



# NORTHMEAD NEWSBREAK



K-2 Cross Country





# 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.



## WELCOME BACK – TERM 2

I hope all Northmead families enjoyed the school holidays with family and friends. Term 2 is shaping into another busy term. Regular updates of events will be published on Facebook and Instagram as well as emailed to families. If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact the school and speak with one of the Senior Executive Team consisting of Mrs Baumann, Mr Gorrie and Ms Preiss.

## STAFFING NEWS – EAL/D

As mentioned in previous newsletters the position for an EAL/D permanent teacher was recently advertised in accordance with merit selection procedures. I know you will join me in congratulating **Mrs Melanie Fletcher**, who was the successful applicant. Mrs Fletcher's passion and dedication to our school community has been evident in everything she does and through every interaction she has had with our students, staff, parents, and carers. Congratulations Mrs Fletcher.

## STAFFING

We welcome back Mrs Maher from maternity leave. Mrs Maher will be teaching Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday on class 2MB. There are some additional changes regarding staffing and more information will be sent home this week to classes with changes. Any questions or concerns please contact the school via email or phone and attention to myself or Mr Gorrie.

## SCHOOLBYTES – ONLINE PAYMENTS

Schoolbytes is Northmead Public School's online payment system for incursions and excursions. After the closing date, online payments can not be accepted. If you are wishing to pay for an extra curricular activity after the closing due date and 2 business days before the date of the event, it will have to be paid in cash to the office.

Unfortunately, if we don't receive permission and/or payment before the scheduled date, your child will not be able to attend.

## THANK YOU NPS COMMUNITY

A huge thank you to our wonderful P & C for the amazing work that is taking place in our school garden. The before and after pictures are incredible. Our school appreciates all our parents time and efforts.

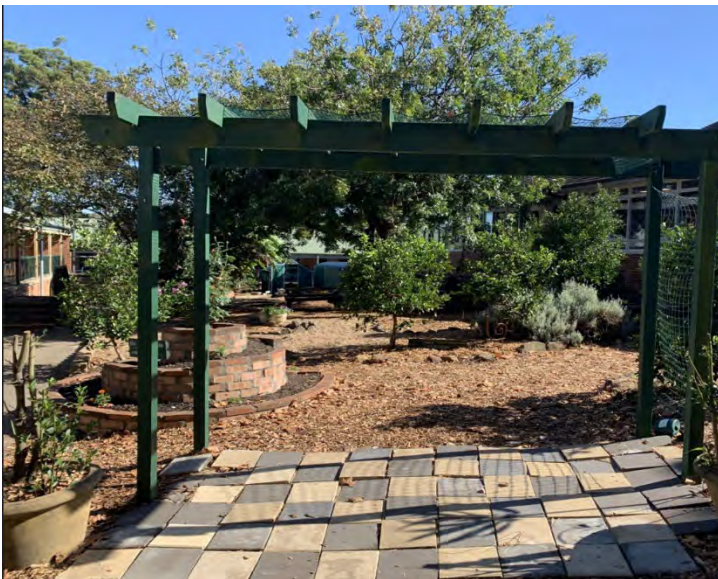
Reminder P & C are running the Mother's Day stall next Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May



**Mr Baumann** |  
*Deputy Principal*



**WATCH THE SPACE!!!**



## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE - LOCKDOWN & EVACUATION

EVACUATION



Under the Work Health and Safety (WHS) policy, schools are responsible for the safety of all students, staff and visitors. At Northmead, emergency drills (lockdowns, evacuations, off-site evacuations, etc) are scheduled to test and validate the effectiveness of our site-specific emergency management procedures so that staff and students are prepared in the event of an emergency.

### Emergency Drills

As part of our emergency management drills:

- prior to a lockdown/evacuation drill, teachers calmly explain the need to practise the drill to students
- teachers use our school emergency management procedures when explaining the lockdown or evacuation response to students
- depending on the age of students, teachers may role play the lockdown/evacuation drill with students in a supportive and calm manner
- on the day of the lockdown/evacuation drill, teachers tell students that we will be having a drill and remind them of what to do
- during the lockdown/evacuation drill, teachers monitor students and provide direction and reassurance if required
- following the lockdown/evacuation drill, teachers monitor students and provide reassurance and support if required

Following every emergency drill, the staff at our school:

- debrief to discuss what went well and what could be improved
- review our emergency management procedures and arrangements
- incorporate anything learned from the drill
- communicate changes to emergency management procedures and arrangements with all staff.

