

Northmead Newsbreak ... Principal's Update



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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 extend our acknowledgement of and respect to all First Nations people of the world.

ARE YOU MOVING AWAY IN 2023? PLEASE LET US KNOW!

Please inform the school by phone call or email if you know students in K-Y5 will not be returning to our school in 2023! Student enrolments is what affects our staffing entitlements. Our 2023 expected student numbers are already less than 2022. At this time for 2023 we will have at least one less class and therefore one less teacher. Thank you for letting us know your 2023 plans.

DEAR NORTHMEAD FAMILIES

It was so exciting to greet our new 2023 Kindergarten students who started their first Orientation to "big school" last Wednesday 26 October, with excited faces just like our outgoing Year 6 did back in 2016! Term 4 can be such a contradiction with new beginnings and also endings which brings me to **staffing updates** for 2023.

- **Mrs Corbridge** was the successful teacher candidate to replace Mrs Shehadie who retired and starts 2023;
- **Mrs Cantali** will join us from Term 2, 2023 for upto 2 years as part of a new FASTstream DoE employment program as an additional Assistant Principal;
- Ms Fulop will continue in 2023 at another school;
- Miss Micallef applied for an Expression of Interest and will also teach in another school nearer to home in 2023. These are temporary 2023 appointments for both Ms Fulop and Ms Micallef;

STAFFING UPDATES [CONTINUED]

- Miss Eyre is sadly leaving Northmead to teach in the Northern Beaches from 2023;
- Miss Archer has moved to another region and has relinquished her teacher position at N.P.S. Due to current reduced enrolment numbers, her vacancy will not be replaced for 2023;
- Mrs Wheatley who has been with us as a temporary appointment and wonderful teaching and leader support since 2020 is seeking to **really retire** from 2023 and will be a great loss to the students of NSW.

Road Safety | Use crossings! Keeping our students safe

Some afternoons, a few students are **not using the crossings**. They have been seen running or cycling across Moxhams and Kleins Roads. We have had concerned parents / community members ring the school directly about very young students nearly being collected by cars, because they are running across the road away from the crossings. One community member had to slam on the brakes to avoid colliding with a Northmead student! **Every student's life is precious.** Please talk with your child/children if they walk or cycle to/from school. No parent would want to get "**that**" phone call because their child took too great a risk on foot or on their bike and avoided the marked crossings. **Thank you for your help to keep every child safe!**

PRINCIPAL'S "P.S."

In the spirit of endings in Term 4 and new beginnings for Term 1 2023 for both students and staff...this seems the right quote to end this week's Newsletter:

"In each loss there is a gain, as in every gain there is a loss. And in each ending there is a new beginning." Buddhist Proverb

I look forward to chatting with you again in our next

Northmead Newsbreak ... Mrs Anne Ezzy (Principal)

IMPORTANT TO KNOW WHAT'S AHEAD @NORTHMEAD



SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL INTENTION TO APPLY – YEAR 5

A note was sent to all Year 5 families on Monday 17 October including links to the on-line application and an “intention to apply” notification to send back to the school. This intention to apply is **not** an application.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2024, you need to apply on the internet using your own personal valid email address (**not the student's email address**). Detailed instructions on how to apply and the link to the online form are available at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

A detailed information booklet for applicants/families has been emailed to all Year 5 families via SchoolBytes and is also available on SkoolBag and our website.

Applications open on 18 October 2022 and close on 16 November 2022.

- You must apply before the closing date.
- You must submit only ONE application for each student.
- The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 4 May 2023.
- The tear-off slip that was sent home Monday 17 October is NOT an application, it is to advise the school that you intend to apply.
- The school cannot apply on your behalf.
- **APPLY USING THE ONLINE FORM AT:**
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

COVID UPDATE

Specific information regarding COVID-safe advice around particular school operations, including events, large gatherings or performances planned for Term 4 will be communicated by the school to our community, P&C Executive and committees as well as relevant Year cohorts, including planned end-of-year and Year 6 activities. Find more detailed information here:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

Students and staff must continue to stay home when sick. Students, staff and visitors should only attend school when they are symptom free. We strongly encourage all students, staff and visitors to follow the [guidance issued by NSW Health](#)^{External link}. **We will continue to send home students or staff displaying symptoms.**

NEXT UP AT NORTHMEAD

Check the N.P.S. “Next Up” Calendar and notes sent home to advise of upcoming events including:

