



NORTHMEAD NEWSBREAK



Northmead Newsbreak ... Principal's Update



Our school acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which Northmead P.S. was built: the Burramattagal people of the Darug nation. We honour their deep connection to Country. Always was, always will be. We pay our respects to present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and 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 the world.



DEAR NORTHMEAD FAMILIES

Here we are in Week 4 and I have been very impressed with our new Kindergarten students who have settled in quickly to building friendships, following class routines and enjoying the many learning, sporting and social skills that our wonderful school offers every student. I have also enjoyed reconnecting with all our students in Years 1-6 and being introduced to our newest N.P.S. students. Some of our new teachers have commented on the polite, calm atmosphere of the school and within classrooms. There will be many opportunities in Term 1 including NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5 later this term, Harmony Day and PSSA. Make the most of every day at school and in growing as a student and quality person within our amazing Team Northmead!

PARENT/TEACHER MEET AND GREET WEDNESDAY 22/2

Please see email sent to families 15/2 as well as the flyer in the Newsletter. You will have the opportunity to have an informal "Meet The Teacher" pop-in next Wednesday 22 February between 4:00-5:00pm. This is NOT a 1:1 parent/teacher interview or meeting. There will be information about your child's Year Group/Stage as well as an introduction to your 2023 class teacher.

STUDENT LEADERS' INDUCTION

We were so happy to be able to invite parents of students being inducted as school leaders to the Leadership Assembly last Tuesday and also invite the siblings of our leaders to be at the assembly to witness them receive their badges. What a wonderful celebration for our students and families and such a special memory for students and parents alike for our Captains, Vice Captains and prefects to have their badges "pinned" by their parent. Congratulations to all our 2023 N.P.S. student leaders in all your roles as:

- School Captains and Vice Captains •
- Sporting House Captains and Vice Captains •
- Library Monitors • Canteen Assistants •

We are very sure you will be amazing role models as you carry out your duties at special events at school and in our community throughout 2023. **Congratulations!**

PRINCIPAL'S "P.S."

I outlined the qualities of leadership in our Assembly to our 2023 Student Leaders last Tuesday including:

- Self Confidence • Trustworthiness • Be Authentic**
• Optimism & Warmth • Sense of Humour •
Enthusiasm • Courage

These are qualities that make a difference to our own lives and when impacting on the lives of others. I would also add **BE KIND ALWAYS** and **BE YOUR BEST SELF!** We will continue to share these qualities with every student at N.P.S. as they journey on their True North road to quality learning and quality life outcomes every day.

*"You were not born a winner
and you were not born a loser.
You are what you make yourself to be."*

I look forward to chatting with you in our next Northmead Newsbreak:

Mrs Anne Ezzzy | Principal

IMPORTANT TO KNOW WHAT'S AHEAD @NORTHMEAD



NO MOBILE PHONES | STUDENTS IN NSW PRIMARY SCHOOLS



Remember that all students in NSW primary who bring a phone to school must hand in their mobile phone every morning at the school admin office. If you need to provide information to your child during the school day, please ring or email the school and we will pass on the information to your child and their class teacher. **Students wearing “digital/smart watches” with phone/internet capability** must be locked out from connectivity between 8:30am-3:00pm. If not locked, these will also have to be handed into the office for the school day. This is in response to instances where students' watches have been “ringing” during the day or students are accessing internet on their watch in class learning time. Thank you for your cooperation with this NSW DoE policy.

RAINCOATS and UMBRELLAS

There are a number of students who have been coming to school during very wet, rainy days this week who do not have either a raincoat or an umbrella with them. When rain is heavy, even walking into the Kleins Road gate from the “Kiss and drop” car zone and walking to the nearest shelter, their uniform gets very wet. During the school day when they need to access the toilets, there are parts of the school grounds without covered walkways. For your child's comfort and safety **please ensure they have a waterproof raincoat and/or an umbrella with them everyday.**



EVERYDAY ORGANISATION AND HEALTHCARE FOR YOUR CHILD

It is timely to remind our families including our new families about school procedures and requirements:

