











## Northmead Newsbreak ... Principal's Update

#### WARAMI | Hello...Welcome!

Our school acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of

the land upon Public School Burramattagal nation. We connection to was, always is



which Northmead was built upon - the people of the Darug honour their deep Country. Always and always will be.

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 also extend our acknowledgement of and respect to all First Nations people of the world who have always been the traditional custodians of their lands across our shared world.

#### **DEAR NORTHMEAD FAMILIES...**

I am so pleased to have returned from my "knee hiccup" as from Term 4 at our wonderful school. Thanks to our students, staff and families who have welcomed me back so warmly. Your



smiles and welcoming words have been greatly appreciated. *And* we've arrived at our final term for 2023 and Year 6's last year at Northmead and their primary school journey.

Whether you have been a NPS student since Kindergarten, or you arrived later in your school life here, we wish you all a memorable and very happy Term 4. We know the memories you have made at Northmead will stay with you throughout your life. We hope we have brought smiles to your heart, learning to your life and built you into the best version of yourself...so far!

When writing my report to the P&C for the next meeting, I was in awe of the number of opportunities that were made available to our students in class, in and outside of school. My thanks to every teacher and support staff member, our families who support our school and the massive organisation involved to make these events happen. What an amazing school we enjoy together!



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School organisation is ready for 2024 class planning and staffing organisation. We ask that families with students in Kindergarten - Y5 who already know they will not be returning to Northmead P.S. in 2024, please tell the school by phone or email as soon as possible. Teacher/class number entitlements and class planning is all based on our student enrolments which need to be as accurate as possible. *Thank you*.

#### **STAFFING NEWS**

The families of 2H were informed on 10 October that our wonderful Ms Horvath had her service transfer to another school actioned and will commence there as of Monday 6 November. Her last day @NPS is Thursday 2 November. I know we all have mixed emotions about this news. We wish Ms Horvath every happiness to start a new career journey whilst we shed a tear that she will soon be no longer be part of our current Northmead P.S. team. Ms Horvath has given so many amazing years of dedicated teaching and devotion to the students, staff and families of Northmead. We will share more in our next Newsletter as we say our farewells to her then. In addition, Ms Fulop (who is now Mrs Fordham) who has been teaching at another school in 2023 has also gained a service transfer effective this term and will not return to Northmead. We also wish her much happiness and success at her new school location. I will inform our families soon on new staff to join NPS from 2024.

#### PRINCIPAL'S "P.S."

On returning to NPS and reflecting on changes in Term 4 through to 2024, this seemed the right quote:

"WHAT HAPPENED YESTER DAY IS HISTORY.
WHAT HAPPENS TOMORROW IS A MYSTERY.
WHAT WE DO TODAY MAKES A DIFFERENCE – THAT'S
WHY IT IS CALLED THE PRESENT."

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

## WHAT'S AHEAD @NORTHMEAD?



## SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL 2025 APPLICATIONS CLOSE 20 NOVEMBER

Applications for 2025 Year 7 SHS opened 9 October and close on 20 November 2023. An information brochure and "Intention to Apply" letter was sent to all families of Year 5 students on 11 October. An intention to apply sent to the school is not an application. Applications MUST be completed on-line by parents. Please request an additional information pack if needed.

## 2024 CLASSES | PARENT REQUESTS IN WRITING ONLY

Parents/carers are welcome to provide written information by letter to my attention or by emailing the school: <a href="mailto:northmead-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au">northmead-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au</a> ... with attention to Mrs Ezzy ASAP but no later than: <a href="mailto:Friday 10">Friday 10</a> <a href="Movember">November</a>. The information you wish to provide us may be about specific considerations or information about your child/children you would like the school to be aware of when forming 2024 class placements. <a href="It is not about "choosing a teacher"</a>. Your student/family information may include their social and emotional needs, friends you feel they need to continue to be with to support their wellbeing and progress, exceptional academic ability, behaviour and/or past relationship issues that you feel have impacted your child/children.

There are no guarantees all considerations can be acted upon. But they are all read, considered and respected. The Executive, teachers and I always plan each class aiming for the best educational/wellbeing outcomes for every child. Parent requests for changes of their child's class will generally not be considered once classes are in place in 2024. Any concerns will always be listened to. We commit considerable time in forming the structure of students, teachers and class organisation for each year. *Thank you for your help and understanding.* 



## COLLABORATIVE. RESPECTFUI COMMUNICATION

Please find attached the **School Community Charter** which outcomes the responsibilities of parents, carers, visitors, educators and school staff in NSW Public Schools. It has come to my attention that some parents have been openly rude, quite loud and aggressive to our school Admin staff, sometimes when other children are present. Unacceptable behaviour has no place in our school community. Please ensure all communication is respectful with all members of our school team.

