



NORTHMEAD NEWSBREAK



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AT A GLANCE!

**2021 DATES
TERM 4 / 2022 TERM 1**

Have you enrolled your child for Kindergarten 2022? On-line enrolments are being processed right now!

Thurs 9 December
Y6 Movie/Mufti Day
(all Y6 events in T4 have been communicated to Y6 families in notes)

Mon 13 December
Sem 2 Reports
Emailed

Last day Term 4 for students: Thurs 16/12

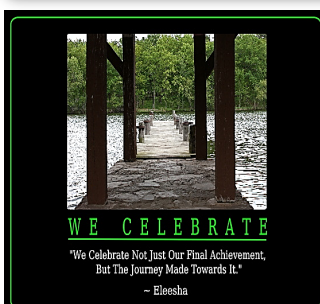
Staff Dev. Day Fri 17/12
(no students)

2022 – Term 1
Staff return Fri Jan 28 – for 2 x Staff Dev Days
(28 & 31 Jan) – no students

2022 – Term 1
Students in Years 1-6
Day 1:
Tuesday 1 February

Monday 7 February
Swimming Carnival
Years 3-6 and Y2 students who turn 8 in 2022. (see note for details and please return as soon as possible)

Thought for the Week



The Eazy Editorial



• EVERY MINUTE COUNTS • EVERY CHILD COUNTS •
• EVERY CHILDHOOD COUNTS • Kailash Satyarthi

Dear Northmead P.S. Community:

What a wonderful week of celebrating our students! It was a privilege to attend the Presentation Day Assemblies and acknowledge the achievements of our students in academic learning, sporting events, citizenship, school spirit, creative pursuits including Band and Dance and school leadership opportunities. Congratulations to all our award winners K-6. Later in this Newsletter I have published the successful student leaders and their roles for 2022. They will be formally inducted in a special Student Leadership Assembly early in 2022 to which we hope to be able to invite parents/carers in accordance with the COVID-safe guidelines in place in Term 1.

The worthy recipient of the highest academic achievement for Year 6 in 2021 was:

2021 DUX

Disha

YEAR 6 FAREWELL DINNER

Year 6 – last Tuesday was your BIG night and you absolutely outdid yourselves with positive behaviour and enjoyment, commented upon by the staff at the venue. Thank you to Mr Gorrie, Mrs Whyte and the Stage 3 team for all your amazing organisation to make this evening so special for our Year 6 students. We hope it will be a very fond and lifetime memory for you all. We still have your Graduation Breakfast and Ceremony next Wednesday and the traditional “ring out” on the last day of school next Thursday. I hope you enjoy not only Tuesday night’s memories but your final days at Northmead Public School. Remember that for everyone that knows you...as Winnie the Pooh said:

“How lucky am I (are we) to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.”

ARE YOU MOVING ELSEWHERE 2022? PLEASE LET US KNOW!

In order for us to be up-to-date for 2022 class planning, we ask that **families with students in K-Y5 who already know they will not be returning in 2022 to inform the school by phone call or email as soon as possible.**

I am in the process of reading our students’ Semester 2 reports and am reflecting on the many improvements and accomplishments your children have made in their academic learning and social skills throughout 2021, despite the challenges presented when we were learning from home. I’m sure you will celebrate with your children their many areas of achievement. If they also have challenges still to work on (as really, we all do in life), I encourage you to support them to know and understand that they can accomplish anything with a positive attitude, the motivation to strive to do better and a determination to always keep trying. So this seems a fitting quote to accompany those sentiments as our students reflect on their academic and lifeskills’ progress, including how to be **even better** as a learner and contributor to school and home life:

“What you want to do and what you can do, is limited only by what you can dream.”

Mike Melville

I look forward to chatting with you next week for the final 2021 Northmead Newsbreak ...

...Anne Eazy (Principal)

2022 STUDENT SCHOOL LEADERS

I would like to congratulate our incoming School Student Leadership team of Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects on receiving your official "titles" in the Stage 3 Presentation Assembly. We know you will make a positive contribution to your fellow students representing the school.

2022 SCHOOL CAPTAINS & VICE CAPTAINS

| SCHOOL CAPTAINS | SCHOOL VICE CAPTAINS |
|---|------------------------|
| <i>Hishi and Kane</i> | <i>Tolga and Poppy</i> |
| PREFECTS | |
| <i>Gemma Olivia Sophia Calvin Bora Zayd</i> | |

Students who nominated for the other important Student Leadership roles including: Sporting House Captains and Vice Captains, Library Monitors, Canteen Assistants and Environmental Rangers had their role officially announced in a special Stage 3 Assembly today.

We thank you all for stepping up to assist the school in these important roles.

