

Important Dates

Monday 11th March
Labour Day – Public Holiday

Saturday 23rd March
School Fete – 10am -3pm
Reservoir Campus

Thursday 4th April
Last Day of Term 1, 3pm Finish

Friday 5th April
SSG Day

2019 Term Dates

Term 1: 29th January to 5th April

Term 2: 23rd April to 28th June

Term 3: 15th July to 20th September

Term 4: 7th October to 19th
December

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are already half-way through the term and it is extremely rewarding to see the learning that is happening in classrooms across the school. Staff have been working hard to provide new and exciting educational programs for the students.

Enrolments for 2019

Welcome to all of our new students and their families. We have quite a number of new students across all school levels who are engaging in our learning programs. Last Thursday we completed our census which accurately reported our student numbers to the Department of Education and Training. We currently have 340.6 full time students across the school.

School tours have also commenced for new enrolments in 2020.

Communication

If you have any questions about class organisation or curriculum, your classroom teacher is the first point of contact. If they cannot provide the appropriate answer they will refer you to their leading teacher. The Principal team are also available to support you further. Feel free to ask questions via email or telephone – we are here to support you and your child.

Social Media

Some of our students are having difficulties when communicating with peers on social media including Facebook Messenger, Snapchat, Instagram and Xbox or PlayStation games. We are advising families to keep internet enabled devices in a shared space so you can monitor the interactions. Please discuss any concerns with your class teacher and try to keep evidence of the interactions online.

Student Absences

Parents, carers and/or guardians are required to contact the school when their child is absent. Please call the campus and follow the prompts to the absence line. Please ensure you clearly state the student's name and reason for the absence. If no reason is given you may be contacted to give a reason for the absence.

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Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club has returned to NSA for 2019. It runs from 8:45am to 9:20am. Students are enjoying socialising with their peers while eating breakfast. There are a variety of healthy and delicious breakfast options available and students can join in the preparation of breakfast with help from our staff. If you would like your child to participate in Breakfast Club, please write a note in your child's home diary to inform the classroom and encourage your child to attend.

**Thank you,
Pamela Mathieson
Principal**

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FROM THE LEADING TEACHERS

In term 1 our main goal will be to support the students in engaging with their peers and in becoming familiar with their new Teachers and Teacher Assistants.

In our school we plan our lessons using structured and consistent routines in order to effectively support our students to attend to a variety of curriculum activities including Literacy, Numeracy, Fine and Gross Motor sessions, Astronaut program, Art and Music.

The students are also learning to approach adults and interact with them while communicating their daily needs.

Regular activities are promoting appropriate interaction with peers and developing skills such as turn taking, sharing toys and equipment and developing their play skills when they are among other students. Students are learning to transition to different areas within the school grounds such as playgrounds, gyms, art room and the school Library.

Our second year students are developing their skills further and becoming more independent when completing a range of activities.

All teaching teams are working consistently to ensure that all the students will be supported to achieve their Individualised goals. The teaching teams are preparing and delivering engaging and motivating teaching sessions for their students.

We would like to thank parents who are supportive of the teaching teams and cooperate daily in order to bring the best opportunities for their children's learning. It is important for parents to create a trusting relationship with the staff who provide many learning opportunities for their children.

Dina Milides

Leading Teacher EYA

Many students have moved from Early Years sub-schools up to Middle Years A (MYA) this year. They are increasing their independence within their school day and learning many new skills. MYA students have started swimming lessons this term.

Jumping into the cold pool on the recent hot days we have been having has been a big relief for some. Some students are accessing a circus skills program where they are developing their balance and co-ordination, as well as following group instructions and working in a team. Teachers have been busily assessing and setting specific learning goals for their students. It has been a great start to the term and I'm looking forward to seeing how far every student progresses in their learning and development this year.

Maria Saric

Leading Teacher MYA