



WRITE A BOOK IN A DAY

Congratulations to our year 6 Write a Book in a Day team who won the best primary school book in both the state and national division.

On Monday, 28th of August, 10 Year 6 students from NNPS took part in the Write a Book in a Day project. The students involved were: Isabel Allan, Koko Bacic, Hermione Fung, Sarah Gustafsson, Sofia Lawrence, Jemima Loane, Hermione Mackay, Soraya Newlyn, Ashley Ross and Maddie Stern.

On Friday, 10th November, the team attended an awards presentation ceremony at Westmead Hospital and were delighted to discover that their story, Missing, had won the Best Book in the Primary division, not only for NSW, but for Australia as well!

Write a Book in a Day is a team creative writing competition run by the Kids Cancer Project, an independent national charity supporting childhood cancer research.

This was the first year our school had entered this competition, in which students in years 5-12 work in a team to collaboratively write, illustrate and publish a book in a 12 hour period. Ms Tory and Mr Butcher acted as supervisors to help facilitate the writing process, however all work had to be done by the students themselves.

The students were also responsible for fundraising a minimum of \$240 to donate to Kids Cancer research.

On the writing day the team of students arrived at school at 8am to begin work on their book. The first challenge was to come up with a plot that would fit the very specific set of criteria they were given:

- the two main characters had to be a coach and a paramedic
- an additional character had to be a ghost
- one of the main settings for the story had to be a café
- one of the main complications of the plot had to be gravity going wrong

they had to include the words zigzagged, fuzzy, awkward, emerald and pillow

They also had to illustrate their text, and write a blurb for the back.

The students came up with many, many different ideas, and eventually, after a lot of discussion, they came up with their plot. Each student was then allocated a task: either a chapter to write or an illustration to draw. Then came the next challenge: fitting all the different sections of the text together and editing the text. By 8pm the team had completed their book and sent it off to be judged.

We are so proud of the achievement of our exceptional team of writers! Their award-winning book can be viewed online at writeabookinaday.com/results

UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST:

**16TH & 17TH
NOVEMBER
YEAR 6 PLAY**

**20TH NOVEMBER
STUDENT LEADER
SPEECHES**

**22ND NOVEMBER
P&C MEETING**

**23 NOVEMBER
MUSICA VIVA
"MARA"**

**8TH DECEMBER
YEAR 6 FORMAL**

**14TH DECEMBER
CELEBRATION OF
LEARNING**

**15TH DECEMBER
REPORTS GO HOME
LAST DAY OF TERM**

Principals message continued.

It will also be distributed to be read by sick kids who are patients in hospitals around Australia.

This has been the first time we have participated in this competition and hope to make it an annual event as part of our focus on writing for all students.



Newtown Festival

Congratulations also to the Newtown North Darlington combined bands who performed at the Newtown festival on Sunday. It was wonderful to see so many of our students in the audience supporting their friends in the band.



Principals message continued...

Chess

This week our lunchtime chess players participated in a chess tournament at Belmore public school. Thanks to Mrs Forster and parents for attending the tournament with our students. Our wonderful students achieved third place in the tournament.



Late Newsletter,

I apologise for not publishing a newsletter last week. Our office was subject to an administration audit last week and we did not have the time to publish one due to the continued demands of the auditing team. We are almost back to normal and I must thank Sue and Libby for all the work they put in last week and this.

Planning for 2018

We are currently planning classes for 2018. Today we have sent home a form for you to provide feedback about class placement next year. With our current numbers we are looking towards establishing a twelfth class however we do not expect to finalise classes until we are fully aware of our final numbers at the beginning of the new school year. Should you wish to provide us with additional information or raise any concerns please fill out the form and return it to the office.

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Celebration of Learning.

Our celebration of learning will be held on Thursday December 14th at 1pm. We will be holding a combined Kindergarten to Year 6 event. It will be held in the auditorium of Moore College. This venue was chosen to enable the whole school to participate in the ceremony together.

Over the past few weeks we have reviewed the class awards presented at our annual Celebration of learning. Class awards will include:

English

For academic achievement in English

Maths

For academic achievement in Maths

Active Learner Award

For application to class work or most improved

Citizenship Award

For the student who is actively supportive, seeks help, is safe, respectful of peers, teachers and others.

Additional awards will include:

To Grow to Help: Principals award.

Nominated by staff and students this is the student considered by the school community who always demonstrates the values of Newtown North Public School.

Sport awards:

Premiers sporting challenge

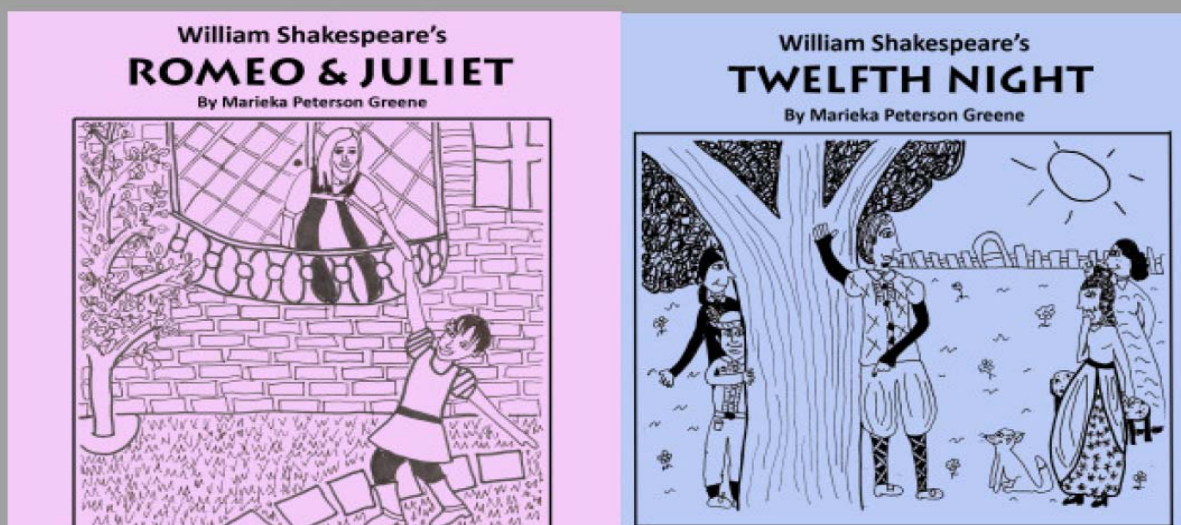
Swimming

Athletics

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Should your child be receiving an award your class teacher will inform you shortly.

Year 6 Performance



Year 6 Presents...

Thursday 16th November 2017: Romeo & Juliet @ 6:30 - then Twelfth Night

Friday 17th November 2017: Twelfth Night @ 6:30 - then Romeo & Juliet

NNPS 2017

FAMILY FUN FEST

FOLLOWING THE END OF YEAR
CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

THURSDAY
14TH DECEMBER
3:15 - 7:30PM

BBQ, CAKES,
JUMPING CASTLE,
CHRISTMAS
STALLS,
LUCKY DIP

FAMILY TICKET: \$15

Joel.