2022 SPORTING HOUSE CAPTAINS & VICE CAPTAINS

| BRIGALOW | | DUNNEBAH | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| HOUSE CAPTAINS | VICE CAPTAINS | HOUSE CAPTAINS | VICE CAPTAINS |
| <i>Carlton and Rachel</i> | <i>Calvin and Sara</i> | <i>Charlotte and Leonard</i> | <i>Layla and Simone</i> |
| MINORE | | YARRABIN | |
| HOUSE CAPTAINS | VICE CAPTAINS | HOUSE CAPTAINS | VICE CAPTAINS |
| <i>Hamon and Ayla</i> | <i>Natalie and Lisa</i> | <i>Lana and Ethan</i> | <i>Lily and Zao</i> |

| 2022 LIBRARY MONITORS | | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <i>Yamen</i> | <i>Lucy</i> | <i>Charvee</i> | <i>Shalom</i> | <i>Emmalene</i> |
| 2022 CANTEEN ASSISTANTS | | | | |
| <i>Oliver</i> | <i>Latifah</i> | <i>Elan</i> | <i>Olivia</i> | <i>Jayne</i> |
| 2022 ENVIRONMENTAL RANGERS | | | | |
| <i>William</i> | <i>Gemma</i> | <i>Nylan</i> | <i>Summer</i> | <i>Alexo</i> |

The official induction for all these leadership roles, will occur early in Term 1 2022 in a special separate event to which we hope to invite parents to if restrictions/guidelines allow. Details of this event will be published early in Term 1.

Congratulations to you all and thank you for your leadership at Northmead Public School.



SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS TERM 1: **FRIDAY 28 AND MONDAY 31 JANUARY**

STUDENTS IN YEARS 1-6 RETURN TUESDAY 1 FEBRUARY

Please note the beginning of 2022 school year start dates for all NSW Public Schools. To ensure that schools are able to give time to high impact professional learning for staff, the following two (2) School Development Days (SDDs) are scheduled for the beginning of the 2022 school year.

- Term 1 School Development Days Friday 28 and Monday 31 January (***no students attend***)
- Years 1-6 students return **Tuesday 1 February 2022**
- All 2022 Kindergarten students will have their Orientation to school and Best Start interview times between Tuesday 1 and Thursday 3 February (all parents have been informed of times).
2022 Kindergarten students do not attend Friday 4 February.
- All Northmead 2022 Kindergarten students will start in their classes on **Monday 7 February** with staggered morning arrival times being communicated with each family.

THE ROADMAP IN TERM 4 | RAPID ANTIGEN HOME TESTING (RAHT)

All NSW Public schools will operate on updated Level 3 settings for the rest of Term 4 2021, with the following activities allowed in a COVID-safe manner:

- Excursions are allowed outdoors (and indoors where sole use of the premises is available).
- Incursions are allowed indoors and outdoors where cohorts are kept separate.
- Year 6 graduations and formals are allowed within cohorts, either on school sites or at external venues – with COVID-safe plans in place and physical distancing adhered to.
- School sports are allowed, including inter-school sports (**after school hours**) and access to indoor and outdoor pools (from 1 November).
- Transitions and orientations are allowed in a COVID-safe way that minimises mingling between students and follows the school's organisation.

In order to minimise disruptions caused to schools by COVID-19 cases, and to maximise the time our students have learning in the classrooms a number of changes to operations for schools will be introduced from Monday 29 November for the remainder of Term 4.




Rapid antigen 'test-to-stay' program

A rapid antigen home testing (RAHT) 'test-to-stay' program will be available to any student who is a close contact of a COVID-19 case **in a school setting**. This will enable them to get back to school immediately following a negative PCR test and **on the basis, they do daily RAHTs before attending school across 7 consecutive days**.

This means that our students' learning is able to continue with minimal interruptions following a positive COVID-19 case. Full support will be available to help you implement this should it be required at our school and many other schools and students are already using RAHTs successfully.

