



NORTHMEAD NEWSBREAK



LETTER TO MS FORSYTH 9/3/23

Dear Ms Forsyth,
Why I believe that you should bring the Ringneck Parrot to school because I believe that everyone who like to see the parrot and these are my reasons why.

Firstly, I've never had a pet before and I want to see what it's like to have one. I know it will be a great experience for me to see a pet parrot with my own eyes. Also I like the time I spend with people and I want to set that up with a pet also.

Secondly, I want to see the pattern on the parrot because, who knows, it might have a different pattern. Also patterns are very interesting because there are so many patterns in the world and I want to see different patterns for a new experience.

Thirdly, it would be nice to see an animal that I haven't seen before, that would be cool. I love seeing new animals and what they look like. Animals are very unique and interesting, and I know that parrots are part of the unique and interesting family and that's why I'd love to see your Ringneck parrot.

So in conclusion I'd love to see the parrot, see the patterns on the parrot and see an animal that I haven't seen before. Now do you know what to do? I'll give you a clue... Bring it to school!



Ms Forsyth Should bring in Joey Thursday 1st March 2023

Dear Ms Forsyth,
I love your idea of Joey being in class for a week. And you should absolutely bring her in because I love the sound of birds when talking. Birds are absolutely cool in very many ways and because they are class would be very calm around it and take good care.

Firstly, the sounds of birds sound nice for some people like myself to bring her in and listen to sounds is nice. Right, well, I just love birds because there are beautiful and my favourite is a Indian Ringneck Parrot.

Secondly, birds are sooo cool. My reason is because they are too cool even Joey because birds are crazy cool. This is because they talk and it sounds amazing.

Thirdly, we will always be calm around it and take very good care because if we want a bird in the classroom we will have to care about it and love it.

Those are my reason because bird sounds are pretty cool, birds are too cool and they take very good care of themselves.



Stage 3 Persuasive Writing

Convincing the teacher to bring in her Indian Ring-necked Parakeet for the day was a success!



Dear Ms Forsyth,
I am writing to you today to bring your beautiful pet bird to school. Bringing Joey would be a great idea. I have heard that you have a bird and I would like to see it. It will be very exciting to see a parrot at school.



Secondly, I am quite sure that you will not only bring the parrot to school but also let me learn something. I have seen a parrot before and I know that they are very smart. I have seen a parrot before and I know that they are very smart. I have seen a parrot before and I know that they are very smart.



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



WARAMI

Hello...Welcome!

Our school
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the land on
Northmead P.S.
Burramattagal
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acknowledges
Custodians of
which
was built: the
people of the
We honour
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.

DEAR NORTHMEAD FAMILIES STAFFING UPDATE

Mrs Sarah Varcoe has had a successful transfer to Pendle Hill High School as Teacher Librarian commencing Term 2. We are very sad to be losing Mrs Varcoe and her considerable expertise in the role of Teacher Librarian, but we wish her continued success in P.H.H.S.'s brand new library. Mr Gorrie will run a merit selection panel in the next few weeks and a parent and teacher representative have been selected to join Mr Gorrie. We hope to have a successful candidate before the end of this term and will advise our community as soon as the outcome is known. Bon Voyage Mrs Varcoe and thank you for your wonderful teaching and sharing your love of literature with our students and staff.



I recently had a fall at school injuring my left knee and hip and have had to take leave. I am not able to attend school for the rest of Term 1 and I'm awaiting advice about possible surgery in the near future. Mrs Baumann will relieve as principal in my absence and Ms Preiss will be Deputy Principal along with Mr Gorrie. I will still be in regular contact with the school. All events, operations and procedures will continue as usual under Mrs Baumann's skilled leadership of N.P.S.

I will miss you all while I am away. You will all be in my thoughts and heart even though I may not be at school with you. Recalling your smiles and my talks with you in class or the playground will certainly help me whilst I have to be away. Keep being your best selves!

PRINCIPAL'S "P.S."

