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2021 Term 2, Week 8

Principal's Report

2021 will shine in all of our memories as the foundation year of Northbourne Public School. We have achieved many milestones in our first six months with the most recent one being all students learning in the new building. Staff and students were very excited about the move and have been exploring both the learning spaces and the expansive outdoor playgrounds.

Another one of the many highlights of 2021 has been the official opening of Northbourne Public School. We were privileged to have The Minister for Education, The Hon Sarah Mitchell MLC, attend Northbourne PS to officially open our school on Thursday 27 May. It was an exciting day for all as we shared our experiences with Mrs Mitchell. Speaking with confidence and enthusiasm, our school captains spoke to Minister Mitchell about the wonderful opportunities provided to all students in the collaborative learning spaces. It was very special to see our school in the news as a welcome addition to the Marsden Park area. We now have a few television stars in our midst with our school captains sharing the limelight with Minister Mitchell.

Added to the exhilaration of recent events has been the important milestone of electing and inducting the very first student leaders for Northbourne Public School, the school captains, vice captains, sports house captains along with the members of the Student Representative Parliament.

This year of 'firsts' is driving much enthusiasm and continued excitement

but it's important to acknowledge the wonderful work of staff and students on a regular weekly basis. Just to give you an idea of how busy Term 2 has been, we began with the cross country, and then NAPLAN along with a range of extra-curricular activities; choir, chess, debating, dance groups, drama, weekly assemblies, PSSA sporting endeavours, excursions and of course our core business of teaching and learning. We are truly very lucky to have such an extensive array of co-curricular activities and such a dedicated staff.

It has been a truly wonderful term and we look forward to continuing the Northbourne journey next term. Thank you to all of the parents and carers in our community for supporting our endeavours this term, we appreciate it!

School Learning Environments and Change (SLEC)

NPS are participating in a very exciting program for schools that are newly built or receiving an upgrade. Our school has been allocated a SLEC Coordinator who will be working alongside staff during our move into the innovative, flexible learning spaces. Integral to the process is the development of a plan which includes our vision for the new learning spaces, and aligning this with emerging pedagogies around future focused learning and curriculum delivery. Staff have actively engaged with professional learning on collaborative practice and co-teaching that is contextualised for our school needs to assist the transition to the new learning environment. Our aim through this project, as always, is to have confident staff delivering best practice in their new learning environments.

SAVE THE DATE - Education Week

This will be held on Monday 26 July. More information will follow closer to the date.

Walking Together, Working Together

The NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc (NSW AECG) and the NSW Department of Education agree to use our best endeavours to ensure that every Aboriginal child and young person in NSW achieves their potential through education.

At Northbourne Public School we respect the identity, culture, heritage and languages of Aboriginal students and endeavour to be a welcoming and respectful place for all.

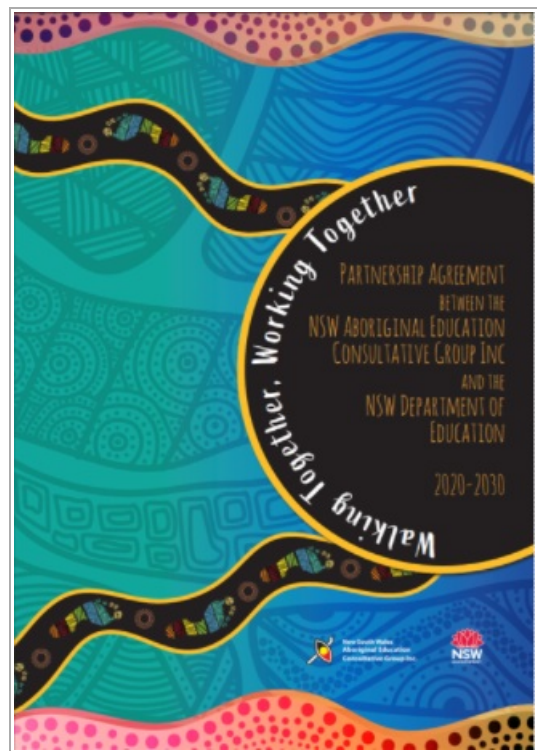
During our teaching and learning activities across all classrooms K-6, all students develop an understanding of the true history of the lands on which we live.

