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RESPECTFUL SAFE LEARNERS

Term 4 Week 9

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It's hard to try to think back to the start of the year as so much has happened but it's even harder to believe that we are almost at the end of 2020. I can almost hear the collective sighs of relief from students, staff and families. You all deserve to be congratulated, thanked and celebrated for all the hard work, new learning, patience, resilience and collaboration in everything we as a school community have had to navigate to get to this point.

There are just seven school days left and we are all up for a well-deserved rest, relaxation and it looks as though we may all be able to catch up with family and friends in more relaxed surroundings and without the level of restrictions we faced for so much of this year. Who would have thought this would be possible six months ago.

In the meantime, there are still a few events we need to get through in these last days of the year. Unfortunately, these will continue under the restrictions as they've stood while planning was underway. The changes from the four square metre to the two square metre really hasn't changed anything for these events. We will continue with what's been planned and see out the year with as much fun as we can.

Please check the calendar of events on the next page to ensure that you are up to date with all that is happening. You will soon be receiving notifications from classroom teachers regarding classroom parties. Again, these are being conducted within COVID guidelines. While staff will be serving the food, children will be advised of precautions we all need to take.

Monday is our Presentation Day and you will now have received notification about the day. It will be broken up and be streamed via Zoom. Soon you'll be receiving instructions and a Zoom invitation with a time for the appropriate Presentation. Once again, it will be different to presentations we've all been used to but I'm sure we'll get through it in true Northlakes style. Please make sure you follow the instructions when you receive your invitation as the presentation is in stage groups, not the whole school in one continuous presentation from Kinder to Year 6.

I have mentioned before that we are beginning a new 4 year planning cycle in 2021. Planning for this is already under way and you may find you're being invited to complete some brief surveys. Please take a few minutes to complete these surveys. I understand sometimes it can be an intrusion on your time but we'd love to hear what our community thinks and what ideas you may have about where the school should be heading in the next four years. I know some of our older students have already completed some surveys themselves and have actually taken some as homework and have conducted interviews with their parents/carers. Thank you to all who have responded to these. They are some of the highest returns we've had in years and we thank you for those.

I'd like to thank all of our students for their resilience and persistence in getting through the year. Thank you to our parents/carers who have been supportive, patient and collaborative in managing with last minute changes throughout most of this year. You have all worked hard throughout the year and we thank you for your support.

Finally, thank you to all our staff whose workloads have increased many times over for a very long time we've had new learning in technology to manage learning from home, following up and providing support where necessary. Our teachers and everybody else in every role saw a big increase in their workloads whether it was with extra cleaning or sanitising between activities, and just doing the very best we could to keep our children learning in a clean and safe environment.

Lastly I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and congratulate us all for getting through such a challenging year with growth mindsets, resilience and persistence.

I hope you all have a safe, relaxing Festive Season. If you are travelling anywhere please drive carefully and plan to arrive alive. We'll see you all safe and re-energised for a busy 2021!

Larry Micevski
Principal

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR 2020		
Day	Date	Event Information
Wednesday	9 th Dec	Year 6 Farewell
Friday	11 th Dec	Mufti Day – Christmas Theme
Monday	14 th Dec	Presentation Day – Students only
Monday	14 th Dec	Uniform shop open – BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
Wednesday	16 th Dec	Last day of Term 4 for all students
DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR 2021		
Friday	29 th Jan	First day back for students in Years 1-6
Wednesday	3 rd Feb	First day back for Kindergarten students

Monday morning assemblies have now resumed. Current guidelines do not allow parent/carers to attend. Further advice will be passed on when available.

FROM THE OFFICE

2021 Class Planning

To assist with class planning for 2021 we ask that you notify the school office if you are moving from the area and will not be attending our school next year.

2021 Kindergarten

Enrolments now open!

Applications can be accessed on all browsers and mobile devices including iOS and Android by going to our school website:

<https://northlake-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/> and clicking on the ENROLMENT tab at the top of the page.

The online application process is currently restricted to:

- Enrolments into **local** schools only
- Children who are Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or permanent residents
- Children who live in NSW.

FROM THE CANTEEN

The canteen will be open until Wednesday 16th December. We will be running our stock levels down so there will be limited items on Flexischools. We apologise for any inconvenience.



FROM THE P&C

Uniform Shop

Due to COVID-19 social distancing restrictions our onsite Uniform Shop is operating by appointment only until further notice for those parents that would like to check sizing etc.

Appointments can be made for Monday 14th December 12:30pm-1:30pm and 3pm-4pm. To make an appointment call the school office on 4399 2071 or 4399 2028. Orders can still be placed using Flexischools and orders will be delivered via your child's class.