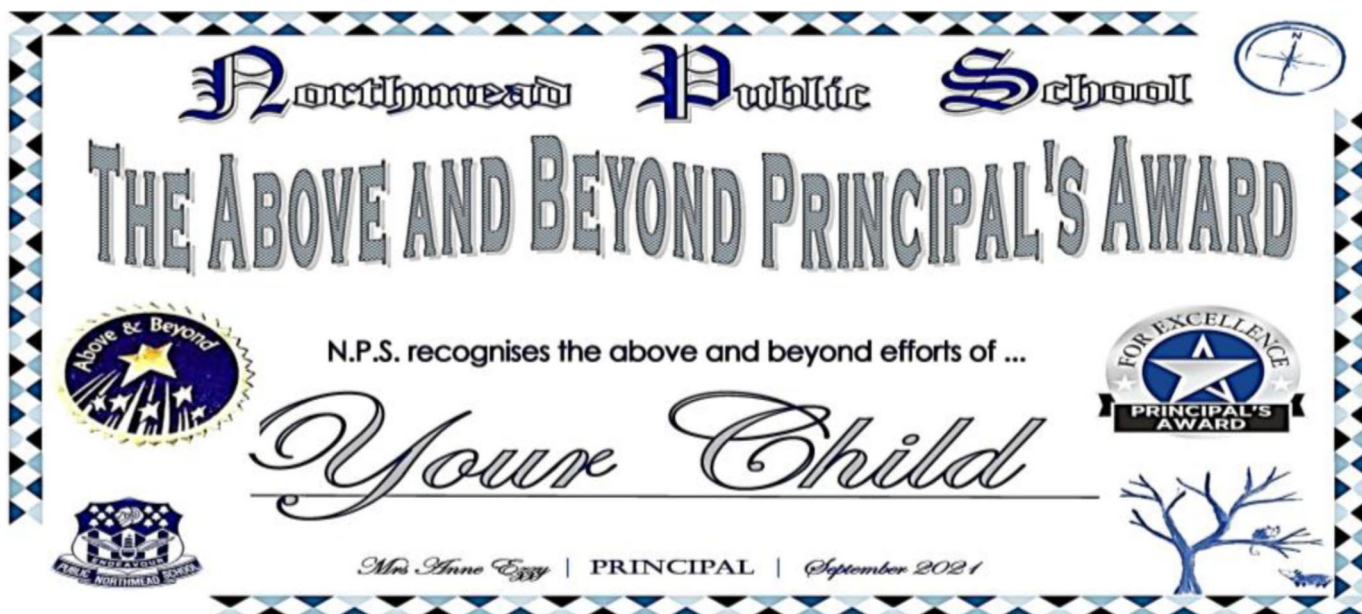
10 Transition Tips for 2022

As this year draws to a close, many families are probably thinking about 2022 and what it will bring for their child/children. Here are a few ideas which may assist you to prepare your child for next year.

1. Start with a great holiday! Enjoy the festive season with your family and get everyone outside for some rest and recreation whether that be swimming, hiking, beach visits or playing backyard cricket. 
2. Talk positively about the coming year. Instead of “you might not be with your friends” try “you will have a great opportunity to make new friends to add to your current friends”. Instead of “you will have to get to know your new teacher” try “your new teacher is going to love having such a great mathematician/reader/friend in their class”.
3. Listen to your child if they express concerns but talk with them about solutions to their worries. Acknowledge their fears but do not enable them.
4. Reduce screen time towards the end of the holidays in preparation for school and try some physical activities instead to get those “brain cells working”. 
5. Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep - 9 to 11 hrs is recommended. School holidays are a time to stay up later and have some fun but, as the new school year gets closer, re-establish regular bed times.
6. Towards the end of January start arranging some “play dates” with friends to get your child practising their social skills in readiness for school where turn taking, sharing and negotiation are key skills to success.
7. Involve your child in “back to school shopping” for lunch boxes, school shoes, school supplies etc. Make sure your children “wear in” those school shoes before the big day! 
8. For our new kinder students, make sure they get some practice getting their uniform on and their shoes as well. Maybe do a couple of walks past the school and talk about the fun they will have on the other side of that fence!
9. For those who are reluctant to part with mum and dad you could try giving them something special of yours to “keep” during the day (make sure it is small) - a beach pebble or shell you collected together, a special keyring that could go on their bag etc. This could help them cope with the transition away from home and known adults.
10. Get out and about with your family - museums, beaches, the movies (covid permitting), restaurants/cafes etc to get everyone back to socialising with others and being in larger groups of people. Make some wonderful family memories so your child will have some adventures to share with their teacher and their friends when they return to school.

Finally, if you have any concerns about your child’s transition to 2022 don’t hesitate to speak with us! Have a wonderful break and we look forward to seeing you back in 2022.

Gail Wheatley AP Learning Success



STAGE 2 (YEARS 3 AND 4)

