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PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 4, Week 4 2026

Norris Bank PS Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

2nd Nov
Report Writing Day

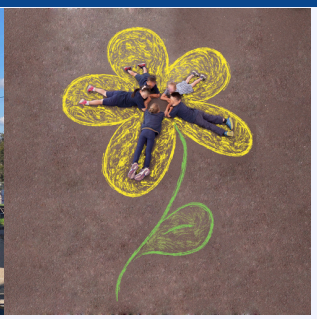
3rd Nov
Melbourne Cup Day

5th Nov
-2027 Prep Transition
-Assembly

12th Nov
-2027 Prep Transition
-Cyber Safety Presentatioj years 4-6

14th Nov
Bundoora Beats @ NB Park 6pm





Principal's Message

Norris Bank has had an extremely busy few weeks! We have experienced so many amazing things and every student has had the opportunity to feel successful. We are continuing to work hard this term to ensure we maximise each day to achieve the best possible results. The students are outstanding and show our values each day they are here at school.

Term 4 Curriculum Days

We will be having three curriculum days in Term 4 to support our preparation for 2027 and to provide opportunities to share student learning progress with our community.

The dates for the curriculum days are:

- Monday, 2 November
- Thursday, 26 November
- Monday, 7 December – Parent Teacher Conferences will be held from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Students are expected to attend their conference with their family. There will be no regular school on this day.

Fire Education Incursion

We had Fire Rescue Victoria come out to our school and teach all things fire safety. The students discussed what makes a safe meeting place and what to do to be save around fire. The highlight was getting to explore the fire truck and to use the hose out the front of the school. All the students represented our school extremely well and our year 5 and 6 students will participate in Fire Education later this term.

Their Care

Their Care officially opened this week, and we could not be more excited. Monica has been providing fun and exciting activities each day and all the students who have attended have loved it. We encourage you to reach out to Their Care to find out more as it is a wonderful service that will benefit all the students at Norris Bank. They offer both before and after school hours care.

Numeracy Extension

I have commenced numeracy extension this week across all classes. It has been a wonderful opportunity to work closely with the students to extend their learning in maths. We worked through a range of problems that required the students to apply their skills in new contexts. I have been so proud of the persistence shown as the work they are doing is challenging. This will continue for next 4-5 weeks of this term as want to ensure all students can achieve their potential.

McLeans Road Kinder

We had the pleasure of having McLeans Road Kinder visit us on Tuesday and Wednesday to allow all the students to experience school. Sky was outstanding over the two days and provided a fun, engaging and positive example of what going to Norris Bank is like. We had over 100 kinder students attend and over 10 parent volunteers. We have received extremely positive feedback about the experience, and we will continue this in 2027.

Events to Come

We have quite a few events to come this term and we are so excited about them all. Please see some key events and dates for the remainder of this term as we move quickly towards the end of another school year.

-Formal transition sessions for 2027 prep students on the 5th, 12th and 19th of November
-Graduation on the 10th of December
-End of Year Celebration and BBQ on the 11th of December

If you have any questions regarding these events, please contact the school so we can provide further information.

Daniel Taylor - Acting Principal



Prep/1

Learning about our Community Helpers: Bundoora Firefighters





Our students recently enjoyed an exciting and informative incursion with the Bundoora firefighters! The visit provided a wonderful opportunity to learn about the important role firefighters play in keeping our community safe, as well as the many ways they help people in times of need.

This experience connected beautifully with our Social and Emotional Learning, where we have been exploring help-seeking and identifying safe people in our community whom we can trust and turn to for support. Students are learning that asking for help is an important life skill and that there are trusted adults and community helpers who are ready to support us when we need it.

Through this experience, we are continuing to build students' confidence in recognising safe helpers, understanding when to seek assistance and knowing that it is always okay to ask for help. A big thank you to the Bundoora firefighters for visiting our school, sharing their knowledge and helping our students develop these important skills for life!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Sky





Year 1/2

Fire Safety

The Year 1/2 children had a lot of fun learning all about fire safety. This is what we learnt....
Always have a parent next to you while you are cooking – Talia
Check the fire alarms in your house. – Miron
If you have long hair, you must tie it up so you are safe. – Alora
If there's a fire, go down low and go, go, go. – Munira
If there is a fire in your home you should go to your safety place. – Kanz
If someone needs help, call 000. – Azoz
Stop, Drop, Cover and Roll. - Kacy
If you have a fire outside, put rocks around it and have a bucket of water nearby. – Parween.
I liked the water hose. - Rayan
I liked looking at all the things in the fire truck. The hose was folded in piles. – Michelle
I saw a fan, an oxygen tank, an axe and a hose in the truck. – Kon
I liked the fire truck. – Leonid
I heard the firefighter using a walkie talkie. – Lucy
I heard the siren. - Sabella
If a fire alarm goes off, stay calm. - Freddy

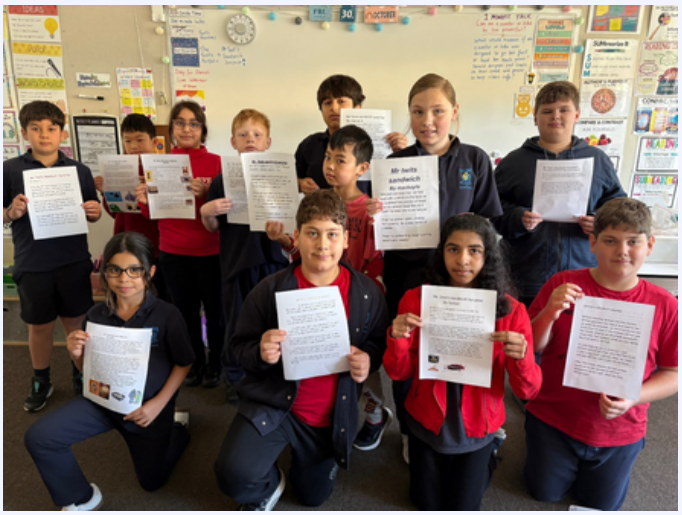






Grade 4/5

Reading – The Twits!



