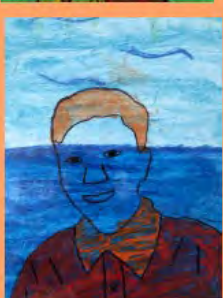
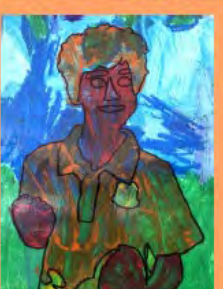
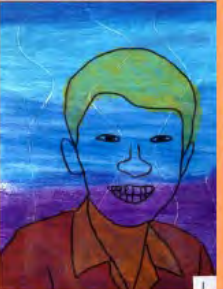




NORTHMEAD NEWSBREAK



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



WARAMI

Hello...Welcome!

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acknowledges
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We honour
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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.

DEAR NORTHMEAD FAMILIES

Thank you to our parents/carers who attended the "Meet and Greet" last Wednesday. We hope you enjoyed meeting your child/children's 2023 teacher and seeing their classroom environment. A mutually proactive communication relationship with your child's class teacher is so important to ensuring they are thriving with their wellbeing and academic progress. You can always contact your child's class teacher to discuss any concerns but please use the school email address or contact the office and ask that the teacher contacts you. Teachers cannot discuss your child's progress or your concerns as they are taking students into class or at the end of the school day unless you have made a prior appointment. Teachers attend whole school, Executive, Stage, professional learning and pre-arranged meetings in the afternoons. The school and teachers aim to reply to responses for meeting within 2 school days. Meetings can be via a phone call, ZOOM or face-to-face by appointment. Your Stage Assistant Principals are:

KINDERGARTEN | Mrs Muzikant

YEARS 1 & 2 (Stage 1) | Mrs Taylor

YEARS 3 & 4 (Stage 2) | Mrs Whyte & Mrs Cantali (T2)

YEARS 5 & 6 (Stage 3) | Mrs Cowderoy

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS | Mrs Baumann (K-2) and
Mr Gorrie (Y3-6)

Mrs Ezzy as Principal is also contactable to discuss your queries/concerns, but if you haven't first talked with either your class teacher or AP first, she may refer your initial query to them, as they would have the most up-to-date details about your child/children.

PRINCIPAL'S "P.S."



There was a very widely known event hosted in Sydney last Saturday that being **WORLD PRIDE**. The main message is acceptance and respect for others. The message of World Pride aligns to our upcoming celebration of **HARMONY DAY: "EVERYONE BELONGS!"**. Don't forget to practice our core N.P.S. aims everyday of **being your BEST self**. Show that how you speak yourself and with others, how you represent yourself in our school and in our community, how you proudly wear our school uniform, how you act and play with others, **how you respect others no matter their age, gender, cultural and/or religious heritage and beliefs**. It is also about how you treat our school grounds and property, how you take care of your own belongings and respect the property of others should always reflect our core motto...**SAFE, RESPECTFUL LEARNERS!** **HOW** you behave does impact on others. It shows the world **WHO** you are as a citizen of the world. **So aim to be a positive impact in your own life and the lives of others** every day. **Speak with kindness always**. We don't all have to be "the same" and we are NOT all the same. BUT we must have the same respect for each other as humans who deserve to be spoken with and treated with dignity and respect at all times. That is a non-negotiable at N.P.S.!

*"Relationships are based on four principles: Respect,
Understanding, Acceptance and Appreciation."*

Mahatma Gandhi

I look forward to once again calibrating our school compass setting with you all in our next Northmead Newsbreak:

Mrs Anne Ezzy | Principal

IMPORTANT TO KNOW WHAT'S AHEAD @NORTHMEAD



ON TIME AND IN LINES @9! EVERY MINUTE COUNTS AND EVERY DAY MATTERS!

AT N.P.S. ARRIVE @9 ON TIME 4 LINES

Please have your child arrive at school **at the latest by 8:55am**. Arriving after 9:00am is disruptive for your child's learning and class morning routines. Being on time sets them up in a positive way for their day's learning. Partial attendance with late arrivals/early departures is recorded for your child's attendance records. If your child arrives late or needs to leave early, you need to go to the school office to sign your child in or out and explain the reason for the absence.