CLASS TERM 3 WEEK 7

3/4P *Muadh I.*

KINDERGARTEN

CLASS WEEK 7

KMB *Ayesha K.*

KMB *Jiaan O.*

CLASS WEEK 7

KS *Fatima T.*

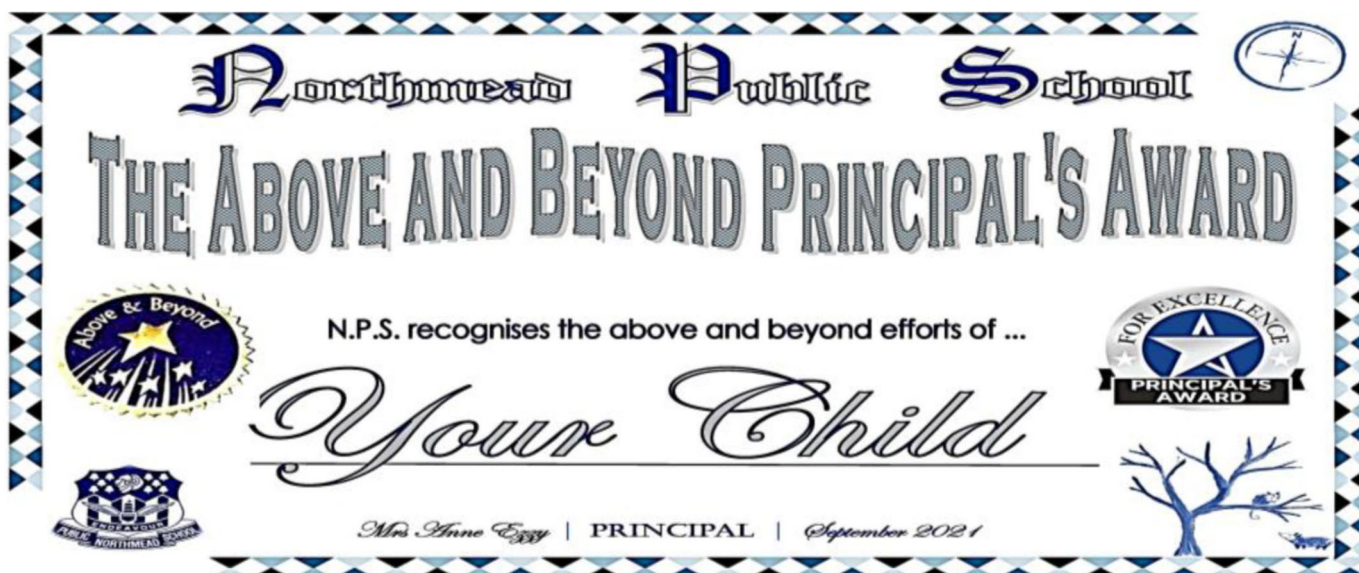
STAGE 3 (YEARS 5 AND 6)

CLASS WEEK 7

5/6E *Karam S.*

CLASS WEEK 7

5/6W *Grace K.*



STAGE 2 (YEARS 3 AND 4) – STAGE 3 (YEARS 5 AND 6)

CLASS WEEK 8

3/4A *Yog B.*

3/4A *Kaya S.*

3/4L *Samuel S.*

3/4L *Scarlett G.*

5/6E *Asya A.*

CLASS WEEK 8

5/6E *Acara L.*

5/6H *Behrad A.F.*

5/6H *Charvee S.*

5/6M *Noah Q.*

5/6M *Radin L.*

CLASS WEEK 8

5/6N *Koby S.*

5/6N *Emmalene W.*

5/6S *Sione T.*

5/6S *Queenie T.*

5/6W *Aisake F-U.*

5/6W *Ayla O.*

STAGE 2 (YEARS 3 AND 4) – STAGE 3 (YEARS 5 AND 6)

