



# NORTHMEAD NEWSBREAK





# Northmead Newsbreak ... Principal's Update



Our school acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which Northmead Public School was built - the people of nation. We honour their deep connection to Country. 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 extend our acknowledgement of and respect to all First Nations people of the world.



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## ARE YOU MOVING AWAY IN 2023? PLEASE LET US KNOW A.S.A.P!

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 affects our staffing entitlements. Our 2023 expected student numbers are less than 2022. In 2023 with current numbers we will have two less classes. That means two less teachers. Thank you for letting us know your 2023 plans.

## DEAR NORTHMEAD FAMILIES

We are coming to the "end game" for 2022 and the many exciting events that are booked between now and Friday 16 December for our students/families. Please see the requirements on Page 2 for attending particular events like Presentation Days/Year 6 Events etc. We WISH you could all attend. BUT – with the ongoing Education NSW COVID-safe requirements from NSW Education that have to be followed particularly with recent COVID-19 increased notifications and analysing our Hall capacity, ventilation and seating means that ALL end-of-year events are by "invitation only".

## DEAR NORTHMEAD FAMILIES - EVENT INFORMATION [CONTINUED]

All attendees to K-2/3-6 Presentation and Year 6 December 16 events will need to "check-in" and present their invitation at the "check-in table". invitations have been sent home individually to parents/family members Check-in will be via the Moss Street gate before being admitted to the Presentation Assemblies and Year 6 Events. *Thank you for your understanding in keeping all our student/staff safe with COVID-19.*

## A STAFF FAREWELL FOR 2023

Mrs Julia Mitchell informed me this week that she has sought to teach at another school from 2023. Mrs Mitchell has decided for personal circumstances to not return to Northmead P.S. This creates a vacancy that I am in the process of negotiating with NSW Education for our 2023 Staffing allocation. Mrs Mitchell will be missed after 19 years of teaching at NPS. We thank her for her educational service and support of students at Northmead P.S. and we wish her well for her future education journey. **WE WILL MISS YOU MRS MITCHELL. BON VOYAGE for your new path!**

## PRINCIPAL'S "P.S."

The next few weeks for teachers, students and our community are **VERY BUSY!** We have many upcoming important events. Every teacher in cooperation with the School Executive are collaboratively finalising student assessment and reports to assist the best possible positive student 2023 transition. Please talk to us via email if you have concerns we need to know about.

*"I do the very best I know how, the very best I can and  
I mean to keep on doing so until the end."*

Abraham Lincoln

*I look forward to chatting with you again in our next*

*Northmead Newsbreak ... Mrs Anne Eggy (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

- \* Presentation Days (*Attendance details have been emailed to parents whose child is receiving an award*)  
**Please note:** *For NSW Education COVID-Safe measures to be followed, only 2 family members of award recipients will be sent an invitation to attend these assemblies. Unfortunately no other family/community members can attend.*

✚ K-2 Monday 5 December

✚ 3-6 Tuesday 6 December

- \* K-2 Christmas Concert Monday 12 December – **Area A**

- \* 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 all details]

**Please note:** *Attendance to this event is by invitation only to maintain COVID-safe measures.*

- \* 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



**TRANSITIONING TO OUR**

# **NEW UNIFORM**



## **HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?**

As has previously been communicated to the school community, Northmead Public School will have a new uniform from 2023. The transition to this new uniform is expected to take up to 3 years between 2023 and 2025.

## **WHAT CAN STUDENTS WEAR IN TERM 4 2022?**

We appreciate that school uniforms may be getting small or worn out towards the end of this year as families may have been holding off on buying new uniforms until the new items are available. During Term 4 it will be acceptable for students to wear their sports uniform on days other than their normal sport days in the event they do not have an academic uniform available to them.

## **WILL IT BE OK TO WEAR THE OLD UNIFORM NEXT YEAR?**

Yes. Students may continue to wear the current uniform during the 2023-25 transition. The current uniform will not be restocked by the Clothing Shop. Second-hand options may also be utilised during this transition.

## **CAN STUDENTS WEAR A COMBINATION OF OLD AND NEW UNIFORM?**

Yes! For example:

- If you are in need of new shorts but your grey boys shirts still fit, pair the shirts with our new navy shorts!
- If you still have a tunic that fits, wear it on alternate days to a set of the new uniform!
- Winter tunic still fits but need a new shirt, pair it with the new academic polo until ready to purchase the skort or pants for Winter.



