



Kaya Parents and Carers,

After what has been a fairly difficult 6 months due to the continued impacts of Covid-19 we now find ourselves at the end of the First Semester for 2022. Both staff and students have worked extremely hard and we have seen some fantastic growth both academically and socially. Given Term 2 has been particularly difficult due to students and staff finding themselves ill with Covid-19, I have no doubt students and staff alike are very much looking forward to the holiday break.

Semester One Reports

The Semester One Reports will be sent home electronically this coming Thursday. 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 half way through the school year. That means there is plenty of more learning to go and opportunities for each student to reach their individual potential by the end of the school year.

Room 6 Assembly

Thank you to Miss Czernowski and the students in Room 6 for their amazing assembly. It was fantastic to see their smiling faces as they presented their class item. I was really impressed with the reading of their poems and the way they presented their item.

We are very much looking forward to our students in Room A presenting their class assembly this Friday July 1, 2022, commencing at 9:00am.

Inter School Cross Country

Fantastic effort by all of our Inter School Cross Country team. They did us proud by running as hard as they could. We finished a credible 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 his parent helpers for your efforts in helping out on the day.

Winter Carnival

Our Year 5 and 6 students participated in the Inter School Winter Carnival on Tuesday June 28. We had teams in the Netball, Football and Soccer all of which gave their very best in representing NPS with pride. Most importantly they all had fun.

I would like to thank Mr Robson, the staff that assisted and our parent helpers for their time and effort in organising and coaching our teams.

West Coast Fever – Wheatbelt/Goldfields Primary School Cup

On Friday June we had a NPS team compete within the West Coast Fever Wheatbelt/Goldfields Primary School Netball competition. Our team did an amazing job winning the Open aged group. The students demonstrated amazing sportsmanship whilst at the same time giving their best to win. I want to thank Kelly Beard and Cindy Clements and their support team for willingly giving their time to enter the team into the competition and coaching them.

ABC Lullaby Program

Recently students from Rooms 11 and 12 participated in a partnership with the ABC and Community Arts Network to create Lullabies that represent the Noongar culture and are sung in language. It was an amazing experience for our students and tied together much of what they have been learning over the past 18 months in Noongar Language sessions.



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.

2023 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 July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019 are able to be enrolled in Kindy for 2023.

Students who are in Kindy this year (2022) also need to be formally enrolled for pre-primary for 2023. I urge those families who have a child in Kindy this year to complete the 2023 pre-primary enrolment as soon as possible.

School Photos

Our annual school photos are being taken on the Wednesday and Thursday (17/18 August) of Week 5 next term. Our students will need to wear their full school uniform for the photos. Information about ordering of photos will be sent home to parents in early 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.

I certainly know the Penny War has been hotly contested and all our students are very much looking forward to finding out which room wins this coming Friday.

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.

Positive Behaviour in Schools

It has been fantastic to see how the students have engaged with our behaviour tokens and Gotcha Tickets. Seeing so many positive behaviours and smiling students makes our school environment a far more pleasant place for all our students.



Faction Names

The Faction Captains and Student Leaders are working on renaming our factions from their colour by linking it to our local Noongar culture. This week they will be surveying the students from within each faction to pick a local animal as their Faction emblem, they will then use the Noongar name of that animal along with the Noongar word for their respective colour to rename the factions. I can not wait to see what they come up with.

We will then look at what the next steps will be to transition this change over the next 12 months.

Well done to our Faction Captains and School Leaders for the work they are doing on this extremely important decision.

Staffing Changes

There will be a number of staff changes commencing Term 3. These are:

Room 1 Teacher – Mrs Phove Rafferty will be returning to Room 1 at the commencement of Term 3 for the remainder of the year. Mrs Rafferty has been appointed as a permanent teacher at NPS. I would like to thank Mrs Pam Gillies for her willingness to take the position of Room 1 Teacher for all of this term. Mrs Gillies has ensured the students in Room 1 have maintained their learning journey in a highly positive and happy manner. She has made a fantastic contribution to their learning journey.

