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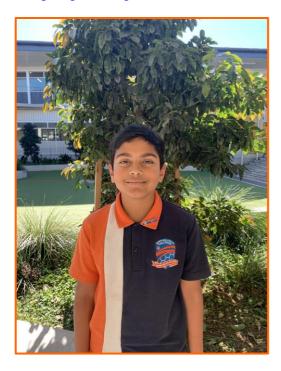
# Hezlett Happenings ~ 14 May 2021

#### PRINCIPAL'S NEWS



### Volunteering - making a difference

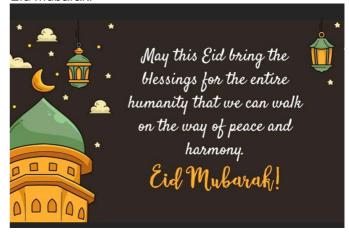
I would like to acknowledge the wonderful work of one of our students, Micah. Micah is a year 5 student who over the past few months, including the recent school holidays, volunteered his time to work as part of the Kids Giving Back charity where he helped produce over 3800 meals for vulnerable people. We are very proud of Micah's efforts and his commitment to helping others. Kids Giving Back is a charity whose mission is to create the next generation of generosity. If you would like to learn more please visit their website: kidsgivingback.org



On the topic of volunteering, next week is National Volunteer Week which is an annual celebration to acknowledge the generous contribution of our nation's volunteers. A number of our volunteer agencies, such as the SES and Rural Fire Service, have played a big part in our wider community in the past year assisting those in need through floods, storms and bush fires. We have a number of staff and community members here at North Kellyville PS who volunteer their time to support these organisations and we appreciate their efforts.

#### **Eid Mubarak**

Wishing all of our North Kellyville families who are celebrating the end of Ramadan a joyful Eid al-Fitr. Eid Mubarak!



#### **Public Speaking**

This week I've had the pleasure of watching the public speaking finals for Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2. Standing up in front of a large audience can be a daunting experience but all finalists did an excellent job and should be proud of their efforts. I look forward to watching our primary finals next week and then hosting the local final for the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking where we will be joined by a number of other schools in our local area. Thank you to Miss Tawil, Miss Cheah and Mrs Ghafauri for their coordination of these events.

#### **Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP)**

Our 4 year SIP went live online at the end of Term 1 and if you haven't already had the chance to take a look I encourage you to do so. It can be found in the school planning and reporting section of the school website. It maps out our plan for student growth and attainment, the building of collective efficacy and ensuring the wellbeing of our school community. Many aspects of the plan are already in place each day at school and collectively the staff engage in professional learning to improve and enhance opportunities for our students to learn. In the coming weeks our Director, Educational Leadership, Mrs Joanne Wilcher, will visit our school to observe our practice and support us in achieving our targets set out within the SIP.



#### Mother's Day Afternoon Tea - Rescheduled

Next Friday, 21 May, we are inviting all the mums or significant others to join their child/ren for afternoon tea in the playground here at North Kellyville PS. The event will take place from 2pm for the last hour of the school day. Please re-register <a href="here">here</a> and then on the day you will just need to complete the QR code on arrival. Information was sent home via schoolstream earlier this week regarding this event.

#### Restrictions Easing - Guidelines still in place

Some restrictions have eased in relation to COVID-19, however, guidelines remain that must be adhered to. Parents/carers are allowed on site for certain activities where we have management practices in place to ensure the safety of everyone. Physical distancing, limitations on the amount of people gathering indoors and strict sign in procedures are some of the measures in place. If attending these events, please adhere to the number of visitors permitted for that event, RSVP promptly if required, be patient when arriving on site and follow the directions of staff. By following these simple steps, it will support the school in ensuring the success of these events.