In facing the unexpected change that has happened due to my injury, I am reminded that as teachers, we often talk with students about being resilient when navigating life and learning, especially when things happen unexpectedly, or we face a different result than what we were hoping for. How we look at life's unexpected events or changes determines our level of adaptability. So this week, I leave you with a quote that asks each one of us to remember that how much we achieve in learning and life, **is up to us**. Do we have an attitude of gratitude? Is every event or unexpected outcome a challenge and a problem? Or do we see these events and/or outcomes as an opportunity for learning and growth? To every child at N.P.S., I know that you are capable of being the best student, the best person and the best learner that **you** can be, whether in easy or more challenging situations because I, your teachers and your families believe in you. But in the end, it is **up to you**! The old saying of "if at first you don't succeed, try, try again" is still true today. Whether it's you have challenges with reading, maths, sports, concentrating for a bit longer or having a go when things seem a little harder, we know you can and will achieve your goals and we will always help you overcome challenges.

*"Ability is what you're capable of doing.
Motivation determines what you do.
Attitude determines how well you do it."*

Lou Holtz

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

Mrs Anne Ezzz | 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 **30 minutes in a 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 in a week which is **nearly a term in that year!**

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

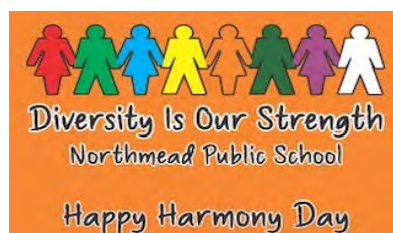
PLEASE BE ON TIME BEFORE 9am EVERYDAY!

NEXT UP AT NORTHMEAD

- NAPLAN Y3 & Y5 Timetable:
- Wednesday 15 March Writing (Y3 is on paper and Y5 online);
- Year 5: 16/3-Reading, 17/3-Conventions of Language & 20/3-Numeracy (all on-line);
- Year 3: 22/3-Reading, 23/3-Conventions of Language & /24/3-Numeracy (all on-line);
- Monday 27/3 NAPLAN "catch-up" for students who missed any particular test.
- Tuesday 21 March **HARMONY DAY @NPS**
- Friday 24 March:
- Lots of Socks Day
- Sydney West Swimming
- High School EOI paper applications due
- Monday 27 March SRC Induction Assembly (please see note sent to families for details)
- Friday 31 March:
- NPS Cross Country (please see note sent to families for details)
- EOI High School online applications cut off day
- Wednesday 5 April: NSW Swimming
- Thursday 6 April:
- K-2 Easter Hat Parade
- Stage 3 Cake Stall Fundraiser
- **Last day Term 1**
- 7-21 April Easter/Autumn Holidays
- Monday 24 April – Staff Development Day **(no students attend)**
- Tuesday 25 April – ANZAC Day Public Holiday
- Wednesday 26 April:
- Term 2 starts for all students
- ANZAC Day Commemorative Assemblies for K-2 and Years 3-6 (Please see note for times and requests to assist with wreaths)
- ✱ Thursday 4 May Selective High School Test
- ✱ Tuesday 9 May Kaleidoscope Science Incursion in School Hall (Years 3-6)

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>

Next Up at Northmead



Term 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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 Lots of 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 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	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 Fundamental Movement Skills K-2 CHPSSA Zone Cross Country Backup	24 May Gymnastics 3-6	25 May Scripture/Ethics Class Photos	26 May Winter PSSA Round 4

National Young Leaders' Day



Caitlin Bassett

Caitlin Bassett was the Australian Netball Diamond's Captain and played for nearly 20 years. When she was younger and first joined the Diamonds Team,



she couldn't even lift any weights. However she kept trying, proving that she can do anything.

Caitlin says her teammates were very encouraging and they helped her push through. Caitlin was very tall for her age and was always insecure about it. She now teaches people that everyone is unique and you shouldn't be ashamed. Caitlin says

her teammates were very engaging and they helped her push through. Caitlin showed us that no goal is too high.



Dr Jordan Nguyen

Jordan Nguyen is an amazing scientist who nearly broke his neck once. That became his inspiration. Dr Jordan Nguyen designs wheelchairs that can be moved and controlled with your mind. His motto is “one life, proceed to improve many.” “If you set your mind to it, you can achieve it.”



Nazeem Hussain

Nazem Hussain is a very well-known comedian. We learned that he was a naughty child at school and he preferred sleeping rather than listening in class. He did not fulfill his potential and was easily distracted. He played an inappropriate game in class that we cannot name. One day his teacher told him to either read a book or get expelled. Nazeem said he didn't want to read a book but he had to. He read the book Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and it changed his life. Charlie and Nazeem had similarities like being poor and loving chocolate. Soon he loved reading and thought reading was so much fun and characters could be anything and naughty like him. He told us lots of stuff like stand up for yourself and when life isn't going well, you can always joke about it.



