



# NORTHMEAD NEWSBREAK



# Northmead Newsbreak... ...Our Compass Calibration.



## WARAMI

Hello...Welcome! Our school acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which Northmead P.S. was built: the Burramattagal people of the Darug nation. We honour their deep connection to Country. Always was, always is and always will be. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. We ask all people that walk, work and live on traditional Aboriginal lands to be respectful of culture and tradition of Country. We also extend our acknowledgement of and respect to all First Nations people of the world who have always been the traditional custodians of their lands across the world.



## PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION

Recently we have noticed an increased number of students arriving at school before 8.30am, with some students arriving well before 8am.

A reminder that playground supervision begins at 8.30am with classes starting at 9am. Prior to 8.30am there is no teacher on duty supervising students. As such we request parents make arrangements for their children's supervision prior to 8.30am.

We encourage students to arrive between 8.30am and 8.55am so that they can play with their friends, listen to the announcements at the morning lines and benefit from a consistent structured start to their school day.

Thank you to all the wonderful families who have kindly responded to our morning announcements reminding parents to say goodbye during lines and are quickly leaving school grounds after the bell. We appreciate your ongoing support and value our partnership.

## ROAD SAFETY

Unfortunately, we are still receiving reports of dangerous parking and driver road use around the school. This includes drivers making dangerous U-turns over double center lines.

To assist with pedestrian safety and to ensure all road users are following the road rules, the school has contacted council and Parramatta police to request additional patrols during the busy drop off and pick up times.

For more information please visit

<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/community/schools/safety-around-schools>

**Harmony Day** will be held on March 22 in celebration of Australia's cultural diversity. The focus is on inclusion, respect, and a sense of belonging for everyone. To help celebrate Harmony Day, students are encouraged to dress up in orange (the Harmony Day colour) clothing or accessories on the day, or their family's national clothing.

All classes from K-6 will be participating in multicultural activities leading up to the day. The activities will include listening to and reading stories from other cultures, art activities and learning new games.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Harmony Day & NO PSSA**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March – SRC Assembly**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March – 3 – 6 Cross Country**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – The Greatest Shave**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March K – 2 Easter Hat Parade & Year 6 cake stall**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Autism Acceptance Day**

*Mrs Baumann | Relieving Principal*

## Attendance Principal letter to parents

Dear parents and carers

It's been great to have our students back in classrooms and settling into the school year. I know all our teachers are looking forward to a successful 2024 and are excited to work with you to make this a memorable year for your child.

The evidence is clear that consistent attendance is the essential first step for your child to have a positive experience at school.

Every day matters for your child's learning. In recent years we've seen too many students miss a day of school here and there. Missing school for students means missing assignments, time with friends, an important maths lesson or getting picked for a sports team. With days missed, years are lost.

Students are required to attend school every day, whether it's the first or last day of the term, Mondays, Fridays or days dedicated to sports carnivals, school excursions and incursions.

Help us make sure your child is achieving their best and stays ahead in their learning with regular school attendance. The more time your child attends school, the greater their opportunity to learn, make new friends and improve their wellbeing. Together, let's build positive attendance habits for a lifetime.

If your child is absent from school, please let us know why as soon as possible, even if it's just a few minutes at the start or end of the school day. Of course, there will be times when your child is unable to be at school (like when they are unwell). Medical appointments should take place outside school hours where possible and family holidays should be taken in term breaks.

If your child is feeling anxious about coming to school and you need support, please reach out to your child's teacher or me directly. Our staff are here to work with you and your child to help them attend school each and every day. There are also helpful resources for parents and carers on the [Every Day Matters website](#).

Thank you again for working with our teachers and support staff to make sure your child is at school, on time, every day. We all want to see our students learn, grow and belong in our equitable and outstanding education system.

Yours sincerely

Natalie Baumann

Relieving Principal





Committed **Teachers.**  
Caring **Students.**  
Connected **Communities.**

# What is a Real Schools partnership?

As part of NPS's Strategic School Plan, our school has partnered with Real Schools.