- * Group Photo Day Monday 7 November including Year 6 group photo
- * Remembrance Day 11 November
- * Presentation Days (Save the dates *full details to follow*)
 - ✚ K-2 Monday 5 December
 - ✚ 3-6 Tuesday 6 December
- * K-2 Christmas Concert Monday 12 December
- * End-of-Year Student Party Days:
 - ✚ Kindergarten Thursday 15 December (at school)
 - ✚ Stage 1 – Friday 16 December
 - ✚ Stage 2 – Thursday 1 December
 - ✚ Stage 3 – Monday 12 December
- * Year 6 Farewell Dinner Thursday 8 December
- * Student reports emailed home Thursday 15 December
- * **Last day for students now Friday 16 December**
(*please email the school if you require minimal supervision for your child Monday 19 December which is now a Staff Development Day for all NSW schools*)
- * 2023 Term 1 Staff Development days (*no students*)
 - ✚ 1. Friday 27 January and 2. Monday 30 January
 - ✚ Day 1 2023 for students Year 1-6: Tuesday 31/1

UNIFORM CHANGES AHEAD

Phase 1 – Academic Uniform

Academic Uniform – Unisex



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Academic Uniform



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Summer

- Short sleeve sublimated fabric polo shirt in navy blue with aboriginal inspired artwork (front and back) representing pathways and yarnning circles.
- Navy elastic drawstring waist shorts suitable for boys and girls.

Winter

- Long sleeve polo in the same design and colourway as the short sleeve shirt.
- Navy elastic drawstring waist trousers suitable for boys and girls.

Objective | Wellbeing

The purpose of these changes is to update and provide inclusive, modern, easy wear and easy wash uniform options that are comfortable for NPS students to learn and play in. It will simplify the number of uniform options we currently have. The new uniform will:

- ❖ encourage physical activity
- ❖ provide a non-gender specific uniform providing options for girls if they choose
- ❖ considers affordability and comfort for all body types and the variety of learning and play/sport activities they will be worn for
- ❖ provides cohesive mix and match options year-round as opposed to Summer vs Winter choices
- ❖ the change process will take up to 3 years and students may wear items from the current school uniform that will be discontinued if parent choose not to purchase new uniform items immediately
- ❖ the Sports shirt option will be “Phase 2”

Supply and Purchase

The storyboard artwork and samples presented have been provided by our current uniform supplier Reiji Uniforms. Reiji are a family owned; Sydney based business with whom the school/P&C Uniform Shop has had a long standing relationship.

New Uniform Shirt Fabric

All polo shirt options will be made from fully dye sublimated polyester micro-mesh fabric with moisture wicking and antibacterial technology. They have a smooth finish, and they are cool to wear.

The NPS uniform will be simplified to include:

- ❖ Navy short sleeve easy wear polo shirt
- ❖ Navy long sleeve easy wear polo shirt if students prefer a long sleeve option or for cooler weather
- ❖ Navy shorts or pants (unisex with elastic drawstring)
- ❖ Existing navy jazz pants will still be available
- ❖ Navy skort option for girls (Summer or Winter) and navy stockings or tights may be worn underneath. The skort has built-in stretch undershorts.
- ❖ Royal blue short sleeve **sports** polo shirt which includes house colours (Phase 2 – see next page)
- ❖ White socks for all

Phase 1 Academic Uniform January 2023

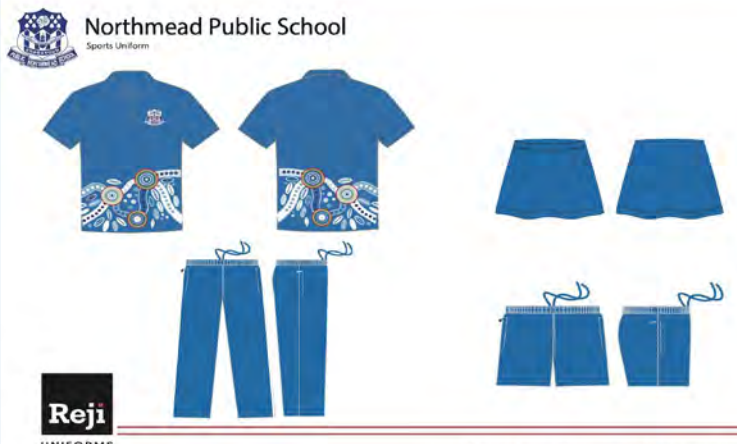
The new academic uniforms are planned to be introduced for our 2023 Kindergarten. However the uniform will be available in all sizes for families to purchase for students K-6 if they wish. Families can continue with the current uniform choices if they are not yet ready or in a position to purchase the new uniform items. Grey shorts and pants will be phased out from this year and navy options will be available to purchase.