#### **Hipwell Ave- Temporary No Parking Restrictions**

The Hills Shire Council have installed temporary 'No Parking 8 - 9.30am and 2.30 - 4pm school days' restrictions on the eastern side of Hipwell Ave between Curtis Rd and the end of the Kiss and Drop Zone to assist in relieving some of the congestion getting in and out of the road at peak times. These parking restrictions will be removed when the Kiss and Drop Zone relocates back onto Hezlett Road. Please see image below.

#### **Thorogood Bvd - Pedestrian Access**

Thorogood Bvd is open for pedestrian access before and after school. This is NOT A KISS & DROP



**FACILITY** and we ask for all of the school community to follow the road rules to allow this entry to remain open. It is a clearly signposted **NO STOPPING** area.

Please do not drive to the end of Thorogood Bvd and drop your child/ren at the gate. Please be respectful of our neighbours by not parking across their driveways. The gate will only be opened at 8.30am until 9am in the morning and at 3pm until 3.15pm in the afternoon. Access to the site during the day will remain through the Hezlett Rd and Hipwell Ave gates.

#### **Road Works**

Thank you to the vast majority of parents and community members who have been patient and are following the correct road rules to ensure our students' safety. It has been great to see a number of people opting to "park & walk".

Key points to remember:

- No kiss and drop facility on Hezlett Road or Thorogood Bvd during construction.
- A temporary kiss and drop facility has been installed on Hipwell Avenue however capacity is much lower. Parents are advised to think carefully about whether kiss and drop is the safest form of drop off and pick up.
   Parents who must drive are asked to consider parking and walking into and out of the school.
- Pedestrian access via Hezlett Road is maintained.
- Hipwell Avenue has double lines. If you are caught doing a u-turn over double lines in a school zone it is a \$457 fine and 4 demerit points.
- Please ensure vehicles exit the kiss & drop and drive to the end of Hipwell Ave and use the turning circle.

#### **Get Tested!**

Parents are reminded that any student or staff member with cold or flu-like symptoms must stay home, be tested, return a negative result and be symptom-free before returning to school. Many thanks to the parents who have heeded this advice and been providing screenshots of text message results to our office and for supporting the effort to maintain community safety. See latest COVID-19 health alerts here.

> HELP US STAY COVID SAFE



**Luke Hogan** Relieving Principal



#### **DEPUTY'S DESK**



#### **Attendance Matters**

Attendance at North Kellyville is very important and we encourage positive attendance habits. Every day counts, as regular attendance helps students to:

- develop a sense of belonging
- develop and maintain friendships
- be more engaged at school
- progress with their learning
- be more aware of career and life options.

Missing just one day a fortnight can amount to four weeks of lost learning over a year. Over their school life, this can equal one year of missed learning.



Please ensure that your child is attending school each day and are arriving on time when they are well. Parents and carers can help foster positive attendance habits by:

- helping their child learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- ensuring their child arrives on time from the start of the school day, ready to participate in learning
- reducing disruption to learning where possible, by planning any necessary appointments outside of school time
- promptly communicating any absence to the school (within 7 days of the first day of any absence)
- working with the school to encourage and support regular attendance.

#### **Individual Photos**

On Friday 28 May MSP Photography will be coming to school to take individual photos of students whom are in Kindergarten and any new students across the school. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform on this day. These photos will be used at school. Later in the year MSP will return to take class photos, individual photos and extra-curricular photos.

#### **Seesaw and Student Visitors**

We love seeing work that our students are proud of. One way we can see this is on Seesaw and another way is having special visitors to our office. There have been some great statistics from this week on Seesaw. We have also been lucky to have several visitors to our office showing off their wonderful work to us.









New Items

Likes

145 Comments

Parent Visits



Stephen Bondfield & Samantha Newth Deputy Principal & Deputy Principal (Relieving)

#### **TEACHER TALK**



#### **Cosmic Creations!**

This week, K-6A combined our study of Earth and Space, with our love of getting hands-on and creative. Using a recipe for homemade Play-dough, we carefully measured out the ingredients for some sticky, gluggy dough, kneading it to perfection. We divided it up and experimented with food colouring to recreate tiny 3D versions of the planets we've been viewing: Mars, Earth and Jupiter! It was a big hit for the students, who loved the experience of carefully weighing, measuring and mixing the dough, and the effect of the dye as they carefully replicated the colours of the galaxy! To the stars!









