



# NORTHMEAD NEWSBREAK







# K - 2 PARTY DAY





# 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.



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

## DEAR NORTHMEAD FAMILIES...

Once again, the final week of school is upon us before we've "blinked" and this is our final Newsletter for 2023! And what a joyous way to start finishing up our final school week with our K-2 Christmas Concert. A huge



thanks to all the K-2 teaching and support team for all the rehearsing, organisation and helping our students put on this amazing festive performance. You could feel the smiles on every child's face as well as the joy our families showed watching their own child and all the K-2 students sing and dance to their festive music. Well done to our Year 2 MCs who spoke so beautifully during the concert. May I take the opportunity to say thank you to Northmead's Executive and teaching staff for their consistent professionalism, dedication and the quality teaching and learning experiences they provide for our students every day. To our tireless support staff - in the office, who assist our students in class and the playground and our G.A.'s; thanks to you all for the great job you do, the difference you make to our school, the smiles you bring even when we ask for "one more thing" and the constant positive

interactions you have with our students. Thank you to our students K-6. To our parents, carers and community supporters including our P&C, our Uniform Shop, Canteen, "special events", Band and Garden volunteers, thank you for such positive contributions you make in partnership with our school to make a difference to our students. And to our wonderful students of Northmead Public School...you are always at the centre of our focus and the reason we come to school every day, in order to make a positive difference to you in learning and life. Your happy smiles, achievements (whether small or big), overcoming obstacles, demonstrating your resilience and those "a-ha" learning moments make our day.

## MRS BENTLEY...FAREWELL!

THE N.P.S. COMMUNITY WISH YOU  
HAPPINESS, PEACE, PROSPERITY AND  
"KICKING YOUR GOALS" IN THE REST OF  
YOUR LIFE JOURNEY. WE WILL MISS YOU!

Yesterday was Mrs Leanne Bentley's last day at Northmead and significantly, her last day as a teacher with the NSW Department of Education. She has decided to RETIRE after **MANY, MANY** years educating the students in NSW Public Schools and absolutely contributing to the positive outcomes for students, fellow staff and families at Northmead Public School. **WE WILL MISS YOU SO MUCH!** *The Students, The Staff and the entire N.P.S. Community say Thank You Mrs Bentley and we wish you well on your exciting personal journey ahead.*

## PRINCIPAL'S "P.S."

My final thoughts are for our outgoing Year 6 students and to those staff who have left us this year..

*"There are far, far better things ahead  
than any we leave behind."* C.S. Lewis

*I look forward to chatting with you in our next Northmead Newsbreak in 2024 ... Mrs Anne  (Principal)*

## 2023 YEAR 6 MAJOR AWARD RECIPIENTS

2023 DUX	
Matthew K.	

2023 TRUE NORTH AWARD	
Jessica B.	Jordan B.

2023 LIONS CLUB CITIZENSHIP	
Bernie I.	Elizabeth K.

2023 SCHOOL CITIZENSHIP	
Elizabeth A.	

2023 FRANK EMMETT AWARD	
Jack M.	

2023 ENDEAVOUR AWARD	
Meredith B. – 6K	Isla K. – 6C
Oliver P. – 6D	

2023 UNSW MATHS AWARD YEAR 6	
Nicholas G.	

2023 MATHS OLYMPIAD TOP 10%	
Matthew K.	

2023 SPORTS PERSON OF THE YEAR	
Bernie I.	

2023 PREMIER'S SPORTING CHALLENGE RECIPIENTS	
Donovan O'C.	Somer Z.

## 2024 N.P.S. STUDENT LEADERS

Congratulations to our incoming Student School Leaders on receiving your official "titles" in the 3-6 Presentation Assembly. We know that just like the 2023 team you will make a positive contribution to your fellow students, within the SRC and representing the school. Your official induction will occur early in Term 1 2024 in a special separate assembly.

2024 SCHOOL CAPTAINS	
Evie S.	Andrew M.
2024 SCHOOL VICE CAPTAINS	
Jaylan S.	Ellie K.
2024 SCHOOL PREFECTS	
Tobias J.	Grace L.
Ella S.	Kyah S.
Max P.	Tomas W.

## 2024 SPORTING HOUSE CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAINS

BRIGALOW	HOUSE CAPTAINS	Havana C. Daniel A.
	VICE CAPTAINS	Joshua B. Sophie B.

DUNNEBAH	HOUSE CAPTAINS	Josephine H. Julian K.
	VICE CAPTAINS	Louis K. Lillian F.

MINORE	HOUSE CAPTAINS	Arlo D. Alexis K.
	VICE CAPTAINS	Ploypailene M. Jayden M.

YARRABIN	HOUSE CAPTAINS	Quinn S. Trisha S.
	VICE CAPTAINS	Charlotte Y. Koula T.

## WHAT'S AHEAD @NORTHMEAD?



### OUR LAST 2 DAYS IN TERM 4

- TODAY – THURSDAY DEC 14 *and*
- TOMORROW – FRIDAY DEC 15

\* Thursday 14 December:  
All student reports are emailed to families

\* Friday 15 December:

Year 6 Graduation Assembly commencing  
after lunch at the School Hall.

An invitation to this event was sent to all  
Year 6 families.

