



Year 6 Art

A collage of 15 images showing Year 6 students engaged in various art projects. The projects include creating rangoli art on asphalt using colored powder, drawing intricate designs on black paper with white and colored markers, and painting colorful fish and abstract patterns on white paper. Students are shown both working individually at desks and in groups outdoors on the pavement. The images capture the creative process and the final artistic results of the students' efforts.

Rangoli making

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 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 have reached the second-last Newsletter for 2023!! How is that possible?! There are still exciting learning and life opportunities in our last two weeks including our Swimming Carnival next Monday. **Please keep up-to-date with our NPS Calendar here in the Newsletter, via Social Media and the school Website. Then you can keep your children aware of the "different days" that we will experience together over our final 2 weeks of 2023 @NPS. These days, create changed school routines for your child.** By preparing children for the changes ahead, you help them to be better prepared to cope with the different events such as: Presentation Days; Swimming Carnival; Stage Excursions and Incursions; Party Days and the Year 6 Ring-out on the final day for students (December 15). *All our children / our students do cope better with change when they know WHAT to EXPECT!*

STAFFING UPDATES

I am delighted to share with our N.P.S. community that we have three very excited teachers appointed by the Department to join our wonderful school as permanent teachers from Term 1, 2024. They replace the vacancies created when Mrs Peddle, Mrs Fordham (*Miss Fulop*) and Ms Horvath who gained school transfers in 2023.

STAFFING UPDATES [continued]

We welcome to N.P.S. from Term 1, 2024: **Ms Hemmati, Ms Ashburner and Mr Pearson**



We will post photos of each of our newest teaching team in our Newsletter/Welcome to families at the start of Term 1, 2024. Each teacher has already had a day/days at the school to meet our teaching team and some of our students. We know they will be positive new members of the N.P.S. outstanding teaching team. **WELCOME to you all!**

Ms Micallef's vacancy will be determined by a Merit Selection Process to proceed in Term 1 2024. I have alerted our P&C president of the need for a parent representative for this process and we will meet as a panel in Term 4 to create the Term 1 advertisement for this appointment. Ms Del Valle's vacancy created by her resigning earlier this year will also be filled by the Department or a merit process to commence after Term 1, 2024. This means two classes will have a temporary teacher for Term 1 until these vacancies are appointed.

PRINCIPAL'S "P.S."

As we enter the last two weeks of Term 4, we may all be busy, but that's OK...that is school life! We remain focused on what is always N.P.S.'s core business...our students! We maintain our high expectations for every student to engage with daily learning, respond with polite manners, stay motivated to undertake all learning opportunities and for each student to be involved at their best level with all aspects of school life, right up till their last day. This is represented in this quote from the very wise Mahatma Ghandi. Let's all stay on our "True North" compass course to bring about a whole school positive, productive finale to our school year:

"The future depends on what we do in the present."

I look forward to chatting with you in our final 2023

Northmead Newsbreak ... Mrs Anne Eggy (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/carers 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 THIS WEEK!**

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 **CLOSED**

Thank you to the parents/carers who sent emails to the school regarding 2024 class considerations for their child/children. We have read each request received in writing. Some had as many as 6 students to be considered to be with their child. This is not organisationally possible. We have worked with teachers, Stage Supervisors, Learning Success Team and Executive to carefully consider your requests.

As we are busily organising our 2024 class structures, **this process is now CLOSED.**

Thank you for your understanding.

BULLYING – NO WAY – NEVER EVER!

There is always a lot of media coverage around bullying, particularly when it has been unknown or not noticed enough, usually because the student isn't comfortable talking about it or when students are noticing it, but not reporting it. There is sadly the increasing issue of on-line bullying. Cyberbullying often goes unreported. What we do know is that the likelihood of children being bullied online or over the phone increases as they get older and use technology more frequently. Please ALWAYS tell your class teacher, the Assistant or Deputy Principals and/or me if your child is experiencing and/or witnessing bullying. **We can help if we all speak up!** Here is the Department's link to strategies for parents/carers around bullying. We CAN make a difference and we CAN stop bullying if we shine a light on what is happening and don't tolerate it at any level. Now and always:

<https://antibullying.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers>

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, the Newsletter and our website.