- **AT NPS we arrive @9 ON TIME 4LINES**
Please have your child arrive at school by 8:55am. Arriving after 9am is disruptive for your child's learning and class morning routines. Partial attendance with late arrivals/early departures is recorded for your child's attendance records;
- It is preferred for health and hygiene that each child brings their own water bottle to school;
- Clearly label ALL uniforms, hats, drink bottles, lunch boxes etc with your child's FULL NAME;
- Ensure that all medications that need to be administered by office staff (*including Ventolin, epipens, anti-histamines such as Claratyne*) **have a valid use by date.**
- Daily prescription medications are required to be in a blister pack, that your local chemist can provide;
- **All Student Health Care Plans where applicable must be valid and current. In 2022 some students had out-of-date medication notifications. If your child's Health Care Plan is not current (such as Anaphylaxis and Asthma) your child cannot attend school until it is updated by your Dr.** This is a Health and Safety Issue

NEXT UP AT NORTHMEAD

- ✳ **Wednesday 15 February:** PSSA Training Starts
- ✳ **Wednesday 22 February:** Teacher Meet 'n' Greet 4-5pm (see note and Instagram/FBook)
- ✳ **Wednesday 1 March:** P&C 2023 Kindergarten Morning Tea
- ✳ **Monday 13 March:** **Last day** for 2024 Y7 Northmead CAPA HS Audition applications
- ✳ **15-27 March – NAPLAN Y3 & Y5 “Test Window”**

MEET THE PRINCIPAL

WELCOME TO OR WELCOME BACK TO NORTHMEAD!



Mrs Ezzy

My Favourites

Food: Icecream, Salt 'n' Pepper Calamari

Animal: Dragon

Beverage: French Earl Grey or Iced Latte!

Book: Historical Fiction

Movie: Harry Potter and I have always been a Disney movie fan

Colour: Purple

Lollies: Cherry Ripe
(I truly *loathe* liquorice)

Flowers: Gardenia, Roses & Freesias

Hobbies: Baking, drawing/painting, calligraphy & dance

Subjects: English and the Creative Arts

Favourite Season: Autumn & **Christmas!**



Halloooo to all our students and families.

My name is Anne Ezzy (Mrs Ezzy) and it is my absolute privilege to be the principal of Northmead Public School.

I started here as principal in Term 1 2019 and it is my fourth school I have been the principal of. I have taught all grades K-6 during my career as a classroom teacher and am proud to say I'm also a specialist reading support teacher, having been trained as a Reading Recovery Teacher. I also had the amazing opportunity to support / mentor other N.S.W. principals for 3 years 2016-2018 in the role of Principal, School Leadership. I started my teaching career on the Central Coast and moved west in 2009 to take up the position of principal at Hobartville P.S. in Richmond. I look forward to leading and witnessing your learning and wellbeing journey in 2023 and celebrating all you strive for, achieve and share with your teachers and with me. I wish us all a calm, happy and productively awesome year together at N.P.S.!

About me!

I am proudly married to my husband Don, pictured here on a dream trip to visit Paris for a very special birthday treat. Neither of us had been to Europe before. It was a magical experience and we had the honour of visiting the grave of Don's uncle at Rouen in France, who was a soldier who fought in World War 1 and sadly lost his life in 1918 along with too many others. Between us we have 4 talented, amazing children and 8 grandchildren ranging in age from nearly 2 to nearly 17! Two of our grandchildren started kindergarten in 2023, one started High School and our eldest is doing the H.S.C. We are so proud of each of them and they all bring us such joy, laughter and love. Our family means everything to us. We



have 2 dogs, Tottie (a Toy Poodle) and Redgie (a Cavoodle). I used to dance A LOT since I was 8 years old. I did ballet, jazz, contemporary and ballroom and led dance groups at school. I had an amazing experience in the Summer holidays of staying in a zoo and getting very close to a tiger and lions! I am a very keen cook and baker. Reading, Music and watching wonderful movies bring me immense joy. I also love writing and creating stories. I've written 4 original musical scripts for school performance showcases which was great fun to perform. Making a positive difference in the life of every child I teach or lead has been my calling and heartsong as an educator and leader. Every minute, every childhood and every child matters. Thank you for being on the journey with me for our shared educational journey together at N.P.S. in 2023.