Room 11 Teacher – Miss Sharna Barnes has been given the opportunity to undertake a teaching role within another school for Semester Two. Miss Barnes has made very positive contributions to NPS over the past five years. We thank her for all her commitment and dedication towards educating the students at NPS. We wish her all the very best for the next exciting chapter in her career.

Office Staff – During Semester One we have been fortunate enough to have some very amazing people work within our front office. I would very much like to thank Angela Fitzgerald, Ziggi Norrish and Wendy Byfield for their contributions towards the running of our school administration and for the positive and caring manner they have treated our students with.

I particularly want to thank Ziggi for the amazing contribution he has made to educating students from within NPS and at Avonvale PS, his caring and gentle manner along with his desire to see every student succeed will be a huge loss to the education system. We wish him all the best in his new venture.

MCS – We will see Mrs Purslowe return back from her long service leave in Week 2 of Term 3. I want to thank Mrs Edmonds for her time and dedication in undertaking the MCS role during Mrs Purslowe's absence. Chris has enjoyed the role that much that she has agreed to accept a contract to be the MCS at York DHS for Semester 2 this year. No doubt she will do an equally as amazing job over there and we wish her the very best for the Semester.

School Officer – With Mrs Edmonds moving across to York DHS for the semester I am happy to announce the appointment of Mrs Dearnna Byfield as School Officer for the duration of Semester Two. We look forward to having Dearnna as part of our NPS team.

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 Tuesday, July 19, 2022. Stay safe.

West Coast Fever Netball Cup

Congratulations to the students that participated in the West Coast Fever—Wheatbelt/ Goldfields Netball Cup last Friday June 24. The team went undefeated throughout the day and only conceding 5 goals. Thank you to Kelly for putting together a team and representing Northam Primary School.



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School Cross Country Carnival

Well done to all students who participated in the school Cross Country Carnival on Tuesday in Week 7. The weather turned out to be perfect conditions. The carnival turned out to be a close one, with all factions leading the carnival at least once throughout the day. It went down to the wire, with Red Faction coming out on top as Cross Country champions! Thank you to all the parents and Year 6 leaders for your help on the day. Without your help, the carnival would have been impossible to complete!

Pre-Primary Champion Girl/Boy	Lillyana Illic (Red) C.BH (Green)	Year 4 Champion Girl/Boy	Dana Hazlewood (Gold) Jackson Osborne (Red)
Pre-Primary Runner up Girl/Boy	Rikeetah Mourish (Gold) Toby Brayshaw (Red)	Year 4 Runner up Girl/Boy	Ahnika Thompson (Gold) Chaise Donegan (Red)
Year 1 Champion Girl/Boy	Sienna Willmot (Blue) Seth Eaton (Red)	Year 5 Champion Girl/Boy	Sophia Sims (Green) Lewis Miles (Blue)
Year 1 Runner up Girl/Boy	Cassie Bitmead (Green) L.Z (Red)	Year 5 Runner up Girl/Boy	Bailey Mauchline (Red) B.M (Red)
Year 2 Champion Girl/Boy	Grace Choules (Red) Nixon Endersby (Green)	Year 6 Champion Girl/Boy	Astrid Bentley (Red) Toby Lance (Green)
Year 2 Runner up Girl/Boy	Jayne McLean (Blue) Theo Bentley (Red)	Year 6 Runner up Girl/Boy	Sara James (Gold) George Linklater (Blue)
Year 3 Champion Girl/Boy	Amelia Sheminant (Gold) Kaizen McConnell (Gold)		
Year 3 Runner up Girl/Boy	Mia Nakivell (Red) Fredrick Humes (Gold)		

Faction winners

1st	RED	340
2nd	BLUE	316
3rd	GOLD	290
4th	GREEN	253



Interschool Cross Country Carnival

Last Monday, 24 students from Year 1 to 6 were given the opportunity to represent Northam Primary School at the N.S.S.A Cross Country carnival held at West Northam PS. The year 1's and 2's races started off well with majority of our runners finishing in the top 5, but more importantly, Nixon finishing as Year 2 Champion Boy, with Kaizen finished as runner up for the Year 3 boys! Jackson dominated the Year 4 boys race, smashing the Year 4 track record! Sophia and Bailey finished top 2 for the Year 5 girls for the second year running in their age group and Year 6's finished off strong securing a couple points for the team. At the end of the carnival, we finished 2nd overall. All runners that represented on the day should be proud of their efforts and achievement! Well done guys!





