



# Heights Happenings

Winston Heights Newsletter

TERM 1

WEEK 4

Dear Parents,

## What Parents Can Do to Support Their Child's Learning

It is hard to believe we are already coming to the end of Week 4. All students are settled in their classrooms and have set up their own learning goals for the first part of the term. Please ask your child about their learning goals. We want all children to be able to articulate their learning and know what they need to do to improve and to make progress. Each student has a Literacy, a Numeracy and a Personal Goal.

Please take a moment to read through the list of some things that you can do to help your child with their learning. It seems that everyone's lives get so busy. Running from after school pickup to a sport activity, then back home to get dinner ready and do homework, often see many of the happenings that used to be family bonding activities pushed aside due to lack of time. When I say family bonding activities I mean reading together, going shopping, cooking or preparing a meal, discussing what happened in the day, gardening, going on an outing in the car or on public transport. All these type of activities are learning events for your children and they really need to be part of their growing up.

- Reading with your child – your child sees that you value reading too. Ask them questions and talk about the pictures.
- Let your child assist you with cooking – measuring ingredients to make a cake or preparing a casserole enable a child to practise learnt skills in Maths, in an authentic environment, showing a real purpose for what they are learning in maths.
- Taking your child shopping with a shopping list provides a number of great ways for them to practise their learning. Reading the shopping list, looking for the items according to aisle numbers and categories of products, looking at the prices and working out price differences and dealing with money. All valuable experiences.
- Going on a family outing using public transport enables the family to plan a trip. Looking at timetables for buses, trains, ferries are all tasks that the children learn about in school but putting it into practice in a safe supportive environment with the family enables a child to know what they learn at school is useful for their life outside of school.

These are just a few ideas that you can do to support your child's learning. Sadly some of these activities are no longer done as a family due to busy schedules, work commitments and technology advancements. How many people do their shopping online, have takeaway for dinner and buy cakes and treats instead of making them? I totally understand that people have very busy lives but wouldn't it be nice if we all take a step back, remember what it was like when we were children and how many more things we did with the family to practise some essential skills and didn't use so much technology.

## Meet the Teacher/Parent Information Chats

Thank you to the many parents who attended the Meet the Teacher sessions last week. It is extremely important to make the connections between home and school to ensure the best possible outcomes for your child's learning. By working together as a team – parents/carers, the classroom teacher and the student, the greatest conditions are established for a positive learning environment to stimulate improvement in learning, social, emotional, creative and sporting endeavours throughout the year.

If you were unable to attend the available times to meet with your child's teacher you can always call the office or request an appointment through the School App. The teacher will then contact you to make a mutually convenient time when you can meet.

## **Pobble**

Pobble is an educational platform, designed by and for teachers to help improve children's writing ability. It can be used to provide opportunities to read other student's work to spark inspiration and includes self and peer assessment to support learning. An authentic audience provides a purpose to write and builds self-esteem. This platform provides a space for reliable teacher assessment and feedback to improve students writing ability.

The school is using Pobble this year, particularly in Years 3-6, to engage students in writing tasks and improve the quality of writing in a variety of genres.

## **Swimming Carnival**

Well done to all our students who attended the swimming carnival last week. We were very lucky to hold the carnival, considering rain and storms were predicted. The weather was kind to us enabling a smooth swimming carnival to be completed yet again. Thank you to Mr Nicolussi and Miss Favell for your organisation. Swimming ribbons were presented today at the K-6 Assembly. All events were timed at the carnival as we could not run finals on the day. Students who have made the school team to attend the Castle Hill PSSA Zone event will be notified shortly. Qualifying times are observed for students to be able to attend the zone carnival.

## **Zone PSSA Trials**

Well done to all our representative students who attended the Zone PSSA Trials for the various competitive sports. Coaches are sending through the team lists and students will be notified as we receive this information. We have already had some teams announced. Once all teams have been given to school we will publish the names of all students who will be representatives for our school and the Castle Hill Zone.

