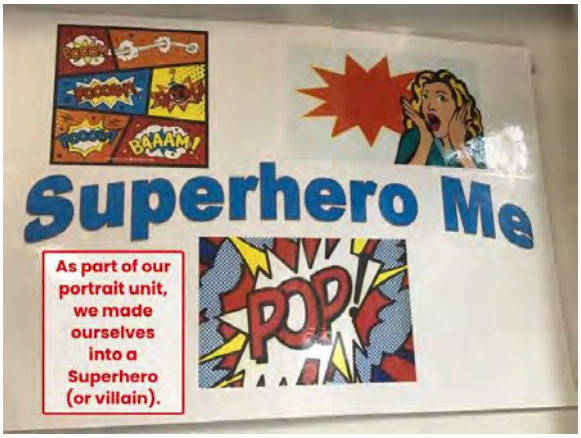
NORTHMEAD NEWSBREAK

6K Portrait Study



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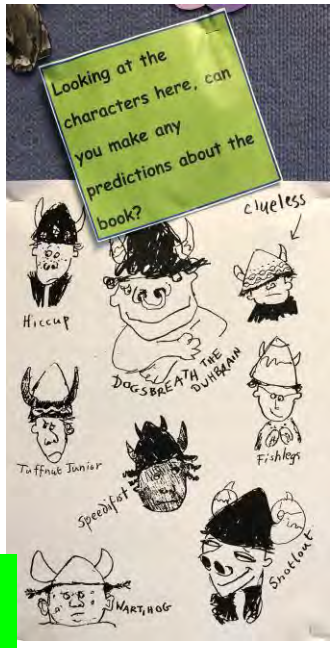

Stage 3 Novel Study

We have been...

- Building community in the classroom
- Developing vocabulary and decoding skills
- Building reading stamina
- Improving fluency & comprehension
- Exposing students to different emotions,, experiences and environments to build compassion and background knowledge
- Developing writing skills by studying the author's craft

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Northmead Newsbreak...
...Our Compass Calibration.

WARAMI

Hello...Welcome!

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 is 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 the world.

OUTSTANDING NORTHMEAD COMMUNITY

Thank you to those parents who volunteered at the BBQ and cake stall at the election last Saturday. The cake stall was an amazing success and thank you to all the families that baked the delicious treats. As a result of the many hands that came together, the P & C raised $4600. Special mention to Kristen and Rebecca who coordinated the stalls. Northmead appreciates all your hard work and efforts.

NAPLAN

We have been proud to see our Year 3 and Year 5 students approach the national assessment scheme with calm confidence. Their attitude and commitment is wonderful. All students have been exceptionally organised, supportive and have transitioned around the school respectfully and sensibly. As previously advised, students who were absent have been provided with a catch-up test.

ONLINE ENROLMENT FOR HIGH SCHOOL 2024

Information has been sent home to all families of students in Year 6 regarding enrolment procedures for high school in 2024. The Expression of Interest form each Year 6 student was provided with was due back to school by 24 March 2023. The online Expression of Interest form is still available however must be completed today, **30 March 2023.** If you require further information you are welcome to contact the school office.

Steps for submitting an online expression of interest for Year 7 can be found using the following link.

Online-expression-of-interest-for-year-7

HARMONY DAY

It was so lovely to see so many families attend our Harmony Day picnic lunch. The canteen had over 350 orders. A HUGE thank you to Jo and her team for delivering so many orders to our community.
Great efforts were taken to send students to school in cultural dress or orange to celebrate Harmony Day. Through activities completed in class, inclusiveness, respect and belonging were all celebrated in various ways.

Mrs Baumann | *Deputy Principal*

KINDERGARTEN

THE SPOTLIGHT

This week I was lucky enough to visit class KS and Miss Sparks. I had so much fun that I decided to spend some time in all 4 Kindergarten classrooms. Each classroom was filled with many excited and busy 5 year old's trying to focus on learning all new things.

What an amazing start to 'big school' all Kindergarten classes have had! Our eager kindergarteners have been learning to count, make patterns, retell stories, read sounds, write their names, draw shapes, play and learn cooperatively, and so much more!

Here are some quotes from some of our K students about what they enjoy at school:

"I like to play with my friends."

"At school I count to big numbers."

"We read so many stories."

"My class learns and then we eat."

"We make things and draw them."

"School is where you can study to get a smart brain."

We hope that they remain this enthusiastic about coming to school and continue to find the joy in each dayof learning.

Attendance Matters Everyday

Learn

Make friends

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Week 10 Attendance Focus

Reasons for Being Absent from School

REMEMBER – ALL absences MUST be explained, including partial absences. The Principal is able to ask parents/carers questions if the reason provided for being away is questionable.

