

Principal's News

Welcome to the Semester 1 Newsletter.

NGLC strives to assist students and their families to achieve positive learning and social outcomes. We are currently involved in or planning a range of activities and programs to enhance opportunities for our students to experience success at school. Parent / Carer support is critical to achieve progress with skill development.

Staff are also dedicated to improving their learning to best support our students. One aspect of this process is involvement in after school training programs. Staff will be involved in three after school sessions involving accredited training with the Crisis Prevention Institute's "Management of Actual or Potential Aggression" (MAPA®) and The National Workforce Centre for Child Mental Health – "Building Blocks for Children's Social and Emotional Wellbeing' program. This will require a variation to the school development days scheduled for 20 & 21 December, 2018. Our school will not be operational on these days as all staff are involved in the after school training. You will be reminded of this arrangement in our Semester 2 Newsletter.

I am encouraged to witness the scope of learning options available for our students. A weekly visiting Music teacher and a Computer Coding program are two examples of our access to out of school resources being utilised in our school. A major aspect of our programs are also our one day or longer challenges where students learn to develop a higher level of independence whilst challenging themselves at a range of activities. The RAW Challenge and our Snow Camp are good examples. These activities take a lot of planning and extra effort to implement and our staff should be recognised for their efforts.

As always, I appreciate parental support and effort to ensure we can continue to deliver a high quality learning and support program for our students.

Daniel Hayes
Principal

Commonwealth Bank Grant

Thank you to the wonderful staff at the Commonwealth Bank Erina Fair for their support of our students and programs. The funds will be well spent on upgrading our Food Tech, Wellbeing and Agricultural facilities. It is great to have another community partner invested in our students reaching their full potential.



Dates to remember:

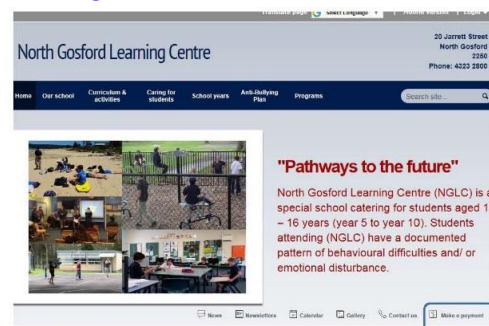
1st day back for all students Term 3 is Tuesday 24th July 2018.

1st day back for all students Term 4 is Monday 15th October 2018

School related payments

Payment can be made for any school related fees at our front counter using cash or via our **Parent Online Payments (POPayments)** using Visa/MCard. The **\$ Make a payment** button link can be found on the ribbon on the school's website.

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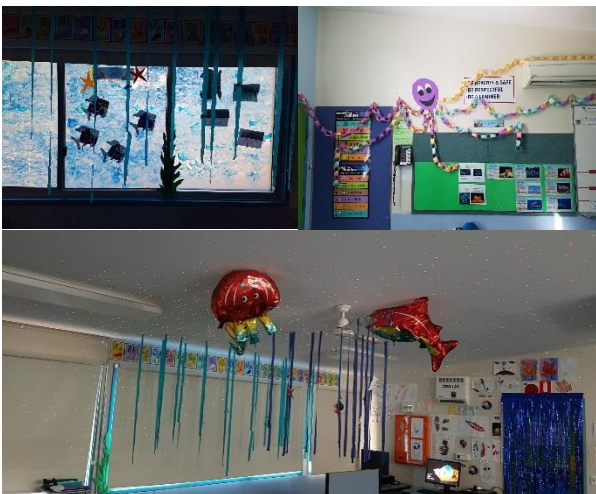
Class 1

Class 1 had a fantastic Term 1. During this term, class one created some fantastic artwork using our garden as an inspiration.



We also completed a unit called "All Things Matter". During this unit, we conducted experiments and learnt interesting facts about different solids, liquids and gases.