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)



Dear Northmead Public School families:

Letter to parents & carers regarding conflict in the Middle East

At Northmead Public School, we value the cultural diversity of our school community and promote respect and understanding of diverse perspectives and world views. With the recent escalation in the Middle East conflict, I would like to reassure you that our school strives to provide a safe and supportive environment for students, staff and families from all backgrounds.

Our thoughts are with any member of our community who may be impacted by the conflict.

Our staff are aware that anxiety about the conflict may trigger strong emotions and expressions of views among students who have affected family and friends or links to the region and are sensitive to the feelings and reactions of students. Please be assured that any discussions, topics or student behaviour matters which may arise in relation to the conflict will be handled fairly and with care. Counselling and wellbeing support is available and students who are worried or upset are encouraged to talk to the school counsellor or their teachers.

We ask that you to talk to your children at home about any concerns they may have at this time and remind them that our school is a safe space which promotes respect for all people. Please contact the school if you have any concerns so that we may work together to ensure that all our students feel safe and well supported.

If you need an interpreter, please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. The interpreter will assist you in talking to us. You will not be charged for this service.

Thank you for your ongoing support in promoting a positive and respectful learning environment at Northmead Public School.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Anne Ezzy

Principal

30 November 2023



This week is the last week for breakfast club for 2023. I would like to thank the teachers who come in early to assist with breakfast club and our senior students who are always there to help with packing up and serving.

A special thank you to Baker's Delight at Baulkham Hills who supply 10 loaves of toast cut bread every week. This is a very generous donation and the children are definitely enjoying the taste as there is never any left over.

Breakfast club is also supported by the Northmead P & C and parents who often drop in margarine, Nutlex or spreads to the front office as well as cash donations.

I am hoping to obtain the support of these sponsors next year so we can provide this service again.

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

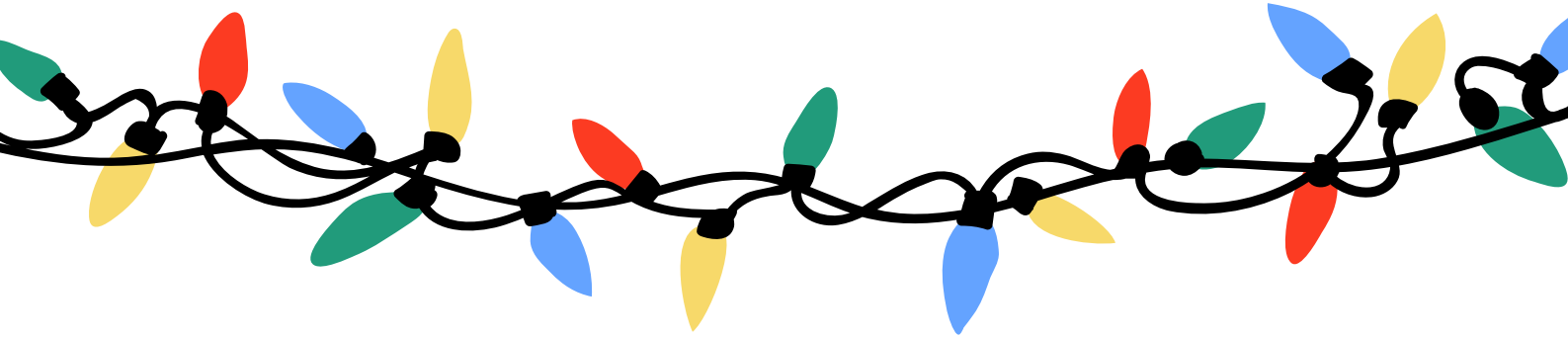
NPS Community Engagement Officer

If you are in The Grove shopping centre at Baulkham Hills please go in and support the shop that has supported us.



P&C NEWSFLASH

Northmead Public School P&C Association



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Gardening Club:

7 December 2023 - 3 to 5pm. Meet at the veggie garden.

Canteen:

Last day for 2023 - Friday 8th December 2023. Closed week 10.

Clothing Shop:

Last shop open day for 2023: Monday 11th December 9 to 10am.

Shop re-opening in 2024: Monday 5th February 2024 9 to 10am.