Justified Reasons for Being Absent for a Whole or Partial Day

Medical Reasons:

- Flu
- Stomach-ache
- Diarrhoea
- Cold
- Headache/Migraine
- Strong pain
- Fever
- Broken bone
- Vomiting
- Infectious illness eg chicken pox
- Nose bleed
- Injury
- Medical appointment
- Dental appointment
- Optometry appointment
- Physiotherapy appointment
- Specialist appointment
- Asthma
- Rash

Family Reasons:

- Funeral
- Moving residence
- Arrival or departure of an immediate relative from overseas
- Unavoidable involvement in a serious family incident

Other Reasons:

- Misadventure and unforeseen events eg fire, flood
- Participation in special event, eg attendance at a religious ceremony
- Family holiday
- Transport difficulty
- Unavoidable delay

Unjustified Reasons for Being Absent

Whole Day

Birthdays (student's own or family member)
Sibling is sick
Sibling has a medical appointment
Going on a family outing eg Easter Show
Overseas visitors

Partial

Slept in
Brushing Teeth
Parent running late
Tired because of late night on a device
Too much traffic at drop off time

REMEMBER

In Lines Before Nine

School Starts at 9:00am

Harmony Day 2023

Harmony Day 2023 was truly a wonderful day! Our community embraced the day as was evident by the sea of orange that was visible across the school. Many of our students arrived at school in beautiful and colourful outfits that hailed from their cultural backgrounds. Northmead is extremely fortunate to have such a wonderfully diverse community.

A massive thank you to Jo and her team of volunteers in the canteen who prepared over 300 delicious meals for us to enjoy. We are extremely grateful.

Thank you to all of the families, carers and friends who joined us for a picnic lunch. It was wonderful to see the playground full of smiling and happy faces enjoying time with each other.

We are very grateful for all the generous donations we have received for Food Bank NSW. These donations will go a long way to helping families in need.

It's not too late to email the school with one of your favourite recipes for the NPS Multicultural Recipe Book. So far we have some delicious recipes to share but we would like to add lots more!

Many thanks to everyone who made Harmony Day such a special day.

Mrs Melanie Fletcher

Next Up at Northmead

Term 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W10	27 Mar Last Day of NAPLAN	28 Mar	29 Mar	30 Mar Scripture/Ethics	31 Mar 3-6 Cross Country Carnival High School EOI Online Cut Off
W11	3 Apr	4 Apr 3-6 Cross Country Backup Date	5 Apr	6 Apr K-2 Easter Hat Parade Stage 3 Cake Stall Fundraiser Students last day of Term	7 Apr Good Friday

Term 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W1	24 Apr Staff Development Day	25 Apr ANZAC Day	26 Apr ANZAC Day Assembly Gymnastics 3-6	27 Apr Scripture/Ethics	28 Apr K-2 Cross Country Carnival
W2	1 May	2 May Fundamental Movement Skills K-2	3 May Gymnastics 3-6	4 May Selective High School Test	5 May Winter PSSA Round 1
W3	8 May	9 May Fundamental Movement Skills K-2	10 May Gymnastics 3-6	11 May Scripture/Ethics	12 May Winter PSSA Round 2
W4	15 May	16 May Fundamental Movement Skills K-2	17 May Gymnastics 3-6	18 May Scripture/Ethics CHPSSA Zone Cross Country	19 May Winter PSSA Round 3
W5	22 May Year 6 Leadership Day	23 May CHPSSA Zone Cross Country Backup Fundamental Movement Skills K-2	24 May Gymnastics 3-6	25 May Scripture/Ethics Class Photos	26 May Winter PSSA Round 4
W6	29 May	30 May Fundamental Movement Skills K-2 3-6 Athletics Carnival	31 May Gymnastics 3-6	1 Jun Scripture/Ethics	2 Jun Winter PSSA Round 5

NORTHMEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL
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23 March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Intention to apply for Year 5 placement in an opportunity class in 2024

Opportunity classes are for primary school students who have high academic potential or who are intellectually gifted.

They provide an environment where students can learn and make friends with classmates of similar ability. This can benefit a student's academic progress and also their wellbeing.

Opportunity classes are offered in Years 5 and 6, with parents/carers applying in Year 4.

Students who are successfully placed will usually have to leave their current school to enrol in a school with an opportunity class for Years 5 and 6.

Opportunity classes are just one of the ways that we cater for our high potential and gifted students.

Testing and assessment

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered on the results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test. Students who wish to be considered for placement are required to sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test on **Thursday 27 July 2023**.

How to apply

Parents/carers must apply online between **Thursday 30 March** and **Monday 15 May 2023** at: https://education.nsw.gov.au/oc.

You must use your own email address and not one belonging to your child. Late applications are not usually accepted.

If you do not have internet access you can apply at a public library or at your child's school. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 30 March 2023.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

The tear-off slip below is **NOT** an application, it is advice to the school that you intend to apply. The school **CANNOT** apply on your behalf.

THIS IS **NOT** AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO AN OPPORTUNITY CLASS.
This is a notice to your primary school only that you intend to apply.
TO APPLY GO TO THE ONLINE FORM AT: https://education.nsw.gov.au/oc

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by 10 May 2023.

Regards,

Mrs Dianne Cowderoy	*Mr Daniel Gorrie*	*Mrs Natalie Baumann*
Assistant Principal	**Deputy Principal**	**Relieving Principal**

---------- Cut here and return the note below to the school ----------

Intention to apply for Year 5 placement in an opportunity class in 2024

Student's name: _____ Class: _____
I intend to apply for Year 5 placement in an opportunity class in 2024 for my child through the department's website between 30 March and 15 May 2023. I am aware that this is not an application and that the school cannot apply on my behalf.

