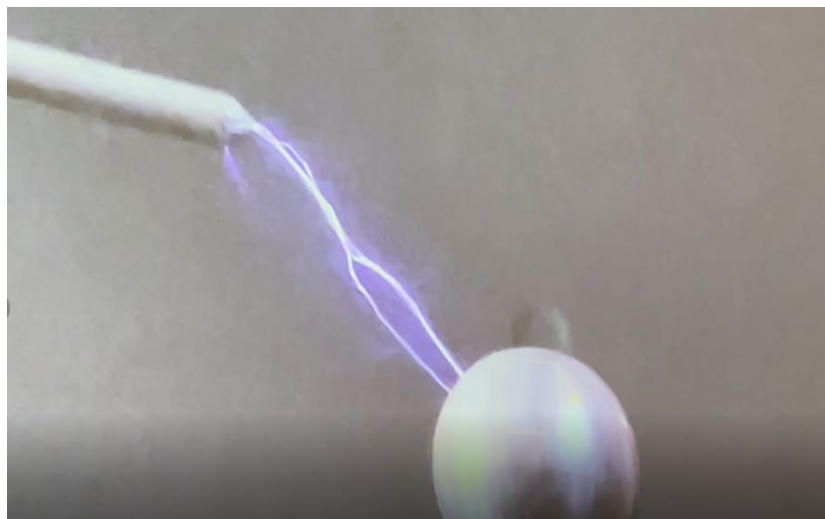




NORTHMEAD NEWSBREAK



Northmead Newsbreak ... Principal's Update



DEAR NORTHMEAD FAMILIES

What a terrific Term 2 we had! Here's what our students and staff participated in and contributed to in an action-packed term at this awesome school:

ANZAC Day commemorative assembly:
Autism Awareness Day ★ Breakfast Club restarts
Weekly Gymnastics Program ★ Jump Rope
Winter PSSA ★ SRC Induction Assembly
Girls Touch Football Knockout ★ Maths Masteries
Zone Cross Country ★ NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5
National Sorry Day ★ National Reconciliation Week
Pathways to Reconciliation Program ★ Eels Cup NRL
NPS Athletics Carnival ★ Teddy Bears Picnic
Biggest Morning Tea ★ Synergy Dance Festival ★
School Photos ★ Sydney West Cross Country
Band Workshop ★ Dental Program
Kaleidoscope Science Show ★ Jump Rope Jump Off

Students raised over \$3000 for Jump Rope!

Just a reminder the student Semester 1 reports will be emailed to you on **Tuesday 19 July**. Teacher/Parent Conferences bookings are available during 1-5 August as well as additional times nominated by individual teachers. Please book in a time if you haven't already. On behalf of all the Northmead staff, we wish you a restful, relaxing and safe holiday and we look forward to welcoming our students back to the second half of the 2022 school year on **Tuesday 19 July** (as Monday 18 July is a Staff Development Day with no students attending).

UNIFORM CHANGES AHEAD

I have included all the new uniform information again in this week's newsletter as we had some queries regarding prices and when the full change would be implemented. **Phase 1** is the academic uniform. The current sports shirt (**Phase 2**) will stay on sale till stocks are depleted. Students can still wear their current sport shirt until it no longer fits or is worn out. Any change to a new uniform takes around 2-3 years for full implementation. We will start introducing the new uniform with our new Kindergarten students in 2023.

UNIFORM CHANGES AHEAD [continued]

(We have also been asked if Kindergarten girls may wear their sister or friend's second-hand summer tunic if this is the family's choice in 2023. This is also OK for next year until the new uniform is fully in place). Any other family in Years 1-6 who wishes to purchase the new academic shirt as soon as it's for sale, possibly because their child/children are outgrowing their current uniform, or just prefer the new easy care/easy wear option, may also move into the new uniform as soon as they are available for sale. Jenni Cullen and the P&C will provide information on when the new shirt/pants, shorts and skort are on sale. Phase 1 will be the academic uniform. You'll be able to see the new uniform during our Education Week Open Day on Tuesday 2 August when the P&C will have a "showcase" previewing the new choices as well as prices. The shorts, pants and skort options do not have the school emblem or initials on them. They are a generic navy and families have the option to purchase these from department stores if they wish. We look forward to this exciting and comfortable "new look" at NPS for our students.

PRINCIPAL'S "P.S."

Once again our students, staff and community demonstrated their engagement, connection and enthusiasm for the learning and life opportunities available at Northmead Public School. Thank you to our truly dedicated, talented and caring staff in all your different teaching, leading, support and non-teaching roles, for all you do to make a difference in the lives of our students. With your support and care, our students can aim to achieve their "personal best". ***My heartfelt thanks for all you do to provide amazing opportunities for our students and the NPS school community.***

"Success is best when it is shared."