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

✳ **When you child misses just 10 minutes a day** that equals 50 minutes of learning each week which is nearly 1 and a half weeks per year.
That equals nearly half a year of school K-12;

✳ Missing just 20 minutes a day equals **1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week** which is nearly 2½ weeks per year;

ON TIME AND IN LINES @9!

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS:[CONTINUED]

- ✳ When you child misses just **30 minutes/day** that is half a day of learning a week and adds up to nearly 4 weeks in the year;
- ✳ When you child misses just **1 hour each day** that is 1 whole day of learning/week which is **nearly a term in that year!**

Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day.

PLEASE BE ON TIME BEFORE 9am EVERYDAY!

EVERYDAY HEALTHCARE FOR YOUR CHILD

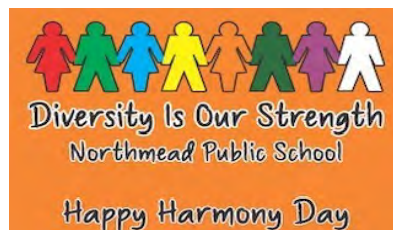
- Ensure medications that need to be administered by office staff (*including Ventolin, epipens, antihistamines such as Claratyne*) **have a valid use by date**. Daily prescription medications are required to be in a blister pack, that your local chemist can provide;
- All Student Health Care Plans where 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

- ✳ **Monday 6 March:** Zone Swimming Carnival
- ✳ **Tuesday 7 March:** Captains & V.Capt Leaders' Day
- ✳ **Friday 10 March:** Band Workshop 3-6pm
- ✳ **Monday 13 March:** **Last day** 2024 Y7 Northmead CAPA HS Audition applications
- ✳ **15-27 March – NAPLAN Y3 & Y5 "Test Window"**
- ✳ **Wednesday 15 March:** 7pm P&C AGM via ZOOM
- ✳ **Tuesday 21 March HARMONY DAY @NPS** (see note sent home about orange/cultural dress; family picnic & Canteen menu options).

Harmony Day 2023

Tuesday 21st March 2023



What to wear: On the day children are encouraged to wear **something orange** with their uniform as that is the official colour of Harmony Day. For example: an orange t-shirt, ribbon, hat, socks.

Cultural Dress: Children may like to wear clothing that represents their cultural background. They could wear all or part of it (must wear closed in shoes).

Activities: Students will be involved in Harmony Day activities in their classes.

Family & Carers Picnic: You are invited into the school grounds to share a picnic lunch with your child/children and the school community. Please bring your own food and something to sit on. Lunch will begin at 1.10pm.



Lunch: Students may pre-order a 'Harmony Day' lunch from the canteen using the **Qkr!** app.

My Cultural Background: We would love families to send into school any information about their cultural background, this could include: creating a video that shares information about your cultural background, sending in a cultural story (in a book or recorded on video), writing in your first language, toys, photographs, a video of yourself speaking your home language or telling a story about your family's place of birth. Email videos to northmead-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au Attention Mrs Fletcher.

NPS Multicultural Cookbook: This year we are creating our inaugural NPS cookbook which we are aiming to fill with recipes that reflect our school community. We are asking families to send in a recipe that reflects their culture – *please type it onto a Word Document or a Google Doc and include photos of the food and your family (if you like)* and email it to northmead-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au Attention Mrs Fletcher. These recipes will be collated and published into a recipe book that you may purchase.



Food Bank Drive: Food brings people of all cultures together, however, *one in six people in Australia do not have enough food to eat*. At NPS we would like to support those families, by donating non-perishable goods to 'Food Bank'.

Please see over for examples of goods that can be donated.



Harmony Day Student Lunch Orders Tuesday 21st March



To celebrate Harmony Day students will be able to pre-order a 'multicultural' lunch from the canteen.

Pre-boxed order \$8.00

All orders must be placed via the Qkr! app.

Orders will close on Friday 17th March. The app can be downloaded from the Apple Store or Google Play.

No other lunch orders will be available on the day.

If there are any questions please contact the canteen via email at:
ourschoolcanteen@gmail.com

Food Bank Donation Suggestions

All non-perishable pantry items that are in-date and personal hygiene and household items are welcomed.

