

# Metella Road Public School

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Term 3 - Week 8

Tuesday, 5 September 2017

## Calendar

### What's On

#### Term 3, Week 8

Tuesday, 5 September	K-6 Assembly @ 2:15pm
Wednesday, 6 September	OOSH Management Meeting @ 7:00pm

#### Term 3, Week 9

Sunday, 10 September	The Hills Dance Spectacular
Tuesday, 12 September	Spring Fete Meeting @ 6:30pm P & C Meeting AGM @ 7:30pm
Wednesday, 13 September	Sydney West Athletics Carnival
Friday, 15 September	Kindergarten Calmsley Hill City Farm Excursion

#### Term 3, Week 10

Tuesday, 19 September	Year 6 Mini Fete/Mufti Day
Thursday, 21 September	Club 250 Reward Day
Friday, 22 September	End of Term 3

#### Term 4, Week 1

Monday, 9 October	Start of Term 4
Tuesday, 10 October	Spring Fete Meeting @ 6:30pm P & C Meeting @ 7:30pm

#### Term 4, Week 2

Tuesday, 17 October	Parent Workshop – Reading strategies @ 2:00pm P & C Meeting @ 7:30pm
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#### Term 4, Week 3

Tuesday, 24 October	2018 Kindergarten Information evening @ 6:00pm
Wednesday, 25 October	OOSH Management Meeting @ 7:00pm
Saturday, 28 October	Spring Fete 10:00am – 3:00pm

## Principal's Message

### The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People

Stephen R. Covey's *7 Habits of Highly Effective People* is a number 1 best selling book on personal development, first published in 1989, sold more than 15 million copies and has been translated into 52 languages. The book describes seven habits of successful people. Habits are the activities that we repeatedly do in the same manner, day after day. Our character is a composite of our habits.

As a facilitator of the program I recently conducted a number of workshops for aspiring leaders from our Blacktown Learning Community on the 7 Habits.

I always enjoy teaching the seventh habit – Sharpen the saw. The habit of self-renewal. This habit is about taking time for yourself. Taking time everyday to give yourself the ability to do everything else. The four dimensions of renewal are *body, heart, mind and spirit*. Each aspect requires continuous renewal. If one is neglected, it will negatively impact on the other three. In the same way, if each is nourished, all four will flourish. We all need to try and focus on these four areas:

**Body** – exercise, nutrition, rest, stress management

**Heart** – consistent work on relationships

**Mind** – reading, writing, learning, study

**Spirit** – service, values clarification, inspirational literature, meditation, nature

I urge everyone to take time for themselves so they can be the best person for everyone else!

As Stephen Covey said:

*"Habit 7 is preserving and enhancing the greatest asset you have – you. It's about nurturing the goose that lays the golden eggs, which is the essence of effectiveness."*

### Fathers' Day Breaky

Last Friday we celebrated the wonderful men in our lives with a Fathers' Day BBQ. It is not often we get to gather lots of fathers and grandfathers at school. It was truly heart-warming to see so many fathers, grandfathers and the special men in the lives of our students make the effort to spend the morning with our children and our staff.

Thank you to Mr Hands for coordinating the event, Mr Nash for cooking the BBQ and the many staff that helped with the set up, cooking and cleaning up.

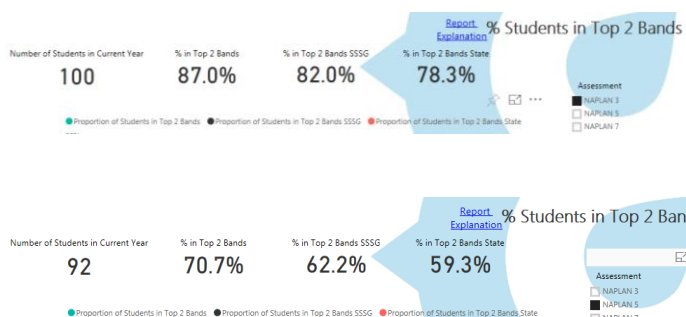
A great event for a great community!

### NAPLAN

Parents would have recently received the NAPLAN results for their children who sat the tests this year. Our executive will now analyse the results of our Year 3 and Year 5 students, and along with the school-based assessment data, use this to drive our future directions of our school.

We will share the analysis of our results with the school community at a P&C meeting in Term 4.