Howard Schultz

I look forward to chatting with you next term in our next

Northmead Newsbreak ... Mrs Anne Garry (Principal)

IMPORTANT TO KNOW WHAT'S AHEAD @NORTHMEAD



EDUCATION WEEK SAVE THE DATE REMINDER! OPEN DAY TUESDAY 2 AUGUST

We are looking forward to welcoming families back for Education Week! Full details will follow shortly but there will be Open Classrooms, a chance to watch our talented students perform in a showcase, a Book Fair in the Library and opportunities to provide the school with valuable feedback using easy QR code links around communication, uniform, transitions to school and to High School and much more. You will be able to order a "picnic lunch box" for you and your child/children to join them for lunch (weather permitting!).

COVID UPDATE | CLOSE CONTACTS

COVID remains within our communities and as we navigate the winter flu season, the importance of monitoring and acting on any symptoms. Close contacts must follow the guidelines below in addition to the [NSW Health guidelines](#):

- must notify the school including outside of school hours care (NOOSH etc) if they are intending to return under these updated guidelines;
- take a daily rapid antigen test (RAT) and return a negative result each morning before attending school for 5 consecutive school days;
- no student or staff member identified as a close contact will be permitted to participate in overnight excursions, including school camps;
- it is recommended for primary school students who are household contacts to wear masks at school and staff who are household contacts must wear masks; and
- any visitor to a school site who is a close contact must advise the school that they are a close contact before they come on site.
- Any students who attend school who are unwell and show symptoms will be sent home to be tested.

SHARE OUR SPACE HOLIDAY WEEKENDS 8am-5pm

Please see my note sent home last Monday and repeated later in the Newsletter. Entry is via Kleins Road pedestrian gate. Please note that there will be security



patrols for all schools with their grounds open on the winter holiday weekends. We know our community will look after our school. The school toilets will not be opened. Also if you do come on the school site under the

NSW Companion Animals Act, **dogs are prohibited in school grounds** whether or not they are leashed or otherwise controlled. Thank you all for respecting our school grounds.

SCHOOL SECURITY 1300 88 00 21

Please contact school security if you are concerned with any behaviours or activity on site on the weekends our school grounds are open.

NEXT UP AT NORTHMEAD

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

- * Winter holidays: 6-15 July
- * Semester 1 Reports emailed Tuesday 19 July
- * Education Week 1-5 August including Parent/Teacher Conferencing
- * Monday 1 August – Stage 2 except 3F
- * Tuesday 2 August – Kindergarten
- * Wednesday 3 August – Stage 1 and 3F
- * Thursday 4 August – Stage 3
- * **SAVE THE DATE – EDUCATION WEEK OPEN DAY @NPS – TUESDAY 2 August**
 - Starting approximately 9:30am – see flyer later in this Newsletter
 - Open Classrooms | Book Fair in the Library
 - Showcase student performances
 - Feedback opportunities via QR Codes
 - Picnic lunch with your child/children

UNIFORM CHANGES AHEAD

Phase 1 – Academic Uniform

Academic Uniform – Unisex



Northmead Public School

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 yarning 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 upto 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)

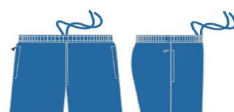
UNIFORM CHANGES AHEAD

Phase 2 – Sports Uniform

Sports Uniform



Northmead Public School
Sports Uniform



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.



Northmead Public School

Education Week

2022

**TUESDAY
2ND
AUGUST**

9.45am – Lunch

*Program and map
will be distributed
next term.*



EDUCATION WEEK 2022

Creating futures – education changes lives

**Northmead Public School invites you to
join our Education Week celebrations**

Open Day- Tuesday 2nd August

We encourage all parents, grandparents and family friends to join us for a special day of open classrooms, performances, art displays, a Book Fair and an opportunity for families to provide feedback on school priorities. The day will end with a picnic lunch where families can purchase food from the canteen via the QKR App. More information regarding how to order lunch will be provided.

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www.northmead-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TERM 3?

The tech hub had a very exciting delivery last week. The school has hired an 'Inventor Robotic Kit' from the Department of Education's T4L Library. The kit includes:

- Lego Spike Prime - combines colorful LEGO building elements, easy-to-use hardware and intuitive coding with STEAM learning units.
- Makey Makey - is a simple circuit board you can use to create your own keyboard for a computer.

Having access to this amazing kit for the whole term will give students an opportunity to deepen their knowledge about coding and enhance problem solving and team-work skills.



SOME HOLIDAY TECH IDEAS

[SCRATCH](#) - continue creating and learning about the endless possibilities in Scratch. The [tutorial videos](#) are a fantastic place to learn!