## **Canteen**

The canteen has been closed on at least one day already this year. This is due to not enough volunteers. Please understand that the Canteen can only operate if we have enough volunteers to do so. If you can spare some time once a week, once a fortnight or even once a month to volunteer your time, the Canteen Committee would be very pleased to hear from you. Please contact Roseanne on: 0411 263 546

## **Annual School Fees**

Thank you to the families who have already paid the Annual School Fees. A reminder and invoice will be emailed to families tomorrow.

## **P&C AGM and Special Meetings for Parent Organisations**

Our first P&C meeting will be held next Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm. All parents are welcome to attend this. It will be held in the office.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) for P&C will be on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March. All positions will be declared vacant at this time to elect or re-elect a new Executive Committee. Special Meetings will be held for the Music Committee on the 18<sup>th</sup> March at 6:30pm.

The Special Meeting for the Canteen has been changed to Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm.

Kind regards,

**Margaret Creagh**

**Principal**

# What's Been Happening in S3L?

It has been an incredibly busy start to the year. With so many enjoyable activities and learning programs for the students to participate in, we haven't had time to relax. That's where the Dance Fever – Body and Mind Wellbeing comes in. Each Tuesday, students have been attending wellbeing sessions to counteract stress, anxiety and frustration. This program is AMAZING!



PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOLS

## DANCE FEVER MultiSport

Here we are warming up on our own mats. The headphones help us to hear the instructor.





# What's Been Happening in S3L?

I've really enjoyed the program so far. I felt really relaxed at the end of the session. I didn't want it to stop!



In this photo we are stretching and learning to breathe slowly.

It was so much fun that Miss Allen even decided to join in!



# **Student Representative Council**

## **Members for 2020**

Congratulations to all students elected to this years SRC. Badges will be presented at assembly on Thursday 27th February from 11.30am.

Class	Representative 1	Representative 2
1H	Jack	Abby
1C	Toby	Emily
1LW	Mackenzie	Lucas
2E	Benedict	Stacey
2P	Oliver	Chloe
2V	Jonah	Havana
S2F	Elijah	Emily
S2G	Oleg	Penny
S2J	Matilda	Mason
S2N	Matthew	Aysha
S3A	Travis	Sara
S3B	Alexander	Jorja
S3G	Michaela	Phillip
S3L	Suryadev	Hannah
S3P	Thomas	Layla

## Winston Heights Public School

### Photo Day 2020

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March

#### Cashless Made Simple!

Australia is on the brink of becoming a cashless society. MSP Photography have embraced this new change to help improve your school photography experience!

#### To Order Photos.

Once the school have handed out your photo order form, go to [www.msp.com.au](http://www.msp.com.au), enter your unique shootkey and follow the prompts. If you're missing your shootkey, please give us a call on 02 9831 5505.

#### Family Photos.

Please order online prior to photo day with your unique shootkey. One shootkey per family.

Please note - All orders placed after photo day incur a \$20 late fee.



02 9831 5505 | [sydneywest@msp.com.au](mailto:sydneywest@msp.com.au) | [www.msp.com.au](http://www.msp.com.au)



Payment envelopes due to Office by Thursday 12th March

## Messages from The Office

- School photo envelopes came home this week. All orders are to be submitted online via [msp.com.au](http://msp.com.au) using your unique shootkey number on your order form. Should you misplace your order form please call MSP photography on 9831 5505 and they will reissue your shootkey number. Should you wish to pay by cash please collect a cash envelope from the office. Family photo envelopes are also available to collect from the office. Each student will need their photo envelope on photo day please ensure all envelopes are returned to the office by Thursday 12th March.

### Notes and Money due:

- PSSA Softball/Tball, Touch & Cricket (selected students) - by 20th February
- School Photos (whole school) - to be paid online direct to MSP Photography by 12th March
- Annual Fees (whole School) - by 20th March