Although a thorough analysis will be undertaken, it is easy to see that Metella Road PS students have performed exceptionally well. The two tables below show the percentage of students achieving in the top two bands overall in Year 3 and Year 5. **8.7% more than State in Year 3 and 11.4% more than State in Year 5!!**



### P&C Annual General Meeting – 12 September 7:30pm

If you are able to attend, please come along to the next P&C meeting, which will begin with the AGM. We will be discussing significant issues relating to the P&C and Parents Auxiliary, such as meeting times, committees and sub-committees. Have your say!

### School Administrative Staff – National Recognition Week 4 September – 8 September 2017

This week is School Administrative Staff National Recognition Week. This week we get a chance to say thank you to our wonderful school admin staff for the great work they do every single day!

The amazing staff that make up the MRPS School Administration and Support Staff are:

Carol Ryan – School Administration Manager  
 Debra Martin – School Administration Officer  
 Michelle Gafa - School Administration Officer  
 Michelle Luccitti - School Administration Officer  
 Terina Pepper - School Administration Officer  
 Michael Nash – General Assistant  
 Edwina Davies – School Learning Support Officer  
 Diana Pescod - School Learning Support Officer

David Martin - School Learning Support Officer  
 Alison Steele - School Learning Support Officer  
 Angela Gauci - School Learning Support Officer

As the principal of this great school, I am very lucky to have such a dedicated team of admin staff to assist me with running the school. I would like to thank each and every one of these great people.

### Kindy Enrolments

If your child turns five before 31 July 2018, they can enrol at our wonderful school for 2018. Please collect an enrolment form from our office and return it as soon as possible. Proof of age and residency status will be required.

### Principal's Distinction Award Winners

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved their Principal's Distinction Awards this term:

Tasha 5A	Aanya 6C
Jorja 6D	Annabelle 3F

### Spring Fete – 28 October

Tell everyone!!! Our biggest fundraiser of the year!

Mr P. D'Ermilio  
Principal

### Deputy Principal's Report

There is a famous saying... "a picture is worth a thousand words...but the memories are priceless." We have made some priceless memories this term!!!!





We still have many exciting activities coming up before the end of the term including the Longneck Lagoon enrichment day, debating, preschool visits, the M-League grand final, the Hills Dance Spectacular and the Greystanes High Achievers program. Our Kindergarten students will head off to Calmsley Hill City Farm, the Year 6 students will hold their mini-fete and new Club 250 members will also have their reward day! It has been another incredible term and it is through the hard work and dedication of our wonderful staff and our school community that we can enrich our students' lives with so many opportunities.

### Deputy Principal's Award Winners

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved their Deputy Principal's Award this term:

Zahra	1T
Aanya	6C
Jorja	6D
Akshaya	1B
Gursimar	5/6S
Rup	6C
Cooper	6C
Tasha	5A
Caroline	3H
Yeshan	1L
Annabelle	3F
Kaviesh	1/2J
Vishnuka	1T
Mulan	1B
Aaran	3H
Hasritha	6C
Genevieve	6C
Charvi	1E
Ruby	3F
Dhairya	1L
Gia	6C
Rudra	1L

### 'Tell Them From Me' Parent Survey

Please remember to complete the survey! It can be completed on smartphones, ipads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 21 August and 13 October. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>.

To access the survey for our school go to: <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/h4fb8>.

If you have any questions, please contact the office.

### Keep in Touch

Finally, remember to check Facebook, the school App and our website to keep up-to-date with current information.

Mrs N. Parker  
Deputy Principal



## Kindergarten News

Wow, I cannot believe it is almost the end of Term 3. We have had a productive term and the students have continued to learn many new and exciting things.

This term we have continued to support children and their families in making a positive and successful transition to school.

In Week 6 we conducted our *Kindergarten Enrolment Interviews* for our 2018 Kindergarten enrolments. These interviews gave us the opportunity to meet families who have enrolled their child at Metella Road Public School. It was a great opportunity to learn more about the children and their families. It also enabled families to meet the executive members of staff and learn a little more about what our school can offer. It was a worthwhile experience for all involved.

This week we will continue our preschool visits. Some preschool children from *Children's Village* will have the opportunity to visit our school and attend a range of activities. They will have the opportunity to participate in activities in KW and KB classrooms, a fitness lesson with KL, a Library lesson with KM and a Music/Drama lesson with KT. We are looking forward to the visits and helping the children learn more about school life.

Our *Kindergarten Orientation* and *Transition to School* programs will continue in Term 4.