[KAHOOT](#) - Create a quiz and test your family and friends.

[CANVA](#) - Create a poster, card or newsletter for a family member or about something you have researched.

[CODING CAMPS](#) - Look up your local guide for the numerous opportunities of coding and STEM camps around Northmead.

[STUDENT PORTAL](#) - Explore your student portal and/or Google workspace. Teach yourself about a new application in G Suite (Jamboards, slides or docs)



TERM TWO 2022 TECHNOLOGY HUB HAPPENINGS



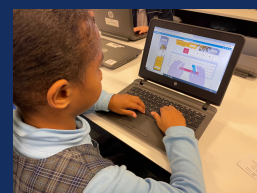
TECHNOLOGY LESSONS TERM 2

Term 2 was a busy term in the Technology Hub. Students from Years 3-6 have enjoyed learning about coding using the software called 'Scratch'. Scratch is a free programming language and online community where you can create your own interactive stories, games, and animations. Students enjoyed learning the code to tell a story as well as make music.

Year 1 students enjoyed learning all about typing using BBC Typing Mat. Weekly lessons gave the students the opportunity to learn and practise how to type letters in rows, type keys on the home row and type capital letters, apostrophes, slashes and full stops using different levels of touch typing challenges.

CLEVER YEAR 2

Year 2s have enjoyed their first chance to use the computers in the Technology Hub. Not only have they learnt how to log in and navigate their portal, but they have enjoyed creating pictures using typing programs such as BBC Typing Mat and Typing.com. This gave them lots of practice learning about the 'home row'. Students also reflected on how technology has changed over the years looking at the evolution of phones, computers, music devices and games.



Kaleidoscope Science Show

A review by Poppy and Lovely - 3C

If you are wondering if this science show is splendid you are absolutely correct. You learn about the different types of matter, solids, liquids and gases. You undoubtedly need to go to this brilliant, educational show.

Firstly, we learned and talked about dry ice and how it can't easily melt like ice. Ice is zero degrees and dry ice is eighty minus degrees. It is freezing cold and if you put it in warm water, and blow on it, it makes this crazy, mind blowing gas. We also talked about metal and plastic, how metal is cold and plastic is room temperature, but the funny thing is the ice melted on the metal quicker than it did on the plastic.

Secondly, Mitch (science show teacher) got some liquid and poured it on an electric device and it made fire! There was a bottle cap on it and it blasted off into space, just joking! But it did blast into the air above all the students' heads. It was a funny and scary moment for all of us and many, many people screamed. I certainly bet you would too!

Finally, we learned about plasma! So they had this lightning ball and if you touch this lightning ball the lightning inside will follow where your fingers touch! We also did an experiment with Max's head (I mean Max's balloon head, you don't really think Mitch would actually do an experiment with a child's head do you?) So we got Max's balloon head and put it in this bucket filled with dry ice and when he put it in, it made a freaky noise and we didn't know what happened but when he pulled it out his face was destroyed!

In conclusion, this is educational because you learn about dry ice, solids, liquids and gases! I bet you would love to go to a science show just like this where you learn and talk about science and sometimes you can come up and help with the experiments!

Science Show

We had an epic Kaleidoscope science show!

The scientist's name was Mitch. We learnt about matter, heat and ice. He melted gallium and used dry ice to make a metal heart out of gallium.

Max. D put his hand up and Mitch blew up a balloon and drew Max's face on it and put it in the Esky filled with dry ice and poured liquid nitrogen over it then it shrunk down into the Esky. Next, he used special gloves to pull it out. Then he got Charlotte. T to blow on it and it had looked like it turned in to a dog but he just used a different balloon. After that he blew on Max's balloon head but then Max gave it to Ethan.

He also made fire and lightning in a bottle. Mitch also made flying containers by putting dry ice in small containers with the lid on then flipping them upside down 3, 2, 1 BAM!!!! The containers flew into the air. He also got a handball named Bob and he put Bob in a container with dry ice then poured liquid nitrogen into the container and turned it so hard! He got a helper from the crowd to get a hammer to smash Bob! At the end he got a balloon and then put dry ice in a bottle and then it blew up.

Everyone cheered and we wished that the show had gone for longer!

By Emelia and Nina 3C



Community Groups Morning Tea

At our school we are very fortunate to have diverse mix of families from many different language backgrounds. In order to support our LBOTE (Language Background Other Than English) families we have created Community Groups which consist of families with a similar language background. So far, we have groups for those families with, **Farsi & Dari, Arabic, Mandarin & Cantonese, and Urdu** speaking backgrounds. The families interact with each other through WhatsApp to ask questions, organise meet ups and discuss topics of interest. One parent from each group is the Community Contact who Mrs Melanie Fletcher (EAL/D co-ordinator) liaises with.

