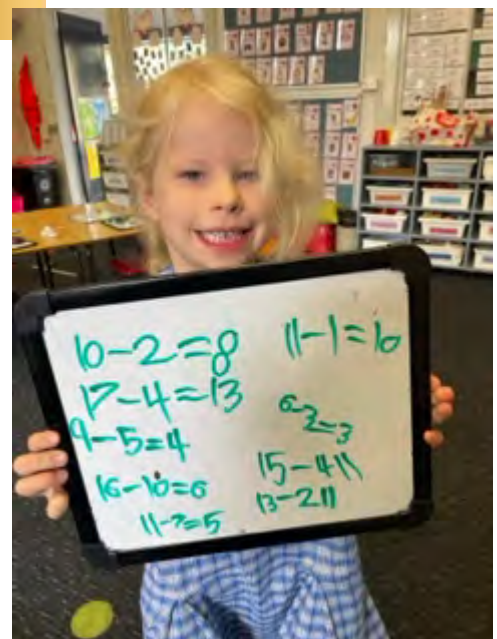
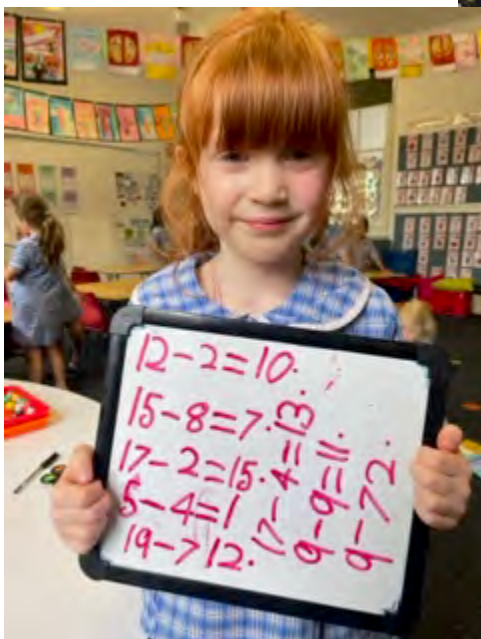
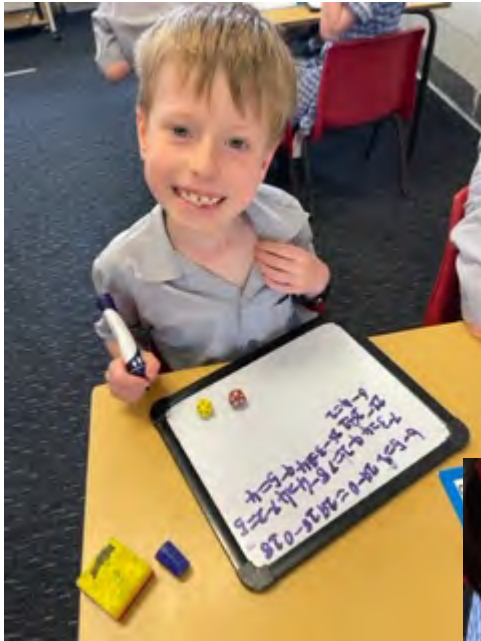




# NORTHMEAD NEWSBREAK



# Northmead Newsbreak ... Principal's Update



Our school acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which Public School was Burramattagal Darug nation. We deep connection We pay our Elders past, emerging and 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.



Northmead built - the people of the honour their to Country. respects to present and extend that

## 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

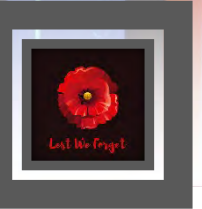
Here we are in Week 6 with only 4 weeks left in the 2022 school year! As always the last half of Term 4 is a busy and exciting time for end-of-year events and activities for our students. Teachers are intent on finalising the Semester 2 reports that will be emailed to families on Thursday 15 December. Please check the website and your SchoolBytes emails for notes for the events as well as the dates posted on the next page in **"Next Up at Northmead"**. Don't hesitate to contact the school if you feel you have missed a note about upcoming events and end-of-year Year party days.