To assist with return to school purchasing, our uniform shop will be open for appointments on the Staff Development Days (Pupil Free Days) Wednesday 27th January and Thursday 28th January. Appointments will be 10 minutes and can be booked from 9am to 12pm.

If you order uniforms over the holiday break and would like to collect before students return on Friday 29th January you will also need to book an appointment.

Annual General Meeting

The P&C AGM will be held on 15 February 2021. All positions will be available to anyone interested. We encourage and welcome new members to attend to help support our school.

The P&C need new members. New ideas welcomed. No amount of time is too small to give. Meetings are held once a term.

The aim of the P&C is to fundraise to assist the students and school for much needed supplies and equipment. Everything the P&C does is to the benefit of our children.

PBL News

Playground Focus

We can put our
rubbish in the
bin!

PBL Cup Winners

Week 8: 3 Blue

Week 9: 6 Blue



Award Winners

Respectful	Safe	Learner	Respectful Safe Learner
Ruby – Lee 3 Blue	Sebastian – 3 Blue	Miley – 3 Blue	Shelby – 3 Blue
Bradley – 3 Green	Indiyah – 3 Green	Carter – 3 Green	Kaydn – 3 Green
Dylan – 4 Blue	Oliver – 4 Blue	Ewan – 4 Blue	Annabel – 4 Blue
Tianna – 4 Green	Riley – 4 Green	Liem – 4 Green	Alyssa – 4 Green
Noah – 4 Green	Benji – 4 Green	Keeleigh – 5 Blue	Kate - 5 Blue
Lochlan – 5 Blue	TJ – 5 Blue	Cooper – 5 Green	Mere – 6 Green
Brodie – 5 Green	Kiera – 5 Green	Aussie – 6 Blue	Brian – K-6 Purple
Shaena – 6 Blue	Ava – 6 Blue	Olivia P – 6 Green	Amelia – 1 Purple
Travis – 6 Green	Cobie – 6 Green	Ceej – 2-6 Green	Ava – 1 Purple
Tyson – 2-6 Green	Scarlett – 2-6 Green	Manaia – K Green	Izzak – 2 Green
Alaynnah – K Green	Riley – K Green	Jett – 1 Purple	Lakahsha – K Purple
Kenneth – 1 Purple	Liam – 1 Purple	Bailee – 2 Green	
Tara – 2 Green	Corey – 2 Green	Marlie – K Purple	
Addisyn – 2 Green	Floyd – K Purple		
Charlize – K Purple			



WEDNESDAY 9TH
DECEMBER
3-5PM



SANTA PHOTOS WITH YOUR PET AND FUN ACTIVITIES

at the Neighbourhood Centres
Aboriginal Garden - **Ngaliya Dhuluga**
28 Brava Ave, San Remo

ALL DOGS MUST BE ON A
LEASH AND HAVE AN ADULT
RESPONSIBLE



GOLD COIN DONATION



Summer Holiday Junior Chess Tournament



Limit 50 players.
Entries close
Sunday 10 Jan.

Tuesday 12 January

Mingara Recreation Club, Tumbi Umbi
9.30am – 4.00pm

Must pre-enter

\$10 cash on the day

Contact Gary Losh

glosh6090@gmail.com

0432 453 726

Puzzle competition, lots of prizes

Covid rules will be enthusiastically observed

Minimum ability: Must know how to move the
pieces and complete games largely unassisted.

2021 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened from Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now [apply online](#). A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [re-apply or update their details](#).

*Applications must be completed by the student's parent or legal guardian if the student is aged under 16 years. Students 16 years and over must complete the application form themselves.

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If a student needs to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before **31 December 2020** to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2021.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator, this may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

New Concession Entitlement Cards

Transport for NSW will be replacing the below cards with Transport Concession Entitlement Cards (TCEC) from October 2020:

- Senior Secondary Student Concession Card (16 years and over) – also used by Mature Secondary Students (18 years and over), Distance Education Students and Home School Students
- Proof of Age card (when a student under 16 years of age looks older)
- Boarder Rail Pass.

All previous cards will be valid until they expire. Students who require a Transport Concession Entitlement Card should speak with their school administration staff.

Enquiries regarding school student travel can be submitted to Transport for NSW at <https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback>

Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate

All bicycle riders are required by law to wear an approved helmet that is securely fitted and fastened. Make sure the helmet fits correctly. Check the helmet regularly for damage. It is best to replace a helmet that has been involved in a crash, dropped on a hard surface, has cracked foam or frayed or worn straps.



For more information on keeping your child safe on wheels, visit the parents section on safetytown.com.au/parents.

The information in this brochure is intended as a guide only and is subject to change at any time without notice. It does not replace the relevant legislation, nor should it be regarded as legal advice.

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