Winter carnival

Yesterday, the Year 5 and 6's were given the opportunity to represent Northam Primary School at the winter carnival playing AFL, Soccer or Netball. In the Netball, our A1 team went undefeated and took home the shield, while the A2 team and B grade team played well and showed great courage throughout the day. In AFL, students played well across 3 games staying positive and competitive throughout the day, however fell short of winning a game for the day. Soccer teams were very competitive in all of their matches and managed to win a few games.

Well done to all the students that participate in the carnival. You showed great sportsmanship and followed the school values in a positive way.

Thank you to Kim, the Osbornes, Cindy, Kylie and Kelly for helping and supporting the kids throughout the day. Much appreciated!

Well done everyone.



Merit Certificate Awards

Assembly 1 Friday June 10

Room A	Oscar	Brylee	Room 9	Ketty	Jackson
Room 1	Mackenzie	Ineke	Room 4	Keira	Tess Tiarna
Room 3	Charlotte May	Devyn	Room 11	Ava	Janya
Room 5	Koven	Jayne	Room 12	Riley	Kiara
Room 6	Jay	Stephanie	Science	Room 11	
Room 7	Amilia Piper	Angus	Language	Sienna	
Room 10	Cody	Kyrie	Phys Ed	Room 11	

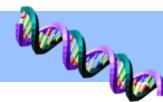


Aussie of the Month ~ Winner

Maxwell Jones



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Forensic Science Incursion 31st May 2022

Earlier this term, students in years three to four were very excited to participate in a Forensic Science workshop incursion. Student used finger printing, venom testing, DNA testing, coin rubbing and a dark torch (UV light) to find out what happened to a victim who was found a boat and locate missing treasure. Once the suspect was narrowed down using the clues, they were taken away by our student police and kept under surveillance. The treasure was also located once students were able to crack the code to the safe. Well done to all those who took part. Miss Wiese

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KINDY

In Kindy we have been completing lots of activities based around our books 'Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy' and then 'We're going on a bear hunt'. We have been learning all the pre-writing letter shapes, writing numerals to 4, developing our scissor skills by cutting curved lines, learning about personal space, playing rhyming word games and we even went on a bear hunt with some binoculars we'd made. Luckily, we only found a teddy bear- not a real bear. Group B

also had fun dressing up as their

"Hero for the day".



ROOM A

We can't believe it is already the end of Term Two! We have had a wonderful term, full of fun activities and learning.

In Talk for Writing we have been learning the story of

"The Three Billy Goats Gruff". We can't wait to perform it for everyone at our assembly on Friday.

In Maths we have been focusing on partitioning and working out the different parts to create a whole. We had a great time at the Cross Country with everyone managing to run the entire way! It's been a busy term and we can't wait to relax during the holidays.



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ROOM 1

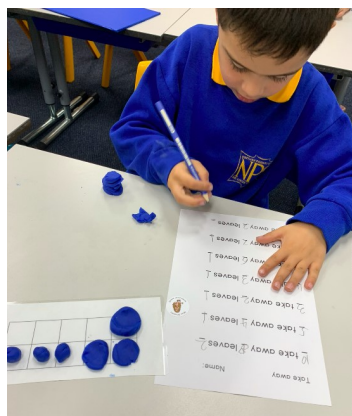
In Maths we have been working on addition and subtraction. In Talk 4 Writing we have been learning Three Billy Goats Gruff and writing our own stories. On Reconciliation week we made Mur Murs. We have had a fabulous term with Mrs Gillies and she is going to be dearly missed next term!



Room 3



The fantastic students in Room 3 have been learning different concepts in Mathematics. They have been learning a variety of strategies to solve subtraction problems, how to create graphs and interpret data. In Writing, we have been learning about characters in narratives. We loved rehearsing the actions to our new Talk for Writing text 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' and we painted a water colour picture based on the story. Keep it up, Room 3. Have a great holiday!