Office Hours 8.30am - 3.15pm

Mrs Lee Wood, Mrs Rachael Calvar & Mrs Carolyn Leverton



# School Clean Up

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup>  
February**



2020



**Remember to  
bring some gloves  
so you can help  
collect rubbish  
and keep our  
school grounds  
beautiful.**



# Diary Dates

## TERM DATES 2020

**Term 1 2020 Wednesday 29 January 2020 - Thursday 9th April 2020**

**Term 2 2020 Tuesday 28 April—Friday 3 July 2020**

**Term 3 2020 Tuesday 21 July—Friday 25 September 2020**

**Term 4 2020 Monday 12 October—Wed 16 December 2020**

*Please note the following diary dates may be subject to change.*

*Further information will be sent home closer to the event being held.*

### February 2020

**Mon 24th** Morning Tea with Chaplain 9am

P&C meeting 7pm

**Thurs 27th** K-6 Assembly (SRC induction)

### March 2020

**Mon 2nd** Young Leaders Day

**Tues 3rd** Beginner band starts

**Thurs 5th** K-6 Assembly

Canteen Special Meeting (6pm)

**Thurs 12th** Selective HS Test 2021

K-6 Assembly (S2G)

**Sun 15th** Working Bee (3-5pm)

**Mon 16th** Photo Day

**Thurs 19th** K-6 Assembly (World's Greatest Shave)

**Mon 24rd** P&C Meeting 7pm

**Thurs 26th** K-6 Assembly (S2N)

**Fri 27th** Cupcake Day (Music Committee)

### April 2020

**Wed 8th** ANZAC Day service

**Thurs 9th** Easter Hat Parade & Pedlar's Market

Last Day Term 1

### PSSA

#### Softball/Tee Ball

Fri 21/2 @ Gooden Drive Reserve

Fri 28/2 @ Gooden Drive Reserve

#### Cricket

Fri 21/2 @ Francesco Reserve

Fri 22/2 @ Max Ruddock Reserve

Students leave  
school at 9am.

Play begins approx.  
9:30am

#### Touch

Fri 21/2 - Bye

Fri 28/2 @ Ted Horwood (Field 1)





# Merit Certificates



## Congratulations!

Well done to these PBL Award winners who have been Safe,  
Respectful & Responsible Learners

Lucas, Penny, Sonisha, Samara, Te Teho, Mackenzie, Lara  
& Ava

### AWARDED TO

#### WEEK 3

KB : Nicholas & Jazz  
KH : NFP & Damon  
KL : Harrison & Denice  
1C : Vrinda & Xander  
1H : Neerav & Troy  
1LW : Arya & Vihaan  
2E : Geoffrey & Scarlett  
2P : Hannah & Irene  
2V : Lucas & Kaira  
S2F : Parsa & Rubie  
S2G : Elise & Caleb  
S2J : Xavier & Sophie  
S2N : Elin & Jayden  
S3A : Hayley & Travis  
S3B : NFP & Elissa  
S3G : Kira & Zoe  
S3L : Emily & Cailen  
S3P : Amelia & NFP

**Library: 1LW & S3G**

**Super Award:**

**RFF/The Studio: 1H & S3A**

### AWARDED TO

#### WEEK 4

KB : Alessandra & Emily  
KH : Keira & Ella  
KL : Bryant & Addison  
1C : Sofia & Callum  
1H : Olivia & Beau  
1LW : Jack & Mackenzie  
2E : Daniel & Stacey  
2P : NFP & Edward  
2V : Scarlett & Dean  
S2F : Archie & Haya  
S2G : Oleg & NFP  
S2J : Sunny & Isabella  
S2N : Kiki & Oscar  
S3A : Oscar & Aaron  
S3B : NFP & Kaubi  
S3G : Kamil & Hayden  
S3L : Ellie & Franklin  
S3P : NFP & Adrian

**Library: 2E & S2N**

**Super Award:** Edmund, Te Teho, Winnie &  
Bryce

**RFF/The Studio: 2E & S2G**

Leukaemia Foundation

**WORLD'S  
GREATEST  
SHAVE**



**Hi, my name is Ruby, I'm in S3B, and I am shaving my head for the World's Greatest Shave on 19 March 2020!**

**Go to my page and donate now:**

**<http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/rubycuelho>**

**Thank you for giving me the opportunity to help those in need.**



**I'M BRINGING OUT MY INNER  
SUPERHERO AND SHAVING OFF  
MY HAIR FOR THE**

 **47 AUSSIES**

**DIAGNOSED WITH A BLOOD  
CANCER EVERY DAY.**

**SPONSOR ME**





# Register Now!

**Winston Heights PS (After School) Auskick Centre**  
 Each Friday starting 6th March - 27th March from 3:15pm - 4:15pm

Each child will receive: Foam Alive, AFL Auskick Lunchbox, Footy Cards, Footy Pump AND an AFL Auskick Football!