I have just been informed that Miss Adele Cowderoy has been appointed permanently as a teacher with another Western Sydney school commencing 2023. We congratulate her on this appointment though we will be very sad to say farewell at the end of the year.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY 2022 REMEMBERING TO REMEMBER

We held a commemorative service for students at school last Friday, honouring those who have fallen during war and conflicts and to keep the memory of the anniversary of what was originally called Armistice Day, first held at the end of World War 1 in 1918. We also think of those currently enduring conflicts, sadly ongoing in the world today. Thank you to Mr Gorrie for his organisation and preparation of the students who did such a wonderful job presenting this special service (as our school leaders were at PSSA). We had phone calls from neighbours telling us how much they appreciated hearing the words of the service including the amazing trumpet solo for The Last Post and Reveille performed by Angus F. in 5/6K. Thank you to Niamh and Beau in Year 6 who read the service and the poems **Ode to the Fallen** and **In Flanders Field**, so beautifully. Thank you to Jordan B. and Jack M. in Year 5 who raised and lowered the flag at the appropriate times.

*They shall grow not old as we who are left grow old  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them ... **Last We Forget***



## PRINCIPAL'S "P.S."

As we commence reflecting on everything our students have achieved in learning and life during 2022, I encourage every student to celebrate their achievements and also reflect on what could be "even better" with continued effort and motivation:

**"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 again in our next  
Northmead Newsbreak ... Mrs Anne Eddy (Principal)*



# IMPORTANT TO KNOW WHAT'S AHEAD @NORTHMEAD



## 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>

As we read about the increase in COVID-19 cases in throughout the Sydney region, our school will continue to operate with our baseline COVID-smart measures in place throughout Term 4 to minimise transmission and keep our school open. This includes a combination of layered safety measures such as maintaining hygiene and cleaning practices, using rapid antigen testing (RAT) when experiencing symptoms, maximising natural ventilation and strongly encouraging mask-wearing particularly when indoors and/or physical distancing is not possible.

Please continue to notify the school if your child tests positive to COVID-19 as we will continue to notify the school community of any known positive cases to prioritise student and staff safety and wellbeing.

**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:

- ✳ **Band performance for Year 2 Friday 18 November**  
*(including "try outs"/register interest for 2023 Band)*
- ✳ **Band Concert/Awards Friday 25 November 4:30-5:30**
- ✳ **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**  
*(see note for full details including cost and times)*
- ✳ **Student reports emailed home Thursday 15 December**
- ✳ **Friday 16 December: Year 6 Graduation Assembly commencing 12:15 and lunch / photos with parents to follow** *[note sent to Year 6 families with details]*
- ✳ **Year 6 Ring-out Friday 16 December 2:30pm**
- ✳ **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)*
- ✳ **2022 Term 4 Staff Development Days**
  - ✚ 1. Monday 19 and 2. Tuesday 20 December
- ✳ **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



On Tuesday our students participated in an Aboriginal cultural dance incursion facilitated by Brolga Dance Academy. During each session the students were taught both traditional and contemporary Aboriginal dances. The students were introduced to some of the stories, songs and dance of Gamilaroi/Gomeroi people. Not only was the incursion fun and enjoyable for the students, but it also enriched their understanding of First Nations' culture.

*Mrs Melanie Fletcher EAL/D Co-Ordinator*





NORTHMEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL  
K - 2 CHRISTMAS CONCERT

# SAVE THE DATE

MONDAY DECEMBER 12TH, 2022 • 9.15AM



**\*\*\* Ethics teachers needed at Northmead for 2023 \*\*\***

Dear Parents and Carers,

*Could you be an ethics teacher at Northmead PS?*

Primary Ethics was started in 2010 to offer NSW primary school students philosophical ethics as an alternative to attending non-scripture classes. Ethics classes are now offered in 500 schools around the state, all taught by volunteers.

The program has been very successful at Northmead Public School. This year we have 11 ethics classes covering Kindy to Year 6, teaching more than 200 students. Due to increasing demand each year, new volunteer teachers are always needed. We are currently seeking volunteers so that we can provide ethics classes for all the families who have requested it for their children.

