



NORTHMEAD NEWSBREAK

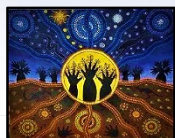


Northmead Newsbreak... ...Our Compass Calibration.



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.



DEAR NORTHMEAD FAMILIES

This is a very short Principal message from me as I am still regaining strength and mobility after recent knee surgery. I had thought I would have returned to N.P.S. by now but I am hopeful to be back very soon. Waiting for the 'all clear' from everyone involved after an accident and surgery can be a challenge. I aim to hold true to what we tell our students: trying to be patient when obstacles appear in life, staying on the planned-for "compass course" and committing daily to meet the final goal will ultimately bring the outcome we seek. I look forward to seeing everyone shortly.

Writing to you all today gives me the opportunity to again acknowledge **Mrs Baumann** who has been an outstanding school leader in the Relieving Principal role throughout my absence (even when for a *little* longer than she or I had expected). Her strong, calm and reflective leadership included leading the External Validation (EV) team of Mr Gorrie, Mrs Hollier-Smith and Ms Preiss in collating, organising and speaking about our school self-assessment evidence sets to present during the EV panel visit on August 29. My thanks extend to Mr Gorrie as DP, Mrs Hollier-Smith and Ms Preiss as relieving DPs (before Ms Preiss was on class Term 3); who have all very ably supported Mrs Baumann as members of the Senior leadership team. As individuals, as talented, collaborative and inspirational leaders, they

undertake so many behind-the-scenes roles with flexible, effective and practical solutions to always keep our school ship sailing smoothly. My thanks to the whole Executive and Northmead school team for supporting each other in times of staffing adjustments and ongoing educational evolution in N.S.W. schools. Each of you seek to find ideal solutions for every child in learning and life. All of you are the fabric of what makes N.P.S. the gem of a school it is to be part of...*my thanks to you all.*

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU JO!

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One paragraph here couldn't begin to provide enough space to contain all memories and expressions of thanks from the N.P.S. community (staff, students, families and community members), as well as from me personally, to try and share with and thank our wonderful outgoing Canteen Coordinator Jo, for all she has contributed to and has enhanced for our Northmead P.S. community. So please see the next page for my little attempt to share with Jo our shared and sincere **thank-you** in an *"Ode to Jo"*, as she farewells our school to pursue her chef-ing, catering, cooking and life contribution dreams in a new location.

HAPPY SPRING HOLIDAYS

We wish our students, staff and families a safe and refreshing spring break, with beautiful weather to enjoy this time together. **All** Staff and Students return **MONDAY 9 OCTOBER** to start Term 4.

For your forward planning: Students last day for Term 4 is Friday 15 December. Staff will then participate in professional learning on two Staff Development Days: Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 December (**no students attend on these days**).

Until we meet again in the next in the N.P.S. Newsbreak ...

Mrs Ezzy & Mrs Baumann | Principal & Relieving Principal



An Ode to Jo!



You arrived at Northmead P.S. with your trademark grin,
So more healthy food would bring the students' tastebuds "in".
Bringing to our school your menu vision for an enhanced canteen,
You made the now N.P.S. "Food Stop", the best it had ever been!

So armed with your cooking skills and a daily *very* good mood,
Soon the word was out about the truly wonderful N.P.S. food.
You introduced our students to glorious new tastes galore,
Staff, students and families started asking: "*is there still more?*"

You brought us your special sausage rolls as a "fav" Friday feast,
Soon students also asked for Butter Chicken, at the very least!
On Fridays, guaranteed our pie-eating students were not left out,
And your daily muffin menu made us all smile, dance and shout!

A very swanky coffee machine made it all the more complete,
Now staff could order a daily brew and families enjoyed this treat.
For carnivals and special events, the machine was running hot!
And families could treat a teacher too, which really meant a lot.

On multi-cultural special days our families found new tastes,
For Year 6 farewell breakfasts there was sure to be no waste.
You always cater for any event; "Just ask Jo!" was our cheer!
Sure enough, any menu items requested would magically appear.

