



Hezlett Happenings

Kindergarten Best Start

Students commencing Kindergarten in 2019 will first complete a 'Best Start Interview'. These interviews will be conducted at school, one-on-one with a teacher. Best Start enables teachers to complete some introductory literacy and numeracy activities with each student, with the information collected used by teachers to tailor educational programs in the classroom. While final student numbers are still unknown it is not possible to formulate classes yet. Instead, once students have completed their Best Start interview, the Kindergarten team will structure classes and assign teachers.

How do I book a Best Start Interview?

- 1) Parents of Kindergarten students should visit [this website](#) and click on 'Book Appointment Now'.
- 2) Select 'Kindergarten Best Start Interview'. You will be asked to enter your child's name.

Online booking

NKPS Enrolment Interview
30 min

Interviews will take place at Riverbank PS (enter through The Ponds HS on Riverbank Dr).
Parents must bring: 1) Complete application to enrol form 2) Child's birth certificate 3) Proof of child's address which may be council rates notice, residential lease or utility bill 3) Immunisation history statement 4) Family law orders 5) Details of health need

Kindergarten Best Start Interview
45 min

This is ONLY for students entering kindergarten at North Kellyville PS in 2019. The teacher selected WILL NOT necessarily be the student's teacher in 2019.

- 3) Choose the teacher you wish to book in to see. The teachers who appear will not necessarily be the Kindergarten teachers, but they are the ones conducting the interviews.

Choose employee

Elena Princi Caitlin Thomas Tash Dang Anne-Marie Apap Lisa Ingleton

Mystery Teacher All employees

- 4) Follow the remaining prompts to confirm your booking. Make a note of your booking time and ensure to arrive on time for the interview. Signs will guide you on the day to the appropriate location.

Facebook Groups

Some members of our parent community have established closed Facebook groups to facilitate play dates and information sharing. I thank those parents for their initiative but wish to remind the community that these groups are not 'official' North Kellyville Public School communication platforms. If you are interested in joining one of the groups, they are setup here:

- [Kindergarten Facebook Group](#)
- [Year 3 Facebook Group](#)
- [Year 5 & 6 Facebook Group](#)

School Open Day in January

Please mark Thursday 17 January in your calendars as this will be our first open day and uniform purchasing opportunity. Staff from the school will be on hand to say hello and conduct some brief tours of the site, while Back to Basics School Uniforms will be on deck between 2:00pm and 5:00pm.

Thursday 17 January

- School staff on site to meet/greet informally and conduct brief tours → 12:00 – 4:00
- Uniforms available to buy → 2:00 – 5:00
- Book donations received → 12:00 – 5:00

North Kellyville Community Picnic

Tomorrow (Saturday 15 December) I look forward to meeting some parents and students at the North Kellyville Advisory Group Community Picnic which will be held at Oxlade Street Reserve from 1:00pm.



Uniform Update

The Back to Basics team has been working around the clock to ensure that we can dress all of our students in time for day 1 Term 1. Your uniform purchasing options are:

- 1) Order through [this website](#). Orders will be filled and delivered to North Kellyville Public School ready to be collected in the week of 21 January.
- 2) Visit North Kellyville Public School on 17 January between 2:00pm and 5:00pm to 'try and buy'.
- 3) Drop into the shop front at 52 Cox Avenue, Kingswood. It is best to call first to ensure the shop is open and stock is available on 02 4721 7422.

Please note that:

- Socks for all uniforms are to be white
- Shoes for polo option can be black leather school shoes OR running shoes/sneakers
- Shoes for girls' dress is black leather
- Any uniform may be worn on any day
- It is intended that each class will be physically active at least 3 days a week (useful for deciding how many of each option to purchase)
- A branded school bag is available for purchase but is not mandatory
- A survey of enrolled families will be conducted to determine whether a buttoned shirt will be added to the summer suite
- The winter uniform is yet to be determined



Second Hand Book Donations

We would love to establish a library very early in 2019 but require help from the community in order to supplement our new book purchases with pre-loved books from home. If you have books that are:

- in good condition
- appropriate for 5-12 year olds
- regarded as 'quality literature', and
- no longer required at home

we would dearly appreciate your generous donation. Donations can be made on our open day on Thursday 17 January.

