey M	Michael M
Room 4	Briar F	Jay M		Bear D	
Room 7	Maggie T-L	Bentley E	Performing Arts	Room 3	

Phys Ed Room A



Aussie of the Month ~ Tess M
Police Award ~ Joshua B



Assembly Friday 23 June 2023

Room A	Liza CA	Lonsdale PT	Room 9	Tia E	Samuel S
				Jacob T	
Room 1	Amity M	Lila M	Room 10	Chloe C	Jayden F
				Brooklin E	
Room 3	Sophie B	Keegan EH	Room 11	Shae W	Jerome R
Room 5	Seth E	Emma P		Lincoln C	
Room 6	Theodore A	Caison B	Room 12	Zoe L	Jackson O
Room 4	Nixon E	Eli C		Brian M	
Room 7	Lillian E	Malikia B	Performing Arts	Room 12	

Phys Ed Room 7

Language Zoe L Ali M



Aussie of the Month ~ Zoe T
Police Award ~ Reagan B



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Our amazing Police Award winners Joshua B and Reagan B with Senior Constable Holly and Senior Constable Shane.



PERFORMING ARTS

In performing Arts, students have been doing Music and singing. The music is chosen carefully and arranged so that students can achieve with it, no matter how much experience they have. Students find it enjoyable to play and developed intrinsic motivation to come to music class, and to make music class the single best part of their day!



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KINDY

In Kindergarten we have been reading the big book 'We're going on a Bear Hunt'. We made a bear headband to go with the story, practising cutting in a straight line and then learning how to cut a curved line. This term in maths we have been learning the concept of 'how many', how to correctly write the numerals one to five and orally counting to 20. We are all developing our phonemic awareness skills, breaking words into syllables and starting to learn about rhyming words. Wow this term has gone fast!

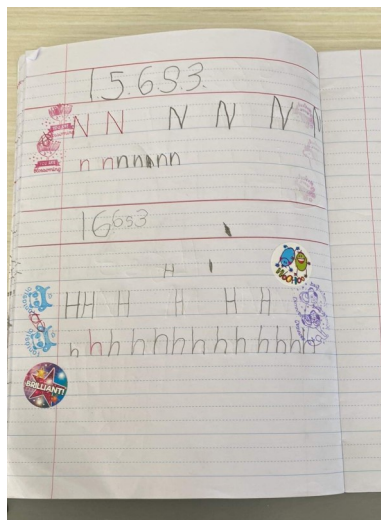


ROOM A

This Pre-Primary's in PPA have been working very hard! We have been focusing on forming letters and handwriting. We have been amazed by what we have been seeing. We have also been learning how to work with partners and groups to complete reading and maths tasks. It has been a lot of fun! We are so proud of the hard work each and every student has displayed this term. It has been wonderful watching them grow their learning in all areas including outdoor play and making friends.

Mr and Mrs Donaldson kindly allowed us to use the small oval to run and kick the footy at recess and lunch. Some of the kicks on these little people are simply amazing! We have a few future footy stars in PPA I think.

Term 3 will be just as awesome, and we can't wait. Have a safe and relaxing holiday.



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Room 1

Room one has had an amazing term. The little Super Stars are flying ahead with their Reading and Writing. We all have such an enthusiasm for learning and show perseverance throughout every day.

We all enjoyed the Cross Country and will now be in training for our Sports carnival. This will be next term and I'm sure you will be happy to come and watch us all run and do activities.

Our Maths activities show just how much we have learnt in six months. We can now count to 120+, we are working with numerals to 20 with addition and subtraction and will soon move on to be working with numerals to 100. We love to recite our doubles and all our skip counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s. We have all enjoyed our measurement activities with concrete materials and most of us can tell the time to o'clock.

Our favourite time of the day is Story time {Mrs Gillies favourite time too}

Please keep up the home reading each night. Have a wonderful break. Stay safe and we look forward to all those lovely smiling faces for term 3.