### Lockdown

A **lockdown** is a procedure intended to secure all or part of a facility to protect people from an occurring or imminent threat that has the potential to cause harm. It minimises access to the school and secures staff and students in rooms away from the risk of harm. Examples of possible threats include dangerous animals, a severe storm, dangerous airborne particles, threat relating to a person with violent intent, or similar emergencies that cause concern for the safety of staff, students and/or visitors.

During a lockdown all staff and students move inside; doors and windows are locked, blinds are closed, students move away from windows and doors and remain quiet. All staff and students remain in place until an all clear is announced.

### Evacuation

An **evacuation** is a procedure used after the decision is made that it is unsafe for students, staff, and visitors to remain inside buildings, or on school grounds, due to an immediate or threatened danger at the school. Examples of possible threats may include a fire, bomb threat, gas leak etc.

When a decision to evacuate has been made, all staff, students and visitors exit the buildings and move to an identified on-site assembly area (back oval). Once assembled, class, staff and visitor rolls are checked. Everyone will remain in the assembly area until further instructions are received.



# Next Up at Northmead



Term 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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 AFL Clinic K-4	9 May Fundamental Movement Skills K-2 Mother's Day Stall Stage 3 Science Incursion	10 May Gymnastics 3-6 AFL Clinic K-4	11 May Scripture/Ethics Debate – Possum Team	12 May Winter PSSA Round 2
W4	15 May Debate – Cockatoo Team	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 AFL After School Program	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 AFL After School Program	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
W7	5 June Multicultural Public Speaking Final AFL After School Program	6 June Fundamental Movement Skills K-2 3-6 Athletics Backup Date	7 June Gymnastics 3-6	8 June Scripture/Ethics	9 June Winter PSSA Round 6
W8	12 June Queen's Birthday	13 June Fundamental Movement Skills K-2 Synergy Dance Festival	14 June Gymnastics 3-6 Sydney West Cross Country Synergy Dance Festival	15 June Scripture/Ethics	16 June Winter PSSA Round 7
W9	19 June Stage 3 Canberra Camp	20 June Stage 3 Canberra Camp Fundamental Movement Skills K-2	21 June Stage 3 Canberra Camp Gymnastics 3-4 Double Lesson	22 June Scripture/Ethics	23 June Winter PSSA Round 8
W10	26 June Jump Rope <a href="#">For</a> Heart Jump Off TBC	27 June Fundamental Movement Skills K-2	28 June Gymnastics 5-6 Double Lesson	29 June Scripture/Ethics Disco TBC	30 June Winter PSSA Round 8 Last Day of Term

# ANZAC Day

**Elise and Elizabeth** - At this year's ANZAC dawn service they did many interesting things. This being my first dawn service I really did enjoy it. I watched proudly as our school leaders laid the school wreath as well as other schools, clubs and sporting teams. Seeing past soldiers and army members was a very eye opening experience on what happened when ANZACS landed on Gallipoli 108 years ago. The bugle player did really well at the service playing the Last Post and the Reveille. After the Last Post we had a minute of silence to pay respects to the fallen soldiers who died in war. Then came the New Zealand and Australian National Anthems. I stood there proudly and kept thinking of the soldiers who fought for my country. At the end they said a few prayers to God and they prayed for the soldiers in the past and present. After the prayers all the soldiers marched off the stage and everyone watched as they walked past with a stiff and strong body. Then the service ended.

**Isla** - On the 25th of April 2023 I went to the Dawn Service in Parramatta to represent Northmead PS along with Jordan, Elizabeth and Bernie. This was my first Dawn Service at Parramatta as I have been to three other dawn services. When we walked up the front we laid our school wreath. Then we listened to the Last Post. Afterwards we had a minute of silence and paid our respects to those who had died. Then came the Australian and New Zealand National Anthems. At the end, the soldiers marched off the stage, we took photos and then went home.