National Reconciliation Week and National Sorry Day are important days of recognition.

Reconciliation Australia's theme for 2021 is 'More than a word'.

Reconciliation is a journey for all Australians – as individuals, families, communities, organisations and importantly as a nation. At the heart of this journey are relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We all have a role to play when it comes to reconciliation, and in playing our part we collectively build relationships and communities that value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, histories, cultures, and futures.



Student Reports

Student reports will be going home with students on Thursday 22 June. They contain specific information on how your child has progressed in Terms 1 and 2. I would like to congratulate the children on their learning in the first semester of 2021 and if you would like to discuss any information in the reports please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher. I'd like to acknowledge the work of the teachers in compiling such comprehensive reports.

Parent Partnerships

An active partnership with parents and carers is essential for the development of a strong school culture. The Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) plays an integral role in developing that strong school culture and so next term we will begin the process of creating our Northbourne P&C. I will distribute information on this through our regular communication channels.

Next term, providing COVID restrictions remain limited, parents will be invited to attend their children's assembly presentations. We will also be conducting a workshop for parents who are interested in helping in the classrooms in some capacity.

I'm looking forward to our journey together developing an authentic home school partnership.

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2022:

Northbourne Public School prides itself on delivering quality programs to students in a warm, caring learning environment. Our teachers are professional, caring and committed to teaching students a broad and balanced curriculum across the key learning areas (KLAs). We pride ourselves on catering for the individual learning needs of all children.

If your child is turning 5 before 31 July 2022 they can enrol at Northbourne Public School for 2022. Please complete the online enrolment process and then we will be in contact with you to provide all relevant documentation to finalise the enrolment.

Arriving at School On Time

Every morning there are a number of students who arrive at school late. Not only do they miss out on vital teaching and learning time in their classroom, they also interrupt the learning of the class. It is crucial that students arrive at school on time every day. If your child is often late to school, below are some tips that may help you. If you require support with your child's attendance, please contact your child's teacher.



Road Safety - Keeping Our Students Safe

Many parents have expressed their concerns about the safety of the children at NPS when they are arriving and departing each day. The concerns arise from parents ignoring the road rules in their determination to collect their children with no thought for the safety of others around them. It is the collective responsibility

of this school community to keep our children safe by driving cautiously and following basic road rules. The following is a list of those rules:

- Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
- Always park and turn legally around schools. Manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns are dangerous during busy school drop-off and pick-up times.
- Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in our school's designated drop-off and pick-up area. Never call out to them from across the road – they may run to you without checking for traffic.
- It's safest for children to get out of the car through the Safety Door, away from passing traffic. This is the rear footpath side door of the car.

Please drive safely for the sake of every child at NPS!

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents' section on this website: <https://www.safetytown.com.au/>

Lost Property

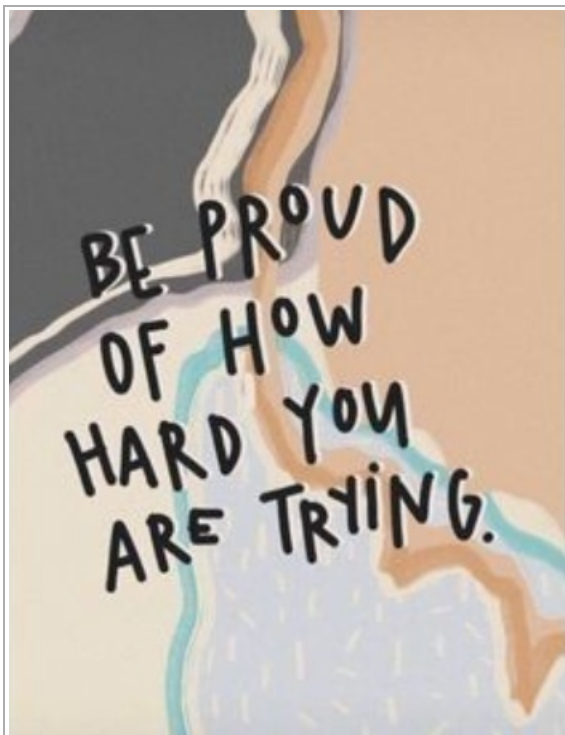
As a school, we are accumulating a large amount of lost property. To assist, could you please make sure that all items of school clothing, hats, lunch boxes etc are labelled with both your child's name and their class on the inside. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated, particularly when sorting through the clothes and returning them to their owners.

