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Project-based Learning

5/6K enjoyed making satellites with their group. There were many creative ideas as well as problems to solve.





Clay sculptures
created by 3C

Operation Art



Congratulations to Keanu in KM. He has been successful in having his artwork displayed in the Operation Art exhibition.



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

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



DEAR NORTHMEAD FAMILIES

It has been a huge couple of weeks since the last Newsletter, most of all because we learnt of the death of Her Late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. Most of us have watched the world mourn the passing of this truly significant world leader, who was such a symbol of stability and unwavering service to her country and the Commonwealth for the last 70 years. My late mother was born in England and her own attitude to service and family was very much like the late Queen. It feels like another huge change to our world with her passing. And I reflected as I was reading my Newsletter at this time in 2021 and we were organising students' "staggered return to school" following the Term 3 lockdown! Life has been very different since we first heard of the COVID-19 virus at the end of 2019. That feeling of caring, connection, understanding and compassion for others is so very important for us to navigate our lives. It has been wonderful to see students reconnecting to activities and opportunities that were put "on hold" in the past years. Students have enjoyed their athletics carnival and sporting opportunities, excursions are "back on!" as were the Year 4 and Stage 3 overnight camps. The Band has been able to return to workshops and our students have excelled in Dance concert opportunities like Synergy, Eisteddfods and the State Dance Festival. We look forward to Year 6 once again being able to hold fundraisers and special events as they head into their last term of primary schooling. As we



all move into the final term of 2022, I hope our students and families continue to recognise that the many opportunities provided for our students in learning and life at N.P.S., are only possible because of the daily dedication to education and service by our amazing teachers and support staff. I ask everyone of our students to strive to continue to be the best version of themselves and bring an "attitude of gratitude" to school so every day they bring a smile to others and to themselves.

FATHERS DAY ... FABULOUS!

Please see photos of the fantastic turn-out of dads, grandparents and special people in our students' lives who joined in the Father's Day activities along with celebrating Jersey Day on Friday 2 September. It just so joyful to see everyone joining in the activities before school both outside and in the library. You can be sure we will be making this an annual event on the Northmead calendar. Thank you all for making this such a wonderfully happy morning to share.

ARE YOU MOVING ELSEWHERE IN 2023? PLEASE LET US KNOW NOW!

In order for us to be up to date for 2023 class planning and staffing organisation, we ask that **families with students in K-Y5 who already know they will not be returning to Northmead P.S. in 2023, please inform the school by phone call or email as soon as possible.**

PRINCIPAL'S "P.S."

I wish all our families a refreshing, safe Spring holiday break. My thoughts for this week are from the Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, who lived a life fulfilled:

"Grief is the price we pay for love." Queen Elizabeth II

I look forward to chatting with you again in our next Northmead Newsbreak ... *Mrs Anne Eddy* (Principal)

IMPORTANT TO KNOW WHAT'S AHEAD @NORTHMEAD



N.P.S. KINDERGARTEN THE • PLACE • TO • BE • IN • 2023! 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 our 2023 Kindergarten numbers are below the usual size. Only half the usual numbers of the following year's Kindergarten students have currently enrolled.

We are sending Orientation information out to our families who have already enrolled for 2023 Kindergarten, so if you haven't enrolled already, please do so as soon as you can so as not to miss out on Orientation information and school visits.

COVID UPDATE

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 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. Teachers will ensure classrooms have windows open a little (due to cold weather) and fans on for cross ventilation. The NSW Health advice is by wearing a mask, particularly indoors or when we cannot practice social distancing, helps stop the spread of these air-borne viruses including COVID-19.

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 so excited for the new uniform launch and we continue to post the artwork and information about the new Northmead academic and sports uniform to start 2023. It will be such an easy wear/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:

- * **Last day Term 3 | Friday 23 September**
- * **First day Term 4 | Monday 10 October**
- * **Gymnastics Program for K/Y1 starts 12 October**
- * **Summer PSSA starts Friday 14 October**
- * **Muirfield HS Visit Friday 14 October**
- * **Brolga Aboriginal Dance Incursion 18 October**
- * **Kindergarten Orientation ZOOM meeting with 2023 Kindergarten parents: Wednesday 19 October 6:30pm – Have you enrolled?**
- * **Disco 20 October**
- * **Kindergarten Orientation School Visits start Wednesday 26 October**

UNIFORM CHANGES AHEAD

Phase 1 – Academic Uniform

Academic Uniform – Unisex



Northmead Public School

Academic Uniform



Reji
UNIFORMS

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



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.