**Jordan** - On the 25th April, I found the ANZAC Day Dawn Service at Parramatta to be a great experience. I went with our Captains and Deputy Principals. It started with the speaker saying lots of prayers to God. Schools, scouts, sporting clubs and important people in the Parramatta Council were laying down wreaths to pay their respects to all the soldiers that fought. When Northmead PS was called, we were excited and went to lay down our wreath. Then we went back to our spot to see the rest. They played the Last Post and the Reveille and then we had a minute of silence. We listened to the Australian National Anthem. We took some photos next to our wreath and took photos with our amazing Deputy Principals. I would like to thank all the people who fought in WW1 and WW2. Without their sacrifice, we wouldn't have the peace we have today. It was cool to wear our blazers, put the wreath down and go to our first amazing Dawn Service.

**Bernie** - It was a cool experience seeing all the soldiers and people that have fought in the past wars. It was also a great chance to get to place down the wreaths followed by other schools, scouts and sporting teams. I have been to a couple of Dawn Services and this was very cool getting to be involved in it. I am very grateful for the opportunity. Then they started playing the Last Post and then the minute of silence came. It then finished, we took a photo and went home.



THE 108<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

# ANZAC DAY



**DAWN SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION**

The Cenotaph  
Prince Alfred Square  
Parramatta

**TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2023**  
**4.30am**

Under the auspices of the City of Parramatta RSL sub-Branch  
Simon Lovell, President & Bryan West, Secretary





Welcome to the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge!

What an exciting time to be at Northmead Public School during the PRC challenge, especially since it is now easier than ever to complete it. The PRC rules have been updated for the 2023 challenge.

*Students can now include up to 10 choice books on their reading records and can count 5 books from an approved series as PRC books.*

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in our children, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is open to all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 10.

Once the Challenge is open, you can [log in](#) to the PRC website to add books you have read to your Student Reading Record using your PRC account.

In order to complete the Challenge, students are required to read the following number of books:

Challenge level	Number of books you must read	Minimum number of PRC books	Maximum number of Personal Choice books	PRC booklists you can read from
K-2	30	20	10	K-2, 3-4, 5-6
3-4	20	10	10	3-4, 5-6, 7-9
5-6	20	10	10	5-6, 7-9
7-9	20	10	10	5-6, 7-9, 9plus
3-9 (refer to rules on PRC site)	20	10	10	All booklists

PRC accounts are managed by school coordinators. Students use their student portal login details to sign into the PRC site. Please take some time to look at the following two websites.

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/>

*It is wonderful to see so many students already part of the challenge.*

*Our Northmead Public School target is to have as many students join and complete the challenge and beat the 2022 record. Do you think we can get an extra 100 students involved this year?*



*Public libraries are excellent sources of reading material! If you are not already a member of your local library, check out their website to see how you can join. Local libraries will have access to a lot of print copies of books on the PRC booklists, as well as eBooks and audiobooks available through their online platforms.*

*Visit the new state-of-the-art City of Parramatta Library which sits on levels one and two of PHIVE.*

***Click on the image to be redirected to Parramatta City Library.***

If your child needs help logging in to PRC or understanding the rules, please contact Ms Keegan (Monday to Friday) or Mr Younan (Wednesday) in the library.

Ms C Keegan and Mr G Younan  
(Library Teachers / PRC Coordinators)





### **Jump Rope for Heart kicks off this term at Northmead!**

Jump Rope for Heart is the Heart Foundation's primary school skipping challenge that helps kids move more, have fun and raise funds for lifesaving research and programs.

This year we've got an audacious goal to see our student Heart Heroes at Northmead to log 40 hours of skipping throughout the program!

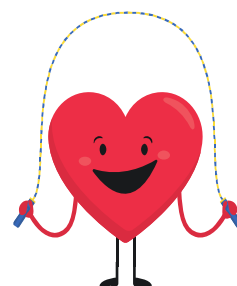
[Register your child online](https://www.jump rope.org.au/parents), so they can receive the full benefits of the program and participate in online fundraising, simply follow the link below to get started.