Chris Green

Chris Green is the Sydney Thunder Captain. He has led his team to many victories showing great leadership skills and never giving up. He told us that when being a leader sometimes you have to listen to your teammates or classmates but sometimes you need to stick with your gut instinct. He taught us how to create a good healthy team. The thing we got out of it the most was never be afraid of your mistakes.



Governor General

David Hurley taught us that we have two ears, and one mouth. This is because ears and listening are 2 times more important than talking. He told us to serve the people we lead and not lead to look good. It was an amazing experience that we will treasure forever. Thank you to Mrs Ezzy for allowing us to attend this very interesting day.



By Elizabeth, Isla, Bernie and Jordan

TERM 1 2023



TECHNOLOGY HUB HAPPENINGS WITH MRS FURNESS

Students in Years 1-6 have enjoyed 1 hour a week in the Technology Hub during Term 1.

Topics covered include how to use Student Portal (Year 1) Google Classroom (Year 2-6), the many aspects of word processing on Google Docs, how to be safe online and cyber-bullying awareness.

CYBER SAFETY IN TECHNOLOGY LESSONS

Sourced from E-Safety Commissioner

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/educators/training-for-professionals/professional-learning-program-teachers/cyberbullying-factsheet>

KINDY, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2

HECTORS'
WORLD

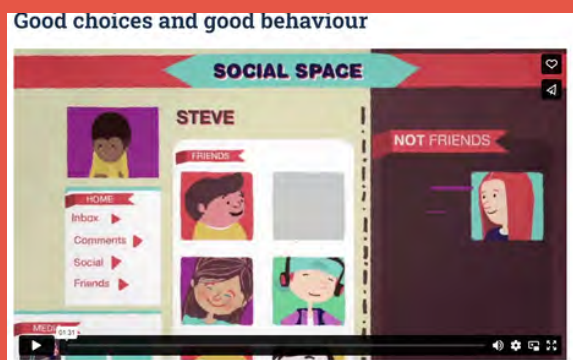


Hector's World

Engaging animated videos supported by lesson plans and worksheets, offering children practical guidance on staying safe and managing risks online.

YEAR 3 AND 4

GOOD
CHOICE
AND GOOD
BEHAVIOUR
ONLINE



YEAR 5 AND 6



GAME ON
VIDEO
SERIES

Attendance Matters

Everyday



Learn



Make friends

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Week 8 Attendance Focus



In Lines Before Nine
School Starts at 9:00am

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and **MUST** be explained by parents/carers.

The Importance of Arriving on Time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day.
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine.
- Give students time to greet their friends before class.
- Reduces classroom disruption.

Student Voice

I like being at school before the bell goes in the morning because:

I get to play with some older kids that are in Year 5.

Zoe (Kindergarten)

I play with my friends and get ready to learn.

Phoebe (Year 2)

I can see my friends and I say, "Hi," to my teacher.

Rose (Kindergarten)

I like playing handball with my friends.

Tomas (Year 5)

I can go to Breakfast Club.

Ellie (Year 5)

I can get a handball court.

Lexie (Year 5)

It is peaceful and quiet and I can talk to my friends.

Megan (Year 5)

I can put my bag in the shade.

Ella (Year 5)

P&C NEWSFLASH

Northmead Public School P&C Association

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The NPS P&C AGM was held on Wednesday 15th March 2023 at which office bearer, executive and band representative members were elected for 2023.

Congratulations to the following members and thank you for volunteering your time and energy to these roles.

President: Kristen Bayliss

Vice Presidents: Jenny Cullen and Glenn Merry

Treasurer: Alicia Huang

Secretary: Julie Bradburn

General Executive: Samantha Lacey, Rebecca Song, Maddison Spring, Peter Crute and Tania Trapolini

Band Instrument Coordinators: Jennifer Webb and Susan Doel



DATES FOR THE DIARY

P&C General Meeting:

Wednesday 10th May
2023 7pm via ZOOM

Election Day BBQ & Cake Stall

Saturday 25th March 2023

Easter Raffle

Tickets available from Monday 20th March 2023. Prizes distributed 6th April.