Room 3

Room 3 have had a fantastic few weeks of learning and fun. We were very excited when we had a NPS school celebrity, Mr Shaw, come in to read us 'The Speedy Sloth' for National Simultaneous Story Time. Mr Shaw was amazing and we learned that it doesn't matter what you achieve, as long as you are doing your best. This was a very helpful message for us during cross country. Every student ran so well and did their very best, which was incredible to see. The most exciting news of all is that we have a new (stuffed) class pet, called Cookie the Kookaburra. Each day Cookie picks a student who has been amazing all day and goes home with them to have more adventures. We have been writing in Cookie's special diary and sharing all the fun we have been having with him. This has helped us to be extra responsible and respectful. We have still been loving our Phonics rotations and have been using play doh to write our high frequency words. It has been so much fun and great practice for us. Well done on an awesome Term Two Room 3!



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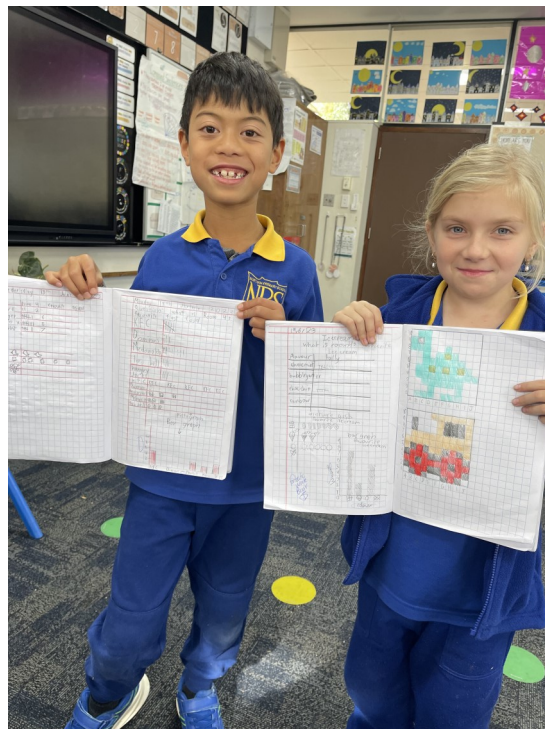
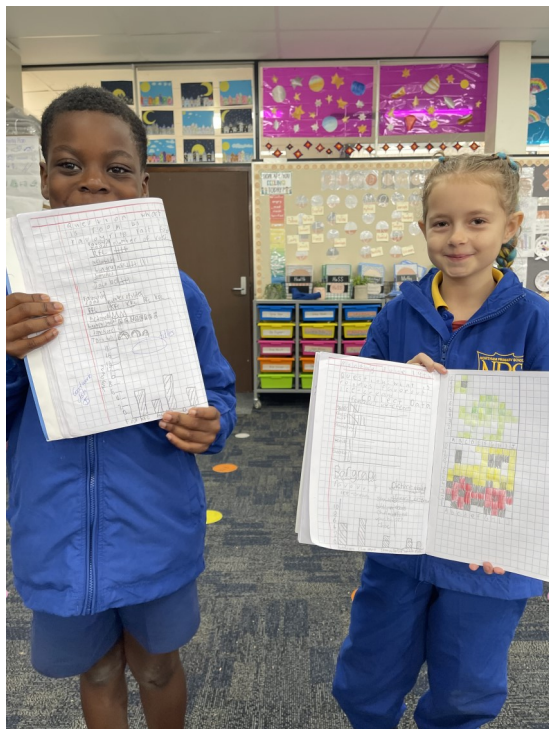
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ROOM 4

What an amazing first half of the year we have had in Room 4. Recently in our writing unit we have been looking at narratives, specifically describing our characters. We created information reports on a hybrid animal where we had to come up with where the animal lived, what it looked like, what it ate and an interesting fact. We loved exploring hybrid animals, we will revisit them next term in our procedure writing. Within Maths we have been looking at graphs, collecting and displaying this data as well as location within maps and using our x and y axis. Have any amazing restful holidays, see you all in term 3.