[www.jump rope.org.au/parents](https://www.jump rope.org.au/parents)

Students will be skipping throughout the term, during this time you can share their online fundraising page with family and friends to help raise money for this great cause.

We will hold our school Jump Off Day on Monday, Week 10, this will mark the end of the program and is a chance for everyone to come together to skip and show off their newly learned skills.

Thank you for supporting the Jump Rope for Heart program!





# Community Corner

Just a reminder Breakfast Club is on three days a week from Monday through to Wednesday. We have seen an increase in students coming to breakfast club probably due to the fantastic donation from Bakers Delight at Baulkham Hills, the bread is really delicious.

Please say thank you if you are at the Baulkham Hills shops. Their donation of bread is very generous and obviously a hit with the children.

Some children have asked can they donate to breakfast club and the answer is “yes”. Breakfast Club is free but all donations are welcome. Some ideas would be jam, vegemite and margarines. The Northmead P & C will supply the milk for breakfast and Kellogg has donated the cereals.

Breakfast Club has been made possible by the support of the Northmead staff who arrive early to help serve and some wonderful donations from the following

Bakers Delight Baulkham Hills  
Kellogg Australia  
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



# Attendance Matters

## Everyday



Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

**Term 2 Week 2 Attendance Focus**

## Compulsory School Attendance

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

### When is it ok for your child to be absent from school?



My child is sick or has an infectious disease.



My child has an unavoidable medical appointment.



My child is required to attend a recognised religious holiday.



My family has an exceptional or urgent family circumstance, such as attending a funeral.

### Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



### REMEMBER

**In Lines  
Before Nine  
School Starts  
at 9.00am**



# P&C NEWSFLASH

*Northmead Public School P&C Association*



## FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Welcome back to Term 2! We are looking forward to another great term of community connection and involvement. The P&C would like to thank our wonderful families who generously donated Easter Raffle prizes and sold or purchased tickets in our fundraising raffle at the end of last term. A huge thank you must also go to the generous businesses who donated gift vouchers and prizes which made our raffle extra special this year. Together our Northmead community raised a total of \$5595 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 and donations due no later than 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 - **TODAY 4/5/23**

### **NPS P&C Association:**

[northmeadpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au](mailto:northmeadpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au)

### **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)





## MOTHERS DAY STALL - TUESDAY 9TH MAY 2023

Students will be given the opportunity to visit our Mothers Day Stall with their class on **Tuesday 9th May 2023** to purchase a gift for their loved one. **The option to pre-pay for your child to choose a gift from the stall is available on Qkr!** Cash will also be accepted on the day. Gifts will cost from \$5 each.



Pre-ordered gifts from local suppliers has now closed and gifts will be available for students to collect on the day. We thank you for your purchases.



### Volunteers Needed

Please note that this is a volunteer run event. We are currently looking for parent volunteers to work on the Mother's Day Stall on Tuesday 9th May 2023 during school hours. It would be particularly nice if there were some dads that were available to help out but all are welcome!

**Please put your name on the sign-up sheet if you are able to help in any of the listed time slots.**

<https://signup.zone/DCmyyZtt34T2a59WP>



## CLOTHING SHOP UPDATE

### **New Stock Has Arrived**

Our Winter stock has arrived! ALL backorders have been filled and available stock has been loaded to Square.

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

We now have the following items in stock:

- Short Sleeve Academic Polos
- Long Sleeve Academic Polos
- Navy Unisex Pants
- Sports Polos (limited quantities available). Please note that these shirts are transitioning over time to the new design. The old sports polo design still remains current. If your child still fits their old one please consider waiting to purchase the new design.

### **Back To School Vouchers Expire 30th June 2023**

If you are waiting to place an order and would like to use your remaining Back To School Vouchers, please **email your vouchers to [npsclothingshop1@gmail.com](mailto:npsclothingshop1@gmail.com) to have them redeemed prior to placing your order online.**

Thank you for your patience and support as we work to provide the school community with access to our new uniform.