# Phase 1 - Academic Uniform

Our new academic short and long sleeve polo shirts and navy shorts and trousers with elastic drawstring waists are **gender neutral** and are available to all students.

A **navy gaberdine skort** with built in stretch undershorts is replacing both the Summer and Winter tunics. This can be worn year round with the addition of **navy stockings/tights** underneath for the colder months. Our existing navy jazz pants for girls will remain for girls who prefer this fit to our unisex trouser option.

Students will wear **white socks with black closed toe shoes** with the academic uniform.

Our navy waterproof jacket will remain unchanged, as will current royal blue fleece zip jackets and v-neck jumpers at this stage.



# Phase 2 - Sports Uniform

Our sports uniform will remain the same with the exception of a new sports polo to be introduced in phase 2 of our uniform update. The new shirt will be phased in over time later in 2023-2024 as current stock levels of our existing polo shirt run out.

Kindergarten 2023 will be issued our current sports polo from existing stock and will be able to purchase the new shirt/design in larger sizes when it becomes available.

Our sports uniform is royal blue and includes gender neutral microfibre shorts and track pants as well as a four way stretch microfibre skort with built in stretch undershorts option for girls.

Students will wear **white socks** and sports shoes and sports uniform.

Royal blue sun safe hats will remain part of our uniform.



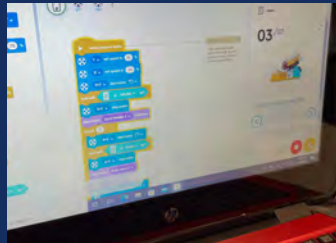


# SEMESTER 2 REVIEW 2022



# TECHNOLOGY HUB HAPPENINGS WITH MRS FURNESS

**STUDENTS @NPS ENJOYED WORKING TOGETHER WITH LEGO  
SPIKE PRIME ROBOTICS AND MAKEY MAKEY CIRCUITS**



**PARENTS ALSO ENJOYED THE OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN THE  
ROBOTICS FUN DURING EDUCATION WEEK OPEN DAY**







# Environmental Rangers!







# NPS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

**PARENT HELPERS CALLOUT**

**MONDAY 6TH FEBRUARY  
2023**

**GRANVILLE  
POOLS**



**REGISTER NOW TO  
ASSIST ON THE  
DAY!**

If you would like to  
volunteer, please send an  
email to:  
northmead-  
p.school@det.nsw.edu.au  
Attention: Mrs Furness -  
NPS Swimming Carnival  
volunteer

Thanks to those who have  
already volunteered - no  
need to re-register.





## PRIMARY GIRLS 12 & UNDER NATIONAL CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022 BALLARAT, VICTORIA.



My experience going to Ballarat for the Primary Girls 12 & Under National Cricket Championships was amazing. I got to make friends with some of the best 12-year-old girl cricketers in the state. Our coach has played in the national team and I played on some of the best turf grounds in Victoria. The best thing of all was that I got to play cricket for a whole week representing my state.

Our team was very strong with amazingly talented girls, even though we were the last team formed. We were undefeated against all teams VIC, SA, WA, ACT & QLD. Our team made it into the finals where we were unfortunately defeated by QLD. We didn't walk away with nothing as the state boys and girls managed to get the most points overall, with both placing second in the championship.



We were awarded the overall Boys & Girls State Award.

Thank you to everyone for your support...*from Aishi W*



### Highlights of the championship:

- We played in extremely cold weather, with hand warmers in our pockets.
- Umpires gave permission for us to wear jackets and we had 2 sets of hand warmers in our pockets. I also got a catch on this day! - I kept my hands in the pockets before and after the catch 😊
- One of our games was stopped at least to 8 times due to adverse weather. Apart from wind and rain, there was also hail during one of our games.
- There were digital score boards at our games and my full surname name couldn't fit in there 😊





## **NORTHMEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL K-2 TALENT SHOW WEEK 10**



**More information to come!**

We are excited to have a K-2 Talent show where you can sing, dance, perform magic tricks, tell jokes, juggle or play an instrument. Depending on the level of interest, there may be auditions in Week 9.



