



NORTHMEAD NEWSBREAK



Kindy 2021

YEAR 1 2021 - WHAT A YEAR IT'S BEEN!



YEAR 2 2021 - WHAT A YEAR IT'S BEEN!



Having fun with our friends



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Stage 2 wish everyone a safe holiday.





AT A GLANCE!

2021 DATES
TERM 4

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

Last day Term 4 for students: **Thurs 16/12**

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

2023 – Term 1 Staff return Fri Jan 28 – for 2 x Staff Dev Days (28 & 31 Jan) – no students

2023 – 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)

2022 Kindergarten Orientation 1-3 Feb. Students don't attend Friday 4 February. 2022 Kindergarten students start in their classes: Monday 7 February.



Thought for the Week



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

Dear Northmead P.S. Community:

And so the final week of school is upon us before we've "blinked" and this is our final Newsletter for 2021! May I take the opportunity to say thank you to Northmead's Executive and teaching staff, in classes, as part of the Learning Success team, Library, EAL/D and RFF...for their consistent professionalism, dedication and the quality teaching and learning experiences that they provide for our students every day. We say farewell and give our thanks to some teachers who may return in temporary positions in 2022 or are starting at new schools in 2022: Miss Bentley, Mr Bolton, Miss Chen, Miss Diefenbach, Kylie Hicks and Mr Salmon. Some we may see again.

To our tireless support staff – the fabulous admin team in the office and the SLSO's who assist our students in class and the playground and our G.A.'s; thanks to you all for the great job you do, the difference you make to our school, the smiles you bring even when we ask for "one more thing" and the constantly positive interactions you have with our students. Thank you to our students K-6. You are always at the centre of our focus and the reason we come to school everyday, in order to make a positive difference to you in learning and life. Your happy smiles, achievements (whether small or big), overcoming obstacles, demonstrating resilience and those "a-ha" learning moments make our day.

Finally to our parents, carers and community supporters including our P&C (Executive and members, including our Secretary Filza who has moved in 2021), Jo and the team in the Canteen, our Uniform Shop "Incredibles" (and farewell to the wonderful Dana, who leaves our school at the end of 2021) and the parents who support and organise the School Band (farewell also to Timea who has been integral to the Band organisation for many years). The team effort you bring to Northmead makes this school a great place to work and to be. We appreciate our partnership with you for our students.



To our students and families and on behalf of myself and the staff of Northmead, whatever your beliefs or culture, I extend to you our wishes of joy and peace of this Season and may you all have a safe and restful holiday time. May 2022 be happy, prosperous and full of continued learning and life joyous opportunities for us all. Thank you all for navigating 2021 together so well and fingers crossed for a MUCH calmer and easier 2022.

So my final thoughts for this last Newsletter for 2021 are for our outgoing Year 6 students and we wish them well on their next adventure...High School.

We may shed a tear because your time with us is now over...
...but we will always have a smile on our face and in our hearts
because we did have this precious time with you.
But now ... it's your time to fly!

I look forward to chatting with you all once again when we return in 2022 in the Northmead NewsbreakAnne Ezzzy (Principal)



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 FOR 2022 TERM 1

Many activities which have been restricted or not allowed this term (including inter-school sports, singing and playing wind-blown musical instruments, and school camps) will return in a COVID-safe way for Term 1 2022. The NSW Department of Education will develop COVID-safe guidelines based on the latest public health advice and support schools to seek parental consent for students participating in these activities. Schools will be provided with detailed guidance for Term 1 for our communities before students return on 1 February and this will be communicated to our families as we return in Term 1.

Advice for students and staff travelling internationally

NSW Health has published guidelines for recent fully vaccinated overseas arrivals – here is the link: [NSW Health guidelines for recent fully vaccinated arrivals - Fact sheets](#)

Students

Children who are not fully vaccinated must not attend school or childcare until:

- at least 7 days after arriving in Australia;
- they have received a negative result from their day 6 test.

Unfortunately, students who leave Australia cannot be guaranteed the ability to return before the beginning of Term 1 2022. For support, call [DE International](#) on 1300 300 229.

Rapid antigen 'test-to-stay' program – NSW Department of Education / NSW Health requirements:

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 students' learning is able to continue with minimal interruptions following a positive COVID-19 case.