Some of the members of our Community Groups met up for a lovely morning tea which was provided by the group members at the end of Week 8. It was the first opportunity that some of our parents have had to meet up. We are looking forward to hosting another morning tea later in the year.



Indian Languages Community Group



We would like to create a Community Group for those families who have a language background which originates in India. If you speak an Indian language and you would be interested in being the Community Contact for the group, please email the school at northmead-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Mrs Melanie Fletcher – EAL/D co-ordinator



National NAIDOC Week Sunday 3rd July – 10th July

NAIDOC week celebrates and recognises the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. It is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations' cultures and histories. It is also a time when all Australians can participate in celebrating the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth.

This year's theme is: **Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!** The theme is about the desire to create positive change in the relationship between First Nations People and non-Indigenous people. *"The relationship between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous Australians needs to be based on justice, equity, and the proper recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' rights."*, Nadioc.org.com

There are many celebrations being held across Sydney, NSW and Australia. Below are some links to family friendly events that families may like to participate in during the holidays.

[NAIDOC in the City](#)

[Burrumatta NAIDOC](#)

[The Maritime Museum](#)

[Indigenous Literacy Foundation](#)

[Rights and Freedoms NAIDOC Tour](#)



Community Corner

Breakfast Club is up and running three days a week from Monday through to Wednesday. We start serving at 8.15am and pack up at 8.45 am. We have had a number of requests from children after this time but unfortunately, we have to finish at 8.45am as the volunteers need to be in class to start the students learning at 9 o'clock.

Thank you to the families that have donated picnic blankets, breakfast spreads, margarine, Milo and fees in credit, it is lovely to be part of such a caring community.

Breakfast Club has been made possible by the support of the Northmead staff and some wonderful donations from the following

Big W Winston Hills

The Rotary Club of the Hills - Kellyville

Winston Hills Lions Club

Northmead Public School P & C

Woolworths Winston Hills

Grilled Gourmet Food Truck

Natalie Davis and family

Please support these organisations where possible.

Thank you kindly,

Mrs Anne Carmichael – NPS Community Engagement Officer



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**EVERY THURSDAY
& FRIDAY
5-8pm**

**OLD WINDSOR RD/OAKES RD
OLD TOONGABBIE**

Biggest Morning Tea

The SRC raised \$367.89 for the fundraising event “The biggest morning tea “ Congratulations!

Does Your Child Catch the Bus?

Students who travel to and from school by bus must have a ‘School Opal Card’. It has been requested by the bus company that students carry their School Opal Card with them at all times and tap on and off at an Opal Card Reader on the bus. If your child does not have a School Opal Card, the following link will take you to the Transport NSW website where you can submit an application.

<https://transportnsw.info/school-travel-apply>

Please read the Terms and Conditions as there are different requirements depending on the age of the child. It also states the following:

‘If the School Pass is not presented, the transport operator may refuse travel unless the student pays the required fare.

<https://transportnsw.info/school-pass-terms>



SHARE OUR SPACE | DURING THE WINTER HOLIDAY WEEKENDS

Dear Northmead Public School families:

The school has been advised that during the Winter School holidays as part of the Department's Share Our Space (SoS)! Initiative the school's outdoor facilities will be open to be used by our community **on weekends only**. The regular vacation care run by NOOSH will be operating during the vacation Monday-Friday as normal. **The school is not open to the public Mon-Fri.**

The outdoor facilities at our school will be available from **8am to 5pm** to use during the following weekends:

- ❖ Saturday 2 July and Sunday 3 July
- ❖ Saturday 9 July and Sunday 10 July
- ❖ Saturday 16 July and Sunday 17 July



Only one gate will be used as the entry point which will be opened by School Security Staff 8am and locked 5pm in the afternoon. **Our entry point will be the pedestrian gate on Kleins Road.** Share our Space security will have a list of participating schools and will regularly patrol and monitor the SoS program to ensure safe use of the school grounds. School staff (including our GAs) are not required to supervise children as part of the operation of Share Our Space. Parents/carers are expected to provide appropriate supervision for their child/children.

School toilets are not open for use by the public.

What if there is an accident on site on the weekends the grounds are open?

Members of the community who participate in SoS are expected to take all reasonable precautions for their own safety and wellbeing. For serious accidents or emergencies call 000. To keep our school grounds safe, if you are concerned with any behaviours or activity on site on weekends when the grounds are open, we would appreciate our school community calling:

School Security Unit on 1300 880 021

The program provides an opportunity for community members to use our school facilities for a wide range of activities such as sports and recreation. In addition, the program helps to build stronger ties between our schools and the broader community.

With kind regards,

Mrs Anne Ezzzy

Principal

27 June 2022.