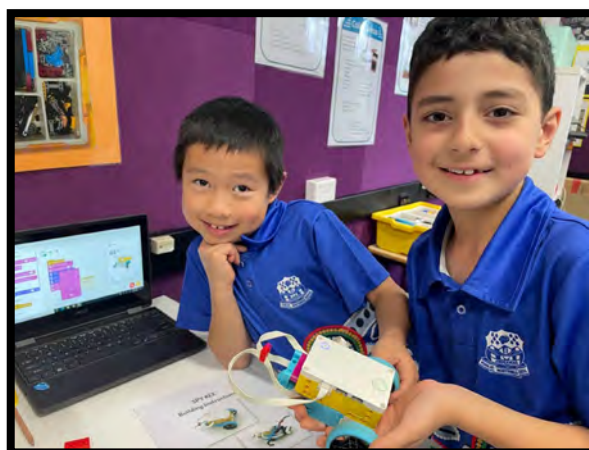




NORTHMEAD NEWSBREAK



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...

Last Friday (**27 October**) we celebrated **WORLD TEACHER'S DAY!** Wonderful WordCloud frames with descriptive words were created by Mrs Hoare and Ms Forsyth and presented to every teacher, constructed from student thoughts (plus the addition of some sweet treats for our staff as well). Words from our students included:



- * **inspiring; creative; kind; "great teacher"; helpful; listens; leader; understands; sporty; awesome; arty!**

...just a few of the **wonderfully accurate** describing words about the teachers @NPS who make a difference to each of their students each and everyday!

Term 4 brings a lot of "changes to routine". We've just experienced Swim School which teachers described as an incredibly positive experience for our Year 2 and Year 3 students. However, changes to routine can also bring some anxiety to students who thrive on routine. Please keep up-to-date with our NPS Calendar, so you can keep your children aware of different days still to come like: "Remembrance Day"; Presentation Days; Excursions; Incursions; Party Days etc. *All our children / students do cope better with change when they know WHAT to EXPECT!*

Ms HORVATH...FAREWELL WE ALL WISH YOU WELL ON YOUR NEXT SCHOOL JOURNEY...

If you missed my message in the last newsletter, as you read this, it is Ms Horvath's last day at Northmead Public School. We did send notifications to past students and families to join us today as secretly as we could, so Ms Horvath's last moments @NPS were as memorable as possible. Many of you will have joined us today to say farewell to our wonderful colleague and amazing teacher who was successful in her transfer to another school. Her class enjoyed a little farewell party today and the staff said our farewells in a special morning tea presenting her with what we hope will be "forever mementos" from every student in every class as well as the staff. We hope these will help her always remember her time at N.P.S. and importantly, what she *has* meant and means to every one of our school community members ... **The Students, The Staff and the entire N.P.S. Community.**

PRINCIPAL'S "P.S."

My final "P.S." is for Ms Horvath and what I and the whole N.P.S. school team know to be true as well as what speaks to all our educational hearts, individually and together. This quote is absolutely who Ms Horvath is, has always been and will continue to be as a quality educator who has impacted on and transformed so many children's lives...**this is for you Ms Horvath:**

*"A good teacher can inspire hope,
ignite the imagination and
instil a love of learning".*

Brad Henry

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

WHAT'S AHEAD @NORTHMEAD?



ARE YOU MOVING AWAY IN 2024? PLEASE TELL US NOW!

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.*

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: northmead-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au ... with attention to Mrs Ezzy ASAP but no later than: **Friday 10 November**. 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. **It is not about "choosing a teacher"**. 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.*

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.

STAY UP TO DATE WITH WHAT'S GOING ON @NPS!

Please stay up-to-date with all that's happening @NPS:

- ✳ the MANY Term 4 events involving students (excursions, assemblies etc);
- ✳ Special school events like Presentation Days, Party Days;
- ✳ Student Leadership timelines for our Year 5 students; and
- ✳ Year 6 special events;

Staff Development Days: **(STUDENTS DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL THESE DAYS):**

- **December 2023:**
Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 December...
- **January 2024:**
Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 January

Dates Students return to school in 2024:

- ✳ Years 1-6 (**Thursday 1 February**) and
- ✳ 2024 Kindergarten students (**Wednesday 7 February**)



Northmead SRC will be supporting this shelter over the next few weeks. Stay tuned for the event on a date to be confirmed. We will be collecting money and gift vouchers to give to this amazing charity.

Established as not-for-profit organisation in 2019, and opening our doors on Christmas Eve in 2019, Parramatta Women's Shelter is a community led shelter that has assisted over **250 women and children** escaping domestic and family violence and homelessness.