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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 new 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.

Next Up at Northmead



Term 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W1 Year 3-5 Checkin Window	10 Oct	11 Oct K-2 Athletics Carnival	12 Oct Gymnastics K-1	13 Oct	14 Oct PSSA Rd 1 Muirfield HS Visit
W2 Year 3-5 Checkin Window	17 Oct	18 Oct Brolga Aboriginal Excursion	19 Oct Gymnastics K-1 Kindergarten Orientation Parent Session	20 Oct K-6 Disco	21 Oct PSSA Rd 2
W3 Year 3-5 Checkin Window	24 Oct	25 Oct	26 Oct Gymnastics K-1 Kindergarten Orientation	27 Oct	28 Oct PSSA Rd 3
W4 Year 3-5 Checkin Window	31 Oct	1 Nov	2 Nov Gymnastics K-1 Kindergarten Orientation	3 Nov	4 Nov PSSA Rd 4
W5	7 Nov Extra Curricular Photos	8 Nov	9 Nov Gymnastics K-1 Kindergarten Orientation	10 Nov	11 Nov PSSA Rd 5
W6	14 Nov	15 Nov	16 Nov Gymnastics K-1	17 Nov	18 Nov PSSA Rd 6
W7	21 Nov	22 Nov	23 Nov Gymnastics K-1	24 Nov	25 Nov PSSA Rd 7
W8	28 Nov	29 Nov	30 Nov Gymnastics K-1	1 Dec	2 Dec PSSA Rd 8
W9	5 Dec K-2 Presentation Day	6 Dec 3-6 Presentation Day	7 Dec Gymnastics K-1	8 Dec Year 6 Farewell	9 Dec
W10	12 Dec	13 Dec	14 Dec Gymnastics K-1	15 Dec	16 Dec
W11	19 Dec Year 6 Graduation Luncheon and Ringout	20 Dec Staff Development Day	21 Dec Holidays	22 Dec Holidays	23 Dec Holidays

Northmead Public School

Kindy 2023



NOW ACCEPTING ENROLMENTS
FOR KINDERGARTEN 2023

To complete the **online enrolment application** please go to our website

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

02 9630 3133



Notification of Lighting Upgrade Program

Northmead Public School has been chosen for a LED Lighting Upgrade. During the program, all fluorescent lights will be replaced with LED lighting.

It is anticipated that works will commence on Tuesday 11th October and continue for a period of up to 4 weeks. The works will be undertaken after school hours between 4.00pm and 12.00am, with neighbours seeing lights and flashlights moving around the school.

NSW Police and School Security have been notified of this work. School Security can be contacted on 1300 880 021.

Thanks

Vicki Kennett
SAM/Business Manager

Tell Them From Me Survey - Raffle Competition

Thank you to the families who completed the Tell Them From Me Parent Survey on Tuesday 20th September. There is still time to complete the survey so that the school can get valuable information about Northmead Public School. Please scan the QR code below or visit the website link on: <https://tellthemfromme.com/parentnps>



Congratulations to the students pictured who won a prize for entering the raffle. A huge thank you to our sponsors on the following page who donated wonderful prizes for our school.

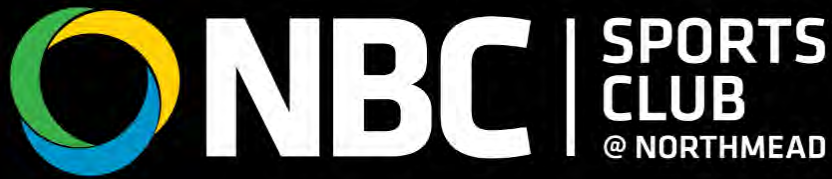


One lucky winner with the following ticket Red C 05, is yet to claim their prize.



If the prize isn't claimed by Term 4 Week 1, we will redraw the prize.

Thank You To Our Sponsors



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LOCAL BUSINESS AWARDS (2011)

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Northmead Plaza

INTERSPORT
Winston Hills

P&C NEWSFLASH

Northmead Public School P&C Association



NPS OPEN DAY

Thank you to everyone who visited our P&C stalls at this weeks school open day. It was great to be able to be back in the school together again.