#### 2024 KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Please make sure you have read all the information about your child's days to join us at school and the family information available, in the first session on Wednesday 25 October in the School Hall (see infographic below).

- All sessions commence 9:15 till 10:45am
  - Wednesday 25 October, 1 and 8 November





## School Community Charter



#### Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.

The following School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

We treat each other with respect

#### What our schools provide

NSW public schools work to create positive environments for students. staff and the entire school community that support student learning. We strive to ensure that every student is known, valued and cared for.

The best education happens when parents and schools work together.

The School Community Charter aligns with the NSW Department of Education Strategic Plan 2018 - 2022.



#### **Positive environments**

It is important that our NSW public schools are positive environments and that parents and carers are kept informed of students' progress and school announcements.

Parents and carers can expect:

- · To be welcomed into our schools to work in partnership to promote student learning.
- · Communication from school staff will be timely, polite and informative.
- Professional relationships with school staff are based on transparency, honesty and mutual respect.
- · To be treated fairly. Tolerance and understanding are promoted as we respect diversity.

We prioritise the wellbeing of all students and staff

> **Unsafe** behaviour is not acceptable in our schools

We work together with the school

**Ensuring respectful learning environments for all** members of NSW Public Schools communities.



We create **collaborative** learning environments

We all play **our part**  We work
in partnership
to promote
student
learning

#### **Communicating with our schools**

Our staff will find a time to talk to you when they can give you their full attention. Please remember that while our staff are in class or dealing with other matters, they may not be available to answer your questions immediately.

Our schools and communities will make sure that written communication is appropriate, fair and easy to read. We encourage you to use email and social media appropriately to connect with your school and stay up-to-date with up-coming events in the school community.

Our guide for parents, carers and students provides useful information about the complaints process:

<u>education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students</u>

#### Respectful communication is a right

In all workplaces people have the right to feel respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities.

To ensure the wellbeing of students, staff and the community in our schools, steps will be taken to address unacceptable behaviour. This may include restricting contact with the school community or, in more serious cases, referral to NSW Police.

# COLLABORATIVE





#### Unacceptable behaviour may include but is not limited to:

- · Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity.
- Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.
- · Treating members of the school community differently due to aspects such as their religion or disability.
- · Inappropriate and time wasting communication.





#### NORTHMEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

Cnr. Moxhams and Kleins Roads Northmead NSW 2152 T: 02 9630 3133



11 October, 2023

#### Dear Northmead Public School families:

#### Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2025

Selective high schools cater for academically gifted students with high potential who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic standard. Selective high schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, and by using specialised teaching methods.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2025, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

#### The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 9 May 2024.

Detailed instructions on how to apply and the link to the online form will be sent home via School Bytes or by visiting https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7.

Applications open on 9 October 2023 and close on 20 November 2023. You must apply before the closing date.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

The tear-off slip below is NOT an application and the school CANNOT apply on your behalf.

#### THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL.

This is a notice to your primary school only that you intend to apply.

TO APPLY FOR PLACEMENT YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER YOUR EMAIL AND THEN SUBMIT AN APPLICATION THROUGH THE ONLINE FORM ON THE HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS WEBSITE:

https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes

With kind regards,				
Mrs Dianne Cowderoy	Mr Daniel Gorrie	Mrs Anne Ezzy		
Assistant Principal	Deputy Principal	Principal		
Cut here and r	eturn the note below to the school office by I	Friday 3 November 2023		
Intention to apply	for Year 7 placement in a selective hig	gh school in 2025		
Student's name:	Class	:		
	gh school entry in Year 7 in 2025 for my ch	ild through the High Performing		

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Signature of parent/carer: \_



## Information for applicants

For entry to selective high schools in Year 7 in 2025

## Ready to apply?

For the latest updates visit: Selective high schools and opportunity classes

Key dates	
Application website opens	9 October 2023
Application website closes	20 November 2023
Test centre and test authority advice released	25 April 2024
Selective High School Placement Test	9 May 2024
Illness/misadventure requests submitted	16 May 2024
Placement outcome expected to be released	Late-August 2024

