

The New Public School in Marsden Park Elara Estate



**Welcome To Northbourne Public School
Kindergarten Information Evening**

2021

Acknowledgment of Country



I acknowledge the traditional Custodians of this Land, where the Aboriginal people have performed age-old ceremonies of storytelling, music, dance and celebration.

I acknowledge and pay respect to the Elders past and present and to those of the future, for they will hold the memories, traditions and hopes of Aboriginal Australia.

We must always remember that under the concrete and asphalt, this land is, was and always will be, traditional Aboriginal land.

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Introductions

Mrs Michele Hedge: Principal

Miss Nina Daher: Deputy Principal

Ms Roz MacDonald: Senior Administration Manager

Mrs Amanda Monk: Assistant Principal

Vision And Purpose

Our school motto: *Curious Minds...Bright Futures* is underpinned by our school vision and purpose.

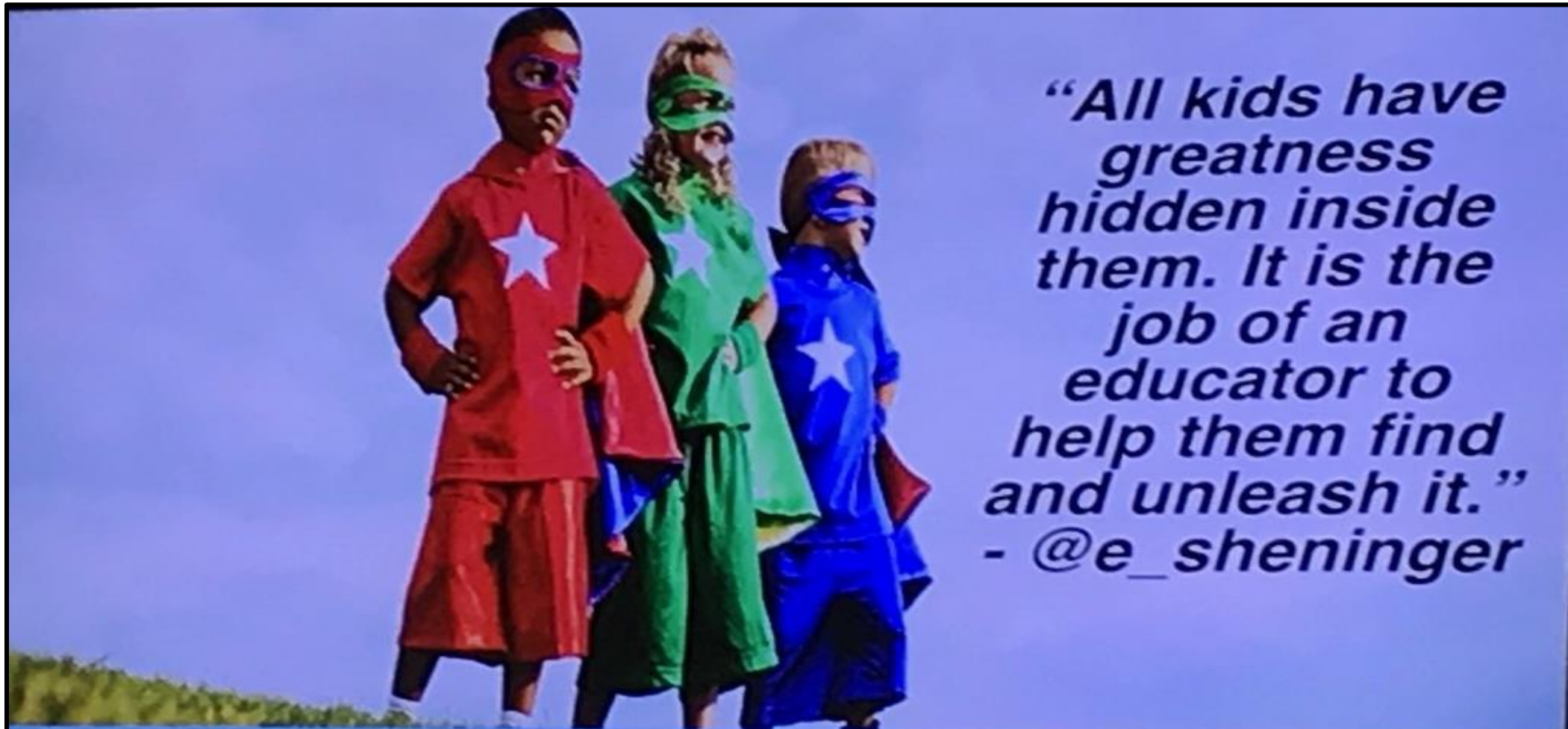
Vision

To create a school culture of excellence by providing innovative, challenging and stimulating learning experiences that connect students and engages their curiosity, whilst promoting a sense of optimism about their lives and the future.

Purpose

To prepare young people for rewarding lives as engaged, resilient, unique citizens in a rapidly changing and interconnected world.