Items to be discontinued:

- ❖ Girls summer and winter tunics
- ❖ Girls sky blue peter pan shirts
- ❖ Grey stockings/tights (not sold by Uniform shop)
- ❖ Boys grey shorts and pants
- ❖ Grey socks
- ❖ V-neck jumpers (once current stock is sold)

UNIFORM CHANGES AHEAD Phase 2 – Sports Uniform

Sports Uniform



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Sports Uniform

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Summer

- Short sleeve sublimated fabric polo shirt in royal blue. Colours will be introduced to represent NPS sporting houses coming together for sports events.
- Existing unisex microfibre shorts.
- Existing girls stretch microfibre skort.

Winter

- Existing stretch microfibre long pants.
- Existing fleece jumper/zip jacket.

UNIFORM CHANGES AHEAD Phase 2 – Sports Uniform

- ❖ A new royal blue sport polo shirt featuring house colours will be phased in over time while we manage the stock still available of the current sport shirt
- ❖ Sport shorts, skorts and pants will remain in royal blue. The colour provides a point of difference to the academic uniform.

Old and New Uniform Price Comparisons

Old Uniform Combinations	Price	New Uniform Combinations	New Price Estimate
Summer Tunic	\$58.00	New Short Sleeve Polo Shirt and Navy Shorts	\$61.00
		New Short Sleeve Polo Shirt and Navy Skort	\$82.00
Winter Tunic and Long Sleeve Peter Pan Shirt	\$87.00	Navy Skort and New Long Sleeve Polo Shirt	\$87.00
Long Sleeve Peter Pan Shirt and Navy Jazz Pants (4-14)	\$72.00	New Long Sleeve Polo Shirt and Jazz Pants (4-14)	\$84.00
		New Navy Elastic Drawstring Waist Pants and Long Sleeve Polo Shirt	\$77.00
		New Short Sleeve Polo Shirt and Navy Elastic Drawstring Waist Pants	\$72.00
		New Short Sleeve Polo Shirt and Navy Jazz Pants (4-14)	\$79.00
Old Sport Polo	\$33.00	New Short Sleeve Polo Shirt	\$36.00

UNIFORM CHANGES AHEAD

Price Comparison

- ❖ The mix and match nature of the new uniform allows for cheaper combinations
- ❖ The ability to wear short or long sleeve shirts year round may also provide a cost saving for families
- ❖ Unisex uniforms will allow families to utilise “hand-ons” between brothers and sisters for cost effectiveness

Other Information

- ❖ Royal blue fleece zip jackets and v-neck jumpers will remain until stock levels are sold
- ❖ The current v-neck fleece jumper will be sold down and phased out as it is not a popular item
- ❖ Navy fleece zip jacket or other lightweight zip jacket options will then be considered/introduced.
- ❖ School bags and library bags will change to navy.
- ❖ Navy hat options will be sourced/introduced once current royal blue stock levels are sold

- ❖ Items such as navy shorts and pants or royal blue sports shorts and pants can be sourced from department stores if families would prefer a cheaper generic option to go with the new shirts



Other Uniform Items

Shoes

- Academic uniform - black school shoes
- Sports uniform - sports runners/joggers



Socks

- White socks for all students



Tights/Stockings/Leggings

- Navy blue tights/stockings/leggings may be worn under the nen navy skirt.



Hats

- Royal blue bucket hat/slouch hat with NPS crest. Colour change to Navy to be considered in future.



Consultation

The following proposal for changes to Northmead Public School's uniform has been provided in consultation with:

- The Principal, Mrs Anne Ezzy
- Members of the NPS P&C Executive and Uniform Committee
- Suppliers

Changes take into consideration feedback from surveys received by the school from:

- Students
- Parents/carers
- Staff

Uniform samples and designs have been sourced at the request of the Principal and have been approved unanimously by the school executive team.

K-2 Athletics Carnival - Race Winners

Kindergarten Girls

1 st	Lilly
2 nd	Amelie W
3 rd	Simone



Kindergarten Boys

1 st	Alfie
2 nd	Jehan
3 rd	Keanu



Year 1 Girls

1 st	Zoe
2 nd	Elke
3 rd	Marley



Year 1 Boys

1 st	Andre
2 nd	James B
3 rd	James K



Year 2 Girls

1 st	Zara
2 nd	Mayar
3 rd	Emily



Year 2 Boys

1 st	Ignatius
2 nd	Ayrton
3 rd	Leo



STATE DRAMA FESTIVAL ... SOPHIE B.

CONSUMERAMA

A Dr-Seuss-like reality that depicts a future of greedily scavenging around the mall for the latest fashion trend. Meanwhile, lesser fortunate people are left to deal with the 'off-scourings.' Instead of feeling lost in this pile of trash, we make beautiful creations out of garbage that others have discarded.