ROOM 5

WOW! Can you believe it is already the end of Term 2!! In the last few weeks Room 5 have been learning all about money and creating collections of money with as many coins as we can, it has been great fun! We also had fun running the Cross-Country cross, we have some super speedy runners in Year 2!! I really hope you all enjoy the school holidays with your beautiful families.

I will see you all back in Term 3.



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ROOM 6

In Literacy we have practiced writing detailed sentences, information reports and narratives.

In Mathematics we have learnt all about addition, subtraction, time, and money. We have learnt lots of new strategies to help us solve maths problems.

This term we also held our Assembly! We worked hard in Science to learn all the ways we can be Water Wise. We are now the 'Water Wise Hero's of the school'.

I cant wait to see what great new adventures of learning we get up to in Term 3!



ROOM 7

What an incredible term! In week 7 we competed in the cross country with every student giving it a goal and persevering to reach the finish line. In maths we have been focusing on mapping, coordinates and providing specific directions. For this students had fun creating an obstacle course and then directed a partner around their course safely. In technology we have been learning about coding. We have created a code for a partner to decode using melty beads.



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ROOM 9

I can't believe we are at the end of Term 2. Room 9 has been very busy finishing off work as we are coming to the end of the term.

Room 9 completed the cross country every student crossed the finish line and even had some help from Mr Donaldson. The students enjoyed themselves it was an amazing day.

In maths our students have been working on mapping and coordinates the students had to guide their partners across the obstacles safely to the other side.

In English room 9 has been focusing on narratives and character descriptions, the students have wrote some creative stories about superheros and villains.

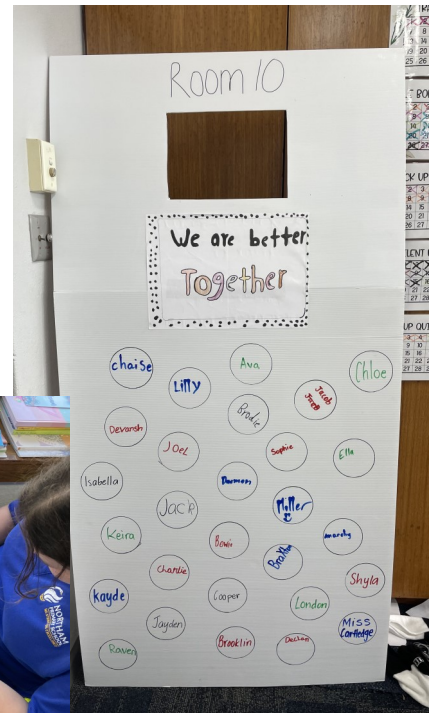
Thank you all parents and guardians for your constant support Room 9 has had a fabulous term!



ROOM 10

Room 10 has worked incredibly hard the past few weeks preparing for our assembly. What a great way to end the term. I am extremely proud of every single student and their hard work.

In maths we have been having fun constructing 3D shapes, grid coordinates, playing battleships and have begun converting between 12 and 24 hour time. In HaSS and Writing students completed an amazing research project on an Asian/American country and wrote an information report on their newly acquired knowledge.



