A Community with Expectations of Achievement and Success

Important Dates to Remember

Tuesday 16 December  Year 6 Cruise
                  Party Day
Wednesday 17 December  Year Six Graduation
                          Last Day of School for 2015

2015
Wednesday 28 January  Years 1-6 Return to School
Monday 2 February     Kindergarten children start
                          Kindergarten finish at 2.30pm during February

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15 December, 2014

SCHOOL LEADERS FOR 2015

Congratulations to our school leaders for 2015.
CAPTAINS  Nour Zahr  Jayden Farr-Robinson
VICE CAPTAINS  Kryzjhynn Guevara
                          Tamsyn Lane-Taylor
ABORIGINAL LEADER  Craig Doole-McKellar
COUNCILLORS
Jenny Atua  June Atua
Antonio Namoli  Brooke Roff
Pacey Spaulding  Hunter Verdich

2014 SPORT CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to our 2014 swimming and athletic age champions. Well done everyone!

K-2 CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Thank you to all of the parents and the community that came to watch the K-2 Christmas Concert this week.
The K-2 classes loved performing for you all and they looked fabulous in their Christmas colours!
We would like to say thank you to Mrs Jackson who organised the concert during RFF time this term. A job well done!
PLANNING AT ST MARYS NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL – UPDATE
At St Marys North Public School this term we have been engaging our students, staff and school community in gathering information to help us plan for the next three years. We used three focus questions to help us gathering information. The school also used NAPLAN and other data, in conjunction with the focus questions, to add to information already gathered. As mentioned in earlier newsletters feedback would be provided.
Students, staff and the school community were all asked the same three questions. Students were given the opportunity to answer the focus questions by drawing pictures or writing their comments. Staff participated and gave their ideas and thoughts, through teacher professional learning afternoons during the earlier part of this term. As you are aware the school community was asked to participate via a survey monkey that was linked to our Facebook page and class blogs. Included below are the common threads and some comments from students, staff and the school community.

STAFF CHANGES
As you are aware there are some staff members who are in the later stages of pregnancy. Mrs Jackson has now commenced her maternity leave. We wish her well as she waits for the birth of her first child. Mrs Adamson will commence maternity leave at the end of the year, awaiting the birth of her third child.
Also, Mr Tangye recently qualified as a teacher and will be taking up an appointment as a teacher at Hassall Grove Public School in 2015. Mrs Hayes has recently been successful in gaining her first teaching appointment. She will commence at Minchinbury Public School in 2015.
We thank them; for all that they have brought to St Marys North Public School and wish them well in their future endeavours.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
We wish all members of our school community a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Joyous New Year. We hope you all enjoy a wonderful and safe holiday with your family and friends. We hope that Santa happily finds his way into everyone’s family home and the children find what they are hoping for under the Christmas tree.
School returns in 2015 on Wednesday 28 January for Year 1 to Year 6. Kindergarten will be completing their Best Start interviews on Wednesday 28 January to Friday 30 January. The first day of school for Kindergarten will be Monday 2 February, 2015.

40KM SPEED LIMIT ZONE - FLASHING LIGHTS
The NSW Government has provided funding for the placement of school zone signs with flashing lights at all schools by the end of next year to alert motorists of the 40km speed limit required during school drop off and pick up times.
Installing these flashing lights in schools zones has been shown to improve driver awareness of the need to drive at a lower speed to ensure the safety of children and others coming and going from the school area.
Roads and Maritime Services are delivering this safety initiative and plan to install signs outside St Marys North Public School on Debrinca Avenue the week beginning Monday 22 December outside of 40km school zone hours. Work will take up to two hours to complete, weather permitting.
Partial lane closures may be in place while work is carried out to ensure safety of road users and workers. There will be some noise associated with this work, but every effort will be made to minimise these impacts.
HIRE-A-HELPER
Year 6 would like to thank all of the children, staff and community for ‘purchasing’ them for this year’s Hire-a-helper day. We raised $574 which will also go towards our gift to the school when we leave. Year 6 love working hard and doing jobs, so this was the perfect job for them!

LIBRARY NEWS
In Term 4 there were 55 students in K-2 and 73 students in Years 3-6 who borrowed every week. These wonderful results are more than double the number of borrowers from last term! Well done everyone. Those students have now received their Good Work Card. The winners of the Term 4 Individual Borrowing Competition were: Isabella from 1R and Tamsyn from 5P. They each received a lovely book prize.
The 2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge certificates for students who completed the challenge were handed out in Week 10. On Presentation Day, 32 students received a Gold Award from the Premier for participating in the Challenge for 4 years. Well done! Remember, students in Years 3-6 can get a head start on the 2015 Challenge from the beginning of next year, if they haven’t already. Permission notes for the 2015 Challenge will be sent home in mid-February.

