



NORTHMEAD NEWSBREAK



NAIDOC WEEK in 1MB

To celebrate NAIDOC Week in 1MB Mr Brown gathered native plants from our school garden. We used these plants to paint a story. The class have enjoyed using these paintings in our writing centre during literacy groups this week.



Northmead Newsbreak ... Principal's Update



DEAR NORTHMEAD FAMILIES

Welcome back for Term 3 and exciting learning and life opportunities ahead. I know Stage 3 and Year 6 in particular are looking forward to their Camp after a long two years of not having these excursions. Remember to be your best self and make the most of every day as we navigate the second half of 2022.

MRS ELIZABETH SHEHADIE HAPPY RETIREMENT!

If you missed my note that went home 21 July – it is my honour yet sad duty to announce to our school community that Mrs Shehadie is retiring from the teaching profession with her last day at Northmead tomorrow, 29 July.

I had the privilege of presenting Mrs Shehadie with her NSW Department of Education Service Medal today honouring her years of teaching and educational service to the students, staff and communities of NSW Public Schools. We thank her for the years of experience, expertise and care to students in NSW schools and most particularly at her final "school home" here at Northmead.



Mrs Shehadie is excited to have time with family including her grandchildren and enjoy the rest and refreshment she has earned after the years to service to public education.

I know you will join me in congratulating Mrs Shehadie on her departure from teaching and we wish her a very happy, enjoyable retirement and all that life will bring her on this new journey after a distinguished school life.

KINDERGARTEN 2023 TIME TO ENROL ONLINE ENROLMENT AVAILABLE

If you have a child eligible to start school in 2023 and you are in our Northmead school catchment area please enrol them now. Our staffing numbers for 2023 are based on actual school enrolments and currently our projected Kindergarten numbers are below the usual size. Thank you for your assistance.

The Online Enrolment System is designed to provide flexibility for our parents to submit an enrolment application online and at the time that best suits you. The application can be accessed on all browsers and mobile devices including iOS and Android.

The online application process is currently restricted to:

- Enrolments into **local** schools only
- Children who are Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or permanent residents
- Children who live in NSW.

We encourage you to complete your application to enrol online. If you do not feel comfortable completing an application online, a paper copy will be available for collection from the front office or can be downloaded from the Department's [going to a public school site](#). Further information about online enrolment can be found on the Department's website [here](#).

PRINCIPAL'S "P.S."

My final words this week are from the wise Winnie the Pooh and are for Mrs Shehadie... *Happy Retirement*

"How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard". A.A. Milne

I look forward to chatting with you next term in our next Northmead Newsbreak ... Mrs Anne Ezzzy (Principal)

IMPORTANT TO KNOW WHAT'S AHEAD @NORTHMEAD



EDUCATION WEEK POSTPONED TILL WEEK 10. SAVE THE NEW DATE! OPEN DAY TUESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

Thank you for your understanding about changing the date for Education Week Open day. This has been due to the updated COVID-19 safe measures where the Department asked schools to postpone large events/gatherings to reduce infection risks given the recent increase in COVID numbers in NSW. Details of the day's activities will be shared later this term.

COVID UPDATE

Please see the full Term 3 update sent home to families on 26 July.

Close contacts attending school

Students and staff who are identified as close contacts and have no symptoms can attend school (excluding schools for specific purposes (SSPs) and support units) if they follow certain guidelines agreed with [NSW Health](#) [External link](#) in addition to the [NSW Health guidelines](#) [External link](#):

- They must notify the school and/or early childhood education (ECE) service provider (including their outside of school hours care provider) if they are intending to return under this provision.
- They should conduct a daily RAT and return a negative result each morning before attending school for 5 school days.
- No student or staff member identified as a close contact will be permitted to participate in overnight excursions, including school camps.

COVID UPDATE CONTINUED

It is highly recommended for students K-6 who are household contacts but testing negative **that they wear a mask when indoors when at school**, except when eating or exercising. Our teachers will ensure classrooms have windows open a little (due to cold weather) and fans on for cross ventilation.

The school is distributing a pack of five (5) additional RATs this week for each student (and staff member), supplied by the Department.

Staff and students cannot attend school if they are showing any symptoms of COVID-19.

These include fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, loss of smell/taste, muscle/joint pains, diarrhoea, nausea/vomiting, extreme tiredness, unexplained chest pain or conjunctivitis (eye infection).

UNIFORM CHANGES AHEAD

We are excited for the new uniform launch and have reposted the art work and information about the new Northmead academic and sports uniform. Having seen the new uniform and felt the fabrics I can tell you that they look and feel fantastic and will be such an easy wear and comfortable option for our students.

