



NORTHMEAD NEWSBREAK





Northmead Newsbreak ... Principal's Update

WARAMI | Hello...Welcome!

Our school acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land upon which Northmead 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...

We are in the midst of a busy final term with many activities in Term 4 including a very happy and colourful celebration of **DIWALI** yesterday and the final **Year6** fundraiser where our students demonstrated VERY fun and creative hair and socks!



Congratulations to Angus F. who excelled in his rendition of "The Last Post" and "Reveille" in our Remembrance Day Commemoration last Friday (10 November) ahead of the official day on 11 November. Angus has been awarded with a Principal's **Above and Beyond** Award at last Monday's Stage 3 Assembly in recognition of his musical expertise. We received phone calls from our neighbours who loved hearing the commemoration and Angus' expert playing over the loudspeakers. **Lest We Forget**

Please keep up-to-date with our NPS Calendar, so you can keep your children aware of different days still to come and changes to their regular routine. This helps them be better prepared to cope with the different events such as: Student Leadership Speeches and voting; Presentation Days; Excursions; Incursions; Party Days etc. All our children / our students **do** cope better with change when they know **WHAT to EXPECT!**

STAFFING UPDATES

I have been informed that Ms Micallef (who has been teaching at another school in Western Sydney during 2023) has decided to relinquish her position at Northmead P.S. from 2024 to pursue teaching at schools closer to home. She will be missed in our 2024 teaching team. I have commenced the process of liaising with the Department to fill this vacancy for Term 1, 2024. Mrs Kennett who has been on leave in 2023 from her role as School Administration Manager (S.A.M.) has decided to not return to her position at N.P.S. and has resigned. We are very thankful that Ms Dwyer (Rachel) **very** capably relieved in this position during 2023. Mrs Kennett's S.A.M. position will now be filled through a Merit Selection Panel process which I have commenced. I hope to be able to share the outcome of this merit process with our community before the end of Term 4. We wish Mrs Kennett well on her future journey.

PRINCIPAL'S "P.S."

When reflecting on some reminders/messages in this Newsletter I feel the message of remembering our school's and the global social commitment to **MUTAL RESPECT** seems to be a feature. As students, as staff and as parents/carers we can all become very tired in Term 4 when we have dealt with whatever has happened in our lives throughout the year. But our focus on being **SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNERS never waivers. To Year 6...we want these final weeks to be amazingly happy and memorable. Mutually respectful conversations between students and staff are the ONLY option. Keep being YOUR BEST SELF...we BELIEVE YOU CAN and you WILL!**

"Mutual respect is the foundation of genuine harmony".

Dalai Lama

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

WHAT'S AHEAD @NORTHMEAD?



MOBILE PHONES | DoE POLICY NOT PERMITTED DURING THE SCHOOL DAY IN ALL NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS

All students who bring Mobile Phones to school **MUST sign them in at the front office every day**. Some Stage 3 students have recently not chosen to follow this NSW Department of Education Policy. Parents will be contacted when students do not abide by this policy.

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 | **CLOSING 22/11**

Thank you to the parents/carers who have already sent emails to the school regarding 2024 class considerations. I did ask that you send your requests **by Friday 10 November** to: northmead-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au ... with attention to Mrs Ezzy. I will keep this pathway open till next week. Please send an email **AT THE LATEST by: WEDNESDAY 22 NOVEMBER**. We aim for every child to have 1-2 friends in their new class each year. However some parents have asked for as many as 6 students to be with their child in 2024 as friends. *This really is not a possible organisation scenario*. We do not consider requests about "choosing a teacher". Also concerns raised in Term 4 when during the year a teacher leaves due to a transfer or changes their role due to gaining a new merit position are beyond our control when forming classes. *Thank you for your understanding.*

STAY RESPECTFUL IN KISS 'n' DROP

I have had very upset community members ring me to comment on highly disrespectful and unsafe driving behaviour in our Kleins Road Kiss 'n' Drop Zone. They stated also witnessing our Crossing Guard have people swearing at her. **THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE!** We have asked Council Rangers to monitor driving behaviour. **Please be a safe and respectful NPS community member at our school.**

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL 2025 APPLICATIONS CLOSE 20 NOVEMBER

A FINAL REMINDER to OUR FAMILIES.

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 via our FaceBook & Instagram Calendar updates and the Newsletter Calendar.

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**)



Grandparents Day



GRANDPARENTS DAY



Dear Mrs Ezzy, Mr Gorrie and Mrs Baumann,

I wanted to pass on my family's thanks for opening the school to celebrate our grandparents and special people today. I would also like to thank both Mrs McLennan and Mr Hawkins for allowing families into their classrooms to show some special pieces of work.

My children's grandparents on both sides live in Canberra and Narrandera in South Western NSW but we were lucky enough to be able to arrange for their Granny and Granddad Cullen to travel from Canberra today for their first ever visit to our wonderful school. Eloise and Archer didn't know they were coming so it was a great surprise and they were so excited and proud to be able to show off their school, garden, tech hub and library and share their work in their classrooms.

Thanks again, and please pass on our thanks to the staff of NPS also.

Kind Regards,
Jenny and Paul Cullen





P&C NEWSFLASH

Northmead Public School P&C Association

Happy Diwali, may the bonds of family and community grow stronger.



NEW P&C EMAIL ADDRESS

The P&C has a new email address.
info@northmeadpublicschoolpandc.org.au

Correspondence with members will now be sent from this address.

Please use this address to contact the P&C in the event you require information relating to P&C activities or feedback you would like to provide.

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.

NPS P&C Association:
info@northmeadpublicschoolpandc.org.au

NPS Band Instrument Hire:
NPSbandinstruments@outlook.com

The Clothing Shop:
npsclothingshop1@gmail.com

Canteen:
ourschoolcanteen@gmail.com



CLOTHING SHOP UPDATE

Polo Shirts

Short sleeve academic polo shirts and sport polo shirts have arrived! New stock has been made available on our Square website:

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



Last day to order for 2023

Last day to place orders for delivery this year will be **Monday 11th December 2023**. The Clothing Shop is closed throughout the December/January school holiday period and **will not re-open until Monday 5th February 2024**.

Order Now for Kindergarten 2024

Uniform packs for students who are starting kindergarten in 2024 are available to order now. See following page for more information.

Please place your order before Monday 11th December 2023 to ensure you receive your uniforms before the end of the school year and in time for your child first day of school.



Kindy Uniform Packs

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



Complete Kindy Pack	Basic Academic Kindy Pack
<p>Contents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">2 x Short Sleeve Academic Polo Shirts1 x Sports Polo Shirt1 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)	<p>Contents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">2 x Short Sleeve Academic Polo Shirts2 x Navy Unisex Shorts OR 2 x Navy Girls Skorts OR 1 x Navy unisex Shorts and 1 x Navy Girls Skort1 x Hat
Basic Sport Kindy Pack	Polo Shirt Kindy Pack
<p>Contents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">1 x Sport Polo Shirt1 x Royal Blue Unisex Shorts OR 1 x Royal Blue Sport Skort (Girls Option)	<p>Contents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">2 x Short Sleeve Academic Polo Shirts1 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
npsclothingshop1@gmail.com