You always knew each student and each of their foodie "favs",
Students improved their cooking skills due to the help you gave.
For students shy when ordering, a smile from Jo was a need,
And they'd get their order in, which at lunch would be received!

There is so much more you've done for us each and every day,
And for the N.P.S. school community you gave us the "*Jo Way*"!
Be kind! Have a smile! Good food and good mood @NPS everyday,
Bon Voyage wonderful Jo ... *we will all remember you this way.*

Next Up at Northmead



Term 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W5	6 Nov	7 Nov	8 Nov Kindergarten Tennis Kindergarten Orientation Grandparent's Day	9 Nov Scripture/Ethics	10 Nov Summer PSSA (semis)
W6	13 Nov	14 Nov Diabetes awareness day	15 Nov Kindergarten Tennis	16 Nov Scripture/Ethics	17 Nov Summer PSSA (finals)
W7	20 Nov Eye check-up K-6	21 Nov Eye check-up K-6	22 Nov Kindergarten Tennis Eye check-up K-6	23 Nov Scripture/Ethics Eye check-up K-6	24 Oct Eye check-up K-6
W8	27 Nov Eye check-up K-6	28 Nov Eye check-up K-6	29 Nov Kindergarten Tennis Eye check-up K-6	30 Nov Scripture/Ethics Eye check-up K-6	1 Dec Eye check-up K-6
W9	4 Dec 2024 Swimming Carnival 3-6	5 Dec K-2 Presentation Day	6 Dec 3-6 Presentation Day	7 Dec Year 6 Formal Farwell 5-9pm Norwest Rydges	8 Dec
W10	11 Dec	12 Dec Years 3-5 Party Day Ninja	13 Dec K-2 end of year concert	14 Dec Reports emailed to parents Year 6 surf day	15 Dec Graduation Assembly and Ringout

Junior State Wind Band



On the 16th to 19th of September, I participated in the Junior State Wind Band with students from all over NSW. The whole band came together for the first time on the 16th and 17th of September and rehearsed for about 6 hours, with two 15 minute breaks. On the night of 18th and 19th September, the band performed in the Festival of Choral Music at the Sydney Opera House, one of the greatest show stages on Earth.

Being in the band was honestly a great experience and I would recommend it to anyone who plays an instrument and has enough spare time. This band is open for years 5 to 8 and there is also a senior band which is open to years 8 to 12.

Thank you to Dr Steve Clarke (our school bands conductor) for his reference on my State Wind Band application.



P&C NEWSFLASH

Northmead Public School P&C Association



P&C UPDATE

Just like that another term is over!

We are heading into a busy time of year and have lots happening in the lead up to the end of the year. Please keep reading for further information of things to come in Term 4.

The P&C would like to wish our school community a very safe and happy Spring break and look forward to seeing and working with you in Term 4.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

P&C General Meeting:

Wednesday 25th October
2023 7pm via ZOOM

Gardening Club School

Holiday Working Bee:

Tuesday 26th September
8am-2pm. Enter via Moxhams
Street Gate. and meet at the
veggie garden.

Referendum BBQ and Cake Stall:

Saturday 14th October 2023

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



FAREWELL JO

On Wednesday evening P&C held a dinner in Jo's honour to thank her for her dedication to the role of Canteen Manager at Northmead Public School and for her efforts in making our school canteen what it is today.

Jo will be sorely missed but we wish her the very best of good fortune for her next adventure at Northmead High School!

Thank you to the families who contributed messages and donations towards Jo's farewell gift from the community. Your donations enabled us to put together a gift basket full of special things for Jo.