Essentially, Real Schools work hand-in-hand with our school across three years to implement Restorative Practices as the underpinning methodology of our School Culture. Our approach to Restorative Practice is an upgraded version of what you might be imagining and respects both the business and the busy-ness of the contemporary Australian school. Focused on "low investment, high return" changes that trigger both quick wins and sustainable practice commitments, what we call 'RP2.0' is a revolution in teacher practice and cultural leadership. This is no 'program' – it's a commitment to your school's preferred future.

One of the first changes we've been making is to become more conscious about the language we use to create an environment where kids can grow and thrive. What the research on school culture (and that also applies to classroom culture) shows is that it's the language we, as adults, use that is the most influential factor.

And so, we've been slowly adjusting our language in four key ways.

**Affective Language.** We use the language of affects/feelings when speaking to the students about the low-level behaviours that happen almost all the time in schools. Instead of saying "Hey, pick that up" if a student litters, you'll hear us saying "It disappoints me to see you do that. Please pick it up". When students hear the word *disappoint*, they're not only more likely to pick up the rubbish, but they also get valuable information about that kind of behaviour that leads to better self-regulation in the future. The great part of Affective Language is that it can also be used positively to reinforce desirable behaviours by saying "I'm *delighted* to see you use the bin without being asked to". You'd be surprised at how well it works.

**Stored Responses.** We've been talking about how our language can get off track sometimes – *at home, at school and in the big wide world* – when we get flustered or emotional. We're working on storing scripted responses for those moments, so we don't lose our cool or say the wrong thing.

**Positive Priming** – this one's quite easy. We're trying to speak more to behaviours we want to see rather than those we'd rather not see. It's part of the reason that "don'ts don't work" all that well when it comes to working with kids. **Stakeholder Protection** – we want a psychologically safe classroom for kids, staff and parents. We want any possibility that you or your child will be spoken of negatively in our school to be something you couldn't even imagine happening.

In some ways, these changes seem small. *Could they really change much?* What we're finding is that they really do. We think it's got something to do with the enormous volume of opportunities we have to use these simple changes.

And you can feel very free to use these changes at home too. Try walking into a messy bedroom, nodding knowingly and just saying "This mess is pretty frustrating" before calmly walking out. See what happens next!

At Northmead PS, we are very excited about how Restorative Practices contributes to making our school one where community matters. We care for each other and the feelings generated by being a part of our school are ones that reflect a commitment to being positive, safe and friendly



On Monday 11 March 2024, 19 students attended the CHPSSA Zone Swimming Carnival. These students swam their hearts out, encouraging each other, and doing Northmead proud. Well done to you all!







# Y6 SALE

**DATE:** THURSDAY 28TH MARCH (AFTER THE K-2 EASTER HAT PARADE)  
**TIME:** K-2 APPROXIMATELY 9:45AM, 3-6 AT RECESS - 11AM - 11:20 OR SOLD OUT  
**LOCATION:** OUTSIDE 6A CLASSROOM  
**COST:** \$1-2-CASH ONLY

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### ❑ **Cashless Made Simple!**

Australia is on the brink of becoming a cashless society. MSP Photography have embraced this new change to help improve your school photography experience!

### ❑ **To Order Photos:**

Once the school have handed out your photo order form, go to [www.msp.com.au](http://www.msp.com.au), enter your unique shootkey and follow the prompts. If you're missing your shootkey, please give us a call on 02 9831 5505.

### ❑ **Family Photos:**

Please order online prior to photo day with your unique shootkey. One shootkey per family. Please note - All orders placed after photo day incur a \$20 late fee.