Your child will enjoy a safe, fun, action-packed 4 week program of games and skill development, ideal for boys and girls aged 4-12 for only \$46

### Register Now!

To register, visit [play.afl/auskick](http://play.afl/auskick) and enter 'Winston Heights', then click on "Winston Heights (After School) Auskick Centre"



To receive FREE Tickets to a GWS GIANTS home game be sure to choose the GIANTS as your team of support!

For more information contact: Kayla Treadgold-Simons on 0450 871 099 Email: [gws.development@afl.com.au](mailto:gws.development@afl.com.au)

Visit [play.afl/auskick](http://play.afl/auskick)





# MODEL FARMS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT

For Years 5 & 6  
Students and Families



**Tuesday 3rd  
March 2020  
6.30pm School Hall**

**Information Performances  
Displays Tours**

**Out of area applications  
most welcome.**

**Individual daytime tours and  
interviews available.**



**Enquiries:  
Mark  
Grady  
Principal  
9624 3133**

**Email: [modelfarms-h.school@det.nsw.edu.a](mailto:modelfarms-h.school@det.nsw.edu.a)  
Website: [www.modelfarms-h.schools.nsw.gov.au](http://www.modelfarms-h.schools.nsw.gov.au)**

# Muirfield High School

## Open Evening Monday 2 March 2020



Come and see what we have to offer:

Muirfield High School's annual Open Evening will be held on 2 March 2020 5.00pm - 7.00pm.

Commencing at 5pm the Principal, Jennifer Reeves, and students will give a presentation in the school hall. Following this, students from all years will conduct guided tours of the school. Students and teachers will showcase aspects of teaching and the special programs we offer.

Information will be available about enrolment and how to apply for the Year 7 High Achievers Class. We welcome out of area applications.

Limited places available in some other year groups.

Muirfield continues to have outstanding success in NAPLAN and the HSC. Of special note from the 2019 HSC results are the achievements of the English Advanced, Extension 1 and Extension 2 classes.

Muirfield was placed in the top 10 public comprehensive schools for HSC English. Twenty-four students were placed on the Distinguished Achievers list across a range of subjects.



Muirfield High School, Barclay Road, North Rocks Phone: 9872 2244  
Parking is available in Tiernan Avenue





# NORTHMEAD CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS HIGH SCHOOL

Campbell Street NORTHMEAD 2152

## OPEN DAY TUESDAY 3rd MARCH 2020

For students in Year 5 entering Year 7 in 2022 and  
Year 6 students entering Year 7 2021

**Morning Session:** 9.15am/10.15am - Hall presentation for Parents & students  
10.15am/12.30 PM - Hands on activities for students  
10.15 AM - 30 min short school tour for parents.  
12.30/1.00 PM - BBQ lunch for students.  
1.00 PM – Parents to pick up students.

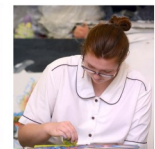
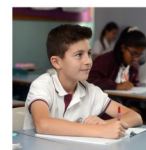
**Evening Session:** 5.00pm/ 7.00pm - Open school tour for parents and students.  
7.00pm /8.00pm - Formal presentation in the Hall