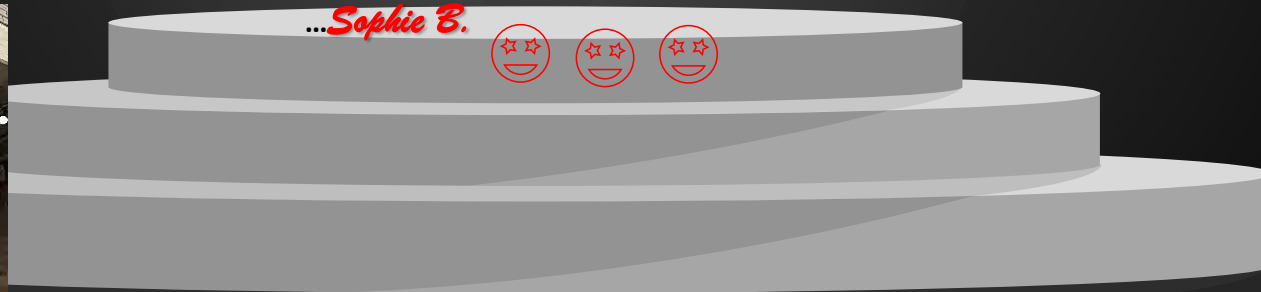
This was the plot of the Year 6 State Drama Ensemble piece for the State Drama festival. The bright lights illuminated our recycled, handmade props and haughty consumerist characters.

I loved being a part of this amazing group and it's been great performing and rehearsing with students from across Sydney.

We spent 10 weeks working hard to put together our piece and it felt really great to put it on stage alongside other awesome acts at the Seymour Centre. I am very grateful for this opportunity and loved every moment of it! ...



...*Sophie B.*



P&C NEWSFLASH

Northmead Public School P&C Association



THANK YOU TEACHERS & STAFF

The P&C would like to thank our amazing teachers and staff at Northmead Public School for your hard work and dedication to our children each and every day. We hope you enjoyed your morning tea!

Welcome to our new kindergarten students and families for 2023. It was wonderful to meet you at your orientation sessions last week. Please feel free to contact the P&C, our clothing shop or canteen should you have any questions about the P&C or the services we offer in the lead up to beginning school in 2023.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Next P&C General Meeting:
Wednesday 23rd November
2022 7pm via ZOOM

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CLOTHING SHOP UPDATE

Kindergarten uniform orders have now opened on Qkr!. Information on uniform options and how to order has been provided in orientation packs and can be found on the kindergarten website.

**All orders are to be made via Qkr!
Orders can be collected at your next orientation session or you will be notified when your order is ready to collect from school.**

Our stock order of navy shorts and skirts has unfortunately been delayed. We expect arrival in the coming fortnight. Once received preorders for 2023 grades 1 to 6 will be filled and delivered to classrooms.

Further opportunities to order the new uniform options for older students will be provided later in Term 4 after Kindergarten 2023 orders have been processed.

Remember to donate your second hand clothing to our clothing bin located in the school foyer. Thank you to those who have already generously donated or recycled!



CANTEEN UPDATE

The canteen has had a wonderfully busy week of catering for an array of celebrations over the last week.

On Monday 24th October Jo and our canteen volunteers prepared tasty lunch boxes including samosas, savoury rice, tandoori chicken, naan bread and sweet treats to celebrate Diwali.



On Wednesday 26th October the canteen welcomed Kindy 2023 parents with tasty treats during the 3 orientation sessions throughout the day.

Morning tea was provided by the P&C and prepared by the canteen team on Thursday 27th October to thank our dedicated teachers and support staff at NPS for the amazing work that they do each and every day.



SECOND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM COLLECTION & RECYCLING



With the transition to our new school uniform, the P&C want to minimise waste and landfill by disposing of our old school uniforms in a sustainable manner.

The NPS Clothing Shop is running a second hand uniform collection during Term 4 from **Monday 24th October until Friday 11th November 2022** (Week 3, 4 and 5).

Second hand NPS school uniform items can be dropped in the **YELLOW WHEELIE BIN** in the school foyer during this time.



Donations will be sorted and distributed as follows:

NPS Clothing Shop Second Hand Sales:

School jackets, jumpers, sports polos, sports shorts, sports skorts, sports pants and jazz pants

Charities or local schools: Plain grey shorts and pants, and light blue peter pan blouses in good condition

Recycle: Uniforms that are no longer good enough to wear including hats, monogrammed NPS grey shirts and summer and winter tunics