Detailed Information has been emailed to Year 5 parents via School Bytes

## Next Up at Northmead



Term 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W2 Checkin Window Years Y3-5 Swim School Y2 Tell Them For Me Survey Y4-Y6	16 Oct Sport Rep Group Photos	17 Oct	18 Oct K Tennis	19 Oct Scripture/Ethics	20 Oct Summer PSSA Rd 8
W3 Checkin Window Years Y3-5 Swim School Y3 Tell Them For Me Survey Y4-Y6	23 Oct	24 Oct 3-6 Ballroom Dancing Comp.	25 Oct K + Y1 Tennis 2024 Kindy Orientation NSW Athletics	26 Oct Scripture/Ethics NSW Athletics	27 Oct Summer PSSA Rd 9 World Teachers' Day
W4 Checkin Window Years Y3-5 Swim School Y3 Tell Them For Me Survey Y4-Y6	30 Oct	31 Oct	1 Nov K + Y1 Tennis 2024 Kindy Orientation	2 Nov Scripture/Ethics	3 Nov Summer PSSA Rd 10
W5	6 Nov Creative Hair and Sock Day Fundraiser	7 Nov	8 Nov K + Y1 Tennis 2024 Kindy Orientation	9 Nov Scripture/Ethics	10 Nov Summer PSSA Semis
W6	13 Nov	14 Nov Diabetes Awareness Day	15 Nov K + Y1 Tennis	16 Nov Scripture/Ethics	17 Nov Summer PSSA Finals
W7 Eye Checkup K-6	20 Nov Todd Woodbridge Cup Final	21 Nov	22 Nov K + Y1 Tennis	23 Nov Scripture/Ethics	24 Nov
W8 Eye Checkup K-6	27 Nov	28 Nov	29 Nov K + Y1 Tennis	30 Nov Scripture/Ethics	1 Dec
W9	4 Dec 2024 3-6 Swimming Carnival	5 Dec K-2 Presentation Day 9:15am	6 Dec 3-6 Presentation Day 9:15am	7 Dec Scripture/Ethics	8 Dec
W10	11 Dec Northmead HS Band Visit	12 Dec Y3-5 Party Day	13 Dec K-2 Concert	14 Dec Y6 Party Day	15 Dec Y6 Graduation and Ringout Students Last Day of Term

As the weather is so unpredictable at the moment it is a timely reminder to check your child's clothing to ensure it is labelled with their name and it is still readable. At the end of last term four garbage bags of clothes were collected from around the grounds and washed and if labelled, returned to the children. I have a collection of clothes from the mufti days in my office so if your child has lost an article of clothing, please email the school describing the item, mark it to my attention and I will check the collection.

Lunch club has been a huge success during lunchtimes Tuesday to Friday. It is held in the new NOOSH building. The children have the opportunity to play with a huge collection of Lego donated by Goods360, games, crafts and colouring in purchased by the school. The most popular activity at the moment is Loom bands and colouring in, so if you have any of these items at home and your children no longer use them please consider donating them to lunch club we would be very grateful.

Thank you kindly,

Mrs Anne Carmichael

NPS Community Engagement Officer

#### **Transport for NSW**



#### **School Student Travel**

#### Term 4 2023

#### 2024 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a new or replacement School Opal card or travel pass for 2024 can <u>apply</u> now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement because of a new shared parental arrangement (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification for their school travel entitlement should <u>renew or update</u> their details <u>before</u> the end of term 4. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and travel passes remain valid for the start of the 2024 school year. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade (i.e. grade two to grade three), the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new eligibility criteria, we will send an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2024.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note**: some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

#### Changes to your bus service provider

Within Greater Sydney, a number of bus service providers have changed their names.

Parents intending to lodge an application for a School Opal card will need to visit <u>transportnsw.info</u> <u>trip planner</u> to obtain the correct bus operator name servicing your area prior to lodging an application.

#### Travel from Term 12024

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for 2024 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel open at the start of Term 4 2023, so parents/students can <u>apply</u> or <u>update</u> details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a busy period for local transport operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their <u>local</u> bus operator to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Students using School Opal cards are also reminded that they must tap on and tap off in line with the Student code of conduct and Opal terms of use.



Further information can be found at Plan your trip to school | transportnsw.info

Enquiries can be submitted at Fares, concessions, tickets & top-up feedback | transportnsw.info

## P&C NEWSFLASH

Northmead Public School P&C Association



#### **P&C UPDATE**

Welcome back to term 4!

Thank you to all who baked items for us to sell at our Referendum Day Cake Stall and to those who came along and showed your support by purchasing from the stall or BBQ. Thanks also to those who were able to volunteer their time on the day to help set-up/pack-up, cook and serve on our BBQ and Cake Stall. Over \$4200 was raised for the P&C to donate towards projects and resources within our school. Keep reading to see photos from the day!

#### NPS P&C Association:

northmeadpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

#### **NPS Band Instrument Hire:**

#### DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

Wednesday 25th October 2023 7pm via ZOOM

#### Gardening Club:

1st Thursday of the month 3 to 5pm. Meet at the veggie garden - Thursday 2nd November 2023.

#### Kindergarten Orientation Information Stand:

Wednesday 25th October 2023 during Kindergarten Orientation.

#### The Clothing Shop:

npsclothingshop1@gmail.com

#### Canteen:





#### **CANTEEN UPDATE**

#### **Canteen Manager Position**

The position of Chef/Cook Canteen Manager for Northmead Public School's P&C operated canteen has been advertised to the school community via School Bytes email. If you know of someone with the required qualifications and a passion for cooking healthy food options for children, please forward the advertised details on to them. If interested in the role, further details are available upon request by emailing the P&C at <a href="mailto:northmeadpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au">northmeadpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au</a>

#### **Canteen Operations for Term 4**

The canteen is currently operating as normal until the end of week 3 this term.

