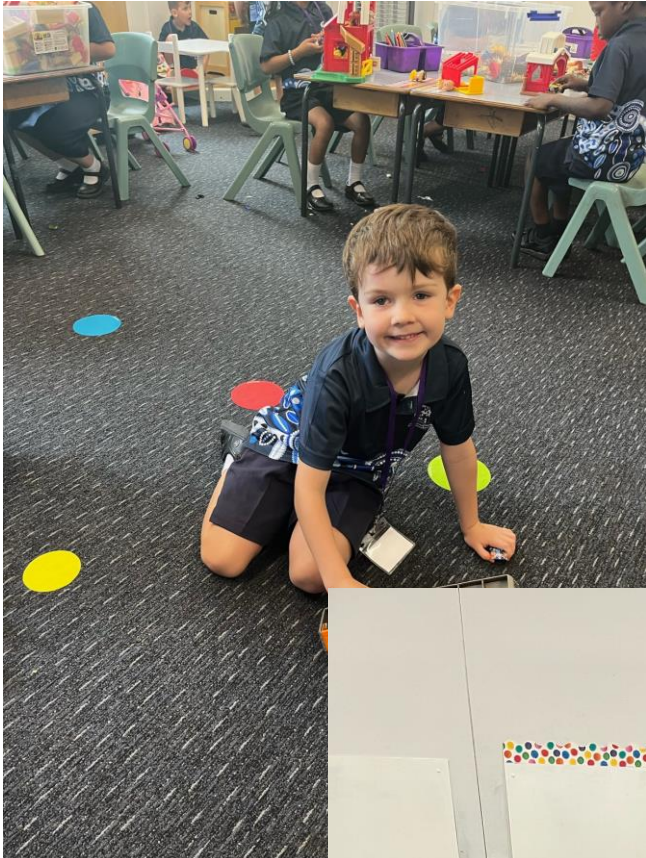




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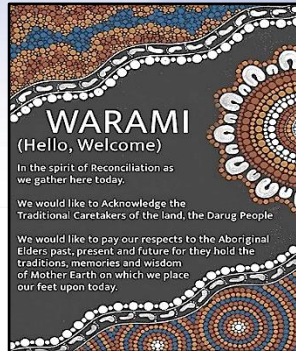




Northmead Newsbreak ... Principal's Update

WARAMI | HELLO...WELCOME!

Our school acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land upon which Northmead Public School was built upon - 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 extend our acknowledgement and respect to all First Nations people who have always been the traditional custodians of their lands across our shared world.



DEAR NORTHMEAD FAMILIES... WELCOME TO N.P.S.' CENTENARY YEAR!

**IN 2024 ... HAPPY NEW YEAR
HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR IN THE YEAR OF THE
DRAGON TO OUR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES**

Welcome back to our students and families for a wonderful 2024 school year which uniquely is our **CENTENARY YEAR!** Celebrating 100 Years of Education at Northmead P.S. Our students have already settled back into our wonderful school and we look forward to them entering their 2024 classes tomorrow after the morning session.

We warmly welcome our new families starting at Northmead P.S. in 2024 who have arrived from different schools or locations in Australia/N.S.W.; even overseas! What a wonderful journey it will be for our N.P.S. community of students, teachers and families getting to know you! Please bring any questions about your child's class and school routines to your class teacher at a mutually convenient time (**not class time, or just as teachers are taking their class inside**). Please contact your teacher, the school Executive via the school email or leave a phone message with our friendly Admin team.

Please look for the 2024 class organisation, Staff Information letter & School Classroom and Areas' Map, which will be sent via School Bytes tomorrow to all families' emails. Stage pick up locations will also be on the N.P.S. Facebook and Instagram pages. Please "follow us" as these are easy apps to access N.P.S. updates.



WELCOME 2024 KINDERGARTEN!



What a joyous experience it was yesterday welcoming the 2024 and our N.P.S. Centenary Year Kindergarten students along with their families! Our newest students had a happy,

settled day overall and those few early tears were replaced by the joy of being with their teachers and new friends being made. Mrs Anne Carmichael was a wonderful welcomer and photographer, so our families not only caught this memory of their child, but also being joined by members of their family on this special Day #1 at N.P.S. Thank you to our P&C for providing "Tea and Tissues" and giving our new families such a happy and relaxed opportunity to feel welcomed and meet other N.P.S. members.

PRINCIPAL'S "P.S."

Following our **True North** @NPS means striving for our personal best everyday. Teachers support every student to learn and guide them to strive to reach their own goals on life's learning journey. Each of our school team help make travelling that journey a little easier for each student. BUT...we cannot learn **for** you. The N.P.S. door to learning is open to each of our students:

*"Teachers open the door...but
you must enter by yourself"* Chinese proverb

I look forward to chatting with you in our next Northmead Newsbreak ... *Mrs Anne Ezzey* (Principal)

WHAT'S AHEAD @NORTHMEAD?



TERM 1 ... SO FAR!