Mrs S. Larobina  
Instructional Leader

## Stage 1 News

Over the past few weeks, Stage 1 has been a learning hub of action and excitement. We enjoyed dressing up as our favourite book character and it was wonderful to see so many children coming dressed to reflect the Book Week theme "Escape to Everywhere". We also enjoyed our fundraiser, Crazy Hair Day, with lots of children showing their artistic flair and unique hair styles!

As always, Stage 1 has been incredibly busy, making their brain grow! In English, we had our Oracy Competition and many students presented engaging and interesting speeches, outlining the special characteristics of a hero and explaining who their hero is. Congratulations to our Stage 1 winner, Kirujian from 1R, who presented his speech at our special Stage 1 assembly. In Writing, students have been learning how to entertain their audience with creative narratives. They have been learning how important it is to 'hook' their reader in immediately and gain their reader's interest. We have many budding authors in Stage 1. Their stories often keep me on the edge of my seat!

In Mathematics, students are learning to make equal groups and multiply them as an efficient way to find the total. They have been learning how to share items equally and this is forming the basis of their understanding in division. Students have been learning all about fractions; investigating how to find a half, quarter or eighth of a collection of items. They've also been measuring the length of many items both in and outside of the classroom. We love our mathematics investigations!

In History, students have been absolutely fascinated about how schools were in the past. They were shocked when they found out that in the olden days, some students were hit with a cane across the hand if they did something wrong. We are so glad that schools today don't mete out corporal punishment! Students also learnt that children often left school at the age of 12 in order to go and work on the farm. A lot has changed over

the years and students are so engaged learning about the history of school life.

Students have been focusing on showing that they are motivated and always 'Aiming High'. I congratulate them on all their hard work this term.

Ms J. Minenko  
Stage 1 Supervisor

## Stage 2 News

Stage 2 staff and students have continued to work hard this term in academic, sporting and cultural pursuits!

Due to changes in staffing arrangements, staff and students would like to welcome Mrs Bartlett as our Stage 2 Supervisor. Miss Moulakas will continue to support Stage 2 in Mrs Bartlett's absence. If you have any queries or concerns regarding Stage 2, please contact Mrs Bartlett (Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays) or Miss Moulakas (Thursdays and Fridays).

The Stage 2 Oracy Competition was held in Week 6. Congratulations to all of our class representatives who did a fantastic job in presenting their prepared speech on "A day in the life..." and completing an impromptu speech on the day. Particular congratulations go to Emily 4G who was our Stage 2 winner. She will present her prepared speech at the K-6 Assembly in Week 8. Emily will also represent Metella Road Public School at the Blacktown Learning Community Oracy Competition alongside Sahana 3F, our Year 3 winner, in Term 4. Thank you to Mrs Fekkes for organising this competition.

Metella Road Public School recently participated in Book Week, with students buying books from the Book Fair and dressing up for the annual Book Character Parade. It was wonderful to see so many students engaging with literature in fun and exciting ways. Well done to our two Stage 2 winners for your creative costumes!

We have also said thanks to the amazing fathers in our community. Students were able to purchase gifts from the Father's Day stall, and students and their families celebrated the contribution fathers make to our community at the Father's Day Breakfast on Friday 1 September. Thank you to Mr Hands for organising this event. From Stage 2, we hope that all our fathers had a great Father's Day!

In class, Stage 2 have been learning new skills in gymnastics and learning about making positive personal health choices as part of their Personal Health, Development and Physical Education lessons. In Science, students in Year 3 have been learning about how heat is important to us in our everyday lives and is used in practical ways. Year 4 students have been learning about how changes in the earth might affect us either through catastrophic events such as landslides or through gradual processes that change the quality and composition of soils we rely upon for sustenance.

Mrs L. Bartlett & Miss Y. Moulakas  
Stage 2 Supervisors

## Stage 3 News

Term 3 has continued to be another busy one for Stage 3 students! There have been lots of things happening in the classrooms and across the school.

Stage 3 students all thoroughly enjoyed Book Week and the Book Character Parade. There were some fantastic costumes on the day, which made judging a very difficult task!

Stage 3 camp is only a term away! Please continue to make payments as per the payment schedule previously sent home. Notes regarding medical information and what to pack will be sent home in the coming weeks.

The Year 6 Crazy Hair Day Fundraiser last Wednesday was a great success! Thank you to all of the students and parents who went to so much effort in designing such creative and amazing hair styles! Year 6 raised more funds to put towards their end of year celebrations and appreciate the continued support of the community in their fundraising ventures.

