

Principal's News

Welcome to the Semester 2, 2019 Newsletter.

It's amazing how quickly each year comes and goes. We are just about to complete our 13th year at NGLC with this year as good as any in our past. Many of our students have achieved great things and worked very hard to make positive changes in how they approach their schooling.

In repeating my Semester 1 message NGLC is an opportunity for our students to reset and work toward a more positive future. Our staff are dedicated experts in the field of behaviour support and are focused on supporting our students to engage in the individual and group programs on offer.

This Newsletter again highlights the level and quality of the many activities and work samples being experienced or produced at NGLC. Our focus is always on assisting you and your child to achieve their goals. We will always do our best to support this process.

I'd like to thank all staff for their efforts again this semester. Well done to our parents and students. We wish our Year 10 leavers all the best as they are about to embark on a range of post school work and training options. This can be a challenging but also very rewarding period of adjustment and transition. We will continue to support all our student leavers into the future if ever needed. We particularly like to be kept informed and hear all the great things our students are up to after leaving NGLC.

Daniel Hayes, Principal

Dates to remember:

Last Day of Term 4 for students is Wednesday 18th December 2019.

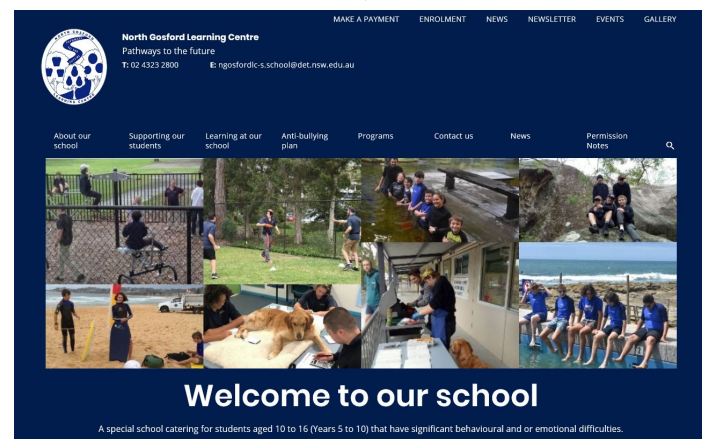
1st day back for all students in 2020 is Wednesday 29th January 2020.

New school website

Our website has undergone a makeover. It's worth a look as we are continually adding photos and updating pages.

The make a payment button is now located at the top of the screen.

www.ngosfordlc-s.schools.nsw.edu.au :



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National Tree Day



On Friday the 26th July students from North Gosford Learning Centre participated in National Tree Day, thanks to plants donated by Brian Hilton Motor Group students were able to learn about native and introduced species of plants.

Students then took part in planting 60 trees throughout the grounds of North Gosford Learning Centre. Students learnt the importance of working collaboratively to ensure that each plant was planted with appropriate potting mixture to support future growth and allow plants to mature.

Snow Trip



In week 4 a group 7 of students were fortunate enough to take part in our annual School Snow Trip. It was a fantastic week for all with perfect weather conditions and plenty of fresh snow. Staff and students stayed in Smiggins at the Apex Magic Castle which is a Chalet located in the Perisher Ski Resort area. Each day students participated in Ski lessons run by Perisher staff which resulted in all students successfully progressing with their skiing and conquering previous feelings of fear and self-doubt. A big thank you to Perisher Blue and Apex for their continued support for this year's Snow Trip!



Planetarium

NGLC Students as well as some small visitors from our local preschool were able to go on a virtual space tour when the Planetarium visited NGLC in week 6. The Planetarium is a dome that provides a theatre setting for standard and 360° immersive 3D digital images with surround sound. During these sessions, students were given virtual tours of our solar system and an in depth look at Earth's moon.