SUPPORT OUR SHELTER

Almost 100% of funds donated goes straight to supporting our staff and clients with accommodation, education, employment and legal assistance. Any amount, small or large, is so appreciated.

The impact of your donation includes the following:

- \$10 – buys essentials for a family to eat breakfast
- \$20 - provides phone and data credit allowing a woman to make important phone calls, applications and communicate online.
- \$50 – a safe night's sleep for a child or woman
- \$100 - provides immediate crisis assistance to a woman in her first 24 hours in the shelter

SRC Co-ordinators

Ms McLennan Mrs Cowderoy



Monday 30th October, 2023

Grandparents Day 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Grandparents Day 2023 is celebrated in Australia Day on the last Sunday in October. It is a special occasion that celebrate grandparents, grand-friends, relatives, and those who generally take on the role of a grandparent within their family or community. It is a beautiful time to celebrate those special members of the family for all that they do. Grandparents Day gives us the chance to make a special effort in letting our special relatives know just how much they mean to us!

This year we are welcoming our grandparents into classrooms on **Thursday 9th November from 2:00pm to 2:45pm**. Grandparents and special friends will be invited to participate in a variety of activities with our students both in and out of the classroom. Please feel free to visit our amazing parent volunteers at the garden in Area A, where you can plant your own seed.

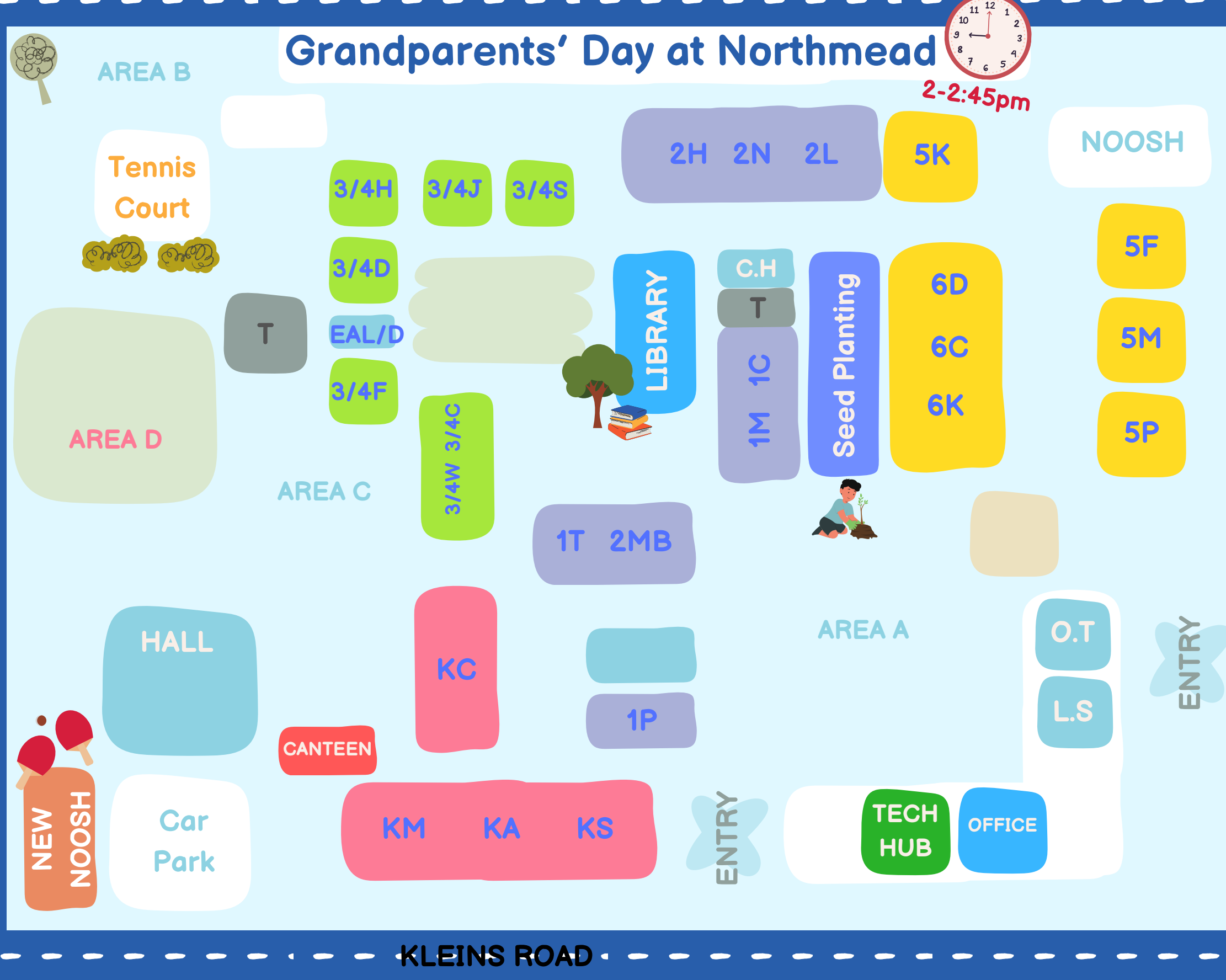
Please note that you will be able to enter the school via the main Kleins Road gates nearest to the crossing, and the top Moxhams Road gate nearest to the school office. The gates will be opened from 2pm at the end of lunch.