Signature of parent/carer: _____

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P&C NEWSFLASH

Northmead Public School P&C Association

THANK YOU

The P&C would like to thank the families of Northmead who generously donated cakes to be sold at our Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall, as well as those who purchased cakes and a democracy sausage on the day in support of our school. A huge thank you must also go to the many volunteers who helped organise, setup, cook, serve and clean up on the day. Together our Northmead community raised $4600 in funds which the P&C will be able to donate towards school improvement projects.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

P&C General Meeting:
Wednesday 10th May 2023 7pm via ZOOM

Easter Raffle
Tickets with correct money ant donations due no later tham Monday 3rd April 2023. Prizes distributed 6th April.

Mothers Day Stall:
Tuesday 9th May 2023

Gardening Club:
First Thursday of the month during term at the Vegetable Garden 3-5pm

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

EASTER RAFFLE

There is still time to donate Easter eggs and sell tickets to raise funds in support of school improvement projects for our students to enjoy.

The date for donations and tickets to be returned has been extended until Monday 3rd April 2023.

Thank you to everyone who has purchased tickets and donated Easter goodies for prizes in our Easter Raffle so far.

PRIZES

Thanks to support from local businesses including:

- Parramatta Eels - signed jersey
- Bunnings Northmead - **6 x $50 gift vouchers**
- Ultimate Northmead - **2 x 2 hour family passes**
- Floral Expressions - **3 x $50 gift vouchers**
- Frank Law + Advisory - **2 x $100 Woolworths Wish gift cards**
- Face Paint On Me by Winnie - **1 x 1.5 hour voucher**

as well as many other generous donations from NPS families, this year's raffle prizes are sure to delight!

FLORAL expressions
Floral Expressions

ULTIMATE FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT SYDNEY

BUNNINGS

MOTHERS DAY STALL - TERM 2 WEEK 3

This year Mothers Day falls on Sunday 14th May 2023. We will be holding our Mothers Day Stall in **Week 3 Term 2** for our students to purchase a gift for their mum, carer, grandmother, aunt, or special person in their life for Mothers Day.

Students will be given the opportunity to visit the stall with their class on **Tuesday 9th May 2023** to purchase a gift. **There will be the opportunity to pre-pay for your child to choose a gift from the stall as well as to pre-order from a selection of gifts** made by local businesses. This will be available via Qkr! at a later date and additional information will be communicated via SchoolBytes.

Please note that this is a volunteer run event. All funds raised will be put towards school improvement projects and resources for our students to enjoy.

CANTEEN UPDATE - EASTER AFTERNOON TEA

PRE-ORDER NOW ON QKR!

Our School Canteen will be preparing special take home afternoon tea packs on Tuesday 4th April 2023 for students and families to celebrate Easter and the last week of term. They will be delivered to your child's class to take home and share.

Packs are available to order on Qkr! for **$5 each** and will include a selection of sweet homemade treats.

Pre-orders close 9am Monday 3rd April 2023.

Thank you from Jo, our volunteers and the P&C for supporting our canteen.

Happy Easter!

It's been an amazing first term of band at Northmead!
Our Training Band has been working hard on mastering their instruments, and although we made some strange sounds at the beginning, we've all come a long way. The improvement in our sound is incredible and we're excited to see how much more we can achieve.
Concert Band and Performing Bands have been pushing themselves with challenging pieces that are both fun and rewarding. Their experience has allowed them to tackle harder music than last year, and they are enjoying the new level of difficulty.

In week 7, we held our first Band Workshop for the year, which was a fantastic afternoon for everyone. We had the opportunity to have two combined rehearsals and a session with a tutor. It was great to see our experienced students mentoring and teaching the younger band members during the combined rehearsals. And a big "thank you" to the parents who volunteered and helped make the afternoon such a success.
We're thrilled to announce our first ever Band Camp Weekend next term! It will be an exciting time for us to play music, learn, and have fun together. We can't wait for all our band members to be a part of it.

Mr Clark

FREE EVENT

Hills Community Aid
Est.1969
Empowering Communities to Thrive

Youth Week Family Fun Day & Open Day

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

THURSDAY
20 APRIL

10AM-1PM

Activities & Fun for everyone!

- A RANGE OF FREE & FUN CHILDREN'S ARTS AND CRAFTS
- TREASURE HUNT
- JUMPING CASTLE
- LARGE INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSE
- COMMUNITY INFO STALLS & SERVICE DISPLAYS
- OPEN LEARNING IN THE HILLS CLASSROOM DISPLAYS
- MUSIC TO ENTERTAIN
- HILLS DAILY GRIND COFFEE

BALCOMBE HEIGHTS ESTATE | 92 SEVEN HILLS RD | BAULKHAM HILLS

Learning in the Hills
Hills Community Leisure Learning

Hills Daily GRIND MOBILE COFFEE

NSW GOVERNMENT Family & Community Services

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Free holiday activities

Running at NSW public schools these holidays