*What does it involve?*

Ethics teachers receive full training by Primary Ethics, the not-for-profit organisation approved to design curriculum and training for the ethics program. Training consists of a 2 day workshop and short online modules. Lesson materials are provided. Suitable volunteers have an interest in children's education and development of critical thinking skills and must be available Thursday mornings (40 mins) during school term.

In ethics classes, children discuss topic such as:

- imagining how others feel
- how do we treat living things?
- what is laziness?
- how do we disagree in a respectful way?
- fairness

If you are looking for an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to our school, or if you know anyone that might be interested, please visit [www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au) or contact

**Tania Trapolini, Northmead Ethics Coordinator. E: [northmeadprimaryethics@gmail.com](mailto:northmeadprimaryethics@gmail.com)**

*"I've taught Ethics at Northmead Primary school for 4 years and I love listening to the children's conversation grow in complexity as they get older, learning how to build on each other's ideas and respectfully express different opinions. Topics are well written, interesting, and run over a few weeks developing wonderful thought-provoking lessons. I feel happy and proud to volunteer in such a positive way for the school but also the wider community as the Ethics program helps grow future adults who are respectful, empathetic and thoughtful members of our community. Teaching Ethics is such a rewarding experience."*

*Veronica, Year 3 Ethics Teacher, Northmead PS*

## The Parramatta Women's Shelter

The Parramatta Women's Shelter supports the new beginnings for women and children who need a safe place to stay. They provide crisis accommodation and outreach support to women and children escaping domestic and family violence and homelessness.

This not-for-profit organisation was established on Christmas Eve 2019. The Parramatta Women's Shelter has already assisted over 250 women and children escaping domestic and family violence.

What you can do to help:

The Parramatta Women's Shelter is asking for a few donations this Christmas to support those who will receive nothing. Some of the things they have asked for are:

1. Food vouchers (Coles, Woolworths, Aldi etc)
2. Westfield vouchers or beauty service vouchers
3. Experience vouchers (zoo's, mini golf, movies etc)
4. Any form of gift voucher (Kmart, Target, Big W)



If you can assist their Christmas appeal, please drop off your donations by **7 December** in a box that will be placed in the school office, so that they can be sent off to the Parramatta Women's Shelter by 9 December.

Thank you.

Poppy Jennings.

2022 Vice-captain Northmead Public School

# COVID-smart measures for schools

Information for parents, carers and students



We know that being together in the classroom is the best thing for our students' learning, growth and welfare. This term we will continue to implement several measures to allow us to prioritise both the wellbeing of our students and a consistent and productive learning environment.



## Stay home if unwell

- If your child is unwell, you must keep them at home. If they are displaying COVID-19 symptoms, they should take a COVID-19 test (PCR or RAT) and follow the advice from the NSW Government on [managing COVID-19 safely at home](#).
- Your child should only return to school when they are symptom free.



## Vaccinations

- Vaccinations for COVID-19 and other viral illnesses are one of the best ways of protecting yourself, your family and the community. Vaccination is a safe and effective way to give your immune system a helping hand against many illnesses.
- All eligible students and staff are strongly encouraged to keep up to date with their vaccinations to protect their health.
- All staff working in schools for specific purposes (SSPs) are required to be double vaccinated against COVID-19 or hold a valid medical contraindication.



## Rapid antigen testing

- Rapid antigen tests (RATs) should be used if your child is displaying COVID-19 symptoms.
- Students who test positive to COVID-19 are encouraged to notify their school and register their positive test results with [Service NSW](#) to have access to timely advice and support from NSW Health.
- Schools will maintain a reserve stock of rapid antigen tests onsite for surveillance testing purposes in the event of an outbreak.



## Hygiene and cleaning

- Students are encouraged to regularly wash their hands with soap and warm water, and to use personal protective equipment as required.
- Boosted day cleaning of schools will continue on high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways.





### Ventilation

- Fresh air is the most effective form of ventilation to minimise the risk of transmission.
- During the warmer months, cooling will be used together with ventilation methods to balance thermal comfort.
- All learning spaces in government schools have been checked to ensure appropriate levels of ventilation and air purifiers have been provided where needed.
- Using outdoor spaces will continue to be encouraged where possible.