Good luck to our Maths Olympiad team for their next competition this week! Miss Thomas continues to do a great job preparing and coordinating this for our Stage 3 students. We look forward to seeing this year's results.

Stage 3 held our stage-based MRPS Oracy Competition in Week 6 this term. The judges were very impressed by the quality of the speeches and the presentation skills of the students. Congratulations to Zali who is our Stage 3 Winner for 2017 and to all of the class representatives who competed on the day.

A number of Year 5 students participated in the Greystanes High Achievers Programs – Sushi Train and Maths Madness – over the past few weeks. Students attended Greystanes High School to participate in enrichment activities based around Japanese culture and Mathematics. Thank you to Miss Moulakas for coordinating these programs for our Year 5 students.

The Year 6 Mini Fete is almost here! Year 6 students have been busily preparing their stalls and coordinating resources for this annual event. The Mini Fete will be held in Week 10 of this term and is the major fundraiser for the year. We can't wait for everyone to have fun participating on the day. Thank you to the Year 6 teachers and students who have put in many hours of preparation for this event to be successful.

As always, if there are any questions or concerns regarding Stage 3 please speak to a Stage 3 teacher or Mrs Saad and Ms Curran.

Mrs A. Saad & Ms S. Curran  
Stage 3 Supervisors

### Student Leaders

Our leaders have been working on a project with other schools in the Blacktown Learning Community. They have been building robotic cars and using the skill of coding. There will be an afternoon next term, where all the participating schools will get to showcase their creations.

Mrs M. Holburn and Mrs M. Gafa  
Coordinators

### Library News

In the Library Term 3 many students have helped decorate our library for the theme – "Escape to Everywhere" and we have viewed many of the shortlisted books for the Children's Book Council Awards.

Our performance group Super Duper was a sensation with students, and they left us with a CD of their songs.

Our Book Fair has been a huge success thanks to the support of Metella Road Public School families. All orders have been placed with the Book Fair company and hopefully by the time you are reading this they have received them. Just over \$9100 in items were sold at the Book Fair which means a healthy

commission allowing us to purchase many more resources for the school.

The Premier's Reading Challenge has now closed with 148 students being validated for the task. Congratulations to those who finished this year.

Kindergarten have been learning about families and the author Jeannie Baker.

Stage 1 have been learning about the main characters in a story and what they do to become important. Their author study has been Leigh Hobbs.

Stage 2 have been learning about national emblems and symbols connected to our history. Ask them about the trees in the school crest you might be surprised!

Stage 3 have been learning more about researching using the history of our colonies and personal development in relation to values.



Mrs B. Aylett  
Librarian

### ICAS Competition

ICAS is an independent, skills-based assessment program that recognises and rewards student achievement across a number of academic areas.

All tests have been completed and we await further results. We are delighted to share some amazing results achieved by our students in the Writing test.

The following students received a High Distinction or Distinction in these tests – what a fantastic achievement!

#### Writing:

##### **Distinction: Top 10% of participants in Australia**

Year 3 – Dakshita 3F, Breeanna 3D, Lani 3D  
Year 4 – Bailey 4H, Waiaria 4H, Jathavi 4G, Branesh 4H, Raven 4H, Gabriella 4H  
Year 5 – Viren 5W, Kathy 5T  
Year 6 – Tanisha 6C

##### **High Distinction: Top 1% of participants in Australia**

Year 5 – Sagar 5A

These students will receive their awards at our next K-6 Assembly. All other participants of these two tests have received their Credit, Merit or Participation awards from their class teachers. All students have also received their test booklets.

We look forward to seeing our students' results in the remaining tests.

Miss Y. Moulakas & Ms. S. Curran  
Coordinators

### Senior Dance Group

The Senior Dance Group will be participating in The Hills Dance Spectacular on Sunday 10 September at Pacific Hills Christian School, Dural. We will continue to rehearse regularly to ensure the group are ready to perform at this event. Parents wishing to attend will be required to purchase tickets. Please refer to the note sent home for admission prices. Tickets can be purchased on the day.

The Senior Dance Group will also be performing at the Spring Fete on Saturday 28 October.

Thank you for your continued support of the Senior Dance Group!