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



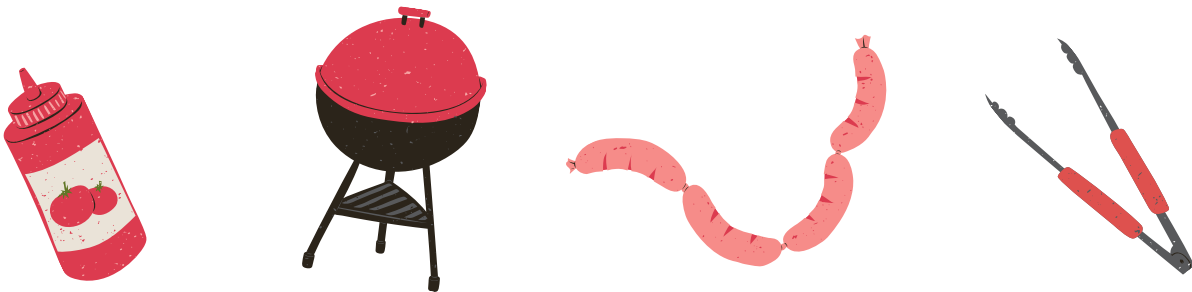
P&C MEMBERSHIP

Renewals for 2023/24 can now be submitted 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.

ELECTION DAY BBQ & CAKE STALL

Volunteers

If you are available to help by cooking and serving on Saturday 25th March 2023 we would love to hear from you. Volunteers can sign up here: tinyurl.com/2p9d82e4 or contact the P&C via email northmeadpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au to find out how you can help.



Cake Donations

Donations of whole cakes, slices, biscuits and other baked goods including gluten free options for us to sell would be greatly appreciated. Additional information and cake boxes will be sent home next week. We thank you for your support for this event.



EASTER RAFFLE

As part of Northmead Public School's Easter festivities, the P&C Association will again be running our annual Easter Raffle. Notes and tickets for families to sell will be sent home shortly. This event has been steadily getting bigger and better each year and is one of our most successful fundraisers. Funds raised, will go towards making continued improvements to our school and we thank our NPS community for your generous support.

This year we have already been lucky enough to receive some generous donations from local businesses, including **\$300 worth of vouchers from Bunnings Northmead, 2x 2 hour family passes to Ultimate in Northmead and a signed Parramatta Eels Jersey!**

Each year we rely on donations of Easter themed products to build our many prize baskets such as: **craft sets/activities, giftware, Easter eggs, Easter gift bags and decorations.** We would appreciate it if each family could provide a donation to your child's class teacher and return tickets and ticket money by **Friday 31st March 2023**. Each donation will receive a bonus ticket into the raffle. Raffle draw will be held in the last week of Term 1.

LOCAL BUSINESS DONATIONS

If you are part of a local business in Northmead that would be happy to contribute prizes to our raffle please contact northmeadpublicschool-vp1@pandcaffiliate.org.au for additional information on how to donate.



CLOTHING SHOP UPDATE

Year 6 Commemorative Polo Shirts - Preorders close Monday 20th March 2023. Please place your orders via the Square website.

YEAR 6 2023 COMMEMORATIVE POLO SHIRTS



Available to pre-order on Square
Orders close Monday 20th March 2023

NSW Back To School Vouchers accepted. Please email your voucher to npsclothingshop1@gmail.com to receive a discount code for purchase.

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

*Please note purchase of commemorative clothing is optional.



Sale Items - 50% off fleece sports track pants and sports polos (old design) in selected sizes available on Square.

DISCOUNTED ITEMS



Sports Polo (Old Design)

Size 4, 6, 10, 14, 20, 22

\$16

This item is currently being phased out however is still considered school sports uniform.



**Royal Blue Fleece Sport
Track Pants**

Size 4

\$16

This item is still considered school sports uniform however the Clothing Shop will no longer be stocking them.



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

Long Sleeve Academic Polo Shirts - new stock has arrived and has been updated in Square.

Out of stock items - additional supplies are due to arrive in April.

CANTEEN UPDATE

Harmony Day

As part of our community celebrations for Harmony Day the canteen will be providing a selection lunches for pre-order for Harmony Day.

Lunch box selections include beef lasagne, butter chicken pack, chicken fried rice, cucumber such pack, lamb kofta and a teriyaki chicken sushi pack. Don't forget to order lunch boxes before **Friday 17th March 2023 3pm via the Qkr! app**. No late orders will be accepted.