## SECOND HAND UNIFORM RUMMAGE SALE

For those who are looking for some spare school uniform items as the colder months approach, our Clothing Shop volunteers will be holding a small rummage sale on **Monday 8th May 2023**. Items for sale will include:

- Second hand jumpers and jackets
- Some second hand old uniform items
- Discontinued items including new fleece track pants (size 4 only)

Most items will be \$5 to \$10. Cash and card accepted.

**From 2:30pm outside the Clothing Shop under the Kindy Cola.**

A large, stylized graphic of the word 'SALE' in red, blocky letters with white outlines, set against a white background. The letters are slightly irregular and hand-drawn in style.

## GARDENING CLUB

**Gardening Club is on again TODAY (Thursday May 4th).** Over the school holidays a tremendous team of volunteers joined forces in the rain to revamp our vegetable garden. Thank you to all who attended the working bee, your help was very much appreciated. Thanks must also go to Bunnings Northmead for their generous donation of landscaping supplies.

Work on the garden this week will include: installing trellis for snow-peas and sugar snaps, planting veggies, herbs and flowers, weeding garden beds, mulching around water tanks, cleaning potting area, cleaning up banana trees and planting Lilly Pillies  
As always, we can only get done what our muscle power allows. Many hands make light work. Would love to see you there. All 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.**



## School student travel information for parents and students

### School Travel Passes

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass but have not yet applied need to [apply](#) or [update](#) their details as soon as possible.

In the Opal network, students should travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

New Student Opal cards (including new Term Bus Passes) will be sent to the student's nominated postal address within two weeks of their application being approved.

Students living in rural and regional areas will receive their travel pass from their nominated transport operator. It may be issued via their school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some rural and regional operators do not issue travel passes.

Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

### Terms of Use

**Students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off** in line with the [Opal terms of use](#).

All students are required to comply with the [Student code of conduct](#). The code of conduct aims to ensure the safety and well-being of school children and other passengers. It is important that parents ensure their child is aware of this, as failure to comply with the code of conduct can result in a suspension from travel.

Further information can be found at [transportnsw.info/school-travel](https://transportnsw.info/school-travel)

Enquiries can be submitted at [transportnsw.info/passes-concessions-feedback](https://transportnsw.info/passes-concessions-feedback)





# WE ARE JOINING



# LEARN

*to speak & write in*

# ENGLISH

Toongabbie Community Centre

244 Targo Road, Toongabbie

Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023

10 Weeks (School Term)

Morning from 9:30am – 12:30pm

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Australian citizen or permanent resident or hold a valid visa with permission to study.

**Registration REQUIRED!**

Contact

Boronia Multicultural Services

Email: [nabila.noori@bms.org.au](mailto:nabila.noori@bms.org.au)