### Discover the fabulous opportunities that Northmead CAPA High offers:

- ◆ **Central Location**
  - Just off Windsor Road - end of Campbell Street
  - Good Transport Connections - Bus and Rail
  - Experienced and Committed Teachers
- ◆ **Creative and Performing Arts**
  - Year 7 CAPA Class (selected by audition)
  - Elective classes in CAPA (Year 9-12)
  - Band, Vocal Ensembles, Company
  - Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, Music Ensembles, Companies, Circus
  - Vocal & Instrumental Tutorial Programs
- ◆ **Focus on Academic Excellence**
  - Gifted and Talented Programs
  - Accelerated Courses
  - Extension Program for Year 7 Students
  - Support and Remediation Programs
- ◆ **Comprehensive Education**
  - ◇ Special Performing Arts Programs
  - ◇ Broad Curriculum including STEM
  - ◇ Excellent Sporting Opportunities
  - ◇ Chrome Book Program
  - ◇ Support for Year 7 Students
- ◆ **Caring School**
  - ◇ Orientation Program, Year 6 to Year 7
  - ◇ Peer Support
  - ◇ Student Ambassadors
  - ◇ Year 7 Camp
  - ◇ Project Based Learning
  - ◇ Proactive Learning Support Team
  - ◇ Anti-bullying Program, with state recognition
  - ◇ Values driven school that promotes Respect, Responsibility, Commitment, Community
  - ◇ Special Programs: Social Justice, Student Representative Council & Multicultural Committee
- ◆ **Extra Curricula Activities**
  - Sport
  - Debating & Public Speaking
  - Mock Trials and MUNA
  - Wakakiri
  - Sister Exchange Visits:
    - Kawaguchi Japan
    - Lots More

### At Open Day you will:

- Meet teachers and students
- Use technology to create a memento of your visit
- Develop team building skills
- Discover the powers of your mind
- Problem solving and brain teasers
- Explore 'living' music using technology
- Experience the fascinating and exciting work of Science
- View nature at work - visit the school farm and animals
- Enjoy lunch provided by the SRC







# Northmead

Creative and Performing Arts High School

## Audition Information for Parents and Students

### Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School.

CAPA Auditions – Monday 16th March - Friday 20th March 2020

#### AUDITIONS FOR YEARS 7 to 11, 2021

Talented students in Dance, Drama, Visual Arts and Music are encouraged to apply for positions in the 2021 specialised pathways in either Dance, Drama, Music or Visual arts.

Local (In Area) students wanting to be part of our selective Creative and Performing Arts program **MUST** also audition.

Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School has a long tradition as a centre of excellence in the Creative and Performing Arts. An exciting opportunity is available for talented students to audition for placement in our outstanding CAPA programs.

Students in the specialised streams are afforded a wide range of opportunities to excel in their chosen field with extensive co-curricular programs and a whole school approach to fostering our gifted students' talents.

Auditions will be held for Dance, Drama, Music, and Visual Arts on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020. The cost of auditions is \$50.00.

**Applications close and forms need to be submitted to NCAPAHS by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020.**

Please register your interest via our school website or contact Mrs Stepic: on 9630 4116

Email [june.stepic@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:june.stepic@det.nsw.edu.au)

Audition Application Forms can also be downloaded from our school website.

**Principal:** Narelle Vazquez  
[www.northmead-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.northmead-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)  
28 Campbell St, Northmead NSW 2152  
Ph: 9630 4116

# Canteen Roster

Term 1	Week 5	Monday	24th	February	9.00am	11.30am	** Help Needed **
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Term 1	Week 5	Wednesday	26th	February	9.00am	11.30am	** Help Needed **
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Term 1	Week 5	Thursday	27th	February	9.00am	11.30am	Jodie
Term 1	Week 5	Thursday	27th	February	11.00am	2.00pm	Beth
Term 1	Week 5	Thursday	27th	February	11.00am	2.00pm	Jodie
Term 1	Week 5	Friday	28th	February	-	-	
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Term 1	Week 6	Wednesday	4th	March	9.00am	11.30am	Kylie
Term 1	Week 6	Wednesday	4th	March	11.00am	2.00pm	Sonja
Term 1	Week 6	Wednesday	4th	March	11.00am	2.00pm	** Help Needed **
Term 1	Week 6	Thursday	5th	March	9.00am	11.30am	** Help Needed **
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Term 1	Week 6	Thursday	5th	March	11.00am	2.00pm	** Help Needed **
Term 1	Week 6	Friday	6th	March	-	-	
Term 1	Week 6	Friday	6th	March	12.45pm	2.00pm	Kimberley
Term 1	Week 6	Friday	6th	March	-	-	
Term 1	Week 7	Monday	9th	March	9.00am	11.30am	Tanya/Estelle
Term 1	Week 7	Monday	9th	March	11.00am	2.00pm	Tanya/Estelle
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