ROOM 5

Wow what a term this has been. The Year Twos from Room 5 are loving learning as always. We are loving our new outside blue table that is being filled with different manipulatives on a weekly basis. We have had blue salt, bird seed, lentils and match sticks. Amongst all these are letters and words that we use to make sentences and join the letters to make words.

We are also placing an outdoor activity outside the classroom each morning which we all work really hard towards being selected for a turn. In the mornings, if we complete our morning routine in time, we are allowed to access our new extension table. We love exploring all the challenging games and tasks.

Have a lovely school holiday and I can't wait to see you for Term 3.



ROOM 4

A few weeks ago, Room 4, during a math lesson, reinforced their knowledge about time. They made an analogue clock face out of a paper plate which they used to calculate duration and elapsed time in real life scenarios. Then they learnt to convert between 12 and 24 hour time.



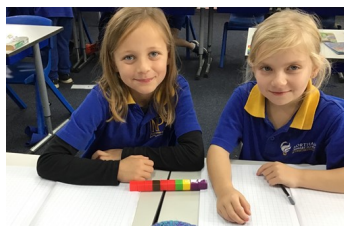
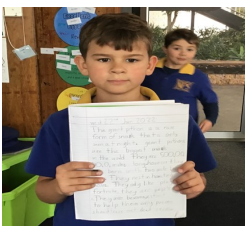
During Reconciliation Week, Room 4 learned about what Reconciliation means to Australia's, how it looks and feels. We discussed some of the challenges and successes that our school has faced. Students also drew stories about the indigenous Australians life before settlement.



ROOM 6

Over the last few weeks, Room 6 has been very busy working on Numeracy and Literacy. We have been learning about reading analogue clocks, in particular reading quarter to and quarter past. We have completed hands on activities to assist our understanding. We have also continued to practise our subtraction facts ready for our post-test this week.

In Literacy, we have continued to learn about Informational Reports and have been imitating the text 'The Wave-Rock Ridgeback. We created a tool kit for what a report needs and have been practising writing texts just in time to do our Hot Task



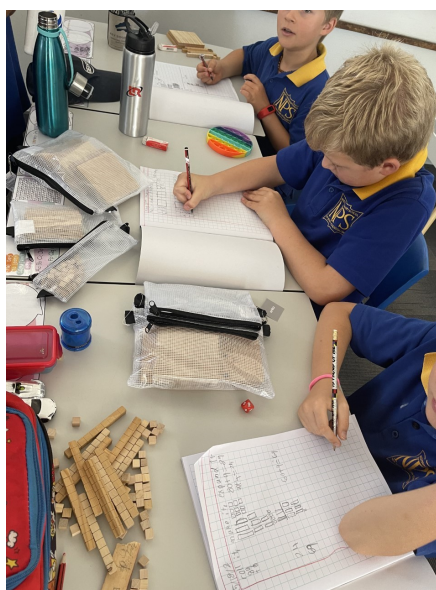
ROOM 7

Wow, it's the end of term 2 already.

Since our last newsletter we have been working hard in maths looking at all things money. We have been adding up amounts not only in the cents but into the dollar range as well. We had to create lunch menu's and then purchase items from these menu's adding up the total cost and working out our change.

We are finishing off our Narrative writing this week where we have been looking at all things suspense. How can we create suspense within our writing to engage the readers to keep on reading. Ms Dawn has visited us a few times where we were lucky enough to be able to create worm farms which will be placed into our Six seasons gardens.

We hope everyone has an amazing holidays and we will see you all back on the Tuesday to kick start term 3.



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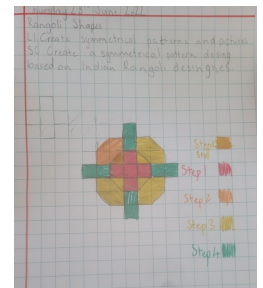
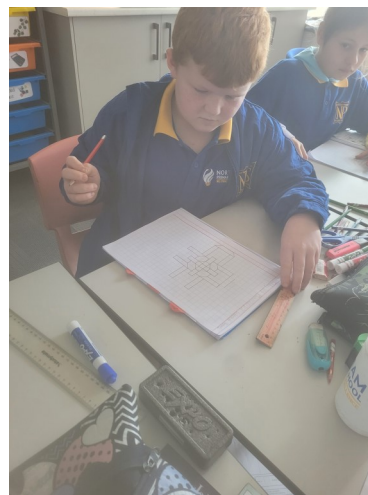
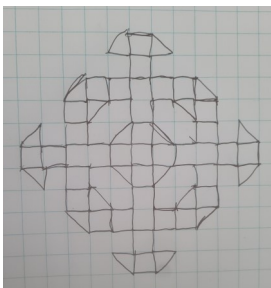
ROOM 9