A few key items include;

- Good quality tinned food and meals (with ring pulls)
- Noodles, pasta, and rice
- Long life milk
- Muesli bars and snacks
- Deodorant, soap and body wash
- Shampoo, conditioner and sanitary items
- Baby food and formula
- Pet food
- Bottled water



Donations may be brought to school and delivered to the library from Wednesday 15th March until Wednesday 22nd March. Many thanks.

For more information about Food Bank please head to their website:

<https://www.foodbank.org.au/?state=nsw-act>

NAPLAN 2023

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills. Each year students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in tests for writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

From 2023, NAPLAN is moving to Term 1 and will take place from **Wednesday 15 March to Monday 27 March**. The reason for this change is so that results can be returned to schools earlier in the year which will support teachers to understand the learning needs of their students and plan accordingly.

Naplan Organisation Weeks 8, 9 and 10

<u>Week 8</u>		Wednesday 15th March 9:15am	Wednesday 15th March 9:15am	Thursday 16th March 9:15am	Friday 17th March 9:15am
		Writing Year 3 (Paper)	Writing Year 5 (Online)	Reading Year 5 (Online)	Conventions of Language Year 5 (Online)
<u>Week 9</u>	Monday 20th March 9:15am	Tuesday 21st March HARMONY DAY	Wednesday 22nd March 9:15am	Thursday 23rd March 9:15am	Friday 24th March 9:15am
	Numeracy Year 5 (Online)	No Scheduled NAPLAN tests	Reading Year 3 (Online)	Conventions of Language Year 3 (Online)	Numeracy Year 3 (Online)
<u>Week 10</u>	Monday 27th March 9:15am				
	Catchup Day designated for any student absent for their specific test day/s.				

- NPS will endeavour to catch up any student that has missed a previously scheduled NAPLAN test at a time convenient to the class teacher between Thursday 16 March and Monday 27 March)
- Timetable subject to change

NAPLAN tests are just one part of our school learning assessment program and questions are primarily based on knowledge, understanding and skills gained from the prior year of schooling.

In preparation for NAPLAN 2023, our school will undertake activities to help students to become familiar with the format and functionality of the online tests. These activities are not an assessment of student ability and will not be marked.

Students and parents can access the [public demonstration site \(https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site\)](https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site) to familiarise themselves with NAPLAN and the types of questions and tools available. Excessive preparation for NAPLAN is not required nor recommended.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher.

Next Up at Northmead



Term 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W6	27 Feb	28 Feb	1 Mar	2 Mar Scripture/Ethics	3 Mar Summer PSSA Round 3
W7	6 Mar Zone Swimming Carnival @ Blacktown Aquatic	7 Mar Leaders Day (Captains and Vice Captains) @ ICC	8 Mar	9 Mar Scripture/Ethics	10 Mar Summer PSSA Round 4
W8 Year 3-5 NAPLAN Window	13 Mar	14 Mar	15 Mar First day of NAPLAN	16 Mar	17 Mar
W9 Year 3-5 NAPLAN Window	20 Mar	21 Mar Harmony Day	22 Mar	23 Mar	24 Mar Crazy Socks Day High School EOI Paper Cut Off
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 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 Gymnastics 3-6	27 Apr Scripture/Ethics	28 Apr
W2	1 May	2 May	3 May Gymnastics 3-6	4 May Selective High School Test	5 May Winter PSSA Round 1
W3	8 May	9 May	10 May Gymnastics 3-6	11 May Scripture/Ethics	12 May Winter PSSA Round 2



Community Corner

Welcome back for 2023.

Breakfast Club is again on three days a week from Monday through to Wednesday. It is available to every student so please encourage the children to join us. We start serving at 8.15am and pack up at 8.45 am. We have had a number of requests from children after this time but unfortunately, we have to finish at 8.45am as the volunteers need to be in class to start the students learning at 9 o'clock.

We have such a great community, I am really pleased to announce that Baker's Delight at Baulkham Hills has donated bread for toast every week to our breakfast club. Please say thank you to them if you are shopping at Baulkham Hills. The Northmead P & C will again supply the milk for breakfast. Thank you to Jo for purchasing and storing this for us.