Currently in Term 2, Class 1 are on an underwater adventure. The classroom has transformed from your regular classroom to one that looks like the Great Barrier Reef. The classroom now consists of painted windows with students beautiful artwork displayed. An octopus with legs crossing half the classroom, a Jellyfish, a Crab and a shark. During this unit of work Class 1 will be looking at the different aspects which make up the Great Barrier Reef. The visitors that travel to the Reef and the current problems it faces and what we can do to help it. As part of the unit Class 1 are planning an excursion to the Shark and Ray Centre in Nelsons bay.



Class 3

This semester has been another busy one with Class 3 working on developing all their skills, academically and socially. Class 3 have spent their time in Term 1 practicing their comprehension skills and reading a number of great books along the way.



Term 2 came around fast and with that a number of great programs! Coastal Management, Australian History – convicts and engineering are keeping all the students busy! They are producing great work and are learning some fascinating facts about protecting our coasts and the early days of Australian history.

One of Class 3's students, Elvis Opetai, has shown his talent for Rugby League by making the Sydney North representative team! Elvis competed against another representative side in Forestville earlier this term. The game ended in a draw and Elvis' brilliant performance earned him a spot in the Sydney Red team, competing in a three day competition against other sides from NSW! Congratulation Elvis on your wonderful performance and we wish you all the best for the upcoming competition.



RAW Challenge

On the 25th of May students completed the RAW Challenge obstacle course in Doyalson. Students successfully completed over twenty obstacles where they used perseverance, cooperation and resilience to overcome the many trials. Students should be congratulated for their excellent behaviour and team work with the other schools who were present on the day.



Community Access

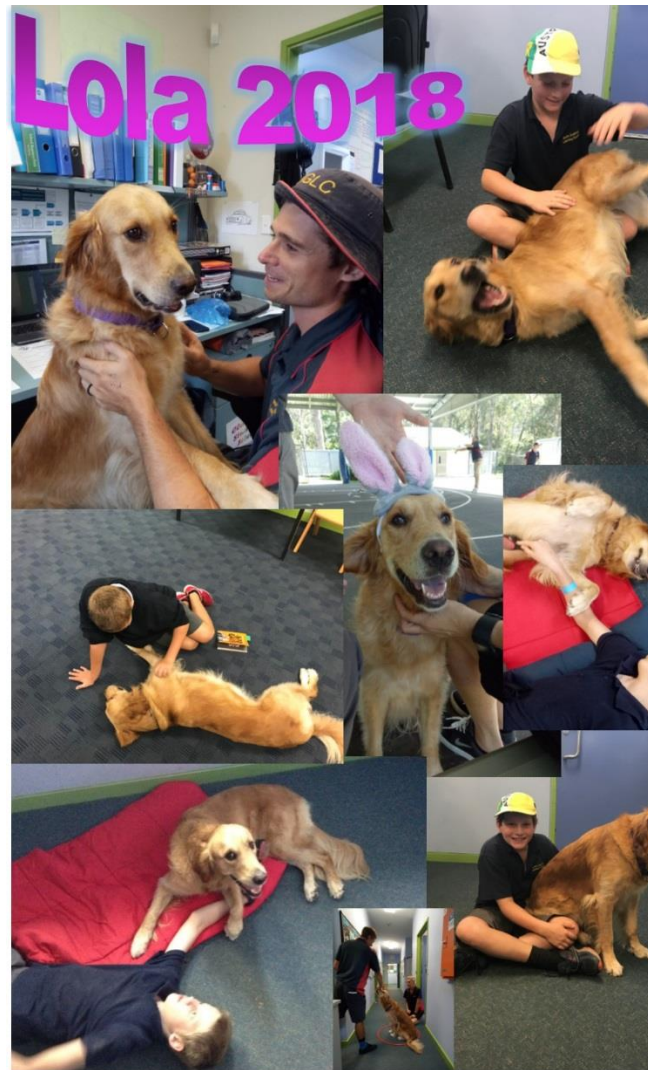
Term 2 has seen the start of our Community Access program. Classes 3 and 4 have completed several bush walks and trips to local beaches and facilities. As part of the Coastal Studies unit students got up close and personal with sharks and rays at the Irukandri Centre, many overcoming their fears to enter a tank and feeding both sharks and rays.