Meet and Greet

22 Feb 2023

The NPS staff would like to invite all parents and carers to come along to our informal Meet the Teacher afternoon.

Classrooms will be open to pop in and say hello to your child's teacher and collect information about the year.

As this is a pop in session, it gives parents with multiple children time to meet all of their teachers throughout the hour.

This will also be an opportunity to meet other parents. It is preferred that students and pre-schoolers do not attend. If you must bring children they must remain under your direct supervision and not be in the playground.

Teacher supervision is not available.

Location: Child's class
Pop in anytime between 4 and 5
Please contact the office for any queries.



Harmony Day Celebrations!

Save the Date:
Tuesday 21st March

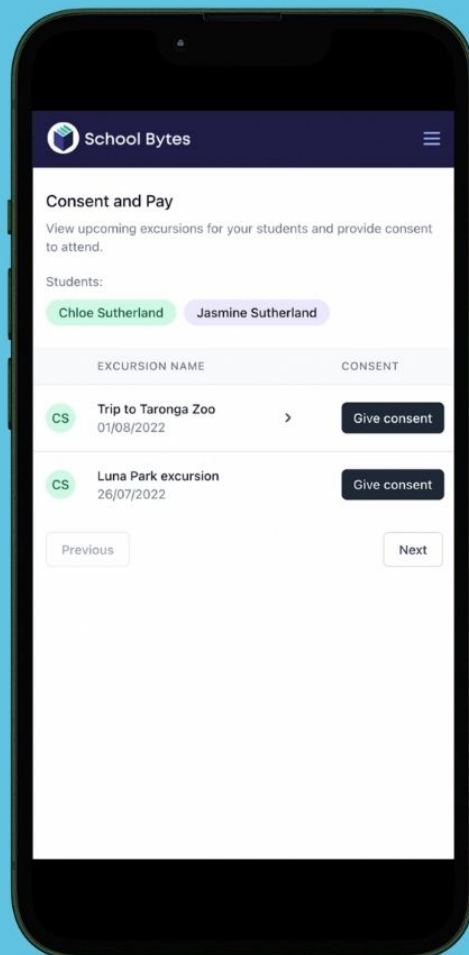
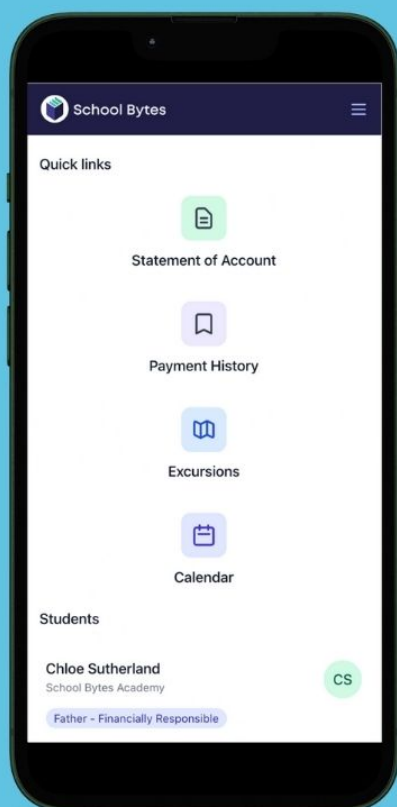
- Family & Carers' picnic lunch
 - Wear cultural dress or orange
 - Multicultural lunch orders available
 - Create a video sharing something special about your culture
 - Contribute a recipe to our NPS cookbook.
- More details to come!



Everybody Belongs!

AVAILABLE NOW!