Miss T. Agius & Miss Y. Moulakas  
Coordinators

### Senior Choir Report

A huge congratulations to all the Senior Choir members who performed in the combined choir for the Blacktown Festival of Performing Arts. All involved worked extremely hard learning and practising the songs and it was a great night. The Senior Choir is continuing to rehearse Tuesday lunch times, preparing performances for the Spring Fete. New members are welcome to join and celebrate their love of music and singing.

Miss K. Thomas  
Coordinator

### Can Count News

At Metella Road Public School we have an aluminium can recycling program whereby students can deliver crushed aluminium cans bagged & labelled with student's name, class & number of cans on Fridays ONLY to outside Mr Nash's workshop in D block (by arrangement large amounts can be picked up). At the end of the year a tally is made of all students to find the student who has collected the most cans, this student, with the help of Mr D'Ermilio, will be awarded a prize. All moneys collected from recycling helps supply classroom resources for your children.

Our thanks go to Liesel 6D and Kiera 5T for their donations this term.

Mr M. Nash  
General Assistant

### State Knockout Girls Touch Football

This year Metella Road Public School has entered a team into the State Knockout Girls Touch Football competition. The team is made up of girls from years 4, 5 and 6 – Annabel, Leila, Ellie, Xianna, Haylee, Miyaka, Amina, Genevieve, Nadelle, Tasha, Makayla, Larni and Waiaria. The girls have been training hard each week since the beginning of term 2.

We progressed to round 3 of the competition due to BYEs and came up against Crawford Public School for our first official game. It was a tough fought match with Metella Road winning 1-0 in the final minute. A brilliant try was scored by Waiaria. Round 4 we progressed through due to forfeit.

Last week we played our round 5 match against Loftus Public School. It was another close and well played game, with Metella Road victorious 4-3. Tries were scored by Leila, Larni, Haylee and Miyaka. The girls represented our school with pride and have proven themselves as a force to be reckoned with.

I would like to thank the girls for their hard work, the group of boys that have assisted me with training sessions and the amazing parents who have given up their time to transport students to and from games and to support our team and our school.

Miss E. McKenzie  
Coordinator

### PSSA News

We have had an amazing run this season with the weather. Very few cancellations due to poor weather. The sportsmanship demonstrated by our teams is to be commended.

Congratulations to each and every one of you for representing Metella Road PS with pride. Thank you to all the coaches. Without the dedication from the teachers, we would not be able to give the students the opportunities that we do.

We will keep you posted on our results. There are a few teams close to winning overall.

Mrs M. Holburn  
Coordinator

### P&C and the Parents Auxiliary

#### Spring Fete

With only 8 weeks to go to the Spring fete, preparations are well underway with sponsorship and prizes coming in.

We have some exciting stalls booked in including;

- Henna Tattoos, Candles, Plaster Art, Doterra Oils, Crystals, Putt Putt Golf, Tupperware, Intimo, Lollies, Popcorn, Gelato, Thermomix, Airbrush Tattoos, Face painting, Children and Baby clothes, Devonshire tea, Gozleme, Outback steakhouse, Showbags, Second hand books, Spring Fete stage competition, Art Exhibitions and of course the Rides.

Do you want free ride passes?

If you have your own business or work for an awesome company who would be willing to sponsor the Spring Fete, then you will be entitled to one free ride pass for the day. Please contact **Stefanie Kendall** at [sskendall@optusnet.com.au](mailto:sskendall@optusnet.com.au) for a sponsorship letter and information package.

An information pack for the Spring Fete will be sent home to all families in the next week with information about; pre-purchasing ride passes, donations for the cake stall, ordering showbags, book donations, volunteers on the day and the Art Exhibition.

### Raffle Tickets/ Guessing Competition

Thanks to all the families who have been selling their raffle tickets, if you want more books they are available at the office. Tickets are \$2.00 each. The prizes include;

- **1<sup>st</sup> Prize:** Hisense 55" (139cm) UHD LED LCD Smart TV 55N6 (Value \$1299) & Installation (Value \$450) (Total Value \$1749)
- **2nd Prize:** Nintendo Switch Console (Value \$469)
- **3rd Prize:** Dulux Paint (to the retail Value \$500 incl GST)
- **4<sup>th</sup> Prize:** Hunter Valley Winery Experience for 2 adults (Value \$389)
- **5<sup>th</sup> Prize:** Dyson Desk Fan AM06 Blue/Iron 301203-01 (Value \$388)
- **6<sup>th</sup> Prize:** Bing Lee Gift Card (Value \$100)



There is a prize for the person who sells the most tickets, a \$100 voucher for Albion Hotel Bistro at Parramatta and 4 x 1 Hour Flip Out passes at Blacktown Flip Out.