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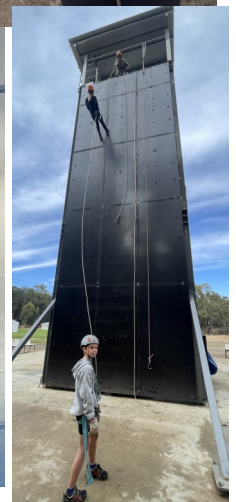
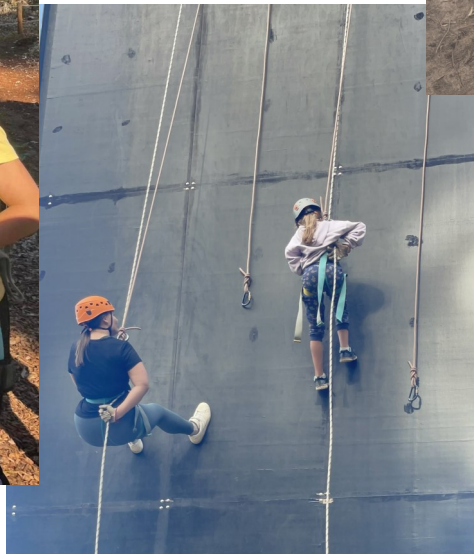
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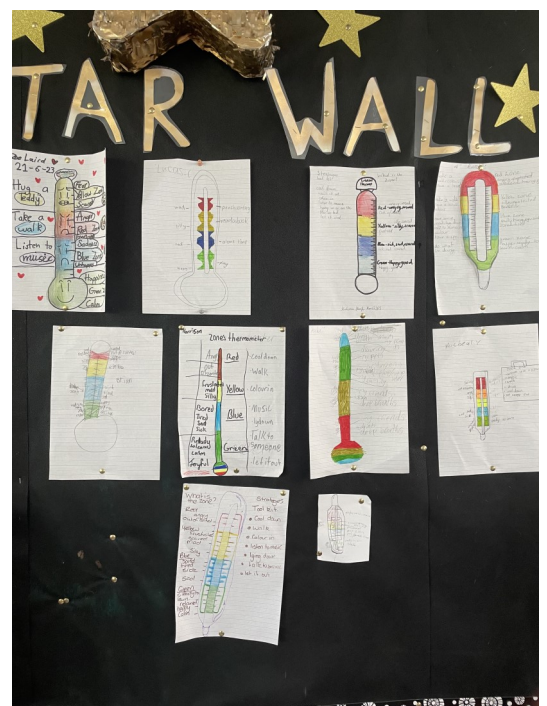
ROOM 11

What an amazing Term! Room 11 has been extremely privileged to have many different adventures and opportunities to take part in. Our year 6 students adventured off to Dwellingup for their Year 6 camp and created many new memories and friendships. We all participated in the winter carnival and some amazing students even got selected to represent Northam Primary School at the Fever cup coming away champions! In class we have learnt to write engaging narratives and information reports as well expanding our skillsets and becoming great mathematicians in a range of topics. We are so lucky to be in an amazing class and we can't wait for next term!



ROOM 12

Room 12 is preparing to say a big farewell to Semester 1 and a huge hello to Term 3! The students have worked outstandingly hard with their assessments the last few weeks and are looking forward to a well deserved break over the holidays. We have been discussing the importance of acknowledging our feelings and recognising signs when we are feeling stressed. We have reflected on our Zones of Regulation over the past week and the importance of having tools to help us to get back to a better frame of mind.



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CROSS COUNTRY

Champions and Runner-ups

Year Group	Student Name	Time
Pre-Primary Champion Girl	Evelyn S	1:44.85
Pre-Primary Runner-Up Girl	Jayla S	1:56.41
Pre-Primary Champion Boy	Jeramiah Y	1:31.26
Pre-Primary Runner-Up Boy	Lonsdale P-T	1:40.45
Year 1 Champion Girl	Stella S	4:36.47
Year 1 Runner-Up Girl	Daisy S	4:37.83
Year 1 Champion Boy	Canaan B-H	4:08.10
Year 1 Runner-Up Boy	Toby B	4:12.21
Year 2 Champion Girl	Sienna W	4:14.08
Year 2 Runner-Up Girl	Mikayla B	4:22.71
Year 2 Champion Boy	James T	4:01.78
Year 2 Runner-Up Boy	Joshua J	4:16.63
Year 3 Champion Girl	Grace C	7:03.25
Year 3 Runner-Up Girl	Jayne M	7:54.54
Year 3 Champion Boy	Nixon E	6:34.00
Year 3 Runner-Up Boy	Joshua Y	6:43.69
Year 4 Champion Girl	Taleeah P	7:11.20
Year 4 Runner-Up Girl	Elise D	7:25.32
Year 4 Champion Boy	Jack W	6:54.70
Year 4 Runner-Up Boy	Ink W	7:03.70
Year 5 Champion Girl	Kalena K	7:23.33
Year 5 Runner-Up Girl	Anarchy-Rose G	7:30.41
Year 5 Champion Boy	Jackson O	8:48.00
Year 5 Runner-Up Boy	Lincoln C	10:01.50
Year 6 Champion Girl	Bailey M	9:01.90
Year 6 Runner-Up Girl	Sophia S	9:28.49
Year 6 Champion Boy	Lewis M	9:44.38
Year 6 Runner-Up Boy	Dustin M	10:00.52