READY FOR HIGH SCHOOL
Can you recall what you were most apprehensive about when you started high school? This video of Year 7 students explain why teens shouldn’t be worried about starting high school, and how they can get off to a great start in the first few days.
Watch the videos:

Principal’s Awards
Hayley Westerman
Matthew Duncan
Lucas Knibbs
Nicholas Tabone
Rose Lee Spiteri
Layla Spaulding
CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2014
KH

We have loved Kindergarten at St Marys North this year!

We have liked contributing to our blog.

The big ant went over the fence.

The little frog swam in the water.

The fat gold fish swam in the pond.

We are excited to start Year One next year!

Merry Christmas!

KH's Class Blog!

Visit our class blog to see what we have been doing in our classroom. Feel free to leave us a comment.

http://khclassblog.weebly.com

We have really enjoyed time with our buddies 2/3A this year.
PLAYGROUND AWARDS – Week 10
Use Equipment Sensibly

KB  Blaire Brooks-Colefax
KH  Noah Nelson
KJ  Sienna Tolmie
KT  Ruby Pannaye
1C  Madison Suckling
1R  Kamil Knibbs
1S  Noah Hunter
2B  Jordan Bradney
2V  Breeanna Saunders
2/3A  Jordyn Duffy
3P  Kirsty Thompson
3R  Jayden De Celis
3/4W  Maddison Kuiper
4D  Kaitlyn Pettit
4/5A  Claire Connor
5P  Jake Barker
6B  Joel Burcher
6R  Hailee Collins-Bath

KIDS MATTER

VALUE AWARDS - Week 10
Friendliness and Inclusion (Revision)

KB  Tyler Phillips
KH  Nathan Cook
KJ  Candice Carr
KT  Saige Spaulding
1C  Jandermarrah Dodds
1R  Mickaylah Holden
1S  Kasen Lee
2B  Ryan Thompson
2V  Joshua Pestridge
2/3A  Aaron Spiteri
3P  Brielle Portelli
3R  Tanisha Lige
3/4W  Connor Hepenstall
4D  AJ Anea
4/5A  Hayley Westerman
5P  Taina Holden
6B  Ryan Connors
6R  Sebastian Pijov

HOW MUCH CAN A CHEAP POOL COST YOU?

$69 for the pool
+ $550 fine . . . if it is not fenced
+ $220 fine . . . if it is not registered
+ $750 fine . . . if there is no development consent

TOTAL: $1,589

MORE IMPORTANTLY - IT COULD COST A CHILD’S LIFE
North St Marys Community OOSH
Dec 2014 and Jan 2015 Vacation Care

Thursday 18 Dec 2014
"Water Fun Day"
Bring your towel!

Friday 19 Dec 2014
Reptile Man incursion
Hands on reptile experience.
Extra cost $15 pp — then enjoy our Christmas party in the afternoon where every child receives a gift!

2015
Monday 12 January 2015
Welcome back masquerade party — games, food and prizes. Wear a costume for extra fun!

Tuesday 13 Jan 2015
Excursion to flip out in Penrith. Bouncy fun. Don't forget your socks. Extra cost $24 pp

Wednesday 14 January
Girls vs Boys Big Day of Competition
Indoor and outdoor games and challenges.

Heaps of prizes

Thursday 15 Jan
Dance and Drama Day.
Learn to be a star!

Friday 16 Jan 2015
Stranded on a desert island day.
Learn fun survival skills and search for the hidden treasure.

Monday 19 Jan 2015
Incursion — Kids martial arts. Learn skill and strength. Extra cost $15 pp

Tuesday 20 Jan 2015
Illusions Day. Learn magic tricks to amaze your friends.

Wednesday 21 Jan 2015
Excursion to Tree Tops Adventure Park in Yarramundi. Extra cost $30 pp

Thursday 22 Jan 2015
Crazy, watery, summer games day.
Mess, water and competitions.

Friday 23 Jan 2015
Pirates vs Princesses Day.
Dragons, treasure and quests.

Tuesday 27 Jan 2015
Excursion to Glenbrook cinema then a picnic lunch in the park. Movie TBA.
Extra cost $10 pp.

We are CCB approved, so take advantage of our greatly reduced costs.

Undiscounted fee is $50 pp, excursion costs are extra.