Thank you to Mrs Carmichael, Mrs Lewis and their team for providing our students with breakfast at BREAKFAST CLUB this year.

We look forward to the return of Breakfast Club in 2023.



# P&C NEWSFLASH

*Northmead Public School P&C Association*



## A HUGE YEAR

2022 has been a huge year for the P&C with fund raising, new uniform design and roll out and the first full year of operation for the canteen since COVID began. We would like to thank the community for its support and all of our volunteers who volunteer their time to help make our school a better place.

Our Week 10 newsletter will include a round up of our achievements this year, but for now we still have a couple of jam packed weeks until the end of the year. Read on to find out important information on uniform supply, back to school vouchers for 2023 and teacher appreciation ideas from the canteen.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### **Next P&C General Meeting:**

Wednesday 15th February 2023  
7pm via ZOOM

## CONTACT US

### **NPS P&C Association:**

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affiliate.org.au

### **The Clothing Shop**

npsclothingshop1@gmail.com

### **Canteen**

ourschoolcanteen@gmail.com

### **NPS Band**

npsband@hotmail.com



## NSW GOVERNMENT BACK TO SCHOOL VOUCHERS

**NPS P&C have registered The Clothing Shop as a supplier for the NSW Government Back To School Voucher program for 2023.**

This will mean that from January 2023 vouchers can be used to purchase school uniform items online from the Clothing Shop.

The Back to School NSW Vouchers program will provide 3 x \$50 vouchers, totalling \$150 for each eligible child. Terms and conditions apply. For further information refer to the program guidelines at Service NSW.

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/back-to-school-vouchers>

The P&C are in the process of setting up a **seperate Square website** which will allow the provision/use of discount codes once your voucher has been submitted to the Clothing Shop. Vouchers will not be able to be used through Qkr!

**Additional information on the process for ordering using your vouchers will be supplied by the end of Term 4.**



## NSW Back To School Vouchers

**NPS Clothing Shop is registered!**

**Stay tuned for further information on how to purchase uniforms using your vouchers.**

Jan 2023 - Jun 2023  
Terms and conditions apply  
<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/back-to-school-vouchers>



## CLOTHING SHOP UPDATE

### Pre-ordered Uniforms

All pre-ordered uniforms have been delivered to teachers trays in the office. If you have not received your order yet, please check with your teacher. Please contact the Clothing Shop via email for exchanges.

There were a small number of orders where we were unable to provide all ordered items and have had to put them on backorder. Every effort was made to ensure that these orders received enough items to begin the new year with. We apologise for this inconvenience and will fill your order ASAP on receipt of additional stock.

This has been a huge project and we thank you for purchasing early and for supporting our Clothing Shop and P&C volunteers during this transition.

### New Uniforms on Qkr!

Our remaining stock of new uniform items is now available to purchase on Qkr! Some sizes in certain items are currently out of stock and others are limited. Further stock is on the way and is due to arrive in Term 1.

If ordering for Kindergarten 2023 please place your orders ASAP as smaller sizes are limited. Please note that packs are no longer available due to limited stock therefore items need to be added to cart separately.

Last day for orders to be packed and delivered to class this year will be Wednesday 14/12/22.





## New Uniform Photos

Thank you to Mr Gorrie for organising for photos of the new school uniform to be taken on Group Photo Day and thanks to the families who gave permission for their children to take part in modelling the uniform. Students who were involved on the day did a great job during what was a lengthy photo session in hot conditions. Photographs will be used in promotional material by the P&C, Clothing Shop and school.





## CANTEEN UPDATE

### Teacher Vouchers

If you are looking for a small gift to show your appreciation for your class teacher as the year draws to an end, the Canteen offers teacher lunch vouchers for you to order via Qkr! Vouchers are delivered to your child's class for them to give to their teacher.

### Teachers Christmas Lunch

The P&C together with our Canteen Manager Jo would also like to thank our amazing teachers by making a donation towards our Teacher's Christmas Lunch. If you are looking for another way to show your appreciation for our wonderful teachers please feel free to make a voluntary donation via the Canteen menu on Qkr! of \$3 towards food and decorations. Jo will be cooking up a storm in the canteen to cater for a traditional Christmas Lunch for teachers.