CANTEEN UPDATE

Canteen Manager Position

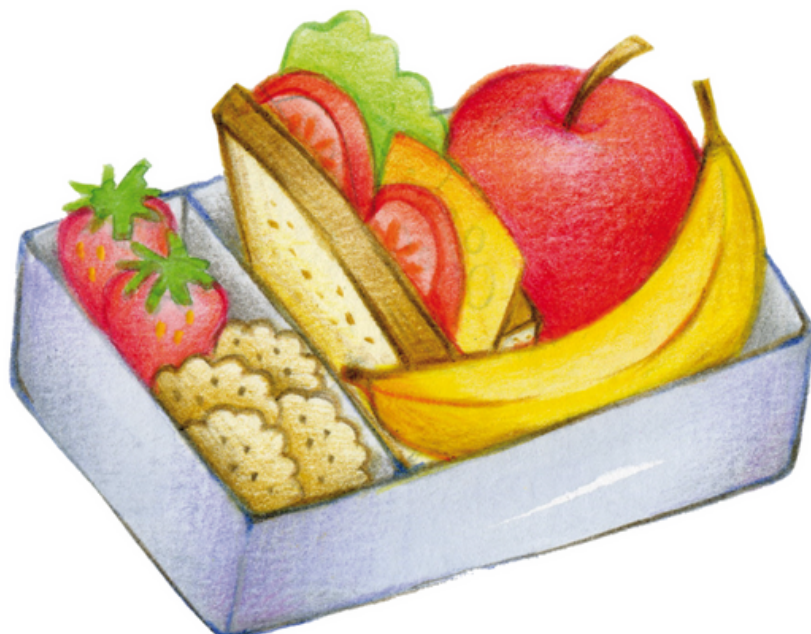
The position of Chef/Cook Canteen Manager for Northmead Public School's P&C operated canteen will be advertised to the school community this week via School Bytes email. If you know of someone with the required qualifications and a passion for cooking healthy food options for children, please forward the advertised details on to them. If interested in the role, further details are available upon request by emailing the P&C at northmeadpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au.

Canteen Operations for Term 4

At this stage it is planned that the canteen will remain open as normal for the first 3 weeks of Term 4. Our current menu may be slightly reduced and birthday cupcake and brownie services will be closed.

Hours of operation and menu options after week 3 will be communicated to the community via separate School Bytes email and newsletters closer to the time.

P&C and volunteers appreciate your understanding and patience during this time.



CLOTHING SHOP UPDATE

Stock Update

Stock orders for the Summer season are estimated to arrive from mid October. This includes polo shirts in sizes that are currently listed as out of stock on our website. Additional information will be provided in early Term 4 on estimated arrivals and ordering.

Kindergarten 2024 Uniforms

Information will be provided at Kindergarten Orientation to parents of students starting Kindergarten in 2024 on how, where and when to order uniforms.

Second Hand Uniforms and Donations

With the weather warming up it is a great opportunity to spring clean the cupboards and get rid of any winter uniforms that are too small! We are continuing to accept donations via our yellow bin located in the school foyer.



LOOK FOR OUR YELLOW BIN!

We are still accepting donations.

WHERE: School foyer, near the front office

WHAT: NPS school uniform items only

Donations will be sorted to sell as second hand, donate to charities/other schools and textile recycling



GARDENING CLUB

Stage 3 classes have been planting out some of the seeds that they have been growing in the school garden.



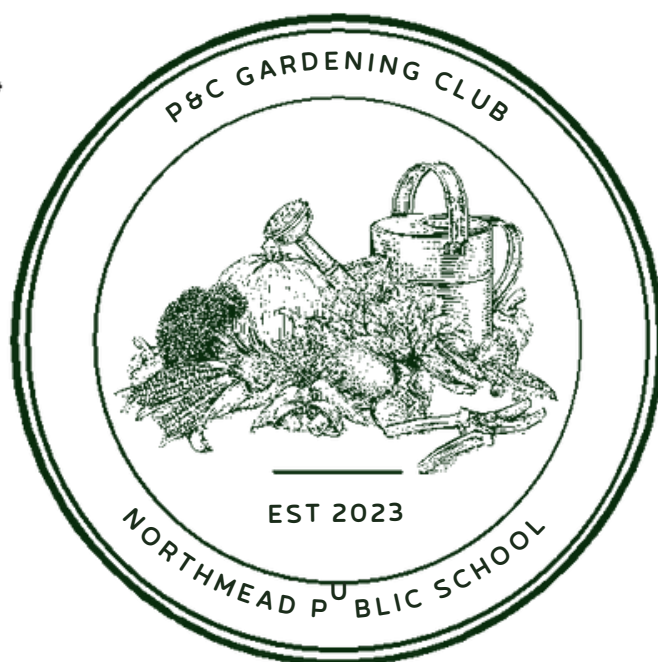
Our broccoli harvest has finished for the year and our cauliflower is almost ready.