CLASS WEEK 9

3/4A *Isaac P.*

3/4A *Sahil J.*

3/4C *Hunter S.*

3/4C *Jane K.*

3/4F *Alexis K.*

3/4F *Jack M.*

3/4K *Jasmine K.*

3/4K *Skye D.*

3/4L *Lillian F.*

CLASS WEEK 9

3/4L *Christian L.*

3/4M *Megan L.*

3/4M *Jacob M.*

3/4P *Sophie B.*

3/4P *Jackson G.*

4/5F *Peiu V.*

4/5F *Jacob M.*

5/6E *Kabeer S.*

5/6E *Jasmine H.*

CLASS WEEK 9

5/6H *Ella J.*

5/6H *Tai J.*

5/6M *Semi S.*

5/6N *Sophia C-M.*

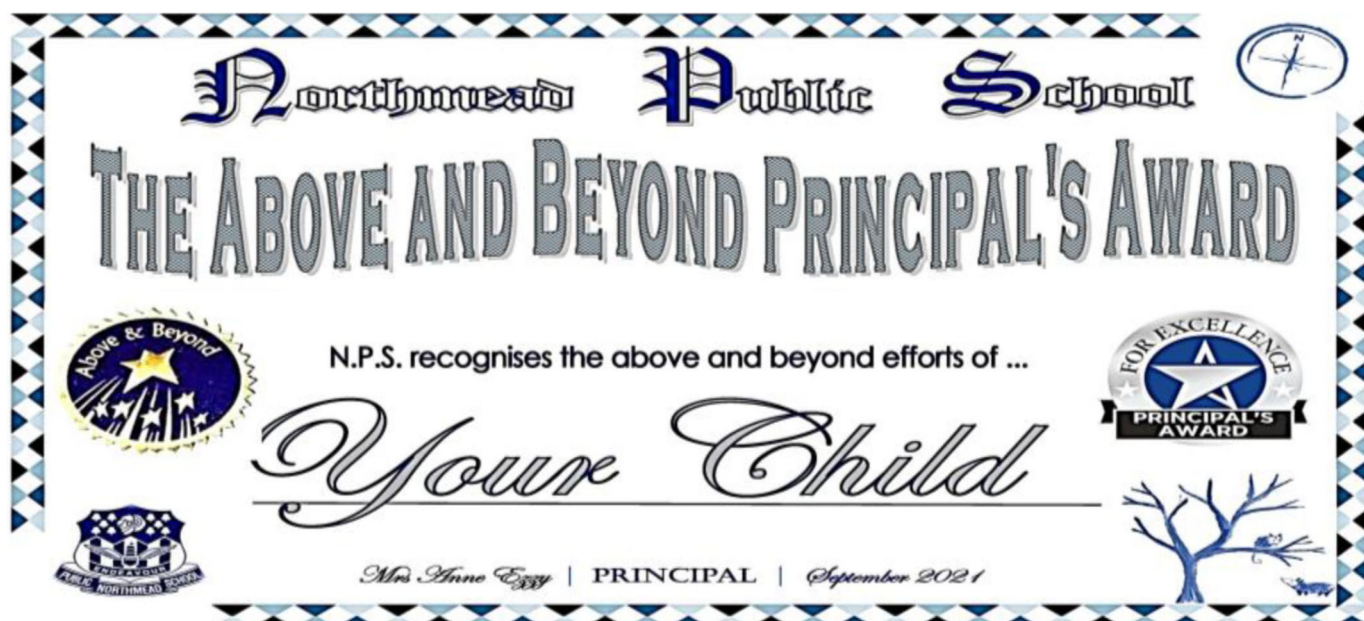
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5/6S *Norbu T.*

5/6S *Jack M.*

5/6W *Rose U.*

5/6W *Finn V.W.*



STAGE 2 (YEARS 3 AND 4) – STAGE 3 (YEARS 5 AND 6)

CLASS WEEK 10

3/4C Saanvika H.

3/4C Ibrahim I.

3/4F Yashvardhan S.

3/4F Bernise M.

3/4K Koula T.

3/4K Alec B.

3/4L Heneli L.

CLASS WEEK 10

3/4L Alexander S.

3/4M Jacob B.

3/4M Mia C.

3/4P Sanaya R.

3/4P Matthew K.

4/5F Oliver P.

5/6E Darren C.

CLASS WEEK 10

5/6E Tyler R.

5/6H Charlie W.

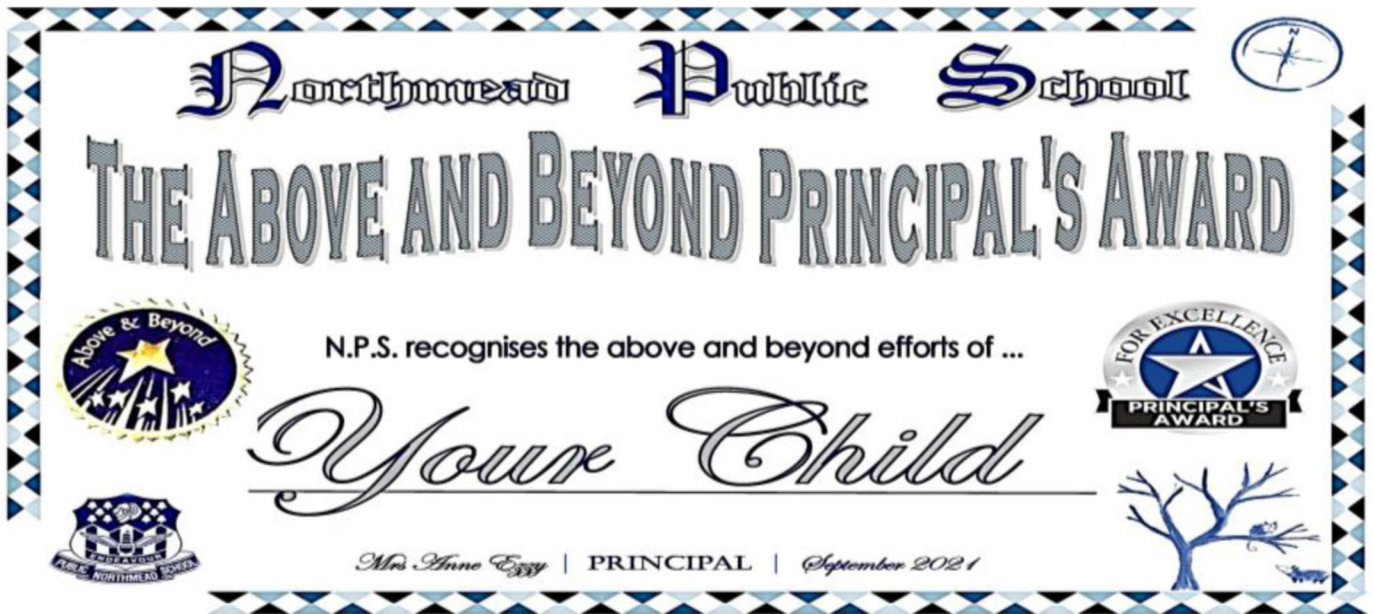
5/6H Carlton A.

