



NORTHMEAD NEWSBREAK



4th April 2024

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 Burrumattagal 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.



NAPLAN

Over the past few weeks, we have seen Years 3 and 5 students sit the final test involved with NAPLAN. As always, I am very proud of our boys and girls and their due diligence in sitting the tests which will provide further information to our school.

Thank you to Mr Gorrie and our Years 3 and 5 teachers for their care and calmness in supporting all our students and preparing them to do their best. Results from NAPLAN will come out later in the year.

WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBERS

It is with great pleasure that we welcome 3 new staff members to NPS all commencing Week 1 next Term. Mrs Candice Mamet was the successful candidate in the teaching panel that Mr Gorrie conducted. Mrs Mamet is currently teaching at Baulkham Hill North PS.

We also welcome Mrs Alyssa O'Neil who will be joining our teaching staff in Term 2.



Mrs Ezzy recently convened another merit panel a few weeks ago for the School Admin. Manager position left vacant by Mrs Vicki Kennett. I would like to congratulate Mrs Tracy Nascimben who was the successful applicant. Mrs Nascimben will start in the SAM role next term.

ROAD SAFETY

For more information please visit

<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/community/schools/safety-around-schools>

RESPECTING OUR NEIGHBOURS

Please always respect our neighbours. This can be done by not parking across their driveways and following all parking restrictions and road rules. By doing these simple things we can all contribute to a safe and harmonious community

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 5th April – PSSA Round 3 (Summer)

Friday 12th April – PSSA Round 4 (Summer)

Monday 29th April – Staff Development Day

Tuesday 30th April – Students First Day for Term 2

Anzac Service at 2pm

Wednesday 1st May – Yrs 3 – 6 Dance Zing Activ

Thursday 2nd May – Debating

Tuesday 7th May - K -2 Be Skilled Be Fit

Mother's Day Stall

Friday 10th May – PSSA Round 1 (Winter)

Walk to School Day

Mrs Baumann | Relieving Principal

ATTENDANCE

Planned travel and school holidays.

As we head into the end of term it remains important that your child attends school every single day. Being at school is the best place for students to learn as well as to keep social connections and build life-long skills. We understand that families are eager to see and reconnect with loved ones and take a well-deserved break, but please remember that planned travel should only be taken during scheduled school holidays.

Students should be at school every day during school terms, including until the end of term, unless they are sick or are absent for a justified reason. Missing a day here or there may not seem like much, but absences add up and can negatively impact your child's learning and wellbeing.

When your child misses one day per fortnight, that's 4 weeks of missed learning in one year. Over an entire school journey this adds up to 1 year of lost learning. We want to do everything we can to help all students be at school every single day, because every day counts.



Every Day Matters



Harmony Day 2024



Harmony Day on Friday 22nd March was a wonderful celebration of our culturally rich and diverse NPS community. Thank you to all of our staff, students, families, carers and community members who made this such a successful day.

Many thanks to you all! Mrs Melanie Fletcher (EAL/D coordinator)

Here are some of the things that we were involved in on the day

Students enjoyed participating in activities about Harmony Day and different cultures in class.



A sea of orange, which is the colour of Harmony Day, was visible throughout the school.





Delicious food was prepared by our fantastic canteen, thank you to Michelle and her team!



Jai Pittman shared a 'Welcome to Country' and a Smoking Ceremony with us.



Families and friends enjoyed a picnic lunch together.



Firstly, I would like to thank our very generous community. Over the past few months, we have received donations of bread, cheese and apples for children's lunches. Some parents of older children have donated premade easter hats they no longer needed so all children had a hat to wear in the parade. Another parent donated supplies for Easter hats that were made at lunch club. Some parents have donated games and craft supplies that their children no longer use.

I feel really supported by the community with these very generous donations. As I wish the Northmead School Community and their families a happy holiday can I ask if anyone is starting a cleanup over the holidays, please consider donating to the school's lunch club. We have lots of children with varying interests so any games or crafts i.e., loom bands or Scobie's would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you kindly,

Mrs Anne Carmichael

NPS Community Engagement Officer

If you are in The Grove shopping centre at Baulkham Hills please go in and support the shop that has supported us with their weekly donations of bread for breakfast club.