#### Please note:

*Attendance to this Year 6 Graduation  
event in the Hall is restricted to  
family members of Year 6 only.  
Attendee restrictions have been  
communicated to families to allow  
for adequate seating at the event.*

\* Year 6 Ring-out Friday 15 December from  
2:30pm – All families are very welcome to  
place yourself around the school at the  
fence boundaries around the school to be  
part of “ringing out” the 2024 Year 6  
students. Please observe reasonable  
distance with each other...thank you.

\* **Last day for all students**  
**Friday 15 December**

### 2024 – FIRST UP TERM 1 @NPS!

Please stay up-to-date with all that's happening  
@NPS via our FaceBook & Instagram updates, the  
Newsletter and our website.

### STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

#### 2023 December and 2024 January

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

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

### 2024 - DATES STUDENTS RETURN

#### 2024 Years 1-6 students – Return Date:

\* Thursday 1 February

\* **BEST START  
KINDERGARTEN ASSESSMENTS**  
(Please see your personal invitation day & time  
information sent to you):

- Thursday 1 February-Monday 5 February
- Students do not attend Tuesday 6 Feb.

### Official 2024 Kindergarten Day 1

Wednesday 7 February

#### PLEASE NOTE:

Not every Kindergarten student  
starts at 9:15am. Each family will be  
provided with a specific start time  
by email on or before 19 December.





### **Farewell from Mrs Bentley**

It is with some sadness that I say farewell to Northmead Primary School. It has been a privilege to work at this beautiful school. When I arrived 29 years ago, I immediately knew I was somewhere special and I never wanted to leave. We have a forward-thinking, compassionate and supportive executive team, dedicated and creative teachers, caring support staff, welcoming office staff and friendly, hardworking, talented students. I have always been amazed by the support, hard work and kindness shown to me by the Northmead parent community. It was such a pleasure to teach your children and to work with many of you in the classroom. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Northmead. I am now looking forward to spending time with family in my retirement. Northmead Primary School will always hold a special place in my heart. I wish all of you a joyous holiday season and happiness always. Thank you for your warmth and generosity.

With kind regards,

Mrs Leanne Bentley





Wishing the Northmead School Community and their families a happy holiday. Thank you to all our families for your support and generous donations throughout the year.

During these holidays if you are doing a clean up please think of the school, with games, loom bands, Scobies and puzzles that your children no longer need and consider donating them to our lunch club.

I am also happy to take donated school clothes in good condition that your children have grown out of. These clothes are given to families in need at the school.

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.



# Rat Test Kits

We have RAT test kits that can be picked up from the office, they have a use by date in January.

Please feel free to take some for the over holidays.





# P&C NEWSFLASH

*Northmead Public School P&C Association*



## THANK YOU

As another school year draws to a close, the P&C executive team would like to thank all of our volunteers for your amazing effort, time and dedication to our school. We would particularly like to thank the team of volunteers who worked tirelessly to keep our canteen running this term, volunteers who have bought our garden back to life, community members who have cooked barbecues, organised fundraising events, assisted in the Clothing Shop and with our school band - the list goes on. Thank you! We couldn't do it without you!

We wish the Northmead community a very happy, safe and prosperous festive season and year ahead and look forward to another great year in 2024 celebrating our school's centenary.

**NPS P&C Association:**  
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**NPS Band Instrument Hire:**  
[NPSbandinstruments@outlook.com](mailto:NPSbandinstruments@outlook.com)

**The Clothing Shop:**  
[npsclothingshop1@gmail.com](mailto:npsclothingshop1@gmail.com)

**Canteen:**  
[ourschoolcanteen@gmail.com](mailto:ourschoolcanteen@gmail.com)



## 2023 IN A NUTSHELL

Funds raised for NPS through P&C events:

**OVER \$14,700**

Most popular canteen student menu item:

**PIZZA BOX**

Number of clothing orders packed by volunteers:

**OVER 1300**

Second hand uniforms sorted and sent to local and overseas schools:

**COUNTLESS**

Seeds and seedlings planted in the garden:

**SO MANY!!!**

## TERM 1 2024 - DATES FOR THE DIARY

### **Clothing Shop:**

**Monday 5th February 2024 9-10am** - Shop re-opens. Online orders may still be placed during the holidays.

### **Gardening Club:**

**First Thursday of the month - 3 to 5pm.** Meet at the veggie garden.

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

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



## CANTEEN UPDATE

As announced last week, we are excited to welcome our newly appointed canteen manager, Michelle to the role from Week 1 Term 1 2024.

Please be assured that the menu will remain the same whilst she settles in and that available food options will continue to be healthy and delicious meals prepared on site for which our canteen has become renowned for.



## CLOTHING SHOP UPDATE

Please note that the **Clothing Shop is now closed for 2023**. All orders received up until 2pm Thursday 14th December have been delivered to class teachers. Orders received after this time will be delivered in the new year.

Our **second hand collection bin** has been relocated to the Clothing Shop. If you are planning on sorting through uniforms over the school holidays and would like to make a donation, items can now be delivered on **Monday mornings to the Clothing Shop**.





**BOOKINGS OPEN  
JANUARY 3 2024 @ 7PM**

# HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Beat the boredom with our free classes these holidays.  
No experience required



Registration Link  
<https://bitly.ws/YZcQ>



Active Parramatta



<https://bitly.ws/HEXe>