Faction Result

Position	Faction	Points
1 st	Noorn	373
2 nd	Djer-Djer	364
3 rd	Yongka	342
4 th	Kaa-Kaa	326

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INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

On Monday Week 10, selected students from Year 1-6 went to West Northam Primary School for the Interschool Cross Country. We finished 2nd overall. All students did their best and ran well for their race. Congratulations to our Champion and Runner-Up Girls and Boys.

Year 1 Runner-Up Girl - Stella S

Year 1 Champion Boy - Canaan B-H

Year 2 Runner-Up Boy - James T

Year 3 Runner-Up Boy - Joshua Y

Year 6 Champion Girl - Sophia S



WEST COAST FEVER CUP

On Thursday Week 9 our Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 Netball teams went to the West Coast Fever Cup held at Northam Recreation Centre. Our junior team, Year 3/4's, displayed positive sportsmanship throughout the day, winning 3 of their games and losing 2 close games. The team led by Lisa Porteus, played really well throughout the day with plenty of teamwork and fair play. Our Year 5/6's led by Kelly Beard, dominated the day with great display of skill level, teamwork and leadership throughout the day. The Year 5/6's won all of their games and winning their grand final against Cunderdin DHS. All players should be proud of their efforts and outstanding skill level on the day. Thank you to all parents who came along to support our students. Big thank you to Kelly and Lisa for giving up their time to coach our Netball teams!



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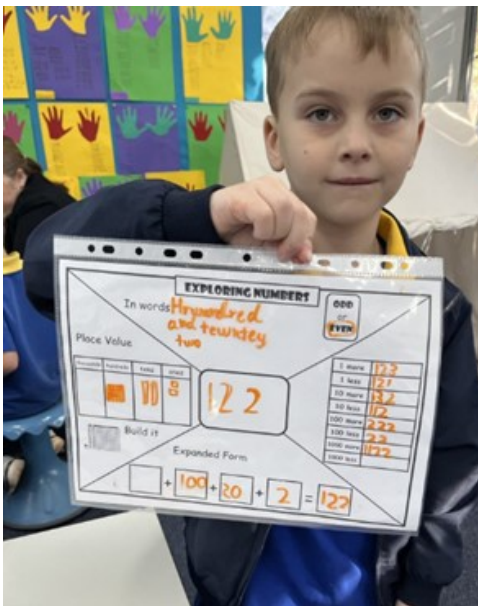
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MATHEMATICS

This semester our Year 1s and 2 students have been developing their knowledge of place value and addition. Our wonderful Year 1s have been learning the doubles facts strategy used to understand addition and subtractions facts. Look how amazing their lady bugs are when they are applying their knowledge of doubles facts. Our fabulous Year 2s have been extending their knowledge of place value, using the concrete, representational and abstract approach to solve problems. It has been great to see the students learning maths using manipulatives and also apply their knowledge in our maths daily reviews. We are simply loving our Top Ten Maths program.