Term Dates

Friday 25 June is the last day of school for Term 2. Please take the time to rest, enjoy the holiday break with your family and celebrate all the great achievements your child has made. Have an enjoyable time with family and friends during the holidays and we'll see all the students return to school on Tuesday 13 July.

Quote of the Week:

In recognition of the learning that students have completed this semester...



We look forward to another school term full of learning!

Regards,

Michele Hedge

Principal

Official Opening

On the 27 May our school was officially opened by the Honorable, Sarah



Mitchell MLC, Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning. During her visit she was welcomed by the newly formed leadership team who were able to show her around the school and share how our students are using the flexible learning spaces. Mrs. Mitchell was impressed by the commitment of our teachers and enjoyed speaking with students about their learning.



Induction

In Week 6, an Induction Ceremony was held for the school leadership team. The ceremony officially inducts our school captains and vice-captains, house captains and the members of the student parliament representatives.

Mrs. Hedge spoke about the important elements of the role of a school leader and acknowledged both the responsibility and privilege of this role. The students responded by making a pledge to show their commitment. It was a significant moment in our history as a school with these students setting a high expectation of conduct, character strengths and commitment which will form the basis of future leadership teams.

We congratulate all of our 2021 leaders and wish them a successful and productive 2021.



School Captains

Angelina S and Belmin H



- Maleeka A
- Lochlan H

Dingu House

- Dwij P
- Nandana A

Jirrabity House

- Tiarah S
- Svyam K

Mariong House

- Lavanya S and
- Sur P

SPR Team

Vice Captains

Lara A and Manvir V



Prefects

Ranvansh B, Sana A, Devina B, Yug P



House Captains

Buru House

Class	Representative 1	Representative 2
KE	Maahir D	Rachel R
KM	Tyler O	Raahi V
KL	Namish K	Ibrahim N
KA	Ria M	Ved P
KS	Rubin S	Balreet S
KB	Chloe H	Raymond M
KF	Jacinta M	Zacchariah P
KD	Cooper L	Ria S
KR	Lilly P	Sarim G
KH	Ava B	Evan P
1M	Pal C	Anay R
1C	Kristel N	Eldrence F
1T	Eleanor S	Dhruv V
1S	Kavya K	Dwij P
1D	Dhanjith K	Oviya S
2K	Gina K	Rayyan K
2C	Christelle C	Denold D
2S	Vivaan P	Tulsi P
2P	Dhanvanth J	Japji K
2W	Sanad K	Vanshi P
S1A	Kanav B	
S2B	Krishna P	Biribek G
S2R	Lamar A	Siyam K
S2D	Maan P	Khadajah A
S2V	Afraz A	Pia P
S2F	Mustafa D	Sharmikha H
S2M	Jansi P	Nimit J
S2P	Sri A	Shlok P
S2L	Harleen H	
S3F	Aishwarya D	Alexia A
S3K	Maryam A	Sevy F
S3M	Tianna G	Ife D
S3T	Kadie P	Vincy P

National Sorry Day

National Sorry Day, or the National Day of Healing, is an annual event that has been held since 1998. Classes across Northbourne Public School were involved in activities to acknowledge the day. Here is a recount of the activities that S2M undertook to mark the occasion.

In week 6, S2M acknowledged Reconciliation Week and National Sorry Day. Throughout the week we embedded Reconciliation week activities into our literacy groups. As a whole class we performed 'Welcome to all People' by Ruby Hunter at our assembly. Mr Marchetta and Mr Petrovic also played

along with their guitars. Nimit and Sara acknowledged these significant events by researching these events and read the following in the assembly:

Reconciliation Week is held every year from 27 May until the 3 June and is a chance for all Australians to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. The 2021 theme is 'More Than a Word Reconciliation Takes Action'.

National Sorry Day is observed annually on 26 May and remembers and acknowledges the mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were forcibly removed from their families and communities, which we now know as 'The Stolen Generation.'

Together as a class we have been learning about the Stolen Generation, former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's National Sorry Day Speech to parliament, the 2021 Schools Reconciliation Challenge theme – 'Under One Sky – Yesterday, Today and Forever' and the Darug people who are the traditional custodians of the land of Elara.