Principal's Welcome



*“All kids have greatness hidden inside them. It is the job of an educator to help them find and unleash it.”
- @e_sheninger*

NSW Curriculum

The NSW Curriculum includes:

- ❖ English
- ❖ Mathematics
- ❖ Science and Technology
- ❖ History
- ❖ Geography
- ❖ Personal Development Health and Physical Education
- ❖ Creative Arts

In early Term 1 there will be a parent information session about curriculum.



What Else Will We Encourage?



Don't prepare students
for something. Prepare
them for anything.
@E_Sheninger



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Best Start

A positive start for all children

Best Start

Parents and prior to school service providers lay the foundation for learning that school education will build upon in a more formal setting.

Best Start assists children to move smoothly from informal to formal learning.

It is a time when teachers develop a relationship with each individual student in the classroom.



Best Start

Is it a test?

No

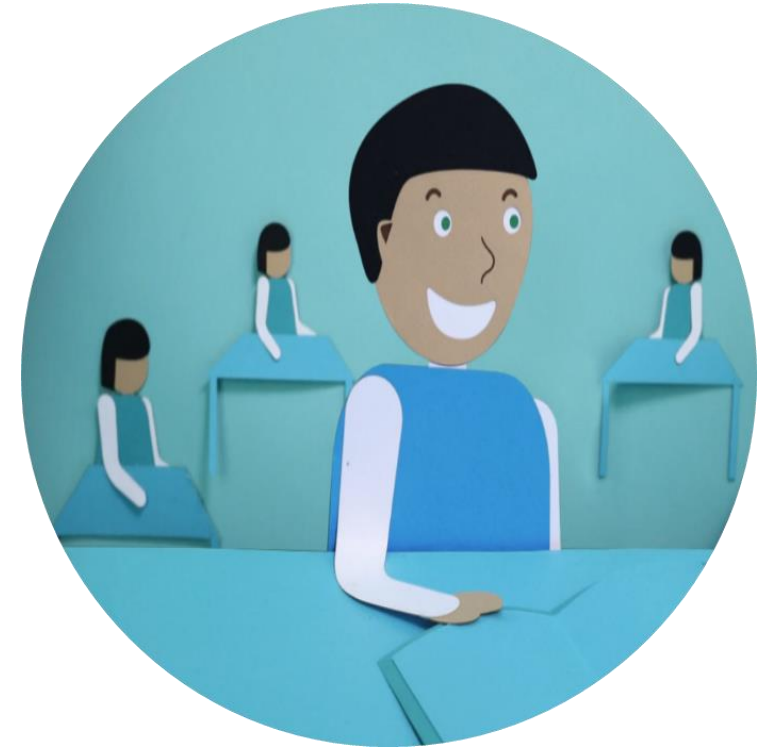
Best Start is **not** a test. It is the classroom teacher working with each child on literacy and numeracy tasks to gain a starting point for planning effective teaching and learning activities. The children **do not** pass or fail. There **is no** preparation required.

What is Best Start?