NEXT UP AT NORTHMEAD

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

- * OC Placement Test Thursday 28 July
- * Parent/Teacher Conferencing via ZOOM
- * Monday 1 August – Stage 2 except 3F
- * Tuesday 2 August – Kindergarten
- * Wednesday 3 August – Stage 1 and 3F
- * Thursday 4 August – Stage 3
- * Stage 3 Camp 15-17 August
- * Year 4 Camp 29-31 August

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 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)

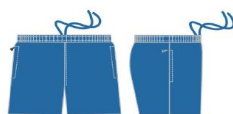
UNIFORM CHANGES AHEAD

Phase 2 – Sports Uniform

Sports Uniform



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 skort.



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.



Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to our Stage 2 and 3 students who represented our school at the local finals (Western Sydney division) in the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition.

Evie and Celeste competed in the Stage 2 division and Gemma and Sophia competed in the Stage 3 division. All the girls had fantastic feedback and should be very proud of themselves.



A special CONGRATULATIONS to Evie and Sophia who were declared the Western Sydney division winners for their respective Stages and will move on to compete in the next round.



Sydney West Softball Championships

On Thursday 21st July 2022 Aishi, Alex, Sophia and Somer represented Northmead Public School and Castle Hill PSSA in a very, very wet Softball Championship. This was the third reschedule, and a final venue change due to flooding in Penrith. The girls did so well, giving it a go in a sport that some were not familiar with. They attended some of the training sessions, and got to know the girls from other schools. The Castle Hill team was really encouraging and supportive of each other. While they lost the first two games (to the teams who came first and second), they drew the third game. The last game was called off due to the heavy rain (we were all drenched by that stage). Overall it was a great experience!



BREAKING NEWS!

Due to their outstanding performance at Synergy last term, our Stage 1 Dance Group have been accepted into this year's State Dance Festival in September, coordinated by the NSW Department of Education's Arts Unit! They were auditioned against dance groups from across NSW, both primary and secondary schools, so this is an amazing achievement for our young dancers!

More information from our families will be communicated in the coming weeks.

Congratulations to this fabulous group of students- we are all very proud of you!

Mrs Maher 😊



Meet your Teacher



Mrs Peddle



My Favourite things

- **Food:** Chocolate
- **Animal:** Owls
- **Drink:** Coffee
- **Book:** Marley and me
- **Movie:** Star Wars
- **Colour:** Pink / Blue
- **Lollies:** Red Snakes
- **Hobby:** Lego
- **Subject:** Literacy



KE Teacher



Hello students and parents! My name is Mrs Miranda Peddle and I will be your child's classroom teacher.

I am looking forward to a fantastic year of learning and fun!

About me

I have taught at Northmead for 24 years. When I am not teaching, I am spending time with my beautiful family. I am married to a wonderful man, Scott, who is very busy running our own business. We have two of the most gorgeous children. Chloe is our youngest and is in Year 3. My eldest is Imogen who is in High School in Year 9. We have so much fun together and they definitely keep me on my toes. We also have a German Shepard called Bella, that we all just adore.



[Home - Nationally Consistent Collection of Data](#)

The NCCD is an annual collection of information from all Australian schools on the numbers of students with disability and the adjustments they receive. The NCCD portal provides resources, the process model and case studies to assist schools to understand and implement the data collection.

www.nccd.edu.au

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) What is the NCCD? The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD) takes place every year. The NCCD is a collection that counts: • the number of school students receiving an adjustment or 'help' due to disability • the level of adjustment they are receiving to access education on the same basis as other students. Students are counted in the NCCD if they receive ongoing adjustments at school due to disability. This 'help' allows them to access education on the same basis as a child without disability. The NCCD uses the definition of disability in the Disability Discrimination Act 1992. Schools provide this information to education authorities. What are the benefits of NCCD for students? The information collected by the NCCD helps teachers, principals, education authorities and governments to better support students with disability at school. The NCCD encourages schools to review their learning and support systems and processes. This helps schools to continually improve education outcomes for all students. Further information can be found at: <https://www.nccd.edu.au/>

Northmead Public School Band News



Congratulations to the NPS Concert Band kids who participated in the Stage 2 Talent Quest held on the last day of Term 2. Special mention to Henry who was proactive in organising the group to play one of their band pieces- Very Cross Buns. The group played marvellously- Well done!



I thought it would be a good idea to get some of the Concert Band kids to play Very Cross Buns in the Talent Quest. I was very nervous, but we ended up playing more of the song than planned and everyone played so well. It was good to show part of the school how good Concert Band really is.

Henry, CB



Henry, Evie, Josephine, Emily, Jacob, Jack, Victoria and Gabriela



Dates for the calendar

- Hawkesbury Eisteddfod video recording- TBA
- Training Band & Jazz Band Term 3 Workshop- Friday 29th July
- Concert Band and Performing Band Term 3 Workshop- Friday 9th September
- Education Week performances- Tuesday 20th September

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