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## **COMPETITION**

### **DESIGN AN NRL JERSEY**

**You are invited to design a jersey for an NRL team, ahead of Multicultural Round, by using your creativity to showcase yours or other cultures.**

**Use the jersey template on the next page to complete your individual design.**

**Spares will also be kept with Mrs Smith or in the front office.**

**The NRL will select the best entries that have been sent to them from multiple schools. There will be a K-2 and 3-6 prize for both individual and class entries.**

**Please have entries to Mrs Smith by Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March (Week 8).**

**Individual winners will receive an NRL or NRLW jersey of their choice and class winners will receive and NRL schools pack worth \$400.**





STUDENT NAME >>







**BOOKINGS OPEN  
APRIL 10, 2024 AT 7PM**

# HOLIDAY PROGRAM

**REGISTER NOW**



Let's get the kids active and moving these holidays with Active Parramatta's free School Holiday Program.

Classes include AFL, Frisbee, Netball, Hip Hop, Skateboarding, Golf, Tennis and Hula Hooping plus more.

Spaces are limited so you don't want to miss out



Active Parramatta



<https://bitly.ws/HEXe>



# P&C NEWSFLASH

*Northmead Public School P&C Association*



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### **P&C AGM and General Meeting:**

Wednesday 15th May 2024 7pm (Term 2 Week 3) via ZOOM.

**Easter Raffle:** Tickets and donations **due Monday 25th March 2024**

**Pumpkin Guessing Competition:** Enter via Qkr! Entries **close 9am Wednesday 27th March 2024.**

**Garden Club:** Monthly working be 1st Thursday of the month during school term ad Friday afternoons. Meet in the vegetable garden after school.

**NPS P&C Association:**  
[info@northmeadpublicschoolpandc.org.au](mailto:info@northmeadpublicschoolpandc.org.au)

**NPS Band Instrument Hire:**  
[NPSbandinstruments@outlook.com](mailto:NPSbandinstruments@outlook.com)

**The Clothing Shop:**  
[npsclothingshop1@gmail.com](mailto:npsclothingshop1@gmail.com)

**Canteen:**  
[canteen@northmeadpublicschool.org.au](mailto:canteen@northmeadpublicschool.org.au)





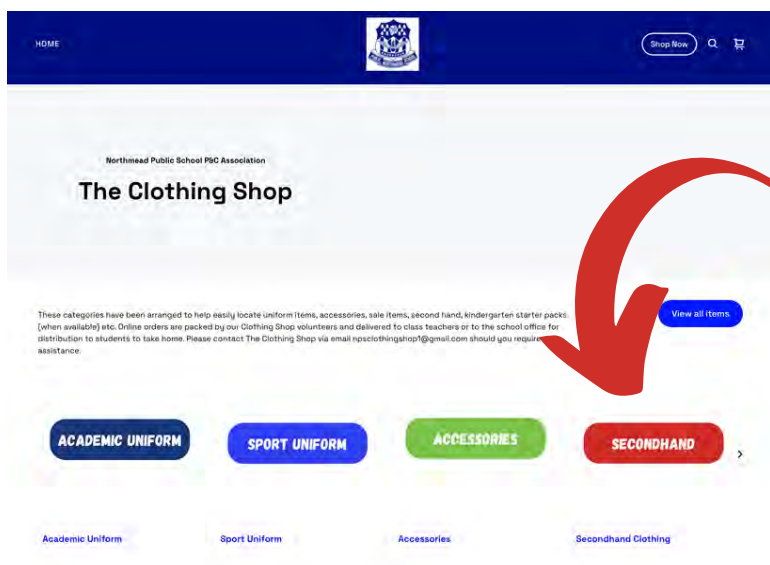
# CLOTHING SHOP UPDATE

## Secondhand has moved to Square

Secondhand items are now listed for sale on our Square website and will **no longer be sold via Qkr!**

<https://northmead-public-school-pc-association.square.site>

This decision has been made as we have found that Square is a much easier platform for stock control, returns and exchanges.

