



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.



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DEAR NORTHMEAD FAMILIES



The school recently hosted a visit from the NSW Education Minister, Sarah Mitchell and local Seven Hills MP Mark Taylor, along with 2 Directors, all who were so positive about the learning environment at Northmead. Minister Mitchell visited 2 classrooms and saw quality literacy lessons that are a daily feature of learning @NPS. She admired the Pathways of Reconciliation Artwork that students in Years 3, 4 and 5 engaged featured on our Kleins Road gate, met our wonderful Admin team who we recognise this week in SAS Recognition Week. Minister Mitchell then visited our Learning Success wing and saw the wonderful learning support available to our students from Mrs Lewis, Mrs Bentley and Mrs Wheatley and our Occ. Therapy team of Katelyn B. and Caitlin G.! She also met Canteen volunteers keeping us beautifully fed (in Jo's absence). The Minister told us she was on Canteen duty in a couple of weeks at her own daughter's school in rural NSW. It was a very positive recognition of the learning and life opportunities @NPS.

SAS RECOGNITION WEEK | THANKS!

Not names but school heroes: Vicki, Rebecca, Kerri, Rachel, Anne C., Geoff, Dave, Mr O., Elise, Chris, Nat B., Ryan...You are all HEROES! *Thank you for all you do!*

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE



In a previous Newsletter, I congratulated Shiva in 3F for being a finalist in the Young Archibald Art Competition. Well Shiva has excelled again and was a finalist in a ZART art competition and received a prize of art supplies valued at over \$100. Congratulations on your continued artistic achievements Shiva! Mr Gorrie and I visited Shiva in his classroom to present him with his prize!

YEAR 4 CAMP | WONDERFUL!

Thank you to our amazing teachers who accompanied very excited Stage 2 students to their very first overnight camp to Narrabeen Sport and Recreation facility 29-31 August. The Camp personnel our teachers and Deputy attending commented on the beautiful manners of our students and their consistent gratitude voiced to all the staff about how fun the camp was, congratulating the chefs on the food and really enjoying every moment of this camp. We so appreciate the staff giving up time with their families to attend and give our students this wonderful experience. We congratulate our Year 4 students for their Northmead "True North" attitude!

PRINCIPAL'S "P.S." | **BE KIND!**

We have been talking to students about kindness, not letting bullying of any kind to go unnoticed, not encouraging others to be unkind, always being a positive bystander and calling out unsafe and unacceptable behaviour - which is **NOT** "snitching" **but HELPING and supporting each other.** We appreciate your support talking with your children about safe, respectful behaviour at school and in life:

"Be Kind whenever possible. It is ALWAYS possible."

The Dalai Lama

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.

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.

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](#).

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 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.

COVID UPDATE CONTINUED

- 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.

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:

- * **Education Week Celebrations Tuesday 20/9 and includes on-line surveys for parents with raffle ticket prizes and BBQ sausage sizzle lunch! See the full details in the Newsletter.**
- * **Last day Term 3 | Friday 23 September**
- * **First day Term 4 | Monday 10 October**

UNIFORM CHANGES AHEAD

Phase 1 – Academic Uniform

Academic Uniform – Unisex



Northmead Public School
Academic Uniform



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UNIFORMS

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

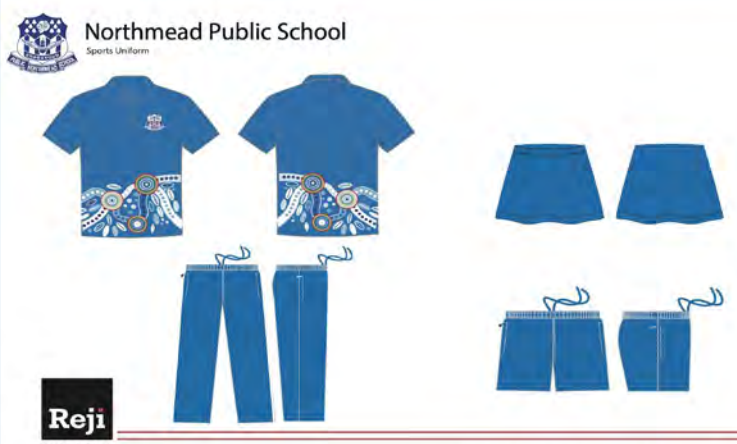
The new academic uniforms are planned to be introduced for our 2023 Kindergarten. However the uniform will be available in all sizes for families to purchase for students K-6 if they wish. Families can continue with the current uniform choices if they are not yet ready or in a position to purchase the 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

Reji UNIFORMS

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 microfiber 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 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.

The Todd Woodbridge Cup is a primary school competition for stage 2 (years 3 and 4) that uses modified equipment, numeric scoring and mixed gender teams.

The Todd Woodbridge Cup is about providing a positive experience playing tennis, growing friendships and giving students the opportunity to represent their school in a team environment.