I would also like to thank all the families that have donated picnic blankets, breakfast spreads, margarine, Milo and fees in credit, it is lovely to be part of such a caring community.

Breakfast Club has been made possible by the support of the Northmead staff and some wonderful donations from the following

Bakers Delight Baulkham Hills
Big W Winston Hills
The Rotary Club of the Hills - Kellyville
Winston Hills Lions Club
Northmead Public School P & C
Woolworths Winston Hills
Grilled Gourmet Food Truck
Natalie Davis and family

Please support these organisations where possible.

Thank you kindly,

Mrs Anne Carmichael – NPS Community Engagement Officer

P&C NEWSFLASH

Northmead Public School P&C Association



KINDERGARTEN MORNING TEA

Thank you to all who attended our Kindergarten Morning Tea on Wednesday 1st March. It was lovely to welcome over 30 new kindy parents. Thank you to the wonderful Year 1 families who catered for the event and to teaching staff who were able to pop in to say hi and answer questions. We look forward to seeing you all again at future NPS events.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

AGM and next P&C General Meeting: Wednesday 15th March
2023 7pm via ZOOM

Gardening Club:
Thursday 2nd March 2023 at the Vegetable Garden 3-5pm

Election Day BBQ
Saturday 25th March 2023

Easter Raffle
Tickets available from Monday 20th March 2023. Prizes drawn at Easter Hat Parade.

NPS P&C Association:
northmeadpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

Canteen:
ourschoolcanteen@gmail.com

The Clothing Shop:
npsclothingshop1@gmail.com

NPS Band Instrument Hire:
NPSbandinstruments@outlook.com

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Northmead Public School P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Wednesday 15th March 2023 at 7pm via Zoom, along with our next General Meeting (GM).

All executive, sub-committee and office-bearer positions will be declared vacant and nominations called for the following positions: President, 2 x Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, up to 6 General Committee members. Band representative(s) will also be nominated. Nominees must be current P&C financial members in order to stand for a position at the AGM and have notified their intention to stand in writing to northmeadpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au by Wednesday 8 March 2023.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership will fall due at the AGM. Renewals can be submitted after the meeting via the Qkr! app. Renewals must be received prior to the next GM (Wednesday Week 3 Term 2) for membership to be continuous. Membership fee is \$2.00 for individuals and entitles you to vote on the decisions made by the NPS P&C Association. New members are always welcome and will be recognised as financial at the close of the first meeting after payment of membership.



CLOTHING SHOP UPDATE

SECOND HAND CLOTHING

Thank you to all who have donated second hand school uniforms over the last couple of weeks. Our yellow bin is located in the school foyer we are continuing to accept donations.



Our supply of second hand items has been updated in Qkr! and is available to purchase if you are in need of some extra items.



CANTEEN UPDATE

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new volunteers who have signed up to help in our school canteen. We look forward to another great year of working together providing healthy meals to the students and staff of NPS!

welcome!





The P&C, in partnership with the school, are thrilled to announce the recommencement of the

P&C GARDENING CLUB

The aim of the club is to create a vibrant and thriving school garden, to be used for both educational purposes and to supply produce to the school canteen.

We will be meeting the first Thursday of the month from 3-5pm at the school veggie garden.

Bring your afternoon tea along.
Children are welcome, but must remain in the veggie garden and under your direct supervision.

All are welcome- gardening knowledge not required.



NORTHMEAD CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN DAY TUESDAY 14th MARCH 2023

For Year 6 students entering Year 7 2024
and students in Year 5 entering Year 7 in 2025

Morning Session:

- 9:00AM - Students are to be dropped at the front gate
- 9.15AM/10.00AM - Hall presentation for students (only)
- 10.00AM/12.30 PM - Hands on activities for students
- 12.30PM to 1:00PM - Lunch (bbq & drink) (students only)
- 1.00PM - Parents to pick up students at front gate.