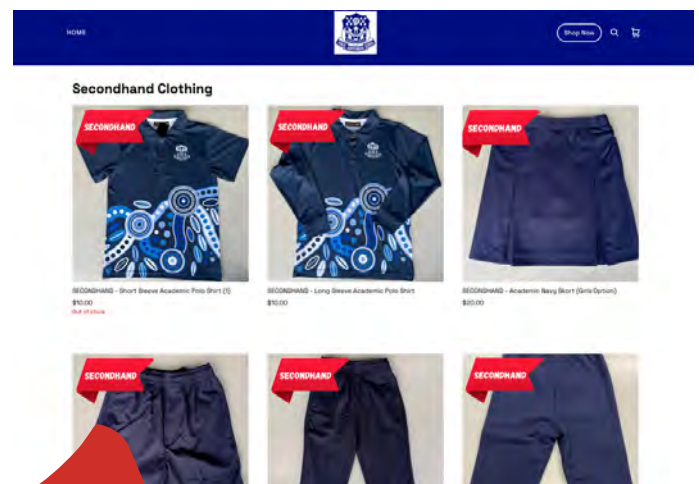


All items on the website have been arranged into categories to help easily locate what you might be looking for.

Click on the **red** secondhand category on the home page to find them.

Secondhand items are clearly marked by their title and **red tag** on the photograph to help avoid confusion with new items on the website.

Some items may be out of stock as available stock is only updated as donations are received. So keep your eye on the website if you are looking for something in particular.





Sell tickets to friends  
and family to help  
raise funds for our  
school.

# EASTER RAFFLE

A huge thank you to those who have purchased and sold tickets and made generous donations.

**We still need your help  
with the following:**



**Donations of an Easter egg  
or Easter themed item to go  
towards the raffle prizes.**

Donate an Easter  
egg and receive a  
free ticket into the  
draw!



**Selling tickets to help raise  
funds in support of our  
school.**

**Additional tickets can be printed from  
your email.**

Funds raised will go towards the  
purchased of classroom resources across  
all grades.

We appreciate you support and generous  
donations. Winners will be drawn before  
Easter. Good Luck!





# GUESS THE WEIGHT OF THE PUMPKIN

A giant pumpkin has grown in our school vegetable garden and it could be yours!

Entries are \$2 each and funds raised will go towards purchases for the school garden.

**Don't forget to submit your guess in grams via Qkr!**

**Entries close 9am Wednesday 27th March 2024.**



# NORTHMEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

## Centenary

Past students, staff and community members of Northmead Public School are invited to share their memories of NPS and register interest in our centenary celebrations scheduled for September 2024.

More information on events to be advised.