Laena Allbon-Crockett
Assistant Principal - Special Education

## **Lost Property**

Lost property is held in the East Courtyard in front of the School office and should be checked regularly. Currently our lost property box is over flowing. Last week most items with names were returned to their rightful owners. Unfortunately, we now find ourselves with an abundance of unclaimed items without names. Please encourage your child to come and check lost property if you are missing an item. After a few weeks unnamed items will be donated to our 2nd hand clothing store or containers given away.

It is important that your child's belongings are clearly labelled and we recommend checking that the name is still clearly visible, so that they are returned promptly.

Thanking you

Mrs Bolst & Mrs Onay Lost Property Coordinators

#### QUICK INFORMATION





Out of School Hours Care — Wesley Mission is the provider of out of school hours care. The centre will run out of the school hall both before and after school. Morning care will commence from 6:30am, while care in the afternoon will be provided until 6:30pm.

Contact OOSH on 9626 6620 or email oosh@wesleymission.org.au



**Facebook Page** – 'Like' our Facebook page and encourage all of your friends, families and neighbours to do likewise!



**Mailing List –** To be added to the Hezlett Happenings mailing list, <u>click here</u>.



Parent Handbook — Edition 2 of the North Kellyville Public School Parent Handbook if available here. Please read this document to become acquainted with many school programs and procedures.



**School Stream App** – A lot of news, forms and notices are pushed out to mobile devices through our School Stream App. If you haven't yet downloaded the app, do so now!



**Dollarmites School Banking** – The P&C led school banking initiative is currently on hold.



#### **P&C News**



## **Mother's Day Mega Raffle**

Wow! Thank you to all those within our school and community who participated in the Mother's Day Mega Raffle. We had a great response and raised \$5,755 for our school. Many thanks to our wonderful P&C executive members Jess H and Andrea O for leading this event alongside other members who assisted in sourcing donations from our very generous sponsors.

The full list of winning ticket numbers can be located on the rafflink website:

(https://rafflelink.com.au/nkps2021)

If you have a winning ticket number and haven't already done so, please get in touch with the school office to collect your prizes!

# Term 2 Mid-Year "Just Dance" Neon Themed Disco Friday 18 June

The P&C will be hosting a Term 2 "Just Dance" Neon themed disco for the children to enjoy! Please save the date, Friday 18 of June in your diaries. Attached to the back of this newsletter is a flyer about the disco. All students from K-6 are invited to attend. Tickets start at \$5 per child with other options which will include drinks and snacks.



#### Term 3 Trivia Night - Saturday 14 August 2021

The 2019 NKPS Trivia night was a roaring success with many laughs, prizes and fun that was had. With COVID dampening our 2020 trivia plans, we are now very excited to announce that the P&C are planning a 2021 Trivia Night! We ask that you save the date, Saturday 14 August in your diaries! More details about the event and pricing will be provided to you in the coming weeks.



#### 2021 NKPS Volunteers Register

With our events and fundraising kicking off to a flying start for 2021, we would love to be able to build a register of volunteers that we are able to approach for assistance and support. If you are interested in being involved in any or all P&C events throughout 2021, please take a moment to fill out the register which is located here:

#### https://forms.gle/ZKfDjiNwXNpJY5Be6

If you have any questions about our events, please feel free to email us at nkps.pca@gmail.com

#### **School Banking**

School banking activities take place every Tuesday morning during school term, from 8:30am to 9:00am. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out by email (<a href="mailto:nkps.pca@gmail.com">nkps.pca@gmail.com</a>) and Neelima, our School Banking Coordinator will be happy to answer your questions.