Best Start is one component of a NSW Government initiative to increase literacy and numeracy learning support in the early years of schooling.

Best start:

- teachers gather and analyse information as evidence about what children know, can do and understand in Literacy and Numeracy.
- provides important information that supports teachers in meeting children's individual learning needs
- provides families with feedback on what their child can do and how they can best support their child's learning
- assists teachers to monitor children's learning. This is ongoing through out the child's schooling years.



Best Start Dates and Bookings

Best Start Dates

29/01, 1/02, 2/02, 3/02, 4/02. Students go home after the Best Start Assessment.

➤ All students start school on 5/02/2021. There will be staggered starting times.

Online bookings

An email will be sent to you with a link to choose a Best Start time that suits you. An adult will need to bring your child in for 40 minute timeslots. Guidelines regarding parents on site in 2021 are currently not available.

School Times

9:00am-3:00pm

Playground Duty: 8:30-9:00am

➤ 1st session: 9:00-11:00am (Crunch and Sip 10am)

Recess: 11:00-11:30am

➤ 2nd session 11:30-1:20pm (including 10mins eating time)

Playtime: 1:30-2:00pm

➤ 3rd session: 2:00-3:00pm

Preparing Your Child For Kindergarten

- ✓ Be positive - talk to your child about what they will do at kindergarten.
- ✓ Encourage your child to dress themselves so they can manage tasks like taking their jumper on and off.
- ✓ Make sure your child can use the toilet independently, including urinals for boys. Practise good hand-washing techniques. Teach your child about not sharing their food and drinks.
- ✓ Clearly label all belongings. Make sure your child's name is not visible on the outside of anything they'll be wearing to and from school.
- ✓ Talk to your child and establish a good bye routine together.
- ✓ Establish a routine for kindergarten mornings – this could include a chart with pictures outlining the different steps for getting ready and packing their school bag.
- ✓ Organise holiday play dates with friends or children who will be going to the kindergarten.
- ✓ Pick the safest way to school and practice travelling the route with your child.
- ✓ Create a routine around sleep - at this age, children need 10 to 12 hours sleep each night. Practice sticking to bedtime and wake up schedules in the weeks leading up to the start of kinder.

The Night Before

- ✓ Lay out your child's clothes, shoes and socks.
- ✓ Make your child's recess and lunch and put it in the fridge. Please avoid packing nut products as there are children with severe allergies.
- ✓ Help your child pack their school bag.
- ✓ Pack a spare pair of underpants, socks and a change of clothes. Let your child know these are there in case they have any toilet accidents at school.