Online orders placed during the holidays will be delivered Week 1 Term 1).

P&C General Meeting:

Wednesday 21st February 2024 (Term 1 Week 4) 7pm via ZOOM.

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



CANTEEN - LAST DAY FOR 2023

A reminder that the canteen will be **closed for the last week of term. Our last open day will be Friday 8th December 2023.**

Our team of parent volunteers have put in an amazing effort to keep the canteen open this term and we thank families for your support and understanding throughout Term 4.

Further information on Term 1 operations will be provided in our next newsletter.

CLOTHING SHOP - DATES AND LAST ORDERS FOR 2023

Last day to order for 2023

The Clothing Shop will open for the last 2 weeks of term 4 between 9am and 10am on **Tuesday 5th December and Monday 11th December 2023.**

The 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.** Online orders received during this time will be delivered to teachers/school office during Week 1 Term 1 2024

Kindergarten 2024

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's first day of school.

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

Northmead Band News

Last Friday, we held our 'End of Year Celebration' concert to commemorate the achievements of our bands and students throughout the year. These accomplishments include the State Band Championships, Hawkesbury Eisteddfod, Hornsby North Band Festival, Education Week performance at school, 3 band workshops, and our Band Camp Weekend. Our students actively participated in nearly 40 rehearsals and 40 group tutorials. The hard work of everyone paid off, evident in the high standard of music performed at our concert.

It has been an exceptional year for our bands, and I am incredibly proud of their achievements. Don't forget to re-enrol for 2024! Please do this urgently so we can prepare the band, instruments, and tutorial groups for the upcoming year. If you haven't done so already, you can re-enrol using the link provided in my last two emails. Let me know if you didn't receive the link!



Joining the 2024 Training Band

We have had over 100 students try out instruments this year! If your child tried an instrument, a note should have been sent home earlier this week with an offer to join the band and play a specific instrument. If your child did not receive a note or missed out on the instrument trials but would still like to join, please email me as soon as possible. We have a limited number of instruments and spaces available. We would love to have your child learn music with us next year, so if you contact me, we can arrange a quick instrument trial and hopefully find a spot! The closing date for enrolments is **Wednesday 13th December**, and instruments are allocated on a first-serve basis.

Steve Clark—Band Director
steveclarkband@gmail.com

NORTH ROCKS SOCCER CLUB



Are you looking to join a local soccer club that is all about fun, fitness and community?

North Rocks Soccer Club is now accepting registrations for the 2024 season. Boys, Girls, Women and Men of all ages and skill levels are welcome.

Follow the instructions
on our website
registration page

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North Rocks Soccer Club

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PLAYERS WANTED!

Mini Footy (4-8) & Mod Footy (9-12)

Safe Play modified rules for boys and girls
U6-U12 playing on a Sunday.

Rugby League (13-Opens)

Rugby League for boys U13s-U16s
and Opens playing on a Sunday.

League Tag Girls Teams (7-Opens)

"Non-Contact" League Tag for girls aged 7
and above playing on a Sunday.

Girls Only Rugby League (11-16)

Rugby League for girls U12s and above
playing on a Saturday.

"COME & TRY" NIGHTS

Thursday, December 7, 2023 and Friday, December 15, 2023

Friday, February 2, 2024 and Friday, February 16, 2024

5.30-6.30pm at Sir Thomas Mitchell Reserve, Dundas Valley.

**If you have any questions please contact
us on rego@carlingfordcougars.com.au
or call on 0418 158 027**



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- ★ AGES 7 - 9 PLAY FRIDAY NIGHTS
- ★ AGES 10+ PLAY SATURDAYS

SEASON STARTS EARLY MAY 2024

Active Kids Vouchers welcome

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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PROGRAMS



**LOWER
PRIMARY**
(5-7 years)









**UPPER
PRIMARY**
(8-11 years)



SECONDARY
(High school
students)

Sessions include:

-  Fun interactive activities that teach about animal care.
-  Behind-the-scenes tour of our shelter.
-  Help our Animal Carers with their daily responsibilities.
-  Meeting a variety of shelter animals.
-  Learn how to be an animal advocate in your community.
-  Learn about animal career pathways



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