We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to a more flexible and simplified way parent/carers can make payments



The Parent Portal

- Easily make a payment online
- Download your receipt
- Sign and return permission notes digitally
- Use any credits on your account to make payment
- View your complete payment history
- Request a refund



School Bytes

AVAILABLE DURING

TERM 1

Register for the Parent Portal via the QR Code or visit

<https://portal.schoolbytes.education>



CAPA Auditions NOW OPEN

Apply via School Website



Music



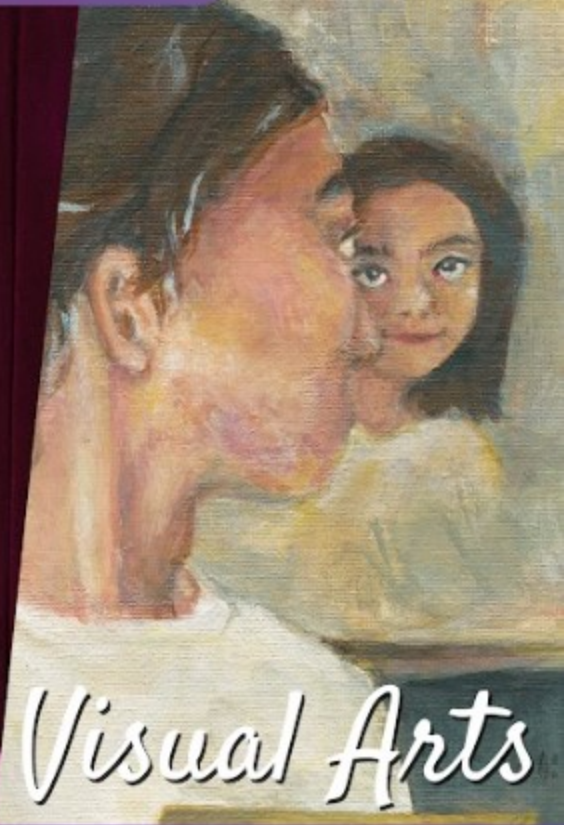
Drama



Circus



Dance



Visual Arts

Auditions:
20-24 March

Northmead Creative and
Performing Arts High School

Enrolments:
Ph 9630 4116



Northmead

Creative and Performing Arts High School

Audition Information for Parents and Students

Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School.

CAPA Auditions Semester 1 – Apply online via School website.

Monday 20th – Friday 24th March 2023

AUDITIONS FOR YEAR 7, 2024 (AND FOR YEARS 8-11, 2023)

Talented students in Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, Music and Circus are encouraged to apply for positions in the 2023 specialised pathways in either Dance, Drama, Music, Visual Arts or Circus.

Local (In Area) students wanting to be part of our selective Creative and Performing Arts program **MUST** also audition.

Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School has a long tradition as a centre of excellence in the Creative and Performing Arts. An exciting opportunity is available for talented students to audition for placement in our outstanding CAPA programs.

Students in the specialised streams are afforded a wide range of opportunities to excel in their chosen field with extensive co-curricular programs and a whole school approach to fostering our gifted students' talents.

Auditions will be held for Dance, Drama, Music, Visual Arts and Circus. The cost of auditions is \$50.00.

Applications close and forms need to be submitted to NCAPAHS by Monday 13th March 2023.

Please register your interest via our school website or contact Mrs Stepic on 9630 4116

Email june.stepic@det.nsw.edu.au

CAPA Audition applications are to be submitted with all documentation, portfolios and video submissions online. (Video submissions are for Visual Arts only)

Principal: Narelle Vazquez

www.northmead-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

28 Campbell St, Northmead NSW 2152

Ph: 9630 4116

MODEL FARMS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT

For Years 5 & 6
Students and Families



**TUESDAY 28th
FEBRUARY 2023**

6:30pm - School Hall

Information

Tours

Performances

Displays

**Out of area applications
most welcome.**



Enquiries:

Kerrie

Kennon

Relieving Principal

9624 3133

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Website: www.modelfarms-h.school.nsw.gov.au

*** Ethics teachers needed at Northmead for 2023 ***

Dear Parents and Carers,

Could you be an ethics teacher at Northmead PS?