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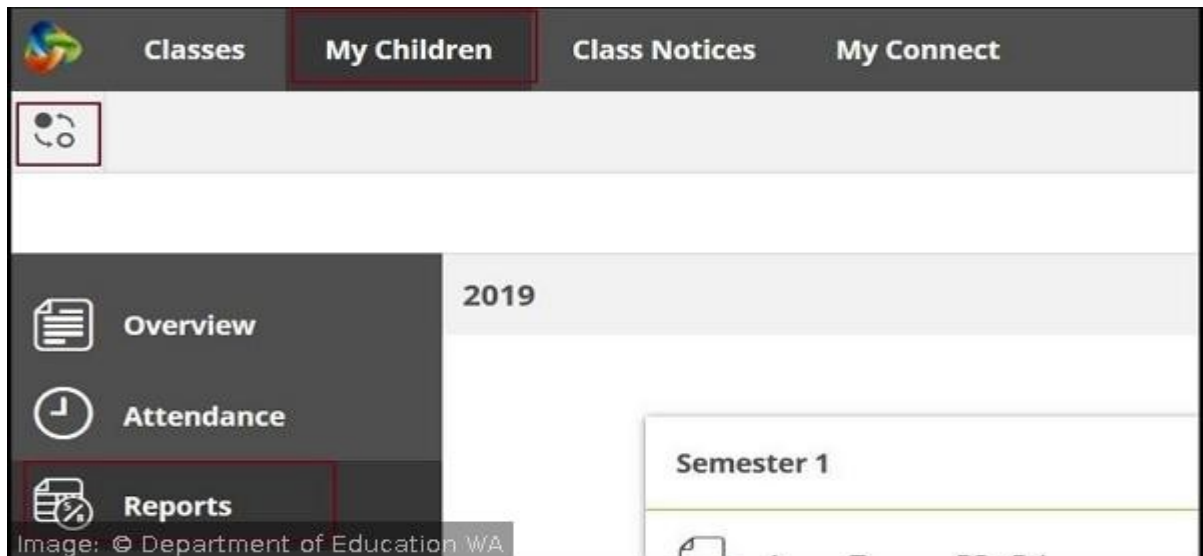
REPORTS

How parents access reports in Connect

- **Connect Now 2.0 app:** To access the reports *through the app on a phone or device*, parents need to select the Connect icon in the top left corner of the screen, then 'My Children' tab and select 'Reports'.
- **In a Browser:** Parents can access the reports in the 'My Children' tab and select 'Reports'. They can select the year from the right-hand menu to access reports from previous semesters (if they have been published in Connect).

Parent reminder: how to change between siblings when viewing reports

When parents select the 'My Children' tab, only one child's profile is visible. To access other children's profiles, parents can switch to view each child's profile and reports using the **switch button** in the top left corner of the screen. Here is a screenshot of the switch button.



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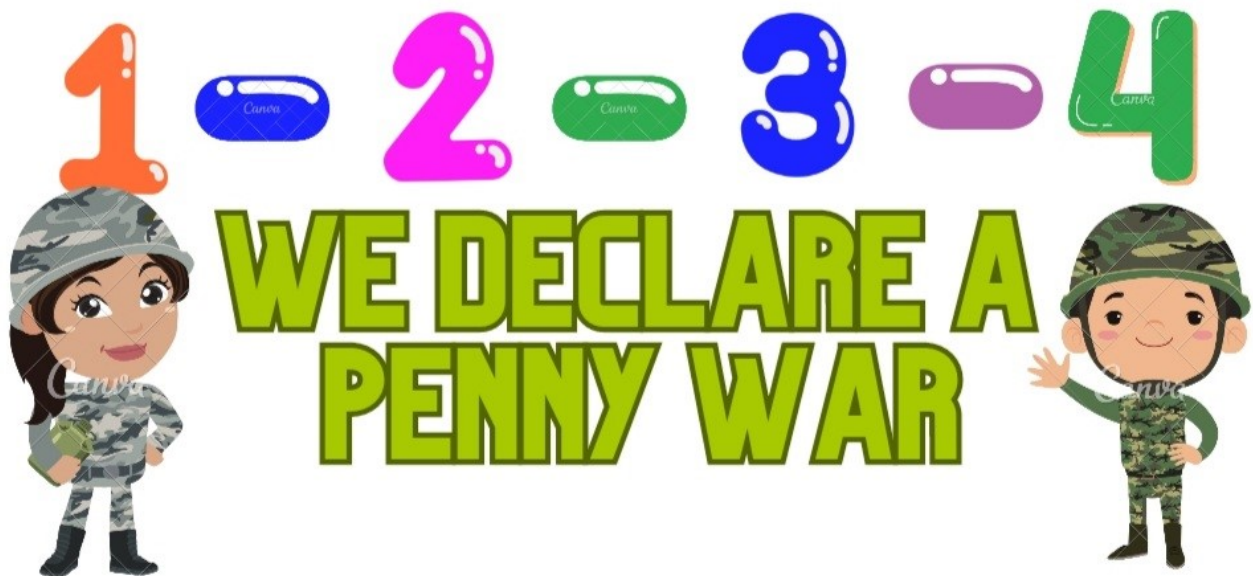
With school holidays fast approaching, you may be looking forward to the change of pace and routine. Something we have to navigate as parents is the amount of screen time our kids have, especially during the winter holidays.

Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) highlight 6 traps to watch out for:

1. **The more screen time, the less physical activity.** This is part of what's feeding (pun intended) the growing obesity epidemic.
2. **A decline in the ability to decode voice tone, facial expression and body language.** Emerging research appears to show a connection between personal interactions based on texting, and becoming less skilled at face-to-face interaction.
3. **Fewer opportunities for positive, social family activities** where daily events can be discussed, social skills developed and relationships strengthened.
4. **Making it easier to bully and intimidate others.** Online communication seems to remove some of the limits imposed on saying certain things aloud, and face-to-face.
5. **Blurring of the line between reliable and unreliable information.** Given the vast amount of content being displayed 24/7, many adults, let alone children and teenagers, find themselves believing (and sharing) things like fake news items, health hoaxes, and opinions masquerading as facts.

Later sleep onset and poorer sleep quality. Exposure to screens prior to going to bed has been shown to disrupt our natural sleep rhythms (and during COVID-19, many families are finding that routines are hard enough to maintain without this added problem).

If you're thinking your family could have a re-set for rules and family values around technology use and screen time - this is a great website to get you started with those conversations - [Alannah & Madeline Foundation | It's time to talk to kids about tech... \(alannahandmadeline.org.au\)](https://alannahandmadeline.org.au)



FINAL TALLY BOARD FOR THE 2023 PENNY WAR

CLASSROOM	POINTS	CLASSROOM	POINTS
KINDY	- 85	ROOM 6	2350
ROOM A	- 895	ROOM 7	- 65
ROOM 1	- 780	ROOM 9	- 12,035
ROOM 3	165	ROOM 10	6020
ROOM 4	- 17,590	ROOM 11	1760
ROOM 5	16,600	ROOM 12	1775

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TERM 3 PLANNER

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY EARLY CLOSE 2.30PM	FRIDAY
1	17 July	18	19	20	21 School Development Day
2	24	25	26	27	28 Assembly Rm 11
3	31 NAIDOC Week	1 August NAIDOC Week	2 NAIDOC Week	3 NAIDOC Week	4
4	7	8	9	10	11 Assembly Rm 3
5	14	15 Jumps and Throws	16	17	18 Athletics Carnival
6	21 Science Week	22 Science Week	23 Science Week	24 Science Week	25 Science Fair Day
7	28	29	30 Water Corp Incursion Years P-6	31	1 September Fathers Day Breakfast
8	4	5	6	7 Indigenous Literacy Day	8 Assembly Rm 4
9	11	12	13 School Photos	14 School Photos	15 Interschool Athletics Carnival
10	18	19 Talk Like a Pirate Day	20	21	22 Assembly Rm A Last Day of Term 3

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