Lola

North Gosford Learning Centre's resident Learning Assistance dog, Lola, has had a very busy beginning to the year with several exciting excursions! Lola's carer, Mr Nicol, was invited to share her story with all the School Learning Support Officers who attended the 2018 Hornsby SLSO Conference. Lola's journey intrigued all the participants and made for an inspiring presentation. Mr Nicol was able to share all the amazing things Lola is doing for us at NGLC and how much she has assisted both students and staff.

Lola has also made her way over to Gosford High School this term to share her story and tell them of the hard work she has been doing at NGLC! The staff and students were obsessed with her and cannot wait for her to return! She spent most of the day in Year 11 & 12 classes helping the students with their assessments and study for their upcoming exams!



Surf Survival

In Term 1 students participated in our Surf survival program. Students visited various beach locations on the Central Coast to improve their understanding of different surf venues and conditions.

At these locations students had an opportunity to use their theoretical knowledge to identify beach hazards and build their aquatic skills in a surf environment.



Some of the beaches we visited were: Ocean, Umina, Toowoan Bay, Macmasters, Shelly and The Entrance Baths

Food Technology Elective Unit

SWEET ART

Students at NGLC have been working hard in the NGLC Food Technology room Term 1, creating sweet treats and improving their baking skills!

Skills such as food safety and hygiene, equipment identification and usage, the chemistry of a recipe, teamwork and measuring have been the focus of the fortnightly cooking program.

Many delights have been created, such as lemonade scones, fairy cakes, triple choc slice, iced gingerbread cookies, meringues, jam crumble slice, jam drops and banana bread.

This was followed by a visit to Cake n' Plate to sample some spectacular cupcakes and take a tour of the professional cake decorating studio.

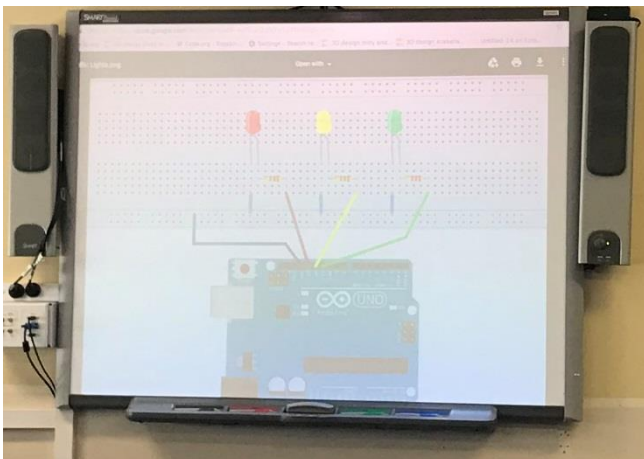
Well done to all students on your amazing progress and finished treats!



Coding

This semester we have again offered Coding as one of our programs.

The fantastic staff from Scope IT Education have been visiting the school 1 day per week for 7 weeks each term to teach our enthusiastic students all the ins and outs of programming and electronics.



Class 4

Students from Class 4 were successfully enrolled into the Sydney Distance Education High School for curriculum access (to achieve their ROSA) and have been steadily working through their individual programs.

Over the past 15 weeks, students have received a total of ten achievement awards for their amazing efforts in: History; English; Geography and PDHPE!

Well done class 4!



Textiles Elective

Swirls, stripes and circles are just a few of the patterns that students have been learning to create using the art of tie dying. Flash backs of 70's rainbow shirts and jeans have appeared on students tie dyed pillowcases and socks.

Although it appears to be an easy technique, students have to understand colour mixing, dye chemistry and design.

Some amazing results are being produced.



Rhyley's pillowcase



Tyson's pillowcase

CLASS 2

Class 2 have had a busy semester so far in 2018!

In Term 1 we completed a focus geography study on the oceans and in particular the Great Barrier Reef. This enabled students to look at the environmental impact that some of our human activities are having upon the world heritage listed site including: mining, over fishing, pollution from pesticides and farming and the impact of shipping.