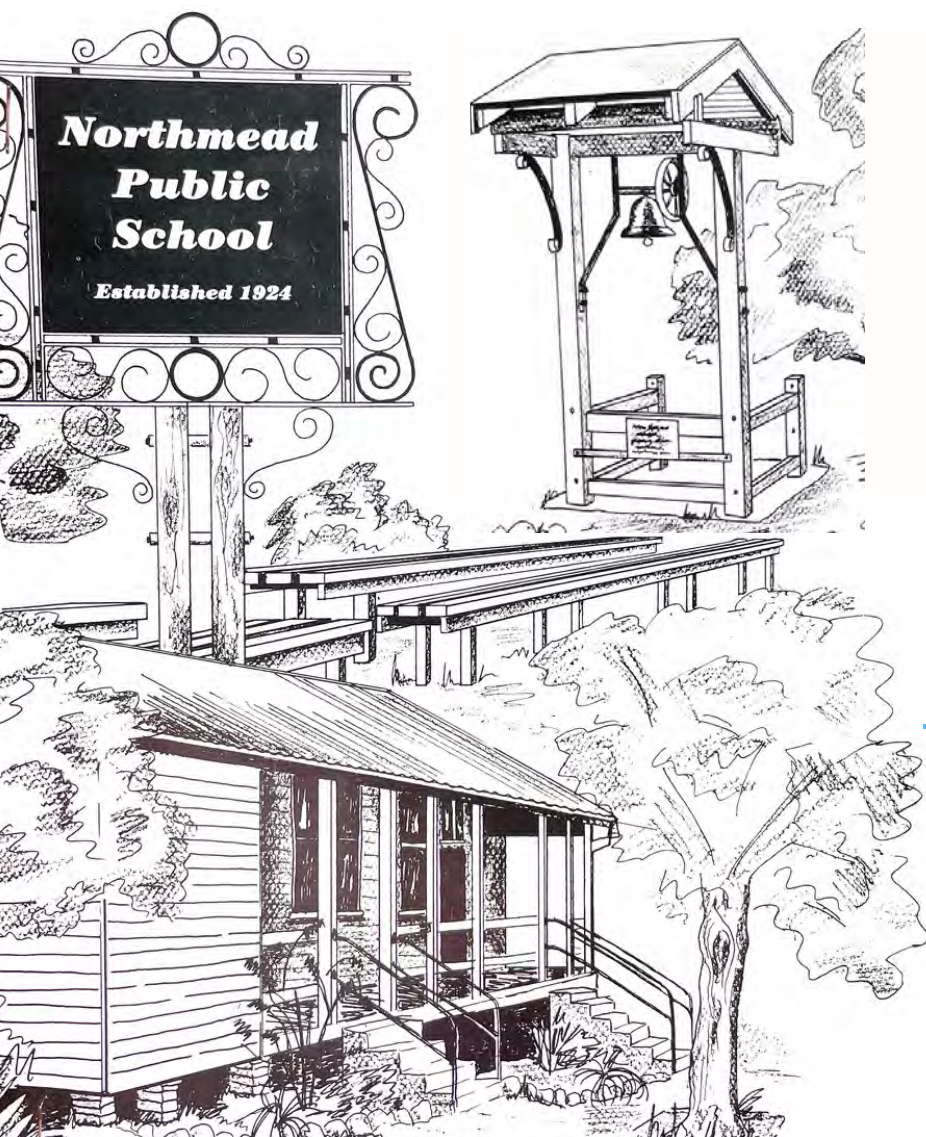
**We would love to hear  
from you!**

**Please contact us and  
share the word.**

Scan the QR code or click  
the link to register.

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For more information please email:

[centenary@northmeadpublicschoolpandc.org.au](mailto:centenary@northmeadpublicschoolpandc.org.au)



# CENTENARY CARNIVAL



SAVE THE DATE  
Saturday  
21st September 2024

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have the capacity and willingness to  
organise any of the following activities:

- carnival activities
- pony rides/petting zoo
- food trucks
- stalls
- kids games and craft
- seek sponsors

Evening meeting time in  
Term 1 TBA

For more information or to sign up as a volunteer please  
email: [info@northmeadpublicschoolpandc.org.au](mailto:info@northmeadpublicschoolpandc.org.au)





# SEEKING VOLUNTEER TREASURER

**Do you have financial/accounting skills and some time to contribute to your child's school from behind your own laptop, in the hours of your choice?**

The NPS Parents and Citizens Association is seeking a volunteer to be trained to take on the treasurer role and responsibilities from our current treasurer of 4 years, who will be leaving the position later in 2024. Our online accounts and transactions are managed using Xero and Commbizz. Accounts are currently in good financial standing and are audited annually.

The P&C treasurer is responsible for all funds held in the name of the P&C Association, including ensuring proper and open accounting of all funds held and handled by the P&C. The Treasurer must ensure a case book or books are kept, recording all financial transactions of the P&C Association. Book-keeping support may be available, but the responsibility for oversight remains with the treasurer. The treasurer is a joint signatory on all P&C accounts, along with other office bearers.



If you are interested in the role or would like further information, please address your expression of interest via email to:

**The President of NPS P&C Association -**  
**[info@northmeadpublicschoolpandc.org.au](mailto:info@northmeadpublicschoolpandc.org.au)**