- * **Friday 9 Feb:** Students placed in 2024 classes and meet their new teacher;
- * **Wednesday 14 Feb: *Splash of Red Day to celebrate Lunar New Year*** (see information later in Newsletter) 
- * **Tuesday 20 Feb:** Student Leaders Induction Assembly 9:15am in the Hall (invitations are being sent home requesting RSVP to the families of our Student Leaders);
- * **Wednesday 21 Feb:** P&C ZOOM Meeting 7pm
- * **13-25 March:** NAPLAN Test Window for Years 3 and 5. More details and NPS dates to follow.

A-Z PARENT GUIDE NSW DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/parents-and-carers/a-z-parents-guide>

This is a fantastic resource for families to answer parent/carer questions about school life.

CURRENT CONTACT DETAILS AND/OR SPECIAL INFORMATION

Please tell our office staff of any changes to your contact details or those of other people who are emergency contacts. ***Any parenting agreements, court or custody orders must be provided to the school immediately if they are new, changed in any way or have expired.***

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD TO ADJUST TO A NEW CLASS AND TEACHER

Be positive with your information and explain everyone feels a little anxious about change and new situations. If you are calm and excited about school and the year ahead and that all will be OK, your child will be reassured, positive and more resilient with change.

MEET THE TEACHER – Week 5

Thank you for your feedback around the initial “Meet the Teacher” Day in Week 5. This is NOT a separate parent/teacher interview situation. It is meeting your child’s teacher face-to-face, seeing their classroom, updating your contact details as well as advising your class teacher if you would like a meeting with your teacher in Term 1 to talk about your particular concerns/information about your child and their learning journey in Term 1 and beyond. There will be information booklets provided on the day but also emailed to families. We ask for your updated confirmation of contact information to ensure we have your up-to-date:

- Parent/Carer Mobile Phone Numbers
- Email
- Monday-Friday Drop Off/Pick-up Arrangements (*which we know can vary for our families – we need to know what is happening for your child/children EVERY day!*)

AFTERNOON PICK UP TIME IS 3PM PLAYGROUND | YOUR GATE OF CHOICE OR KISS AND DROP

Students need to be picked up at the bell time of 3pm. **Students will be brought to the Office and parents /carers contacted if they are not picked up by 3:00pm.** Contact the office by 2:45pm if you are going to be delayed unexpectedly.

Please use the Kiss and Drop Zone safely. **It is NOT an area to park and leave the car.** Please be patient in the afternoons as Kleins Road is a very busy area.

If you are meeting your child at a gate, **please check that they know which gate to go to. If siblings are meeting each other first, check that each child knows where to meet. Pick an easy-to-find area** such as their new classroom, rainbow fence, the school bell or the Kindergarten undercover area.

During the holidays our Vice Captain, Jaylan from Year 6, participated in the BNSW U13 Matthew Nielsen Challenge at Penrith Regional Basketball Stadium.

Congratulations, Jaylan!



STUDENTS IN NEW CLASSES

FRIDAY 9TH FEB



2024 classes will be formed at some time on Friday. Classes will meet in the afternoon where their 2024 Morning lines will be.

Kindergarten - Area A Kindergarten Cola)
Stage 1 - Area A (in front of office)
Stage 2 - Area C (near Canteen)
Stage 3 - Area A (near Moxhams Gate)



Wednesday 14th February

SPLASH OF RED DAY

To celebrate the Lunar New Year we are inviting students to add something red to their uniform such red socks, clips, hat or ribbons.

HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR





Community Corner

Breakfast club will commence on Monday 11 February and all children are welcome. We start serving at 8.00am and finish at 8.45am so the lovely volunteers can start their regular jobs. We are grateful to all the staff that give up their time to provide this service to the children.

We have been fortunate to again secure the support of Kellogg's, Baker's Delight Baulkham Hills, and the school's P & C. The children are offered cereal, toast and Milo. If you would like to contribute or have any contacts with suppliers, we would be very grateful. If you wish to contribute, please contact me through the school office.

I would also like to thank the people who have donated uniforms for me to pass on to other families needing assistance. We have been able to assist many families through your generosity and community spirit.

Thank you kindly,

Mrs Anne Carmichael – NPS Community Engagement Officer

GRILLED GOURMET FOOD TRUCK

EVERY THURSDAY
& FRIDAY
5-8pm

OLD WINDSOR RD/OAKES RD
OLD TOONGABBIE

CLICK & COLLECT MENU
& MENU LOG (available)

CHECK SOCIAL PAGES FOR FURTHER DETAILS



**Selection of Gourmet Burgers, Hot Dogs,
Buffalo Wings, Loaded Fries, and More...**



P&C NEWSFLASH

Northmead Public School P&C Association



WELCOME

The P&C would like to extend a warm welcome to families who have joined our NPS community in 2024 and welcome back to our existing families.

If you would like to find out more about our P&C please feel free to make contact via email info@northmeadpublicschoolpandc.org.au. Meetings are held twice per term via Zoom, usually in weeks 3 and 7. All are welcome to attend.