We look forward to sharing the day with you!

Mrs Baldry and Miss Sparks



MOSS STREET



SCHOOL MAP

- Kindergarten Classrooms
- New Noosh: Table Tennis
- Stage 3 Classrooms
- Library
- Tech Hub
- Seed planting in the garden
- Toilets
- Stage 1 Classrooms
- Stage 2 Classrooms

Dear Northmead Public School families:



Diwali –Wednesday 15th November

Diwali takes place annually and lasts for five days, marking the start of the **Hindu New Year**. The word **Diwali** (or **Deepavali**) means “**row of lights**”. During this festival, people decorate their homes with lights and oil lamps, called **diyas**. Hindus, all around the world participate in this special celebration, as do other religious groups including Jains and Sikhs.

At NPS we will be acknowledging and teaching our students about Diwali on **Wednesday 15th November (Week 6)** in the following ways:

- ✚ **Cultural Dress:** Children who celebrate Diwali may come to school in traditional clothing (must wear enclosed shoes).
- ✚ **Wear something bright with your uniform:** All students may add something bright in colour to their **uniform** - socks, ribbons, hat, etc.
- ✚ **Diwali Incursion:** On the day students will attend an incursion facilitated by *Bolly Dance with Ritika*. Children will learn about the story behind Diwali, learn some traditional songs and dances, and be given the opportunity to wear traditional bindis, scarves and sarees. The school has covered the cost of this incursion. *If you do not want your child/ren to participate in the incursion, please email the office by Friday 10th November.*
- ✚ **Share with your class:** If your child celebrates Diwali, they may like to bring in something special to share with their class about the event e.g.: photos, a story book etc.
- ✚ **Activities:** Students will learn about Diwali in class.

With kind regards,
Mrs Melanie Fletcher
EAL/D Coordinator

Mrs Anne Ezzy
Principal

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
Assistant Principal

Mr Daniel Gorrie
Deputy Principal

Mrs Anne Ezzy
Principal

-----Cut here and return the note below to the school office by Friday 3 November 2023 -----

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

Student's name: _____ Class: _____

I intend to apply for selective high school entry in Year 7 in 2025 for my child through the High Performing Students website **between 9 October 2023 and 20 November 2023**.

Signature of parent/carer: _____

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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

Northmead Band News



It has already been a HUGE year for our bands! Our Training Band has learned so much, and have gone from playing 'Hot Cross Buns' to smashing out 'We Will Rock You'. The Concert Band just received a Distinction award at the Hornsby North Band Festival, our Performing Band received first place in their division at the State Band Championships, and our Jazz Band received first place at the Hawkesbury Eisteddfod. This not including all the workshops we've had, and our band camp weekend. And to finish it off, we're going to have our big 'End of Year Celebration' performance on Friday 24th November, at the school.

It's been a fantastic year so far, and we're looking forward to finishing strong. A big thank you to all the parents for their support, and for making this year so successful.

Come Join the Band in 2024!

Is your child going to be in years 3-6 in 2024, and would like to develop their passion for music? We'd love to have them join the Northmead Band program and play in our Training Band next year! The band program at Northmead Public School offers a range of exciting opportunities for your child to explore and develop their musical abilities.

As a member of our Concert Band program, your child will have access to weekly group tutorials with expert tutors who will guide them on their instrument. These tutorials will help them master the techniques and skills needed to become a confident musician. Additionally, they will participate in weekly band rehearsals, where they will collaborate with fellow students, and work together as a team to create amazing music together.

But that's not all! Throughout the year, we organise three workshops and a Band Camp Weekend, providing your child with even more chances to refine their musical abilities and learn from experienced professionals. They'll also have numerous performance opportunities during their time in the bands, including prestigious events such as the State Band Championships, the Hawkesbury Eisteddfod, and the Hornsby North Band Festival. Not to mention, our bands also showcase their talent at various school events.