A huge thank you goes to all who baked and donated cakes for the cake stall, to our P&C representatives for organising stalls, our team of hard working parent volunteers who helped on the day and all who purchased cakes or came to see and give feedback on the new uniforms.

Our cake stall raised over \$2,000 in funds which will be put towards resources for our school.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Next P&C General Meeting:
Wednesday 26th October 2022
7pm via ZOOM

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CANTEEN THANKYOU

Please join in thanking Jenny, Maria, Elaine, Steph, Bev, Lana, Sally, Bianca, Brook, Jen H. and Paul - the amazing team of volunteers who have kept the canteen running while Jo has been on leave. Your efforts and time are very much appreciated.

We can't wait to welcome Jo back next term!

CLOTHING SHOP UPDATE

New Uniform Pre-orders for 2023 - Years 1 to 6

Please remember to place your pre-orders by **Wednesday 12th October (Week 1 Term 4)** if you would like to receive items of the new uniform in time for the new school year. **All pre-orders are to be made via Qkr!**

Information on ordering for Kindergarten 2023 will be available for Kindy Orientation next term.

Additional information and sizing charts can be found on SchoolBag. Please email the Clothing Shop at npsclothingshop1@gmail.com if you need further assistance.

HAPPY HOLIDAY

The P&C would like to wish our community a very happy and safe spring holiday break and we look forward seeing you in Term 4.



Northmead Public School Band News



Congratulations to all of our NPS Band students for their outstanding results in the recent **Hawkesbury Eisteddfod**. All bands played marvellously- Well done! We are incredibly proud of how well you have been playing this year - You have all been steadily working towards this exciting performance opportunity all year, and played wonderfully!



NPS Bands have received the following awards:

- Training Band Highly Commended
- Concert Band 3rd Place
- Performing Band 2nd Place
- Jazz Band 1st Place

Fantastic results for all our ensembles!

We would like to acknowledge the dedication and talent of Mr Clark who conducts our Performing Band, Jazz Band and Training Band and also to Mr Elvery who conducts our Concert Band, both supported by our fantastic team of tutors.



Training Band
Highly
Commended





**Concert Band
Third Place**



**Performing Band
Second Place**



**Jazz Band
First Place**





Open Day



Training Band

Training Band performing Hot Cross Buns, Symphony in S, Frere Jacques and Power Rock



Concert Band

Concert Band performing Very Cross Buns and Festival of the Gladiators



Performing Band performing Celtic Air and Dance 2, Music from Grease and I'm a Believer



Jazz Band performing Theme from New York, New York, Theme from Spider-Man and We Don't Talk About Bruno



Year 7 2024 Information Link to Year 5 Students and their Parents

Girraween High School is an academically selective coeducational high school with a focus on providing a balanced and positive education experience for our students who aspire to achieve exceptional HSC results. The school has experienced and dedicated staff, providing students with safe, engaging classes.

Entry is via the Selective High School Placement Test that is run by the Department of Education's High Performing Students Unit. The test will be conducted on Thursday 4 May 2023. Online applications open 18 October 2022 and close 16 November 2022. Our school will be holding an Information Evening on **Tuesday 8th November 2022 at 6pm** for current Year 5 students and their parents wishing to apply for Year 7 in 2024. For more information please refer to our website.

In addition to our HSC results outlined below, GHS has an extensive range of cocurricular programs on offer. Examples of cocurricular programs can be found on our website at:

https://girraween-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doe/sws/schools/g/girraween-h/rules-and-policies/Girraween_High_CoCurricular_Book.pdf

2021 HSC Achievements

Girraween ranked 19th in the state overall with 10 students achieving an ATAR of 99 and over. 11 students of the cohort achieved an ATAR score over 98. The highest ATAR was 99.65 (Maximum ATAR 99.95). There were 15 "all rounder" students who achieved 90% or better in 10 units of study. 100% students received university offers.

State rankings included:

- 4th for English
- 9th for History Extension
- 12th for Chemistry
- 13th for Legal Studies

313 distinguished achievers; students who achieved 90% or better in a subject

100% of all students achieved in the top two bands for Investigating Science, English Ext 2, Maths Ext 2, History Ext, English Ext 1, Music Ext 1, Music Ext 2, Music Ext, Japanese Continuers, Japanese Ext, Science Ext, Business Studies, Modern History, Chemistry, English Advance and Legal Studies, Business Studies, Chemistry and Japanese.