From week 4 the hours of operation will be reduced and menu options will be limited based on volunteer availability.

P&C and volunteers appreciate your understanding and patience during this time. Further information will be communicated regarding menu option and opening times in Week 3.

#### **Volunteer Call Out**

We are looking for some more volunteers to help prepare, serve and clean up in the canteen from week 4 to week 9 this term. If you are able to spare time between the hours of 9am and 2pm please contact ourschoolcanteenvolunteers@gmail.com with your availability.

A roster will be in place for the canteen to open on days where enough volunteers can be present.





#### **CLOTHING SHOP UPDATE**

## Where to find The Clothing Shop online...

- Please place your order online.
- Orders are packed by volunteers between 9am and 10am on Mondays and delivered to class teachers for students to bring home.
- Items can be exchanged or returned provided they are unworn, tags are still attached and if possible are in their original packaging. Please email the Clothing Shop regarding exchanges or returns <a href="mailto:npsclothingshop1@gmail.com">npsclothingshop1@gmail.com</a>.



#### Visit Square for new uniforms

https://northmead-public-school-pc-association.square.site





Use the Qkr! App for second hand uniforms

#### **Stock Update**

Stock of navy and royal blue shorts and skorts have arrived for the Summer season. Our stock order for short sleeve academic polos and sport polos is expected to arrive in the coming weeks. We appreciate your patience and apologise for the delay.

#### **Kindergarten 2024 Uniforms**

Information will be provided at Kindergarten Orientation to parents of students starting Kindergarten in 2024 on how, where and when to order uniforms.

#### **REFERENDUM DAY BBQ & CAKE STALL**











#### **GARDENING CLUB**

Our school holiday working bee was a bit quieter than usual, but we still had a solid crew of volunteers ready to pitch in and get things done in the garden. The kids loved the mud that was made when the retaining wall was put in. Our irrigation piping was laid and we tried to get the stink bugs under control.







Some of our harvested crops and seedlings were sold at the cake stall on Referendum Day.

We are looking forward to our next gardening club on **Thursday**, **2 November**. All are welcome. We would love to see new faces in the garden.



## Grow Our Own Food (GOOF) Spring 2023

Learn the secrets to growing veggies like the ones at school!

This 5 week series of interesting and interactive lessons shows you how to set up and maintain your own sustainable garden using nature's cycles and time-proven systems.

The 5 topics are:

- Introduction to Permaculture Ethics, principles and application.
- Soils Make and Re-generate healthy, fertile soil. Grow Beds.
- Plants Select, Sow, Grow, Harvest & Store your food.
- 4. **Seeds** Collect, Clean, Store & Sow Seeds.
- 5. **Year Round Food** Hands-on practice of techniques introduced in the previous 4 topics. Plus, devlelop your own planting guide to enjoy fresh, healthy food all year round.



The first 4 Topics (8 Sessions) are delivered online via Zoom. Each topic has 2 sessions each week - Monday and Wednesday evenings, 7 pm - 8 pm.

The final session combines all previous topics in a live, practical workshop.

**Starts Monday, 6 November** Scan for more information and to sign up.





8-week multi-sport program for kids aged between 4 to 12

Sports include: Soccer, Cricket, Basketball, Hockey, Touch Football, AFL, Netball & Volleyball

Learn sport skills, meet new friends, qualified coaches, all sport equipment supplied

WHERE: Sir Thomas Mitchell Reserve, 31 Alexander St, Dundas Valley, NSW 2117

**DATES:** Friday 20th October 2023 - Friday 8th December 2023 (8x Friday afternoon weekly sessions)

**TIME:** 5:30pm - 6:30pm

COST: \$100, use your Active Kids Voucher to receive \$50 off

**HOW TO REGISTER: www.juniorsport.com.au** 

CONTACT: 1300 903 227 or info@juniorsport.com.au









## Winston Hills Netball Club

PRESENTS



6-Week Club Based Netball Skills Program

\$90 per player

Sessions will run on Wednesday Afternoons from 4.00pm-5.00pm, starting October 18th at Gooden Drive Reserve Netball Courts.

All future netballers between 5-7 are welcome.

Registrations Open Friday 8 September through Play HQ

https://www.playhq.com/netball-australia/org/winston-hills-netball-club/501bbfb7/register



Join Woolworths Cricket Blast

A safe way to have fun and stay active for kids of all abilities.

WINSTON HILLS CRICKET CLUB
Woolworths Cricket Blast Program for Girls & Boys
Friday evenings commencing 20th of October 23
For more information & to register scan QR ------>



**SIGN UP TODAY!** 

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