Please RSVP your child's attendance www.shorturl.at/FLN48

Evening Session:

- 4:15pm Arrival for school tour 4:30pm start (Parents and students welcome)
- 6:00pm School information talk in the Hall (Parents and students welcome)

Discover the fabulous opportunities that Northmead CAPA High offers:

Comprehensive Education for all students

- Special Performing Arts Programs
- Broad Curriculum
- Excellent Sporting Opportunities
- Chrome Book Program

Supportive Environment

- Transition support for Year 7 Students
- Orientation Program, Year 6 to Year 7
- Peer Support
- Year 7 Camp
- Project Based Learning
- Proactive Learning Support Team
- Anti-bullying Program,
- Values driven school that promotes Respect, Responsibility, Commitment, Community, Tolerance
- Special Programs: Student Representative Council & Multicultural Committee, Senior Leaders
- Full time School Counsellor
- Student Support Officer

Extra Curricula Activities

- Sport
- Debating & Public Speaking
- Mock Trials
- MUNA
- Wakakirri
- Sister Exchange Visits to Kawaguchi Japan
- School Cubs – Art, Dungeons and Dragons, Creative writing, Book Club

Central Location

- Just off Windsor Road - end of Campbell Street
- Good Transport Connections - Bus and Rail

Focus on Academic Excellence

- Experienced and Committed Teachers
- High Potential & Gifted Academic Programs
- Extension Program for Year 7 Students
- Support and Remediation Programs
- STEM

Creative and Performing Arts

- Year 7 CAPA Classes (selected by audition)
- Elective classes in CAPA (Year 9-12)
- Band, Vocal Ensembles, Company, Music, Drama, Visual Arts & Circus Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, Music Ensembles, Companies
- Vocal & Instrumental Tutorial Program



Please register interest in attendance via the following link or QR Code

www.shorturl.at/FLN48



Muirfield High School

Open Evening Tuesday 14th March 2023



Come and see what we have to offer:

Muirfield High School's annual Open Evening will be held on 14 March 2023 5.00pm - 7.00pm.

Commencing at 5pm, the Principal, Jennifer Reeves, and students will give a presentation in the school hall. Following this, students from all years will conduct guided tours of the school. Students and teachers will showcase aspects of teaching and the special programs we offer.

Information will be available about enrolment and how to apply for the Year 7 High Achievers Class. We welcome out of area applications.

Limited places are available in some other year groups.

Offering a wide range of subjects and extra-curricular activities for all, Muirfield continues its tradition of outstanding Naplan and HSC results. The school acknowledges the achievements of all 2022 HSC students. Of special note is the achievement of DUX, Lily Tilt, ATAR 97.05, who was placed on the All Rounder list achieving the highest possible band in all subjects. Additionally, 15 students were placed on the Distinguished Achievers list across a range of subjects.



Muirfield High School, Barclay Road, North Rocks Phone: 9872 2244
Parking is available in Tiernan Avenue



ALL ABILITIES RUGBY LEAGUE

Join us!

HILLS BULLS 2023

The HILLS BULLS
are introducing their first ever
ALL ABILITIES RUGBY LEAGUE
program for young people with
intellectual disabilities including
Sensory Impairment and Autism.

TEAM COACH ANDREW ODELL
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TEAM MANAGER KEIRILEE ODELL
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0408 465 581

✓ DRILLS AND SKILLS

The All Ability initiative will provide a safe (non contact), enjoyable and inclusive team environment with Rugby League skills that will be run by our accredited coaching staff.

↪ ALL PLAYERS RECEIVE

All players will receive Hills Bulls training/game day kit which includes jersey, shorts, socks and training shirt and will have a weekly training session or game.

For registrations contact Rick Palin
admin@hillsrugbyleague.com.au

JOIN US IN 2023



BAULKHAM HILLS PHYSICAL CULTURE CLUB



**First Lesson
Free!**

**Class Starts:
Monday 13th February**
Email us for more info



Baulkham Hills Physical Culture Club



@baulkhamhillspysie



baulkophysie@gmail.com



BAULKHAM HILLS

PHYSICAL CULTURE CLUB

What is Physie?