Featherdale Wildlife Park

This week Stage 1 visited Featherdale Wildlife Park to make the learning they have had in class come to life. It was a wonderful day for our students and teachers who saw many Australian wildlife such as kangaroos, koalas, snakes, wombats and birds, including penguins.

Here are some quotes from our students that capture the day:

- "I enjoyed watching the koalas eat eucalyptus leaves".
- "We explored all the bird cages at Featherdale Wildlife Park".
- "It was fun watching the Tasmanian Devils".
- "Edwina and Edward even have green eggs like in the book."
- "It is like the book we are reading but it's real life!"
- "That baby koala must have only just come out of its mum's pouch because it's so little."
- "I have never seen a real-life snake when it is alive."
- "This is the best day ever!"

- "Miss Keith can we please come back here every day?"

My New Gallery



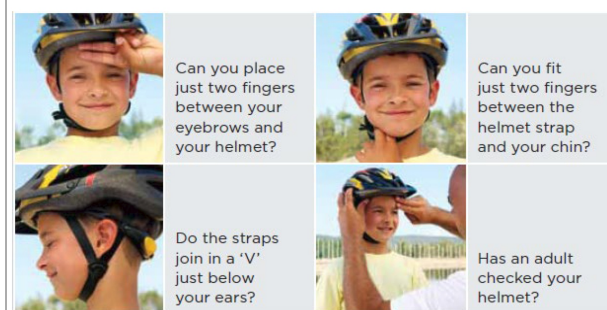
Bikes and Scooters

There are now two bike racks for students now that we have moved into the new space. Students can ride their bikes or scooter to and from school it is important that they do so in a safe manner. Next term students who wish to ride their bike to school will need to complete a contract with the endorsement of their parents. The key points to remember. Students must:

- Be 10 or older to ride safely to school.
- Ensure that the bike is in working order with the support of their parents.
- Wear a helmet – it's the law.
- Not ride a skateboard
- Secure their bike or scooters with a lock. Bikes and scooter will be brought to school at your own risk. The school do not accept any responsibility for damages or loss.
- Students must not ride their bike in the school ground – they must walk them.

A guide to correctly fitting a helmet

Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate



Bike and Safety Information

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/wellbeing/health-and-safety/safe-travel/travelling-safely-to-and-from-school-on-a-bike-or-scooter>

Library News

We are very excited to be in our new library space! Thank you very much to everyone that donated books to our new library, these books have all been processed and are slowly making their way to the shelves. During class time students have been exploring the library and enthusiastically engaging in texts within our library space. The library is also being used for students to read stories, complete puzzles, draw and play board games during lunchtime.

Premiers Reading Challenge is well underway with all K-2 classes having completed the challenge and 20 3-6 students having completed the task individually. The competition runs until mid August so there is still plenty of time for 3-6 students to finish the challenge. To complete this challenge, students are required to read 20 books with 15 of those being from the PRC list. Students have been shown how to log their books online through the PRC website.

Students have been using our new online borrowing system called Sora to borrow books electronically while our library has been getting set up. Students will have access to this fabulous resource all year. To access Sora, students require their school email address and passwords which are available from their classroom teacher.

Term 3 will be an exciting time for the library as we will be celebrating Book Week from 27 August until 2 September. The theme for 2021 Book Week is Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds. We will begin with an author visit from Australian author Deborah Abela on Friday 27 August. You will have an opportunity to purchase a signed copy of one of Deborah Abela's books. During this week we will be having a book fair that will be run out of the library. Students will have the opportunity to visit the fair on Friday 27 August during class time to create wish lists. From Monday – Wednesday students and parents will be able to make purchases. Northbourne's very first book parade will be held during this week on Tuesday 1 September. This is an exciting day for all students to dress up as their favourite book characters. More information on Book Week will be sent out next term.



OOSH Vacation Care



Wesley Out of School Hours Care
Vacation care at Northbourne

Book your kids into an exciting holiday program for the upcoming school holidays.

Our vacation care program for primary-aged children has plenty of fun activities in a safe environment during the holiday break!

Activities include:

- laser tag
- a day at the movies AND the zoo
- arts, crafts, music and more.