#### **NKPS Second Hand Uniform Shop**

Our NKPS P&C online second-hand uniform shop is running well! Click on this link to the online Facebook page and browse our catalogue of items. The majority of items sold have come from unnamed items in the lost property that were unclaimed in 2020. Pre-loved uniforms can be donated and 100% of the proceeds from the sale of these items will go to the NKPS P&C. Please drop your items at the front office and let the ladies know they are donations for the second-hand uniform shop.

#### Please contact

nkpssecondhanduniformshop@gmail.com if you have any questions or require assistance and they will be happy to help.

#### **P&C Meeting**

Our last P&C meeting in week 3 had a great attendance from the school community. Thank you to everyone that took the time to come along and learn more about what the P&C has planned for 2021. Together, we were able to pass out budget for events and fundraising and also approve a calendar of events. We also have a newly elected executive member, Aarti Sathe.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 16 June 2021 from 7.30pm - 9.00pm. The level of COVID-19 restrictions will determine whether this meeting will be onsite or via zoom. Details will be provided closer to the meeting date.



We would love to see you at the next meeting! Come along, meet some friendly faces, and help plan or be involved in the activities and events for 2021.



Before and during this meeting, you are invited to become a financial member of our P&C. Membership is \$2 and you get to become more involved with our activities and initiatives, and most importantly receive the right to vote on P&C initiatives, events and fundraising. To become a member, please deposit the membership fee into our bank account and email the banking receipt to <a href="mailto:nkps.pca@gmail.com">nkps.pca@gmail.com</a>. Please also include your full name and contact number in the email.

The banking details are as follows:

North Kellyville Public School P&C Association BSB 062703, Account No. 10591782

If you are a current financial member, and did not receive the last meeting's agenda and related documents, please get in touch and let us know and we will look into this for you! You can get in touch via email on <a href="mailto:nkps.pca@gmail.com">nkps.pca@gmail.com</a> Please make sure to follow our official pages to stay up to date with events and fundraising activities; we also notify of special meetings and other news on the pages.

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Take care!

Nayana Saad NKPS P&C 2021 President









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Schedule of Community Engagement

2021	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
1			3-Way Interviews	
2	HezHaps (Newsletter)	HezHaps	3-Way Interviews HezHaps	HezHaps
3	P&C Meeting	P&C Meeting	Education Week P&C Meeting	P&C Meeting
4	Parent-Teacher Interviews Years 1 to 6 HezHaps	HezHaps	HezHaps	HezHaps
5	Parent-Teacher Interviews Years K to 6	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea – 21 May		
6	Parent-Teacher Interviews Kindergarten HezHaps	HezHaps	HezHaps	HezHaps
7		Stage 2 Dance Performing at Synergy 2 <sup>nd</sup> June		
8	HezHaps P&C Meeting	HezHaps Stage 2 Dance Performing at Synergy 8th June	HezHaps P&C Meeting	HezHaps P&C Meeting
9	Leadership Induction - 24 March	P&C Meeting		Presentation Day
10	School Cross Country - 30 March HezHaps Kindergarten Crazy Hat Parade – 1 April	Semester 1 Reports HezHaps	HezHaps	Semester 2 Reports
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# **Activities Held After Hours At NKPS**

Please contact the company directly for all information

Company	Contact via Email	
Dancing With Maree	info@dancingwithmaree.com.au	
Danzinina Fitness - Zumba with Nina	zumbanina@gmail.com	
Hills Arabic School	Rehabhakim82@hotmail.com	
Kano Football	nathan.sim@kano-football.com.au	
Norwest Chinese School	snwchinese@gmail.com	
Norwest Table Tennis	justdoit.vin@gmail.com	
Pei Ji Chinese School	peijich@yahoo.com.au	
Soccajoeys	castlehill@soccajoeys.com	
Sydney Academy of Chess	sydneyacademy@gmail.com	
Talent Club	contactus@talentclubaus.com.au	
Thinking Artz	thinkingartz@gmail.com	