3 April 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Intention to apply for Year 5 placement in an opportunity class in 2025

Opportunity classes are for primary school students who have high academic potential or who are intellectually gifted.

They provide an environment where students can learn and make friends with classmates of similar ability. This can benefit a student's academic progress and also their wellbeing.

Opportunity classes are offered in Years 5 and 6, with parents/carers applying in Year 4.

Students who are successfully placed will usually have to leave their current school to enrol in a school with an opportunity class for Years 5 and 6.

Opportunity classes are just one of the ways that we cater for our [high potential and gifted students](#).

Testing and assessment

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered on the results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test. Students who wish to be considered for placement are required to sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test on **Thursday 1 August 2024**.

How to apply

Parents/carers must apply online between **Thursday 4 April** and **Monday 20 May 2024** at:
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/oc>.

You must use your own email address and not one belonging to your child. Late applications are not usually accepted.

If you do not have internet access you can apply at a public library or at your child's school. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 3 April 2024.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

The tear-off slip below is **NOT** an application, it is advice to the school that you intend to apply. The school **CANNOT** apply on your behalf.

THIS IS **NOT** AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO AN OPPORTUNITY CLASS.
This is a notice to your primary school only that you intend to apply.
TO APPLY GO TO THE ONLINE FORM AT: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/oc>

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by 10 May 2024.

Regards,

Mrs Dianne Cowderoy
Assistant Principal

Mr Daniel Gorrie
Deputy Principal

Mrs Natalie Baumann
Relieving Principal

----- Cut here and return the note below to the school -----

Intention to apply for Year 5 placement in an opportunity class in 2025

Student's name: _____ Class: _____

I intend to apply for Year 5 placement in an opportunity class in 2025 for my child through the department's website between 4 April and 20 May 2024. I am aware that this is not an application and that the school cannot apply on my behalf.

Signature of parent/carers: _____

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NSW Department of Education

Applying for my child to attend an opportunity class or selective high school

Why selective education?

Grouping high potential and gifted students together and using special teaching methods supports their:

- academic development
- emotional wellbeing
- friendships and social life.

Students tell us that they enjoy learning more when their classmates have similar abilities and interests.

Is it right for my child?

Here are some signs that your child may benefit from selective education.



learns quickly and easily



goal-driven



asks complex questions



good memory



curious and creative



deeply explores passions

Keep in mind, some children's high potential may be hidden. Being in an opportunity class or selective high school could help.

How can I support my child through the application process?



Talk to your child about the **benefits** and **challenges** of selective education and address their questions and concerns.



Ask your **child's teacher** (or other staff who know them well) whether they think selective education will suit your child.



Apply for any required **reasonable adjustments** for disability or medical conditions.



Encourage your child to use the department's **free resources** to prepare for the test.



Remind your child they only need to do a **small amount** of **preparation** for the placement test, and **don't** need coaching.



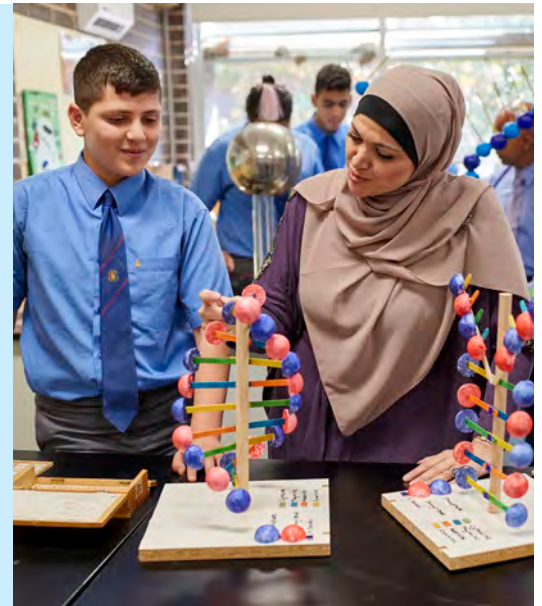
Support your child to continue **co-curricular activities**, see friends, eat healthily and sleep well in the lead-up to the test.