We look forward to another great year of building community spirit, fundraising and involvement in our wonderful school whilst celebrating its Centenary year!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

P&C General Meeting:

Wednesday 21st February 2024 - 7pm (Term 1 Week 4) via ZOOM.

NPS P&C Association:

info@northmeadpublicschoolpandc.org.au

NPS Band Instrument Hire:

NPSbandinstruments@outlook.com

The Clothing Shop:

npsclothingshop1@gmail.com

Canteen:

canteen@northmeadpublicschool.org.au



CANTEEN

Congratulations to Michelle on her first week managing our canteen. As she settles in to her new role she is keen to add delicious, healthy meals all prepared on site, to our menu. Watch this space and Qkr! for updates.

Canteen Volunteers Needed

Our School Canteen is looking for some more volunteers **for Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays**. Hours are usually **9am-2pm** or **9am-11.30am** but are flexible.

If you are able to spare some time weekly, fortnightly monthly or even once a term we would love to hear from you. Please **visit** Michelle at the canteen before school or **email** canteen@northmeadpublicschoolpandc.org.au to find out more.



CLOTHING SHOP

Placing Orders

School uniforms and accessories can be purchased online via our Square site <https://northmead-public-school-pc-association.square.site>

Orders are packed by our volunteers and delivered to class teachers once or twice a week. The Clothing Shop is open on **Monday mornings between 9 and 10am**. We ask that all purchases are made online, however you are welcome to complete your purchases whilst visiting the shop.

Returns/Exchanges

Items can be returned and exchanged provided they are unworn, have tags still attached and if possible are in their original packaging. Please return them on Monday to the shop or in a bag with a note explaining what is required, name and class via the school office. Items will be passed on to the Clothing Shop by the school administration team. Please email the Clothing Shop if a refund is required npsclothingshop1@gmail.com.

Second Hand Donations

Our second hand yellow collection bin is **currently located in the school foyer near the front office**, alternatively donations can be delivered to the Clothing Shop on Monday mornings from 9am.

Donated items are sorted by our clothing shop volunteers and donated for families in need, or donation to other local schools or villages overseas or textile recycling.

**SECOND HAND
SCHOOL UNIFORM
COLLECTION &
RECYCLING**



CLOTHING SHOP

Year 6 Commemorative Polo Shirts

We are currently accepting PRE-orders for 2024 Year 6 commemorative polo shirts. Please refer to note sent from school for additional information. Orders can be made via our square website by Saturday 17th February 2024.

<https://northmead-public-school-pc-association.square.site/product/year-6-2024-polo-shirt-pre-orders/42?cp=true&sa=true&sbp=false&q=false>

YEAR 6 2024 COMMEMORATIVE POLO SHIRTS



Picture for illustrative purposes.

Available to PRE-order on Square
Orders close Saturday 17th February 2024

Order Here

* Please note purchase of commemorative clothing is optional.

** Please refer to the note provided by school for additional information.

Jackets are not supplied via the Clothing Shop.





Back to School Busy Bee Afternoon

Join us this Friday Afternoon (9th February) for a tidy up
of our School's Vegetable Garden

Friday 9th February
3pm-5pm
At the school Vegetable Garden

We would LOVE some more Families to join us!

Please wear enclosed shoes, Hat and BYO Gloves
Bring your own snacks for afternoon tea.

Children and Grandparents are welcome but must remain
in the vegetable garden and under your direct
supervision.

All are welcome - gardening knowledge not required



2024 PLAY NETBALL

Beginners Welcome

Come and join us!

NetSetGo Skills

10-week skills only program

5 & 6 year olds (age in 2024)

NetSetGo

Fun non-competitive games

7-10 year olds (age in 2024)

Juniors

Competition - Beginners to advanced

10 - 14 year olds (age in 2024)

Intermediate/Open

Competition - Beginners to advanced

14 - 19 year olds (age in 2024)

- ☒ All skill levels
- ☒ Girls and boys
- ☒ Fun, fitness and friends
- ☒ Active Kids Vouchers

For more information contact:

Jules Henderson

juniorregistrar@bhnc.com.au

0410 508 133

or to register your interest scan
QR code below.

**SCAN
ME! >>**



Registrations close 15 February.
Season commences early May.



ALL ABILITIES RUGBY LEAGUE

JOIN US!

Following on from the success of our inaugural season the ALL ABILITIES RUGBY LEAGUE program is back. The program is for young people with intellectual disabilities including Sensory Impairment and Autism.

TEAM COACH ANDREW ODELL
ANDREWODELL@LIVE.COM.AU
0416 714 383

TEAM MANAGER KEIRILEE ODELL
KEIRILEE@HOTMAIL.COM
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



FUN IS IN FULL SWING!

Join Woolworths Cricket Blast


A safe way to have fun and stay active for kids of all abilities.

WINSTON HILLS CRICKET CLUB

Woolworths Cricket Blast Program for Girls & Boys
Friday evenings commencing 9th of February 2024
For more information & to register scan QR ----->



SIGN UP TODAY!

 **Play Cricket**

**PROUDLY
PRESENTED BY**