Room 9 has had a very busy Term 2.

In maths we have been looking at location and symmetry. We used our knowledge of keys and legends to create maps of our own islands. Did you know that symmetry is used all around the world in decorations? We created our own symmetrical Rangoli patterns, which is an art form originating in India and often being used to decorate furniture.

In art this term we have focused on the elements of shape and form. We got a bit messy and created our own clay critters which display the element of form (when an object is or looks 3D). Our critters turned out pretty amazingly!

In Technology, we have been looking at digital systems. We have been using the Makey Makey kits to investigate inputs and outputs. We even used the Makey Makey to create our own circuits and keyboards.



ROOM 10

Room 10 has been learning about money and how to calculate change. We have played interactive games on the whiteboard and created our own fake canteens which students bought items from. In art we have learnt about the importance of using symbols in Indigenous art to tell a story. We then told simple stories by painting common Indigenous art symbols on turtles.

We also have two fun projects that we are just beginning. Our first is with Room 6 in which we are planning and creating two floats based on this year's theme of sustainability for the Bilya festival. We are also helping Miss Dawn along with Room 7 in setting up a worm farm for the school's community garden. We have learnt about the benefits of using worm farms to grow plants and designed our own worm farm.

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ROOM 11

Room 11 students have been busy this term! Our wonderful class has been enjoying morning meetings and enjoyed meeting up with Room 5 in the yarning circle to 'have a yarn'. In Maths, our students have been learning about 3D shapes, 24 hour and elapsed time, as well as addition and subtraction. Cooperative learning has been happening in our class which allows students to collaborate with others and share their learning. Thank you for a fantastic term everyone and have a wonderful school holidays!



ROOM 12

Towards the end of Term 2, the Year 6 students were allocated a buddy from Room 3 Year 1. All students were very thrilled to meet and get to know their buddy. The students beautifully read to each other, which was amazing to see. I am excited to see the future memories created between all the buddies.



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MATHS IN ROOM 5 & 6

This term we have been growing our mathematical brains and learning lots about addition, time and subtraction.

To begin our Numeracy block we have been implementing a mental math program called JEMM which stands for Junior Elementary Math Mastery. Here we complete a quick five questions which cover a range of concepts. We can easily see our improvements and explicitly go through the questions we get incorrect. We love seeing how we improve throughout the week.

Next we complete another quick warm up or hook activity that is linked to what we are currently learning about. We love partner games and the clips we get to watch.

Then we all gather around the U shaped table, or as we call it the fish bowl table, for an explicit lesson using manipulatives. We are getting great at completing the next step in our math books and improving our neat bookwork.

Finally, we finish with some questioning and a summary of what we have learnt.

Keep up the top effort in Numeracy Room 5 & 6!

- Mrs McGuinness & Miss Czernowski



Attendance Awards

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Kayne	Cooper	Thomas	Lonsdale
Hannah	Scarlett	Levi	Caleb
Nicole	Rhonda	Joshua	Michael
Harry	Aron	George	Kiara

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95 % & above

Cayden	McInley	Brenton	Raphael	Larni	Justice	Sophie
Hayley	Reagan	Lillyanah	Legacy	Daisy	Stella	Cassie
Mikayla	Savannah	Jiyad	Devyn	Ruby	Parker	Leonardo
Grace	Strahn	Madison	Nixon	Phoenix	Ryan	Elodie
Cody	Alexander	Tanwa	Chloe	Sherry	Jackson	Abigail
Devansh	Bailey	Lilly Anne	Declan	Sophia	Ella	Gregory
Elizabeth	Malou	Danielle	Charlotte			



P & C News

Have you ever thought about joining the Northam Primary P&C?