P&C Update

Our group of intrepid parents and citizens continued their working group tasks last week and have drafted a number of governance documents that are now publicly available on the school's website [here](#). Community members are asked to consider the documents online, which currently exist as drafts, in order to contribute to informed discussion at the P&C Foundation Meeting which will be held early in Term 1. Parents may also like to consider the [role statements](#) for office bearer positions and give thought to nominating to form part of the school's inaugural P&C executive.

Executive Director Approval

It was my privilege to tour the school site recently with Cathy Brennan, the NSW Department of Education's Executive Director School Performance for Metropolitan North. Cathy shared my enthusiasm for the commencement of the new school year and admired the modern and innovative facilities being provided for the students.



Final Enrolment Interviews for 2018

We're heading into the final week of operations before schools break for the holidays. Our FINAL enrolment interviews for the year will take place on Monday 17 and Tuesday 18 December. It is important to note that students not enrolled BEFORE day 1 Term 1 will not be able to commence immediately. Our system in the new year will involve any 'walk up enrolments' commencing school the Monday following their enrolment interview. This is to best manage student supervision and learning programs. If you are yet to enrol, there are times left for Monday and Tuesday and I encourage you to [book now](#). I will also be happy to facilitate meetings in the week prior to school opening.

Student Requirements

Early in the new year, your child's classroom teacher will provide an introductory letter outlining items that might be useful for your child to have on-hand in the classroom. However, in the meantime and in the spirit of capitalizing on 'back to school' sales, [the attached list](#) may be used as a guide for parents wishing to get in early.

Staff Training & Development

Today our teaching staff met for a full day of training on student wellbeing. It was an enlightening session where staff learned about the internal psychology underpinning Choice Theory. At North Kellyville Public School students will be supported in their wellbeing by staff equipped to converse about needs, behaviour, choices and how their actions, thoughts and feelings affect themselves and others. Staff members have developed skills in supporting students to maximise personal responsibility and meet their needs in ways that do not interfere with the needs of others. I sincerely thank our teachers for their time commitment and participation today.

Late Starters 2019

The first day of school for students in Years 1-6 will be Wednesday 30 January, while Kindergarten students will commence formally on Monday 4 February. If your child will be commencing at North Kellyville after these dates, we request that you [complete this late starters form](#) so that we know to expect your child at a later date.

Merry Christmas

With less than a fortnight to go until Christmas, this is my final opportunity to wish everybody a very happy and safe festive season. It has been my genuine delight to get to know many future parents and students over the past few months and I look forward to strengthening our partnerships in the new year.

Milestones

During the week we celebrating two significant milestones. On Wednesday we enrolled our 250th student while at the same time reaching the 50 day countdown mark!



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14 December 2018



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KEY DATES

NOW	Kindergarten parents book Best Start interview
17/1	Uniform try on and buy Meet & greet staff Second hand book donation
30/1	School commences Years 1-6
30/1-1/2	Kindergarten 'Best Start' interviews
4/2	School commences Kindergarten
6/2	Years 1-6 Swimming Carnival & fun day

QUICK INFORMATION



Enrolment Interviews - Interviews can be booked online via <http://tinyurl.com/NKPSenrol> while the standard Department of Education enrolment form can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/NKPSform1>. Those seeking enrolment from outside the school's catchment zone will need to supply a supplementary form at <http://tinyurl.com/NKPSform2>.



Out Of School Hours Care – Wesley Mission has been appointed as 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 6:00am, while care in the afternoon will be provided until 6:00pm. Contact OOSH on 96266620 or email oosh@wesleymission.org.au.



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



Bell Times – The school day will commence at 9:00am and conclude at 3:00pm.



Uniform Purchase – Uniforms can be purchased online through Back to Basics. They will be ready to collect from 21 January at the North Kellyville PS site.