Thanks to our amazing tennis coach Jason, on Tuesday 6th September Northmead took eight students. Ella, Eloise, Sienna, Bianca, Max, Sumar, Jayden and Daras represented Year 4 with amazing sportsmanship and a growing ability to confidently negotiate with other children from other schools, along with the actual tennis skills required to play against others.

There were five schools represented, with eight teams of eight in total. We were 1st in Pool B going into the finals. We played on court one and came second by ONLY 3 points!!!! The students received a hat for coming second. Max and Sienna were awarded an award for their sportsmanship!!!

From our students

Samar- "The best part of my day was making it to the finals. I was extremely happy and excited when I found out I was playing in the finals. We all jumped up and screamed because we were so happy."

Jayden- "Playing doubles tennis with my friends was so much fun! I was excited and happy to be playing tennis against other schools."

Daras- "When I stepped onto the court, I had three feelings in my heart: I was so happy to be on the tennis court, I was determined to win and play my best and I was thrilled to be playing tennis with my friends."





Public Speaking

The Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition

MPPS

2022 Multicultural Speaking Regional Final

Congratulations to Sophia, Stage 3 and Evie, Stage 2 for proudly representing Northmead Public School at the Multicultural Speaking Regional Finals. The girls delivered their prepared speeches, which included a Multicultural aspect, clearly, fluently and with expression. The second part of the competition was to prepare an impromptu speech (in 5 minutes) and present this to the audience, this is the most challenging aspect of the competition. Unfortunately, the girls will not proceed to the next round, however, they have learnt a lot from this experience which they will use in future events.

Sophia and Evie are to be commended for their dedication in preparing for this competition, and their enthusiasm when faced with a new challenge!

We are very proud of you both!

Mrs Melanie Fletcher



Sydney West State Golf Championship

A big congratulations to Donovan who was off this week representing Sydney West at the 2022 State Golf Championships. He had a great 3 days! Well done, Donovan.



Junior State Wind Band

By Sophia Butler

Nervously I glance around, I recognise no one. I arrived on Monday morning for the first Junior State Wind Band practice. I had learnt the 3 pieces for first clarinet, but I wasn't sure what the standard was like. I started to see instruments I had heard of but never seen, a bassoon, an oboe, a tenor and baritone saxophones. I quickly learnt there were 60 students from years 5 to 8, from all over the state. Some had travelled 10 hours to get here from places like Bellengen, Griffith and Gunnedah. It made our M4 traffic jam seem insignificant!

The conductors introduced the 2 pieces that we will be playing for the Festival of Instruments. I was very excited to hear the band play and how our playing will change and get better over 2 days of intensive rehearsals. I also got an important role – band tuner! I would get up in front of the band and play a solo note while the rest of the band slowly joins in. I was so scared at first but then I got used to the expectant stares. All the other first clarinet players were in high school so I felt a bit pressured to keep up with them.

On the night of the Town Hall performance, I was tense with nerves, I was going to have to get up in front of a packed audience to tune the band. I think it was just pre-performance nerves because I did awesome! Town Hall was like a cathedral. Brass chandeliers hung from the ceiling and stained glass artworks donned the small windows. It took my breath away! When we arrived on stage we listened to hundreds of recorders play a hymn duet with the grand organ. It sounded great! When they finished we played our piece, Excelsior. I enjoyed every bit of it, even the tuning!

After the excitement of Town Hall, next was Opera House and I was a lot more relaxed. We played in the newly refurbished Concert Hall and the acoustics were brilliant. Our hymn-like piece sounded beautiful! I will cherish every moment! While we were taking in the applause, I didn't want it to end!



Northmead Public School P&C

Education Week Cake Stall

Tuesday 20th September
Recess at the canteen

In celebration of Education Week,
come and buy some morning tea
at the canteen



\$1 for cupcakes and small treats
\$2 for muffins and large treats



All money raised will go toward projects to help our school community



Community Corner

School Holidays

With the school holidays fast approaching I have received an advice from the City of Parramatta Council sharing a link for free or subsidised activities for their school holiday program. Registrations will open on September 12 at 7pm. For parents stuck for ideas it might be worth a look. To view the program or to book an activity please use the link below.

<https://parramatta-events.bookable.net.au/#!/?eventCategoryId=8>

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is up and running three days a week from Monday through to Wednesday. We start serving at 8.15am and conclude about 8.45am. All children are welcome to attend. It is lovely to see the children talking and enjoying breakfast together.

The school and wider community has been very supportive of breakfast club. We have received a recent donation of \$500 from The Rotary Club of the Hills - Kellyville. We will use some of this money to purchase a new microwave. I would also like to acknowledge the parents who have dropped off donations to the school office, these include Milo, margarine and spreads. Thank you to all who donated.

Breakfast Club has been made possible by the support of the Northmead staff and families who donated their fees in credit 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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