5/6H Noar Z.

5/6N Aydin M.

5/6S Knox S.

5/6S Zayd P.



STAGE 2 (YEARS 3 AND 4) – STAGE 3 (YEARS 5 AND 6)

CLASS WEEK 11

3/4C Jaxon K.

3/4C Il'ya M.

3/4F Alex M.

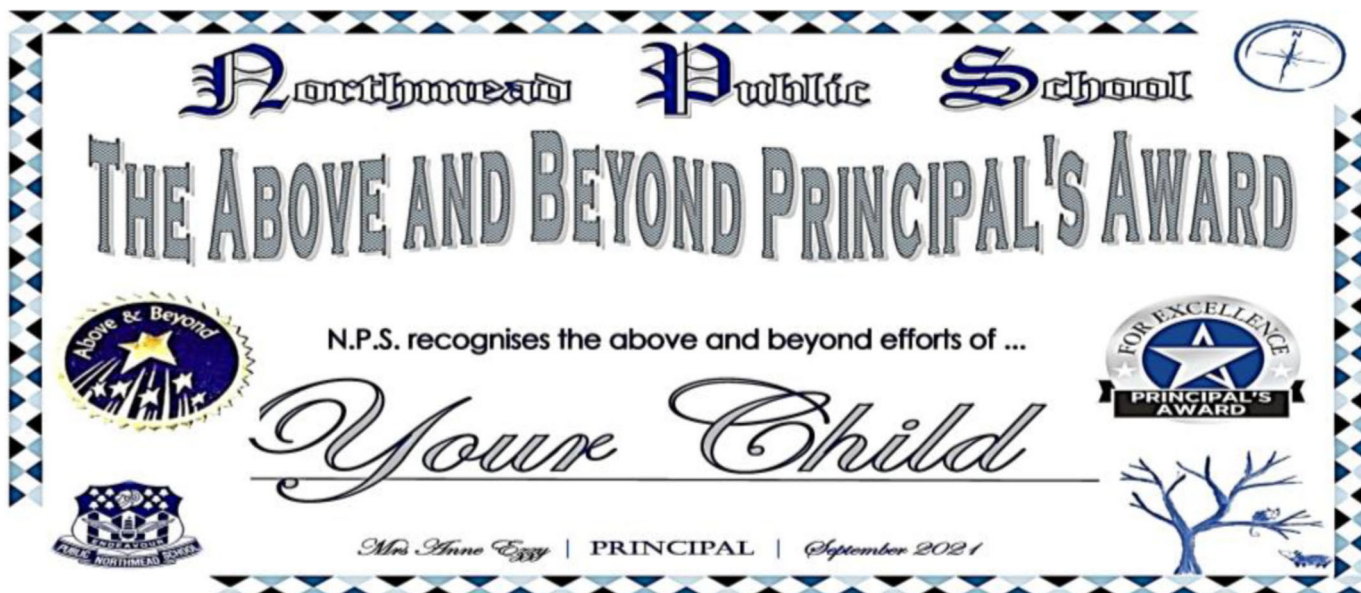
3/4F Jessica B.

CLASS WEEK 11

3/4L Janim K.

3/4M Aven O.

5/6E Mohammed A.



STAGE 2 (YEARS 3 AND 4)

CLASS TERM 3 WEEK 7

3/4P *Muadh I.*

STAGE 3 (YEARS 5 AND 6)