### Masks

- Mask-wearing is strongly encouraged where possible for all students, staff and visitors, particularly indoors and/or when physical distancing is not possible, and if they have been exposed to COVID-19.
- Mask-wearing is required at all times for staff, volunteers and other workers who support our students who are at greater risk of serious illness should they contract COVID-19, whether they be in schools for specific purposes (SSPs), support units or mainstream classrooms.



### Visitors

- Visitors can attend school sites regardless of their vaccination status.
- Visitors who are engaging directly with students in certain higher-risk settings for school operations and curriculum delivery and allied health partners for the wellbeing of students, may be required to wear masks.



### Activities

- Health and safety risk assessments will be integrated when planning activities, including excursions and overnight camps.
- Parents and carers will be made aware of the risk of exposure and will need to give permission for certain activities.



### Responding to local situations

- Schools will work with the department's Health, Safety and Staff Wellbeing case management team to respond appropriately to local situations, including outbreaks of viral illness.
- In some cases, schools may temporarily introduce additional measures as a 'circuit breaker', including requiring mask-wearing, postponing or limiting non-essential activities and directing cohorts to learn remotely.



### Learning remotely

- Schools continue to have access to digital, guided and printed learning resources to support students who need to learn remotely.

For more info, visit [education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families](https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families)

### Telephone interpreter service

If you need further information please call your school principal. If you need an interpreter to assist you with your enquiry please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. Tell the operator the phone number you want to call, and the operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with the conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

The NSW Government is committed to ensuring school operations continue while prioritising the safety and wellbeing of students and school staff.

# We're hiring School Crossing Supervisors



Help protect our vibrant school communities.



Be a road safety hero for school kids, caregivers, and school staff.



Be a second set of eyes for local motorists at busy times.



Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest.

## Casual roles available

Parramatta Local Government Area -80000

## Does this sound like you?

- Willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Able to communicate with different groups and give clear instructions.
- Community-minded.
- Friendly and positive manner.

## Days and hours

- Shifts will fall between 8:00 am -9:30 am and 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday during school terms with a minimum of one hour shift as required

## Apply today

Applications close Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Visit [jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au](https://jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au) and search for **Reference Number: 80000** or search 'School Crossing Supervisors' for a full list or vacancies or scan the QR code to apply.

For further information, contact Manisha Bains

E: [manisha.bains@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:manisha.bains@transport.nsw.gov.au)

P: 0435 649 967



## 尚華中文學校

Norwest Community Chinese School Inc

地址 Address: Northmead Creative and Performance Arts High School  
28 Campbell Street, Northmead NSW 2152

電郵 Email: [norwest.chineseschool@gmail.com](mailto:norwest.chineseschool@gmail.com)

網頁 website: [nccs-shanghai.weebly.com](http://nccs-shanghai.weebly.com)

School Mission 宗旨	To provide Chinese Language education in both Mandarin and Cantonese. To promote Chinese culture through participation in community cultural and language activities. 推廣中文教育、為在本社區延續中華文化及其優良傳統。對學業的注重以外，同時培養學生的品德修養，參與澳洲社團活動。
Class Time 時間	Kindergarten – Year 5 Sunday 1:45pm – 4:15pm Year 6 – High school Sunday 1:45pm – 4:45pm  幼稚園 – 小學五年級 星期日 下午 1:45 – 4:15 小學六年級 – 中學各級 星期日 下午 1:45 – 4:45
Teaching 課程	The school's goal is to teach students the ability to read, write, listen, and speak Chinese through real-life example activities.  本校以教授讀、寫、聽、說為主，同時介紹中華文化。鼓勵學生參與各項課外活動，活用中文。  粵語班：採用本地及台灣出版的課本，小六開始加入普通話課程。以繁體字教學，同時介紹簡體字。 國語班：採用本地及中國出版的簡體字課本。輔以漢語拼音，並介紹繁體字。
報名 Enrol	電話詢問： 0401 992 472 杜麗盈老師) Phone Enquiry: 0401 992 472 (Leeyng)

This project is funded and administered by the NSW Department of Education  
Community Language Program

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## **DETAILS**

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