Our current year 2 students recently had the opportunity to witness the incredible performance of our Performing Band. This Friday, they will even get a chance to try out different instruments themselves. In a few weeks, they will receive a note informing them of their most successful instrument and inviting them to join our 2024 Training Band. This note will have all the information you need for your child to join us next year, but if you wish to find out more information, you contact the band director, Dr Steve Clark at steveclarkband@gmail.com

P&C NEWSFLASH

Northmead Public School P&C Association



P&C UPDATE

It was lovely to speak to so many new and existing Northmead families at last week's Kindergarten 2024 orientation information morning.

Thanks to those who assisted on the day with our Clothing Shop and P&C display.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

P&C General Meeting:

Wednesday 22nd November 2023 7pm via ZOOM

Gardening Club:

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

NPS P&C Association:

northmeadpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

NPS Band Instrument Hire:

NPSbandinstruments@outlook.com

The Clothing Shop:

npsclothingshop1@gmail.com

Canteen:

ourschoolcanteen@gmail.com



CANTEEN UPDATE

Canteen Operations for Term 4

From this week the canteen will be open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with a reduced menu available on Qkr! Open days and menu items will be based on volunteer availability and are subject to change. Any changes will be communicated via the Parent Facebook page and school email.

P&C and volunteers appreciate your understanding and patience during this time.



TERM 4 - OPEN DAYS (Subject to change based on volunteer availability)

Northmead Public School P&C Association will be reducing the hours of operation for Our School Canteen from this week and the remainder of Term 4 2023 whilst we look for a new canteen manager.

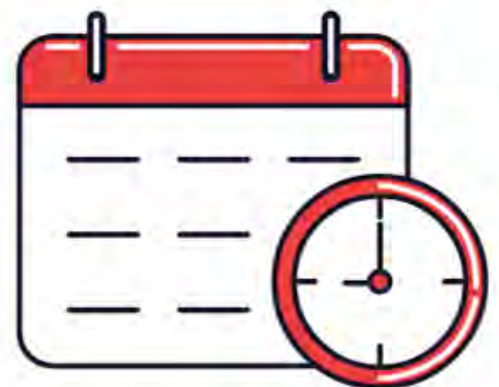
Term 4 Hours of Operation

Week 4 to Week 9 - **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday**

Week 10 - **Closed**

Please refer to the reduced menu and Qkr! for available meal options (subject to change based on volunteer availability).

Thank you for your support and patience at this time.



OUR SCHOOL Canteen

TERM 4 MENU

(Subject to change based on volunteer availability)

Available Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Order by 9am via Qkr!

RECESS

RECESS BOX - HAM 5.00
Sliced fruit, banana bread, savoury items -
example: ham pizza muffin, potato wedges,
cheese scroll)

RECESS BOX - VEG 5.00
Sliced fruit, banana bread, savoury items -
example: vegetarian pizza muffin, potato wedges,
cheese scroll)

SNACK PACK 4.50
Cheese and crackers with fresh fruit including
strawberries, blueberries or grapes, sliced
cucumber or carrot sticks.

WATERMELON 3.00
Fresh chopped watermelon

WHOLE FRUIT 2.00
Apple or banana

OVER THE COUNTER SNACKS

Examples of snacks available for
students to purchase at **lunch time**
only:

FRUIT JUICE ICY
PIZZA MUFFIN 1.00
WATERMELON SLICE EACH
BROWNIE
BANANA BREAD
BERRY OR CHOC CHIP HALF MUFFIN

LUNCH

PIZZA BOX - HAM 5.50
Pizza muffin with tomato, ham and cheese, mini
brownie square or sweet treat and sliced fruit.

PIZZA BOX - VEG 5.50
Pizza muffin with tomato, spinach and cheese,
mini brownie square or sweet treat and sliced
fruit.

PENNE PASTA 5.00
Penne pasta in homemade tomato sauce with or
without cheese.

BUTTER CHICKEN 6.00
Gluten and dairy free. Mild chicken, vegetable
and coconut curry served with white rice.

SANDWICHES
Cheese 3.50
Ham 4.00
Cheese and ham 4.50
Vegemite 3.00

TOASTED SANDWICHES
Cheese 3.50
Cheese and ham 4.50

MEAT PIE 5.00
Thursday and Friday only



CLOTHING SHOP UPDATE

Polo Shirt Update

During the year P&C have been working with suppliers to improve the quality and durability to the fabric used for our polo shirts. Feedback from the community and evidence of the wear on the fabric from daily school activities has been collected and forwarded to our supplier.

