PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION
Last week, Wednesday 15 October, 4 of our talented speakers represented Norths at this year’s Annual Regional Public Speaking competition. Jazel Verdadero presented a touching speech about her grandfather; Eliza Brooks-Farmer took the audience on an adventure to Whitsunday; Nour Zahr took us back in time with her retelling of The Mary Celeste and Ryan Conners presented a convincing speech about technology. All children did an exceptional job and we are all so proud that you were chosen to represent our school. Congratulations and well done.

COMPETITIONS
This week we presented most of the students who participated in the New South Wales University Competitions with their Certificates at the Monday assembly. We were delighted to acknowledge their wonderful results. As 4D were on an excursion at the time, they will receive their awards at assembly next Monday. Special Congratulations to those students who achieved outstanding results by being awarded with Certificates of Merit, Credit, Distinction and High Distinction. This year, there was a provision for the Principal to award a student with a Principal’s Certificate which enabled students to be acknowledged for their efforts.

STEWART HOUSE CLOTHING APPEAL
Children will be bringing home bags this week for the Stewart House clothing appeal. If you have any clothes to donate could you please return the bags to the school office by Friday 31 October.
PLANNING AT ST MARYS NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL
A new strategic plan is being developed for our school. The plan will define our directions and vision over the next three years (2015-2017) in order to develop a shared vision for the education of our students. The plan is being developed in collaboration with staff, students and the community. Last week there was information on The Melbourne Declaration on Education Goals for Young Australians, which is one of the resources our school will be using in developing our plan. Another is:

**Great Teaching Inspired Learning**
The actions outlined in this paper are made with the intent to ensure that every NSW student in every school and in every lesson is inspired to learn by great teaching.

**COFFEE & CHAT**
The first Coffee & Chat for Term 4 will be on Friday 7 November. It will be a bus trip organised by Jackie Greenow to tour ST MARYS. There will be a small charge but there will be lunch served and it should not only be interesting, but it will also be FUN!! Please call in at the office and put your name down as there are limited places and it will be first in.
Also, at the second Coffee & Chat for this Term – Wednesday 12 November, we will be having a special visit from Mrs Backhouse (our School Counsellor). Mrs Backhouse will be discussing her role and explaining some of the assessments she carries out. This will be a casual meeting where questions can be asked in a relaxed manner. Coffee & Chat’s always welcome new comers, so please come along!

**PALS – Program to Aid Literacy**
Last week, we welcomed a team of newly trained PALS to our classrooms. They are working with our students, listening to them read. There has been a wonderful response from the students and teachers. But, the wonderful comments coming from the PALS have been very heart warming. They are finding the whole experience, very satisfying!
THANKYOU SO MUCH!

**SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS**
If you have a child currently in Year 5 and are seeking a Selective High School placement for them in Year 7 2016 you will need to apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. Applications are now open and will close on Monday 17th November 2014. Families require internet access, an email address and printer. The Selective High School placement test will take place on Thursday 12th March 2015. No late applications will be accepted. Please see either your child’s class teacher, Mrs Parello or Mrs Mc Speerin if you require assistance with this process.

**MAGPIE WARNING**
Please be aware that we have a Magpie swooping in the school grounds and also at the park.

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**KINDERGARTEN 2015 ORIENTATION PROGRAM**

Tuesday 4 November
Wednesday 12 November
Thursday 20 November

All children who will be attending Kindergarten at St Marys North next year are invited to attend Orientation on the above days.
The sessions begin at 9.15am in the school hall.
KINDERGARTEN 2015

Do you have a child that will be starting school next year?

We are taking Enrolments for Kindergarten 2015 NOW.

Anyone who would like to enrol their child into Kindergarten for 2015 at St Marys North Public School, please come to the school and speak to Mrs Coleman in the office. Mrs Coleman will give you an enrolment form and answer any questions that you have.

The office is open between 8.30am and 3.30pm

You will also need the following documents:

- Birth Certificate
- Immunisation Certificate
- Proof of Address

PLAYGROUND AWARDS – Week 3
Respect School Property

KB  Riley Duffy  2/3A  Jeremiah Nutt
KH  Mokai Bonser  3P  Max O’Neil
KJ  Chloé Rewi  3R  Samantha Braid
KT  Emma Hobson  3/4W  Kaitlyn Atkins
1C  Katie Morris  4D  Kira Ebsworth
1R  Amalia Bradney  4/5A  Claire Connor
1S  Jessica Archer  5P  Que Dain Te Nana
2B  Kaylah Robertson  6B  Corey Kramer
2V  Harjot Singh  6R  James Henshaw

KIDS MATTER

VALUE AWARDS - Week 3
Responsibility

KB  Lila Faapo  2/3A  Solomon De Silva
KH  Kaitlyn Stephenson  3P  Jessica Atkins
KJ  Rayanne Zahr  3R  Jahrel Locke
KT  Ruby Pannaye  3/4W  Breanna Niven
1C  Jermaine Marshall-Taylor  4D  Leroy Haynes
1R  Orlando Hunt  4/5A  Isabella white
1S  Kurt Alderton  5P  Tamsyn Lane-Taylor
2B  Caroline Faapo  6B  David De Silva
2V  Miah Baker  6R  Shanaye Browning

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Annual Talking Tree

29th October 2014

Wednesdays

Free Re-talking Ceremony

You to celebrate the annualTalking

Ine. and the Barging community invites

North St Marys Neighbourhood Centre

Re-talking Ceremony

Time: 1.30pm

Place: Learning and Support Centre

WHAT: Enjoy meeting other

parents/carers and share experiences

WK 5 Friday 27 November - Bus Trip

WEDNESDAY 12th November

WEDNESDAY 3rd December

WHEN: 2014 Term 4 Dates

Smoke ceremony, a BBQ, children's activities

There will be a

St Mary's Neighbourhood Centre

North St Mary's

Indigenous Community.

Along, have a yarn and celebrate our

Like the breakfast painting and damper served

elder Uncle Greg Simms. There will be a

The ceremony will be hosted by local Bargu

10.30am-12.30pm

Coffee & Chat