We have started our summer crops and are looking forward to watching our seeds grow and then harvesting our cucumbers, tomatoes and corn as well as all of our potatoes!

Spring School Holiday Working Bee

If you can spare just an hour or two on Tuesday 26th September please join us at our next school holiday working bee. Gardening knowledge is not required. See next page for more information.





SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKING BEE

Join us this school holidays as we work on our school's vegetable garden space.

Tuesday, 26th September
8am - 2pm
at the school veggie garden
ENTER VIA MOXHAMS RD GATE

Please wear **enclosed shoes, hat** and BYO
gloves.

Bring your own snacks for morning tea.

\$10 per family for a hot chip lunch

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

REFERENDUM BBQ AND CAKE STALL

The P&C will be hosting a BBQ and Cake Stall fundraising event at Northmead Public School on Referendum Day Saturday 14th October 2023.

Volunteers

If you are available on Saturday 14th October 2023 we would love it if you could lend an hour of your time to help out. Please use the link below to sign up to help set up, cook, serve or pack up on the day. If you can do more than one hour, please feel free to sign up in multiple time slots.

Volunteer sign up zone: <https://signup.zone/DgSoKcTzh74KAacpS>.



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 closer to the date. We thank you for your support for this event.





Year 7 2025 Information Link to Year 5 Students and their Parents

Girraween High School is an academically selective coeducational high school with a focus on providing a balanced and positive education experience for our students who aspire to achieve exceptional HSC results. The school has experienced and dedicated staff, providing students with safe, engaging classes.

Entry is via the Selective High School Placement Test that is run by the Department of Education's High Performing Students Unit. The test will be conducted on Thursday 9 May 2024. Online applications open 9 October 2023 and close 20 November 2023. Our school will be holding an Information Evening on **Tuesday 14th November 2023 at 6pm** for current Year 5 students and their parents wishing to apply for Year 7 in 2025. For more information, please refer to our website.

In addition to our HSC results outlined below, GHS has an extensive range of cocurricular programs on offer. Examples of cocurricular programs can be found on our website at:

https://girraween-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doe/sws/schools/g/girraween-h/rules-and-policies/Girraween_High_CoCurricular_Book.pdf

2022 HSC Achievements

Girraween ranked 29th in the state overall with 18 students achieving an ATAR of 99 and over. 75% of students in the cohort achieved an ATAR score over 98. The highest ATAR was 99.45 (Maximum ATAR 99.95). There were 12 "all-rounder" students who achieved 90% or better in 10 units of study. 100% students received university offers.

State rankings included:

- 10th for English Extension
- 12th for Chemistry

248 distinguished achievers; students who achieved 90% or better in a subject.

100% of all students achieved in the top two bands for Investigating Science, History Ext,

English Ext 1, English Ext 2, Japanese Continuers, Music, Visual Arts, Drama, Software Design, Legal Studies, Physics, Maths Ext 1, Maths Ext 2, and Society and Culture.



SCAN ME

OLLIES NETBALL CLINIC



NETBALL SKILLS FOR AGES 5-8

Join us for fun netball skills based games

FRIDAYS 4:30PM

OCT 13 - NOV 10

GOODEN DRIVE RESERVE, WINSTON HILLS