Students also studied the effects on food chains and ecosystems. This knowledge was compounded by a very exciting visit to Irunkanji Shark and Ray Centre at Bob's Farm. Students were able to interact with different sharks, rays and observe some of the species that have been saved from extinction by the conservation efforts of the centre. A fantastic experience for both staff and students and the knowledge gained was invaluable in understanding and protecting our ocean animals.



We have also continued our cooking program in Term 2 with everyday recipes that students can prepare at home. We got off to a good start by baking some cookies for the mums out there for Mother's Day and the students did an outstanding job of icing and decorating them.



Class 2 Continued...

Students in this class are showing great improvements in time management, teamwork and independence in preparing a range of dishes.

Their understanding and use of new ingredients and techniques is allowing them to cook more complex recipes. All recipes are sent home so please encourage them to prepare a meal for the family!!



Paddock to Plate Elective

In Term 1 students participating in the Paddock to Plate Elective were active in our Agricultural Plot planting seeds and seedlings and watching them grow. Students and staff have enjoyed, ladyfinger eggplants, tomatoes, mint, parsley, 2 different types of chillies, capsicum, zucchini and carrots.

Students diligently carried litres of water up to the plot and found out which plants required a lot more water than others. Hopefully before next semester we will have access to tank water on site.

Students also went 'behind the scenes' at a local butchers to see how meat is cut up for our use before our excursion to the Sydney Royal Easter Show for a meet and greet with some real livestock.

Digital Media Elective

Students in Digital Media have been learning how to create, edit and manipulate digital images to produce new and original artworks. Artworks have included creating new versions of some of our staff, graffiti art designs, logo designs using wood or stone and much more.



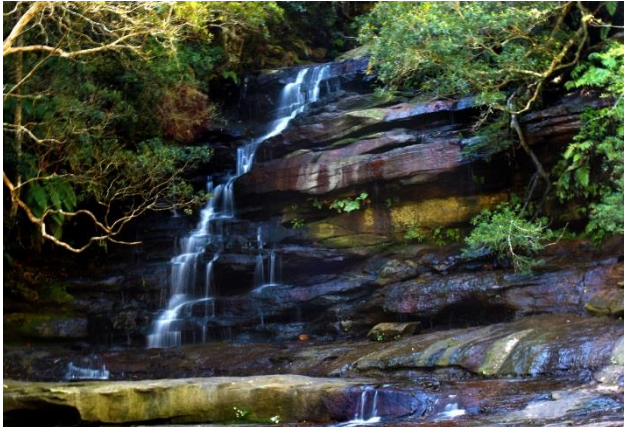
Staff Change by Jay



Graffiti Art By Ropata

Landscape photography

Students have been learning about some of the common composition principles and guidelines in landscape photography. We have visited a number of scenic locations around our local area including Brisbane Waterfront and Sommersby Falls. All participating students have taken some amazing photographs!



Sommersby Falls by Kevin



Brooklyn



Brisbane Water by Jay



Mr Peek & Kevin

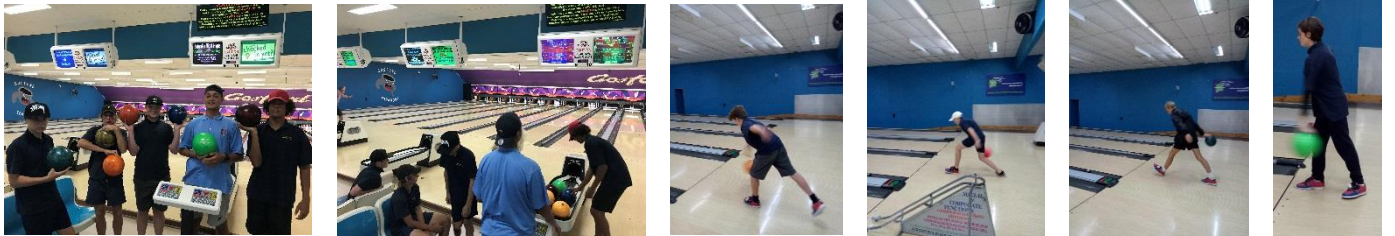
Surf Survival



Archery Tag Reward



Bowling Reward



Easter Show – Paddock to Plate Elective



Sweet Art – Food Technology Elective



Coding

