



# NORTHMEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Dear parents/carers of Northmead Public School,

30 July 2021

## **That was the week that was!!**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our families for their support of Northmead's endeavours to support our students to be connected with their learning at home and for some, at school where needed by our community's essential workers – whether as transport drivers or support staff, health workers, warehouse logistics, childcare workers, police officers, teachers and principals in other schools. On behalf of the school team, we are appreciative of everyone's efforts.

The added Public Health advice/restrictions in Parramatta this week impacted our families and staff alike. Unlike many schools near us, we still have a large number of students attending and yet under the new rules we are to restrict total staff on-site to **5**, including any support or admin staff. Schools are asked to staff from within their LGA. Few staff at Northmead P.S. reside in the Parramatta LGA. We are grateful that a few less students attended on Friday. However we do still have students attending every day when they have parents working from home or not currently working. Please let the school know how we can support your students to learn from home to keep movement in our area to NSW Health requirements of only essential shopping, outside exercise, medical and vaccination activities.

Most of our teachers do not reside in the Parramatta LGA and are working from home. They teach, assess, give real-time feedback and plan for the week ahead whilst supporting our on-line learning platforms. Like you, many are also trying to support their own primary or high school children navigate learning at home. We understand the immense juggle you as parents/carers are undertaking during this challenging time. We are truly in this together in a restrictive COVID-19 life that has become a marathon...not a short sprint. We thank you for supporting learning from home, to keep up our teachers' stamina to finish strong!

With reduced staff, the phone will not always be answered directly. The phone will be put on automatic messaging asking you to contact the school via email with a 1-2 day response turnaround. However, don't hesitate to contact the school to let us know how we can continue to support our Northmead families and students. The Admin team will redirect your call/email to an appropriate Executive or staff.

### **Free parent and carer mental health sessions**

Headspace National is running a number of free parent and carer mental health sessions to support young people impacted by COVID-19. If this is of interest and would be helpful, please view the sessions and register on the [Headspace website](#).

### **NSW Department of Education Advice for Families**

This is where you will get the most up-to-date and accurate information on Learning from home. Please access [Advice for families](#) for the latest updates from the Education NSW.

I trust that this letter finds you and your family safe and well! Please continue to take good care of yourselves. The whole school team look forward to when we'll be all back together as soon as possible with our happy and much missed student faces! **Thank you all...** *Mrs Anne Ezzzy* | **Principal**