CLASS WEEK 7

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CLASS WEEK 7

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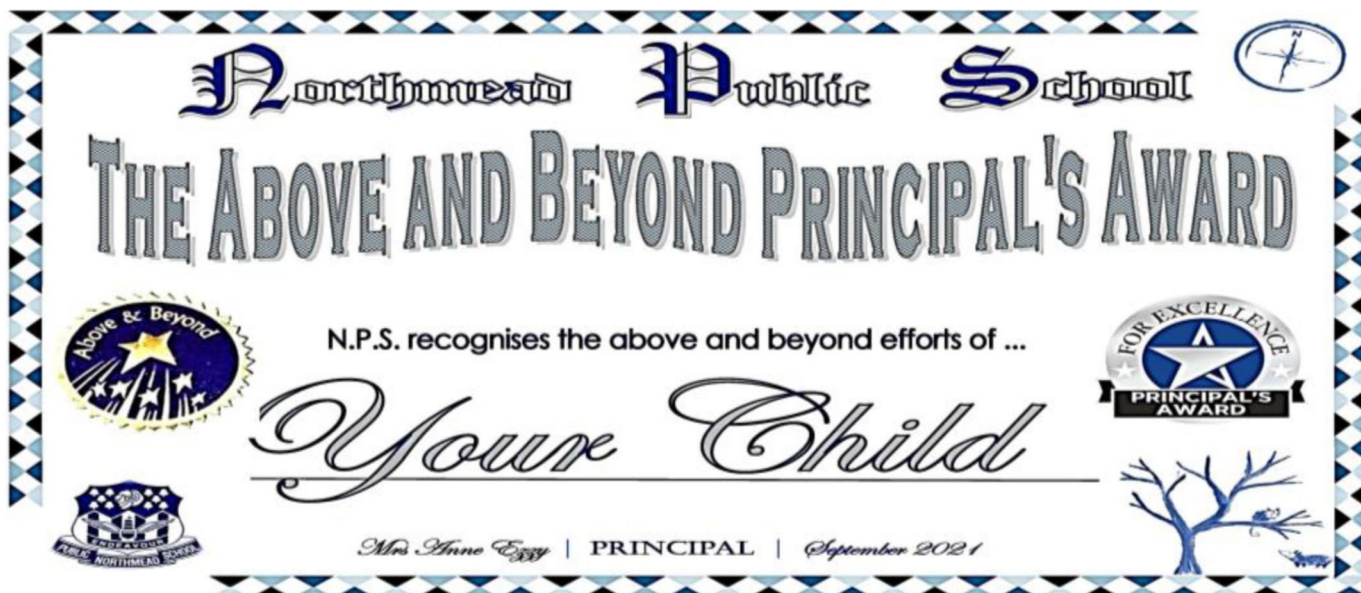
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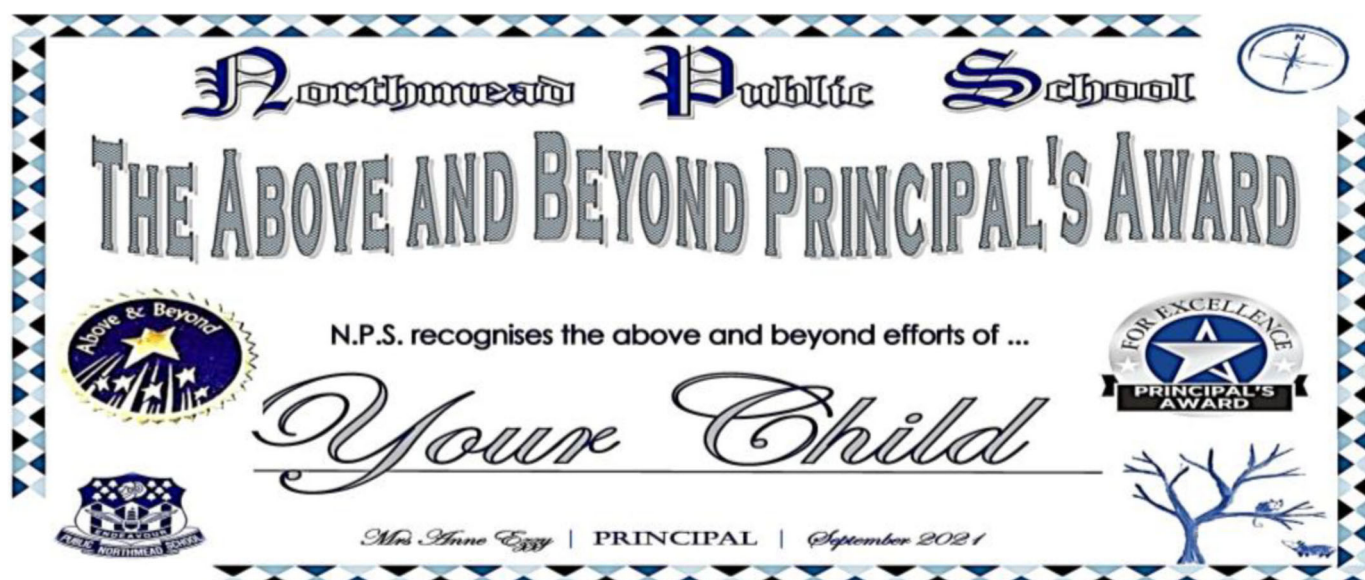
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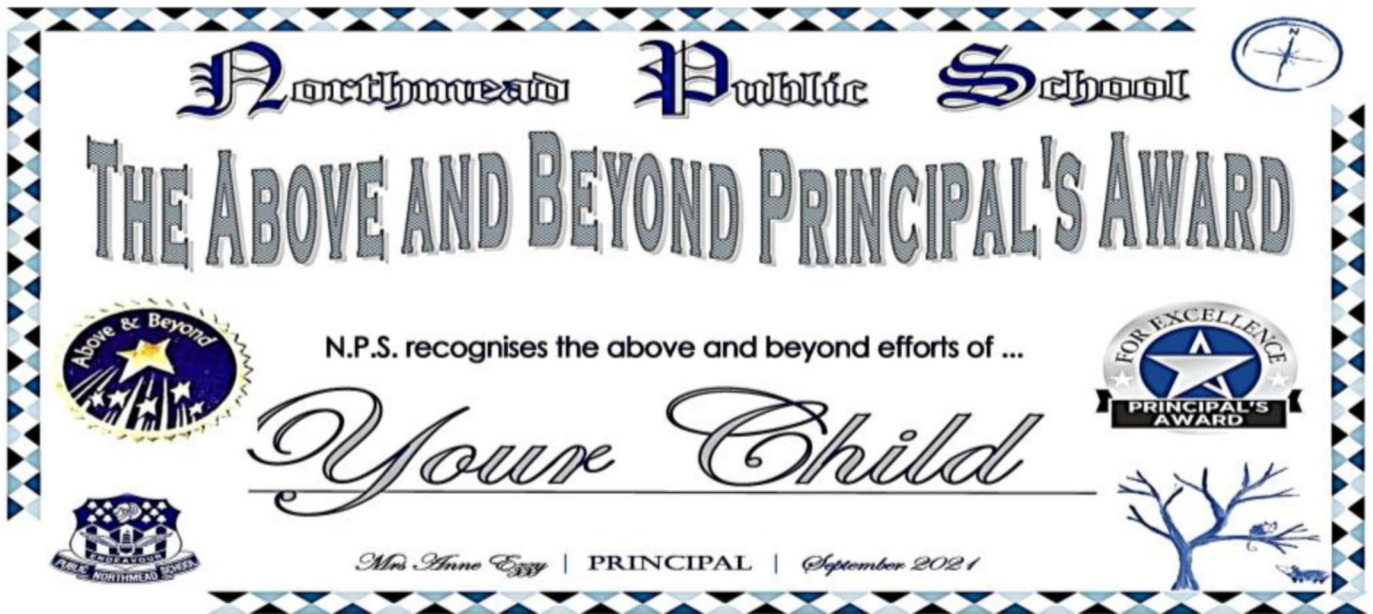
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5/6W *A B.*