Not sure what we do? The Northam Primary School P&C are here to help our school and our students. We raise money to put back into the school – this year we have donated money to the Year 6 students going on camp, and with our help the school library was able to purchase 200 new Lexile books for our students. As the year goes on, we will be providing some new playground equipment and some shade across some existing play space. As a part of the P&C you will have a say in how we raise the money, and what we put it towards. We always welcome new members and love having a range of ideas and input in our meetings. We have two meetings each term, though it's not essential to attend every meeting! Please feel free to join us at our next meeting on August 1st at 5:30pm to see what we do.

You can see our upcoming events on the school's calendar. These include;

Saturday 2nd July – Wood Raffle @ Northam Lions Markets / Bernard Park

Monday 25th July – Pizza Party (Winning classroom of the Penny War)

Monday 1st August – P&C General Meeting

Thursday 1st September – Fathers Day Stall

Friday 23rd September – Sports Day Free Dress

On July 2 we will be at the Northam Lions markets at Bernard Park selling raffle tickets for a trailer of wood – be sure to come down and purchase your tickets to win! Our penny war comes to an end soon, our winning class will get a pizza party on Monday 25th July, so get your coins in to boost your class score. We also have our sports free dress day on September, 23 and of course our annual father's day stall will be held during the term as well.

Snack Shack – *Northam Primary School Canteen.*

Unfortunately, the Snack Shack has had to raise prices across lunch menu items to accommodate the growing cost of purchasing products. These price increases will be effective as of Term 3. We do apologise for this; however, it is unavoidable. Anna continues to make delicious hot food for our students to enjoy, so don't forget to support our canteen which supports the P&C.



NPS P&C WOOD RAFFLE

Bernard Park

Saturday, 2nd July, 2022

8am-1pm

\$2 a ticket

Eftpos available

Delivery within 10km of Northam

All monies raised go back
into our school

To be drawn at 1pm



If you have any questions, ideas or thoughts on the P&C, what we do and how you can help our school, please reach out to any of the existing members, or speak to the front office who can help guide you to us. We look forward to your continued support and hopefully seeing some new faces at our next general meeting.



Morning Tea with Mr D

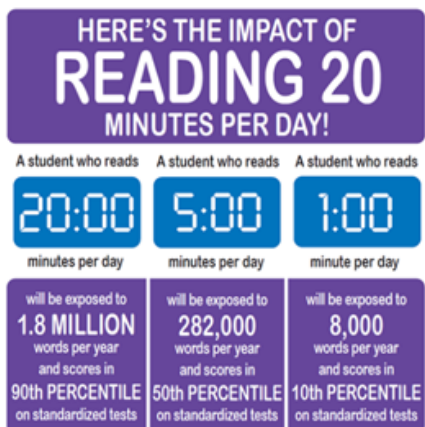
Our whole school Reading target for Term 2 were for students to achieve the '**Most Quizzes Passed**'. The top five students that had passed the most Lexile quizzes from each classroom were invited to a **Morning Tea with Mr D!** As stated by one of our students, "Wow, this is the yummiest food I have ever had!"

What a turn out! All students are to be commended for their reading habits this term. Well Done!

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Term 3– 2022

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY EARLY CLOSE 2.30PM	FRIDAY
1	18 July School Development Day No Students	19 Students return	20	21	22 2023 Enrolments close
2	25 Penny Wars– Pizza Party	26	27	28	29 Assembly Room 1
3	1 August P & C Meeting– 5.30pm	2	3	4	5 Jeans for Genes Day
4	8	9	10	11 ESAFE Incursion/PL	12 Assembly Room 11
5	15	16	17 School Photos	18 School Photos	19
6	22	23 Jujmps & Throws	24	25	26 School Athletics Carnival
7	29 P & C Meeting	30	31	1 September Fathers Day Stall– P & C	2 Assembly Room 9
8	5	6	7	8	9
9	12	13	14	15	16 Interschool Ath- letics
10	19	20	21	22	23 Sports Free Dress Day– P & C