Bush Fire Safety Training

During Term 3, as a part of our citizenship program, students from classes 1 and 2 participated in a Bush Fire Safety Unit. Students studied fire behaviour, danger ratings and warnings and worked through case studies of fires in Australia and the effects on communities. This unit of work culminated in students being able to visit Fire Control at Kariong for a hands-on experience behind the scenes. Students were lucky enough to have Group Captain Chris Francis and Dan Keating from The Bays RFS take them on a tour of the FCC. This involved a multimedia presentation in the Member's training room, a tour through the incident control room and bulk water storage. The most exciting part was being able to use the hoses, pumps and explore the equipment that the truck carries. The final activity was an emergency drill using lights, emergency sprayers and radios while being inside the truck. Thank you to the RFS for allowing us to visit!!



Olympics Unleashed



As part of the Premier Sporting Challenge our school was lucky to have a visit from Nathan Katz who represented Australia in Judo at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games. Nathan spoke about the importance of setting goals and working hard to achieve them. All of the students were captivated by his journey and inspired by his resilient attitude that has placed him in a good position to be selected for his second Olympic games in 2020.



North Gosford Learning Centre

Charity Golf Day

Come and join us in this fantastic opportunity to mix with business and community leaders for a cause that makes a difference to Central Coast students that are most in need!

Sunday 15th December— The Springs Golf Club @ Peats Ridge

1080 Peats Ridge Rd, Peats Ridge NSW 2250

7:30 am start

North Gosford Learning Centre (NGLC) is a specialist school supporting students aged 10– 16 years old (Years 5 to 10) who have significant behavioral, emotional and learning difficulties who are unable to attend a mainstream school. NGLC aims to provide students opportunities to develop their skills, experience success and expand their knowledge of the world around them. The funds from this event will go towards the goal of the Annual Snow Camp at Smiggin Holes (as most of these kids have never had the opportunity to leave the coast), as well as towards a Kokoda Trek and grounds resources of artificial turf for the playground and outdoor fitness area at the school.

Players

1 x player = \$120

This includes 18 holes, green fees, electric golf cart, lunch, presentation, plenty of prizes and a players tote bag to take home.

Each player will join three others in four man ambrose. Bring some gold coins along and play some mini games along the way, all to support a great cause!

Tickets: <https://www.trybooking.com/BGTJR>

Further detail : Bruce Davis 0425 23 16 16



North Gosford Learning Centre P&C with
support from the Holy Grail Golfers Group

Sponsorship

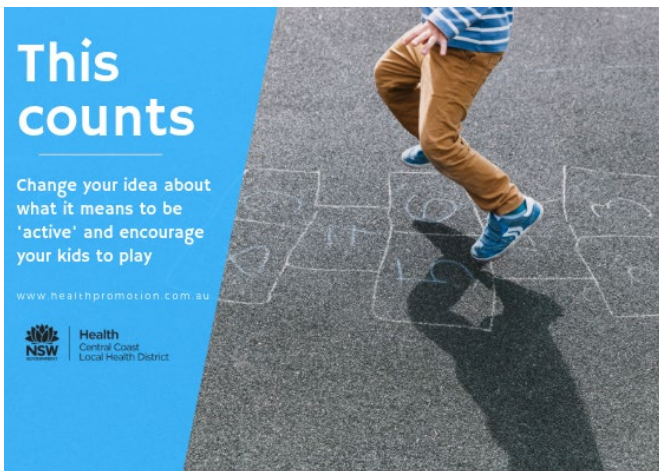
Sponsor a hole = \$500

Exclusive signage and promotion rights at the hole AND brochures and/or promotional material for players bag.

In addition, some media promotion within the local newspapers, certificate of appreciation and acknowledgement at lunch and presentation.

There is an optional choice of having a mini-game run at your hole or perhaps you have a bonus prize idea !

*Sponsors will be contacted in order of 'first in best dressed' for hole preferences. The earlier the better so as to maximise promotional opportunities.



Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning* website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

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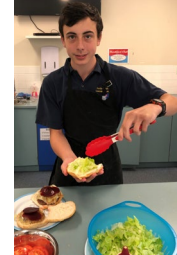
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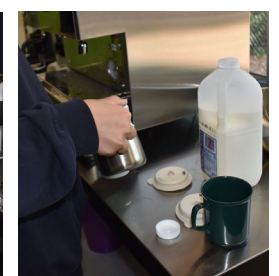
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