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CLASS WEEK 11

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Northmead Public School Band News



Thank you to all the NPS Band students and parents! Despite all the challenges this year, you've all worked hard, and we are incredibly proud of you! Special thanks to all the wonderful parents who have volunteered their time throughout the year! From all the Band Committee parents- **We wish you a happy, and safe summer!**

Farewell to Year 6



We wish you all the very best in your future, and hope look back on your time with the NPS Band as a fun and rewarding time where you learned a few new skills, made some new friends and got to be a musical superstar on stage. We thank you for all the music you have shared with us over these past four years, and hope it is just the beginning of your musical journey.

Enjoy your next adventure Class of 2021!

2022 Training Band

We are excited with the level of interest in joining the 2022 Training Band, and look forward to welcoming everyone next year. If you have left an 'Expression of interest' form with the office please email us at npsband@hotmail.com with your contact details so that we can send on further information.

We are sad to say farewell **Angelina Freckelton** who has been an instrumental member of the band committee for the past two years. Thank you for all your time and efforts- We will miss you!



Join the Band Committee in 2022



We are calling for anyone who is interested in joining the Band Committee to jump in and see what it's all about. Everyone is welcome, and ideally we would like at least two parent representatives from each band. Please email us if you'd like more information. The NPS Band committee cannot operate without parent volunteers.

Northmead Public School Band News



Congratulations to all the band students who received awards at this week's Presentation Day Assemblies, and to the following students for their outstanding achievements in band this year:



Geoff Stevenson award: **Draco Kumaran-Eriksson**, Year 6

Jazz Band: **Morgan Cain**, Year 6

Performing Band: **Violet McGuire**, Year 6

Concert Band: **Elisabeth Almond**, Year 4

Training Band: **Hermione Flores**, Year 3

Flute



Training Band- Lilli Gray

Training Band - Kyah Scott

Concert Band - Elizabeth Kim

Performing Band - Freya Cain

Performing Band - Lana Webb

Clarinet



Training Band - Evie Mullins

Concert Band - Asher Ally

Performing Band Clarinet- Chloe Henderson

Performing Band Clarinet- Thomas Binet

Saxophone



Training Band - Jacob Binet

Concert Band - Elisabeth Almond

Performing Band - Rachel Allen

Bass Guitar



Training Band - Tobias Jennings

Concert Band - Nicholas Gnezdiloff

Performing Band - Alexander Bayliss

Lower Bass



Training Band - Ella Scott

Concert Band - Meredith Bayliss

Performing Band - Alex Thomson-Frain

Percussion



Training Band - Josephine Halliday

Concert Band - Alexander Almond

Performing Band - Ethan Verviris

Trumpet



Training Band - Max Petersen

Concert Band - Angus Freckelton

Performing Band - Liam Scott