Primary Ethics was started in 2010 to offer NSW primary school students philosophical ethics as an alternative to attending non-scripture classes. Ethics classes are now offered in 500 schools around the state, all taught by volunteers.

The program has been very successful at Northmead Public School. Last year we had **11 ethics classes covering Kindy to Year 6, teaching more than 200 students**. Due to increasing demand each year, new volunteer teachers are needed for 2023. We are currently seeking volunteers so that we can provide ethics classes for all the families who have requested it for their children.

What does it involve?

Ethics teachers receive full training by Primary Ethics, the not-for-profit organisation approved to design curriculum and training for the ethics program. Training consists of a 2 day workshop and short online modules. Lesson materials are provided. Suitable volunteers have an interest in children's education and development of critical thinking skills and **must be available Thursday mornings** (40 mins) during school term.

In ethics classes, children discuss topic such as:

- imagining how others feel
- how do we treat living things?
- what is laziness?
- how do we disagree in a respectful way?
- fairness

If you are looking for an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to our school, or if you know anyone that might be interested, please visit www.primaryethics.com.au or contact

Tania Trapolini, Northmead Ethics Coordinator. E: northmeadprimaryethics@gmail.com

"I've taught Ethics at Northmead Primary school for 4 years and I love listening to the children's conversation grow in complexity as they get older, learning how to build on each other's ideas and respectfully express different opinions. Topics are well written, interesting, and run over a few weeks developing wonderful thought-provoking lessons. I feel happy and proud to volunteer in such a positive way for the school but also the wider community as the Ethics program helps grow future adults who are respectful, empathetic and thoughtful members of our community. Teaching Ethics is such a rewarding experience."

Veronica, Year 3 Ethics Teacher, Northmead PS

Want to make changes in 2023?

Volunteer as an ethics teacher

"I work from home half the
week, which gives me more
time to be involved with my
kids' school"

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ETHICS



Do something life changing in 2023!

Volunteer as an ethics teacher

"I started for my children and stayed for myself - it's so rewarding"

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ETHICS



Make a change in 2023!

Volunteer as an ethics teacher

"The children
inspire me and
give me hope for
the future"

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Student Drama Workshops

13 August 2023

The Arts Unit offers students in Years 3-12 a variety workshops to continue their skills development through an intensive one-day workshop held on Sunday 13 August. The workshops focus on active involvement, skills building and drama engagement and are led by specialist drama tutors, held at The Arts Unit.

<https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/program/drama-skills-development-workshops>



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 2023 season. Boys, Girls, Women and Men of all ages and skill levels are welcome.

Follow the instructions on our website registration page

www.nrsfc.com.au



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North Rocks Soccer Club



Knights All Age Men
Men's competition at all levels

Knights Kick-off ages 3.5-5
In-house for pre-schoolers

Knights Over 35/45 Men
Modified game for over 35's & 45's

Knights Funskills ages 5 to 7
In-house professional program

Knights Girls & Women
Females from ages 8 to over 35

Knights Juniors ages 8 to 12
Small sided game competition

Knights Kickaroos
For players with Special Needs

Knights Youth ages 13 to 17
Full field youth competition

Youth Development Program
Program for talented players

Local Hills Football Competition

Play in Graded Teams or with your Mates

Registration Details & More Information

HillsKnights.com.au

contactus@hillsknights.com.au

facebook.com/baulkhamhillsknights

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'22**



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Players Required for:

Mixed 3 and 4 years
Mixed Under 6 years
Mixed Under 7 years
Mixed Under 8 years
Mixed Under 9 years
Mixed Under 10 years
Mixed Under 11 years
Mixed Under 12 years
Mixed Under 13 years
Boys Under 15 years

saturday morning matches

Girls only teams:

Girls Under 8 years
Girls Under 10 years
Girls Under 12 years
Girls Under 15 years

saturday morning matches

Adult teams:

All Age Women 9v9 (15yrs+)
O35 Men 9v9 (35yrs+)

wednesday night matches

All Age Men (16yrs +)
All Age Men Premier League

saturday afternoon matches

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For enquires please contact us via
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