# Northie News

**24 February 2025** 

## **Tower Challenge**



Recently, the students in K-1 Koalas class took on an exciting challenge: to build the tallest tower using different materials. This activity was not just about reaching great heights; it was also a fantastic way for the students to work together.



### **Upcoming Events:**

25 February

Welcome BBQ

26 February

Swimming Carnival

• 28 February

Assembly hosted by the SRC

7 March

SRC Induction

• 11 March

Barrier Swimming Carnival

• 12 March

NAPLAN

P & C Meeting

• 14 March

Assembly - Swimming Carnival Ribbons

The K-1 Koalas showed great teamwork as they cooperated with one another. They communicated their ideas and listened to each other, which helped them come up with the best ways to build their tower. Through problem-solving, they figured out how to use their materials effectively.

After completing their impressive tower, the class had a discussion about the different materials they used. They talked about which ones were the strongest and most suitable for building. This experience not only allowed them to be creative but also taught them valuable skills that they can use in the future.





#### **Swimming Carnival Reminder**

Get ready for the Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival tomorrow, February 26, at the YMCA Regional Aquatic Centre!

If your child is participating, remember to pack their lunch, apply sunscreen, and ensure they are wearing their swimmers under their house colours in the morning

Families, come show your support and cheer on these young swimmers!

## **Updated Documents from the Department**

The department has updated the following documents. Anti-Bullying plan, School Response to Bullying Concerns and the Behaviour Management Plan. These documents can be found on our school website. Should anyone like to have a paper copy they can obtain one from the office

#### **Temporary Fencing - D Block**

There is temporary fencing outside of D Block. This will remain in place while the works to fix the retaining wall are undertaken.



#### **School Uniform**

A reminder to our families of what our uniform is

#### Summer uniform

Two toned blue and white checked cotton princess lined dress with action back, set in sleeves with Peter Pan collar, White socks, black shoes or sandals.

Shorts made in the dress material with white polo shirt and royal blue school logo.

Royal blue shorts, white polo shirt with royal blue school logo, royal blue socks and black shoes or sandals.

#### Winter Uniform

Royal blue tartan pinafore or trousers, white polo shirt with royal blue school logo, navy socks or tights, black shoes and royal blue windcheater with large white school logo.

White polo shirt with royal blue school logo, grey trousers, grey socks, black shoes and royal blue windcheater with large white school logo.

We are excited to share our P&C also sell pre loved uniforms that families can purchase at a reduced price.

If any of our families are experiencing financial difficulties in having your student in full school uniform please come and see the school.





#### School Bytes Parent Portal – Stay Connected

A reminder to regularly check the School Bytes Parent Portal for school updates, event information, and permissions. While we will occasionally use paper-based permissions, School Bytes will remain our primary communication platform. Push notifications will keep you informed—please ensure your notifications are turned on so you don't miss important updates.

If you need any assistance to set this up on your phone or how to use the app we will be available to answer any questions and lend a hand at the BBQ this afternoon. Alternatively, you can stop by the office for some help too.

#### NAPLAN – Starting 12 March

NAPLAN is an exciting time for our students to showcase their learning and for teachers to gather valuable insights to further support student progress. We encourage all students to approach NAPLAN with confidence and a positive mindset. Want to know more about the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

Find out more in the parent and carer brochure, available in a wide range of languages. https://nap.edu.au/naplan/for-parents-carers

### **Class Awards**

K-1 Koalas Elijah Beavan, Mason

Gabellone, Aliah McDougall

K-6 Geckos Elouise Hancock

K-6 Sea Turtles Timothy Kelly

1-2 Goannas Estelle Netherwood,

Lusungu Sitali

1-2 Magpies Azariah Reilly, Olivia Brady,

**Michael Staker** 

3-6 Budgies Zaiden Staker

5-6 Crocodiles Blake Ali, Cooper Lingard