First Day of Kindergarten

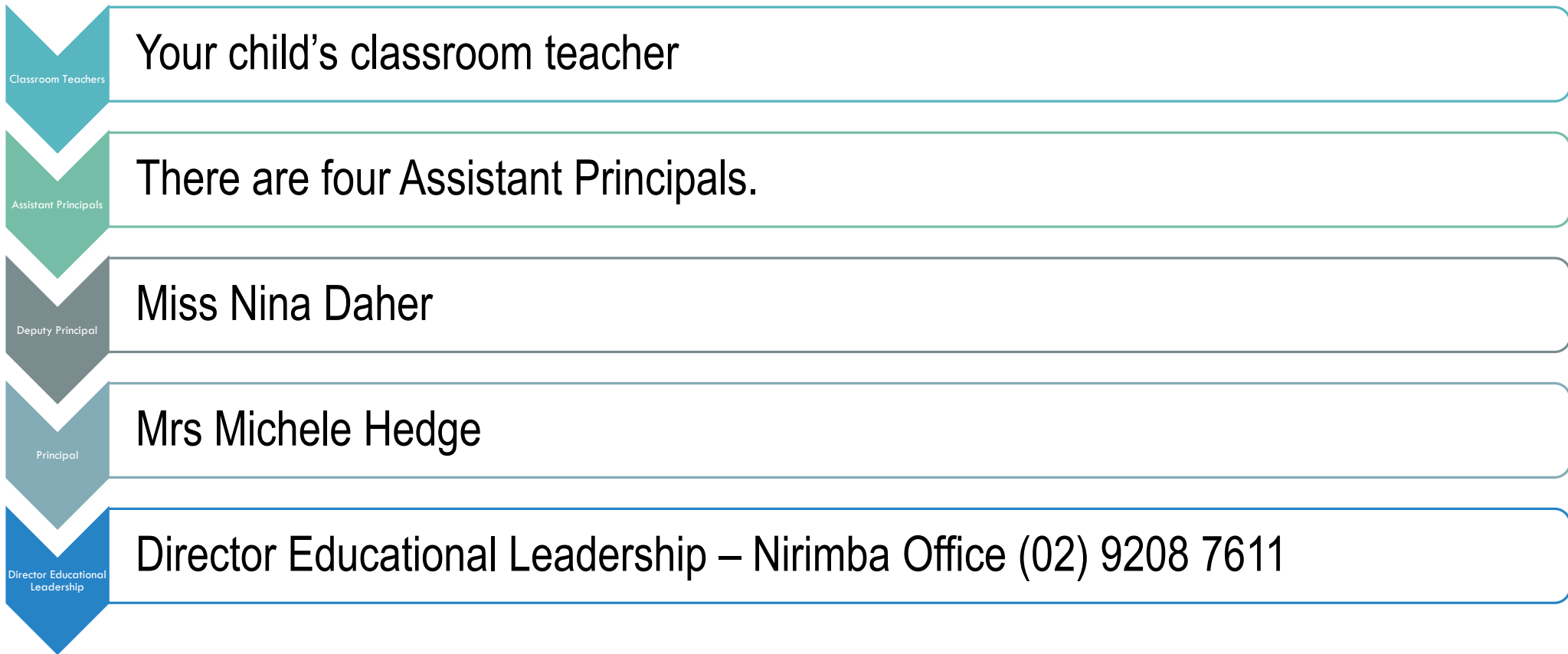
- ✓ Be enthusiastic and positive. Don't forget to take photos.
- ✓ Encourage your child to dress themselves and pack their own bag as much as possible.
- ✓ Tie back or plait long hair. Only stud earrings. No long earrings.
- ✓ Pack recess, lunch and water bottle in a lunchbox.
- ✓ Talk to your child about what to expect and when you will pick them up.
- ✓ If you are having trouble separating from your child, ask the kindergarten teacher to help you.
- ✓ Make sure you say a short and reassuring goodbye as it encourages independence.
- ✓ At the end of the day talk to your child about what happened during the day.



End of School Day

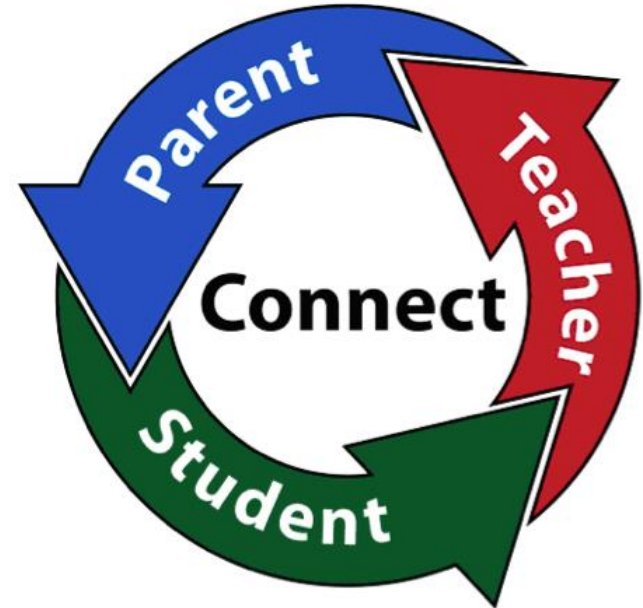
When school finishes each day, your child's class will gather at a regular place. Your child's teacher will wait with the children. Make sure your child and their teacher know who will be collecting them each afternoon. This could be a parent, a carer or an after school care worker. Children can get upset if the person picking them up comes late.