Phone: 02 9631 1777

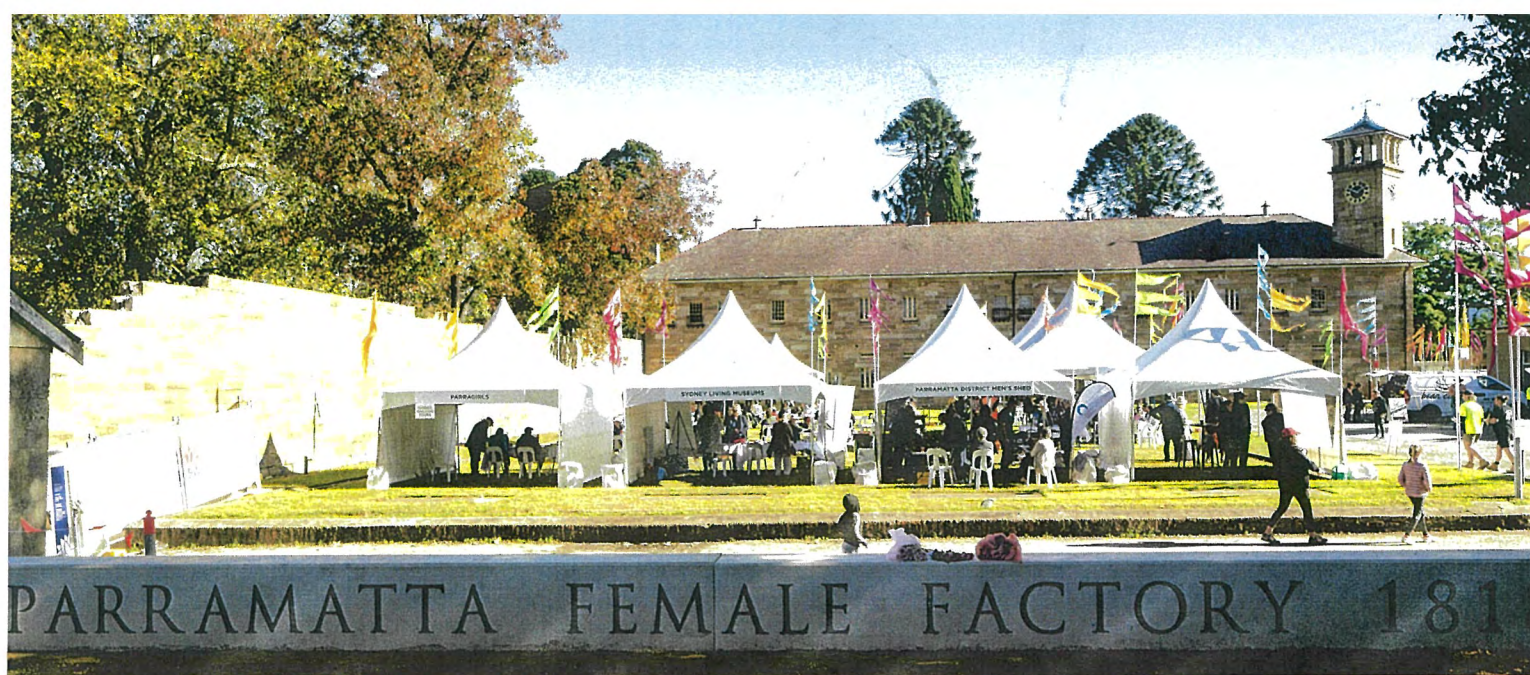
Mobile: 0432800130 (TEXT ONLY)



**BORONIA**  
MULTICULTURAL SERVICES







Parramatta North

# Join us for Heritage Day

Saturday 13 May 2023 from 8.00 am  
5 Fleet Street, North Parramatta

- Family day out
- Artisan markets
- Mother's Day gifts
- Food trucks
- Kids activities
- Free heritage tours and talks
- Live music

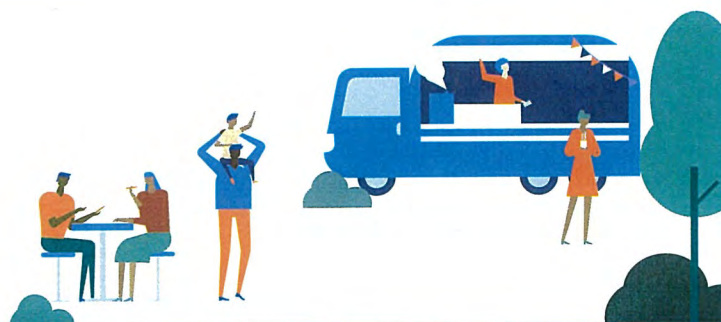


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## Free tours

Scan and book your  
free tour or historical  
talk today (limited  
places per tour).



Public transport is recommended. Visit [transportnsw.info](https://transportnsw.info)

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land,  
and pay respect to Elders past and present.







*VS Oceania Pty Ltd*

Wanted host families to host  
Japanese students  
from Catherine McAuley,  
Westmead from  
24<sup>th</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023.



Share your lifestyle & home whilst  
experiencing another culture.

- Students attend Catherine McAuley on weekdays and enjoy family life with you on the weekend.
- Students are aged between 14 & 15.
- Transportation to and from school is necessary.
  - Japanese language is not necessary.
- Students just fit in with your family routines – eat your food, they need their own bed but can share a room.
- Families are paid \$90 per night to host 2 students.

If you can assist in hosting students or  
would like  
for more information, please contact  
VS Oceania.

PH: (02) 9889 4366  
Email: [admin@vsoceania.com](mailto:admin@vsoceania.com)