Our class has been thoroughly enjoying reading The Twits by Roald Dahl, particularly his hilarious descriptions of the mischievous pranks! Inspired by his writing, students created their own chapter titled Mr Twit's Surprise Sandwich, featuring some truly disgusting ingredients! Students have been learning to make their writing more engaging by using descriptive language, including adverbs, and organising their ideas into paragraphs. They should be very proud of their creativity and the wonderful descriptive writing they have produced!



Year 5/6 News

There has been plenty happening in Grade 5/6 as we head towards the end of the school year! Students have thoroughly enjoyed our library visits, exploring new books and developing their love of reading. In the classroom, students have been engaged in a range of learning activities across literacy, numeracy and inquiry. A highlight has been the Spooky Story Writing Competition, where students have shown wonderful creativity and imagination.

We also participated in Day for Daniel, an important opportunity to raise awareness about child safety and reinforce the importance of staying safe, making safe choices and seeking help from trusted adults.

Our Grade 6 students have also been busy preparing for their upcoming graduation, reflecting on their primary school memories and looking forward to high school.

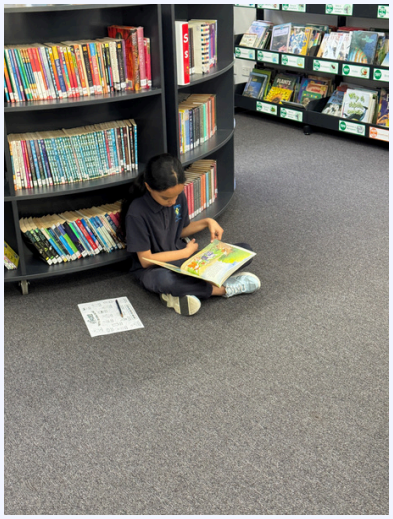
We strongly encourage everyone to keep up their positive attitude, enthusiasm and effort as we make the most of our final weeks together!

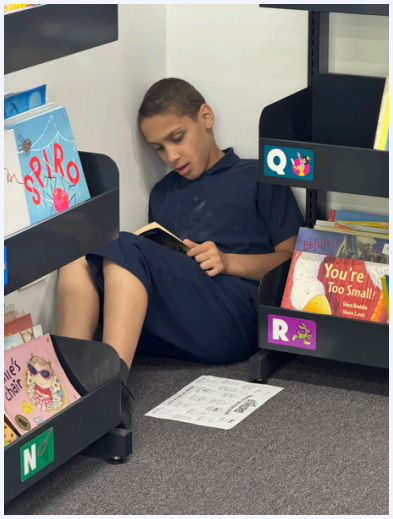
Kind Regards,
Behnaz Toranji/ Teacher

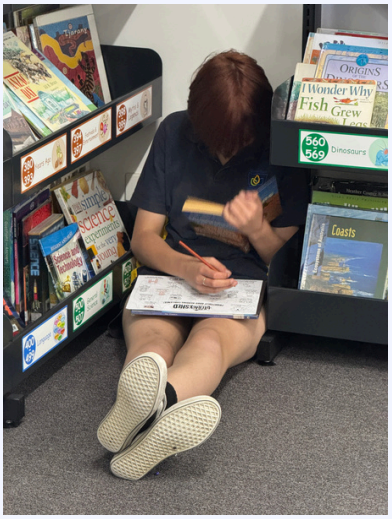












Japanese

Prep/1

Last term, the Prep/1 students learned about zoo animals and then created their own open-range zoos using origami animals. They carefully labelled each animal with its own sign. The students have become real origami experts, and their finished zoo posters are simply adorable! It's wonderful to see their creativity and origami skills developing.







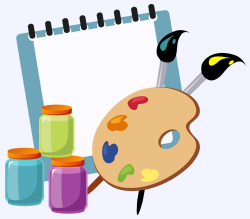




Year 5/6

Year 5/6 students created their own paper-mâché Maneki-neko (招き猫), the Japanese lucky cat. They learned about its cultural significance and how it symbolises good luck, happiness and prosperity. They enjoyed shaping, decorating and personalising their cats, creating unique Japanese-inspired artworks. The students then presented their Maneki-neko to the class in Japanese.

Visual Art



Prep/1: Underwater World Dioramas

The Prep/1 students have begun experimenting with modelling materials to create their own underwater world dioramas. So far, they have made a background, a salt-dough starfish and clay coral. Over the coming weeks, they will add an octopus, an octopus pot and clay fish to complete their underwater scenes. The students are thoroughly enjoying exploring and creating with a variety of modelling materials!