Additional shirt samples in different fabrics were manufactured and supplied for further testing. This included rubbing against different surfaces including concrete, trees and velcro, being worn and washed with different articles of clothing. **A more durable duel interlock fabric with a much tighter weave** which helps to reduce pulling was chosen.

It must still be noted that all sports fabrics need to be treated with care and washing instructions followed, however we hope that the new fabric will improve the longevity of our new uniform.

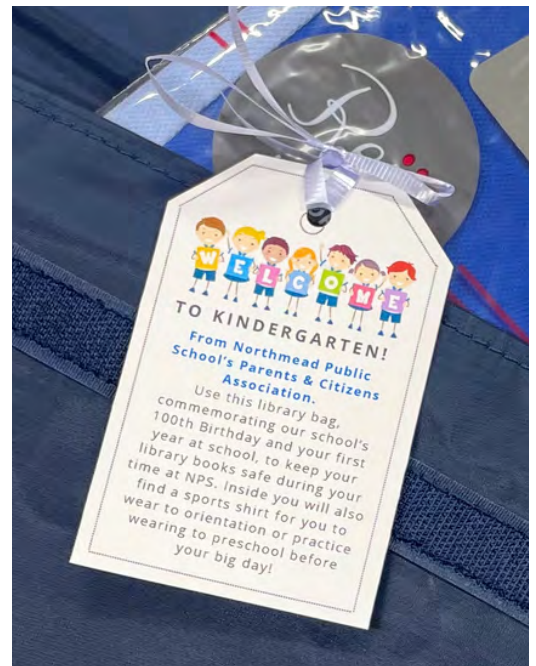
Delivery of our new and improved short sleeve academic and sport polos is expected this week. Once received stock will be updated on our Square page. Keep an eye on the Clothing Shop Facebook page for updates.



CLOTHING SHOP UPDATE

Annual Library Bag Donation

The P&C has again donated library bags for each of our new kindergarten students starting in 2024. A part of their kindy pack students will receive a commemorative library bag celebrating Northmead Public School's centenary during their orientation session. This year the Clothing Shop has also donated the last of our remaining size 4 sports polos in the old design for new students to practice wearing before their big day.



Kindergarten 2024 Uniform Preorders

The Clothing Shop are now taking preorders for Kindergarten 2024. Orders will be packed throughout the term and delivered to the school office. Families will be contacted when ready to collect.

A range of packages are available to help make ordering for Kindergarten easier. Refer to the following page for additional information.



Kindy Uniform Packs

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



Complete Kindy Pack



Contents:

- 2 x Short Sleeve Academic Polo Shirts
- 1 x Sports Polo Shirt
- 1 x Navy Backpack (Medium **OR** Large)
- 1 x Adjustable Bucket Hat (Small 55cm, Medium 57cm **OR** Large 59cm)
- 1 x Sport Shorts (unisex) **OR** Sport Skort (girls option)
- 2 x Navy Academic Shorts (unisex) **OR** 2 x Navy Academic Skorts (girls option) **OR** 1 x Navy Shorts and 1 x Navy Skort (girls option)

Basic Sport Kindy Pack



Contents:

- 1 x Sport Polo Shirt
- 1 x Royal Blue Unisex Shorts **OR** 1 x Royal Blue Sport Skort (Girls Option)

Basic Academic Kindy Pack

Contents:

- 2 x Short Sleeve Academic Polo Shirts
- 2 x Navy Unisex Shorts **OR** 2 x Navy Girls Skorts **OR** 1 x Navy unisex Shorts and 1 x Navy Girls Skort
- 1 x Hat



Polo Shirt Kindy Pack

Contents:

- 2 x Short Sleeve Academic Polo Shirts
- 1 x Long Sleeve Academic Polo Shirt and 1 x Sports Polo Shirt.



Kindy packs are available to purchase from the P&C Clothing Shop online Square site. Packs include a range of items designed to set your new starter up for school.

Prices will vary depending on items selected within your chosen pack.

Clothing items in packs are for a single size only (4, 6 or 8). If items are required in different sizes please order individual products.

Pre-orders for Kindergarten 2024 will be packed by our volunteers and made available for collection from the school office before the end of Term 4. You will be notified when your order is ready to collect.

Items may be returned or exchanged provided they are unworn, tags are still attached and if possible they are in their original packaging.

The Clothing Shop is open on Mondays between 9 and 10am where families are welcome to visit in person. Alternatively items can be delivered to the school front office with a note including name, contact details and order number and explaining what is required. Our volunteers will make the exchange and contact you when ready to collect.

Please contact the Clothing Shop via email if further assistance is required
npscclthingshop1@gmail.com