The **Equity Placement Model** reserves up to **20% of places** in opportunity classes and selective high schools for high potential and gifted:

- students from low socio-educational advantage backgrounds
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students
- students from rural and remote locations
- students with disability

Learn more: edu.nsw.link/equity

Resources in other languages:
edu.nsw.link/shsoc_languages



Financial support

edu.nsw.link/pubedu

The [Public Education Foundation scholarships](#) offer financial support to help young people at NSW public schools to access opportunities and reach their potential.

Please note there are no fees to apply and sit for the placement test, and there are no extra fees to enrol in a selective high school or opportunity class.

Get ready to apply

Learn more at our [website](#):



Telephone interpreter service

If you need interpreter assistance to speak with your child's class teacher please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. Tell the operator the phone number you want to call and the operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with the conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

P&C NEWSFLASH

Northmead Public School P&C Association



DATES FOR THE DIARY

P&C AGM and General Meeting:

Wednesday 15th May 2024 7pm (Term 2 Week 3) via ZOOM.

Garden Club: Monthly working be 1st Thursday of the month during school term and Friday afternoons. Meet in the vegetable garden after school.

Mothers Day Stall: Tuesday 7th May 2024 (Term 2 Week 2) See information below.

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



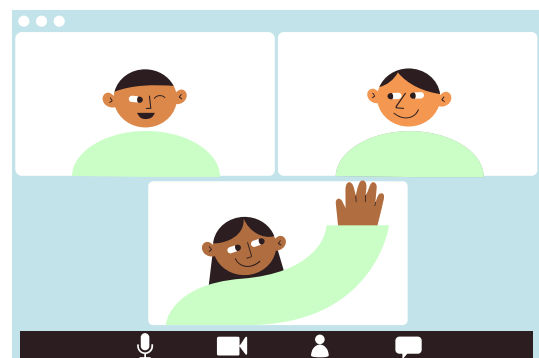
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Northmead Public School P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Wednesday 15th May 2024 at 7pm via Zoom, followed by 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 info@northmeadpublicschoolpandc.org.au by Wednesday 8th May 2024.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership renewals are open on Qkr! now. Membership for 2024 will fall due at the AGM. 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.



EASTER RAFFLE WRAP UP

The P&C would like to thank all of our wonderful families for donating prizes and purchasing tickets in our Annual Easter Raffle. We would also like to acknowledge and thank Pourt Coffee in Northmead for their very generous donation of 3 gift vouchers valued at \$50, \$75 and \$100.

This year the raffle raised over \$5500 which will be used for classroom resources for our students across all grades.

Over 90 prize baskets and bags were able to be created from the donations received. Winners were drawn on Wednesday 27th March by our School Captains and Vice Captains and prizes were distributed to students to take home on Thursday 28th March.

Thank you once again, as this fundraiser would not be able to run without you!



MOTHERS DAY

This year Mothers Day falls on Sunday 12th May 2024. We are fortunate to again be able to hold a Mothers Day Stall for our students to purchase a gift for the special people in their life. Students will be given the opportunity to attend the stall on **Tuesday 7th May 2024**. Gifts can be paid in advance via Qkr! which will open at the end of term.

Please note that this is a volunteer run event. **If you would like to volunteer** to help on the stall on the day please contact info@northmeadpublicschoolpandc.org.au to register your interest.



NORTHMEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

MOTHERS DAY STALL

Date: Tuesday 7th May 2024 (Week 2 Term 2)
Cost of Gifts: \$5.00 each
Pre-pay by: 3pm Monday 6th May 2024 via Qkr!
or cash on the day.

**QKR! ORDERING WILL OPEN
DURING THE HOLIDAYS**

Qkr!

CANTEEN UPDATE

Our School Canteen is in desperate need of volunteers. If you are able to volunteer any time at all on a regular basis - even once a term please contact Michelle via email at canteen@northmeadpublicschoolpandc.org.au.



Guess the Weight of the Pumpkin Winner

Aaliyah

Winning guess 11kg

Actual Weight 11.57kg