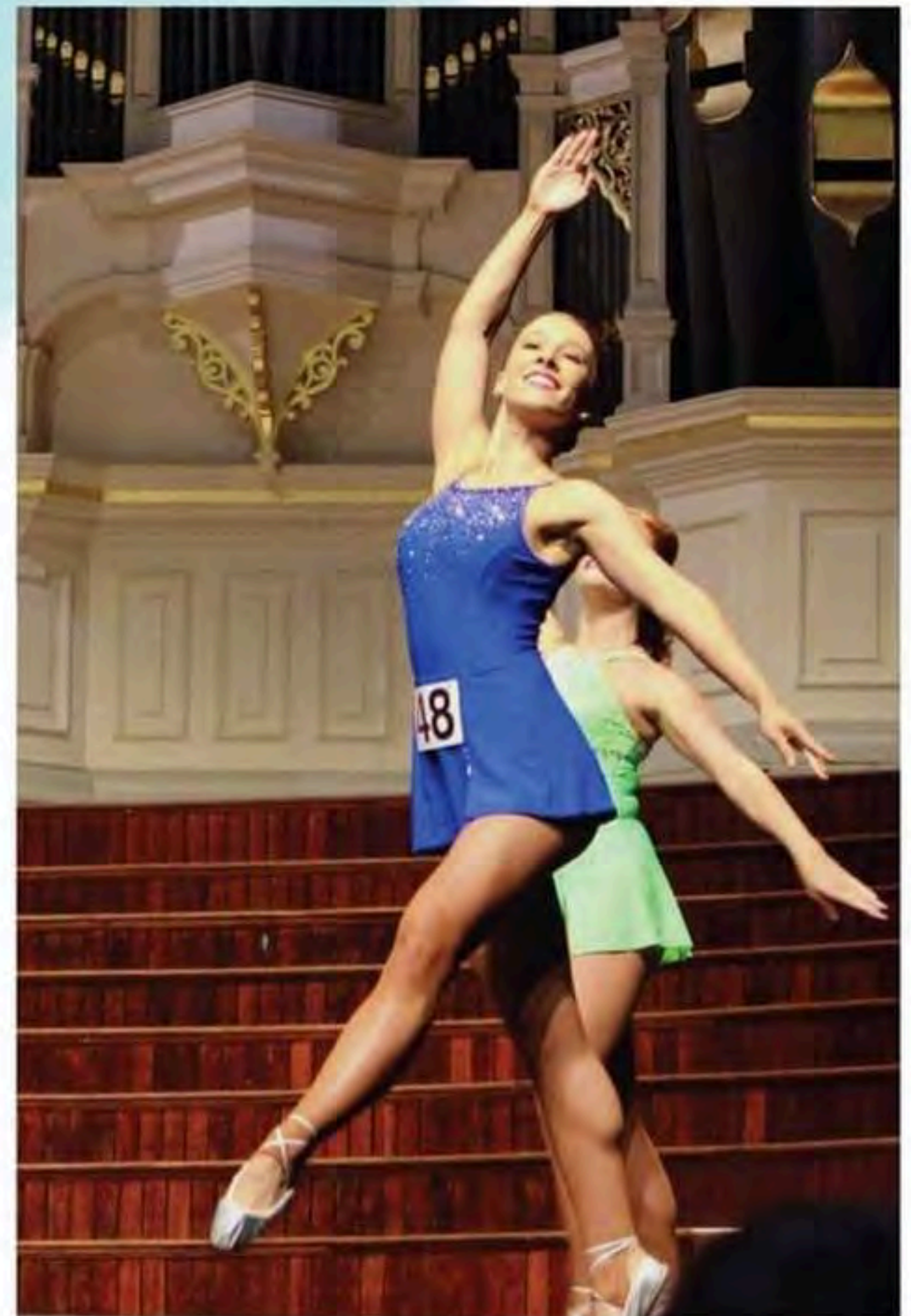
Physical Culture or 'Physie' is a unique competitive sport combining dance, floor and standing exercise for girls and ladies aged from 3 years.

Based on basic ballet and modern dance, Physie is great for physical fitness, flexibility, coordination and posture, while building confidence and making new friends.



Who can do Physie?

We provide junior, senior, and ladies classes for girls and women of all ages from 3 years.



Where are we?

Matthew Pearce Public School – 4G
Astoria Park Road, Baulkham Hills 2153