Cost:
\$50.5 per day
Excursions and incursions will cost extra.

Dates:
Monday 28 June to Friday 9 July 2021, plus pupil free day

Location:
School Hall
Northbourne Public School
Beale Street,
Marsden Park NSW 2765
Entrance via Bolwarra Drive

Bookings open Tuesday, 25 May 2021.
For more information and bookings visit
www.wesleymission.org.au/ooshvac2021

Do all the good you can because every life matters

Wesley Out of School Hours Care Vacation care at Northbourne				
Monday 28 June	Tuesday 29 June	Wednesday 30 June	Thursday 1 July	Friday 2 July
Alice in Northbourne Design your own headwear and tea cup well enough to attend the Mad Hatters tea party.	Mexican fiesta Dress up in your favourite colourful Mexican clothes for a day traditional arts and Mexican food.	Art on canvas Messy art day is here. The professionals will visit to create a beautiful art piece along with a range of other crafts.	Junior inventors Learn about the fundamentals of circuits, coding and critical thinking in this fun junior inventors workshop.	Wesley OOSH day camp Join us for a range of camping activities plus our friends at Wesley X will be joining us to teach the art of cooking damper.
	Dress up day Electronics day			Bike/cooter and helmet Lunch provided
	Excursion option* Event Cinemas A day out at the cinema.	Excursion option* Powerhouse Museum Visit the Powerhouse Museum with us where we will learn about the history of science, space, furniture, communication and more.		Excursion option* Sydney Zoo Explore the exotic and native animals and learn about conservation at the new Sydney Zoo.
	\$28 extra per child	\$13 extra per child \$19 extra per child	\$14 extra per child	\$34 extra per child

*Limited places available for each excursion

Languages Program



VHP Sanskrit School offers Sanskrit language, Bharathiya culture & Heritage teaching programs as part of Bala Sanskar Kendra (BSK) and Vedic Chanting and Sanskrit Language programs as part of Sydney Veda Patasala (SVP)

Day (Weekly during school terms)	Time	Location	Program Offering	Contact Name	Contact Phone
Saturday	2:00pm to 4:30pm	Ponds High school 180, Riverbank Dr, The Ponds	BSK SVP	Jayanthi Thilak Akila Ramarathinam	0414 349 196 0450 117 372
Sunday	1:30pm to 5:00pm	Nuwana Public school Mckay Ave, Moorebank	BSK SVP	Rama Viswanathan Uma Rajesh	0434 213 020 0412 926 524
Sunday	1:30pm to 4:30pm	Metella Road Public School Entrance via Cornelia Rd, Toongabbie	BSK SVP	Jayanthi Thilak Bhuvana Sampath Kavitha	0414 349 196 0469 900 991 0469 156 238
Wednesday	7:15pm to 8:45pm	Toongabbie Community Center, Targo Rd.	VCCA	S. Ramarathinam	0418 407 843
Friday	7:15pm to 8:45pm	Toongabbie Community Center, Targo Rd.	VCCA	S. Ramarathinam	0418 407 843
Tuesday	7:15pm to 8:45pm	Advanced Veda, Vishnu Sahasranamam, Lalitha Sahasranamam and Adult Sanskrit classes	VCCA	Akila Ramarathinam	0450 117 372



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Sunday	3:30 pm to 6:30 pm	Roselea Public School Curlingford	SVP BSK	Sundaresh Rao Ruchi Srivatsava	0419 509 147 0405 007 365
Sunday	5:00pm to 7:30pm	Crestwood High School Baulkham Hills	SVP BSK	Subramanian Mr Rajagopal	0425 264 501 0421 808 858
Sunday	3:15pm to 6:00pm	Homebush Boys High School Bridge Road, Homebush	BSK SVP	Ravishankar Sukhavas S Ramarathinam	0434 436 052 0418 407 843
Friday	3:15pm to 5:15pm	Waitara Public school	BSK	Amita Saxena	0404 872 120
Sunday	2:00pm to 4:00pm	68, Edgeworth David Ave, Wahroonga		Pradeep Saxena	0437 046 188
Monday	3:15 to 5:15pm	Hornsby South Public School 57-63 Clarke Road, Hornsby	BSK	Amita Saxena Pradeep Saxena	0404 872 120 0437 046 188

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