Communication with the School



Methods of Communication

- Schoolzine Newsletters
- School Website
- School Calendar (via website or Schoolzine App)
- School Email: Send all emails to the school email address and our administration staff will forward it to the relevant person. Please add attention to in the subject heading. For example;
Attention to Mrs Smith
- Phone Call



School Uniform

Our school uniform is in the production line. School uniforms will be available for online ordering soon. We will send you further information in regards to placing an order.

Out of Hours Care

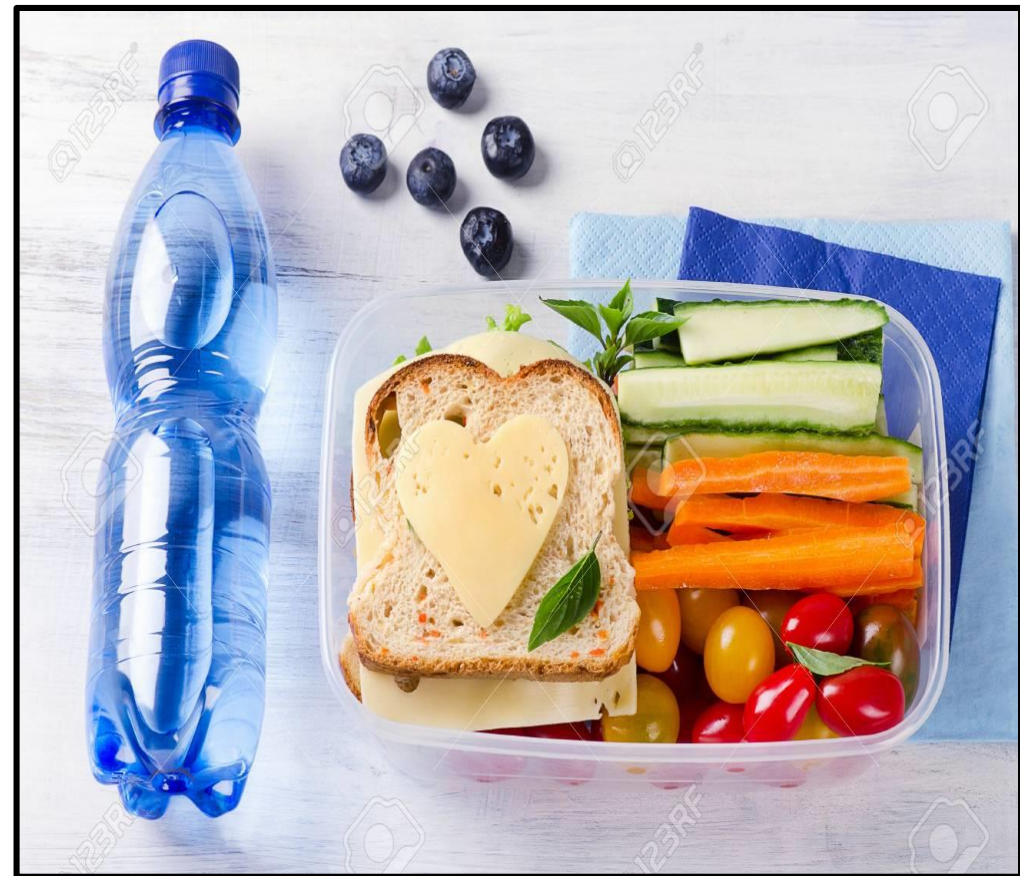


OOSH is in the tender process. You will be advised with further information at a later date.

Canteen

We anticipate that the school canteen will be available during Term 3 2021.

Please ensure that you prepare recess, lunch, a piece of fruit and a water bottle each day.



Thank You

Thank you for your attendance. Together we will ensure a positive start for all children and their families and carers.

We at Northbourne Public School in Marsden Park look forward to working with you and your children.