### Father's Day Stall

The Father's Day stall was a great success this year. A huge thanks to Roxy and all the parents who helped packing and selling on the day.

### Next P&C Meeting

We hope to see you all at the staffroom on **Tuesday the 12 September for the next P&C / AGM meeting** it is a great opportunity to meet other parents, get involved and find out what is going on at school. The agenda will include;

- Future directions for the school
- Parent's Auxiliary
- Scheduling of future P&C meetings

Mrs S Kendall  
P&C Representative

### Zone Athletics Carnival

On the 31 August, a team of 46 Metella Road students from Years 2 - 6 attended the Wentworthville/Seven Hills Zone Athletics Carnival at Blacktown International Sportspark.

As a team, we were very successful, achieving 4th place across the 20 schools involved and we are very proud of each and every athlete who competed on the day. A special mention to the following students who placed within the Age Championship category:

- Waiaria - 3rd place - Junior Girls Age Champion
- Aina - 4th Place - 11 Year Old Girls Champion
- Harini - 6th Place - Senior Girls Age Champion

A number of students will go on to represent our school at the Sydney West Regional Carnival on the 13th September.

Miss S. Whitfield & Mrs L. Davies  
Coordinators

### Girls Results

Name	Event	Overall Place
Bellany	8 Year Girls 100m	7th
Breanna	9 Year Girls 100m	9th
Tyla	9 Year Girls 100m	10th
Waiaria	10 Year Girls 100m	1st
Tasha	10 Year Girls 100m	3rd
Brooke	10 Year Girls 100m	4th
Genevieve	11 Year Girls 100m	7th
Waiaria	Jnr Girls 200m	1st
Brooke	Jnr Girls 200m	10th
Natalia	11 Year Old Girls 800m	3rd
Jnr Girls Team	Jnr Girls 4x100m Relay	1st
Snr Girls Team	Snr Girls 4x100m Relay	8th
Deepika	Jnr Girls High Jump	4th
Waiaria	Jnr Girls Long Jump	1st
Alana	Jnr Girls Long Jump	7th
Genevieve	11 Year Girls Long Jump	6th
Harini	Snr Girls Long Jump	3rd
Tasha	Jnr Girls Shotput	1st
Mikayla	Jnr Girls Shotput	6th
Aina	11 Year Girls Shotput	2nd
Tanisha	Snr Girls Shotput	1st
Harini	Snr Girls Shotput	2nd
Tasha	Jnr Girls Discus	1st
Aina	11 Years Girls Discus	1st
Harini	Snr Girls Discus	1st
Tanisha	Snr Girls Discus	2nd



### Boys Results

Name	Event	Overall Place
Anthony	8 Year Boys 100m	8th
Taj	9 Year Boys 100m	3rd
Alex	11 Year Boys 800m	6th
Jnr Boys Team	Jnr Boys 4x100m Relay	3rd
Snr Boys Team	Snr Boys 4x100m Relay	8th
Cyrus	Jnr Boys High Jump	2nd
Ryan	11 Year Boys High Jump	9th
Ashton	11 Year Boys High Jump	9th
William	Snr Boys High Jump	5th
Ben	Jnr Boys Long Jump	10th
Daniel	Jnr Boys Shot Put	5th
Ben	Jnr Boys Shot Put	7th
Ben	Jnr Boys Discus	2nd
Daniel	Jnr Boys Discus	5th
Jaiveer	11 Year Boys Discus	4th
Kanishk	11 Year Boys Discus	8th



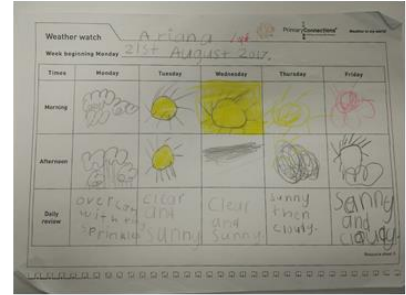
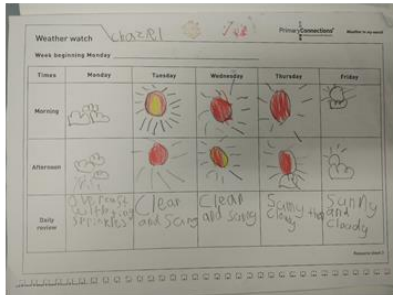
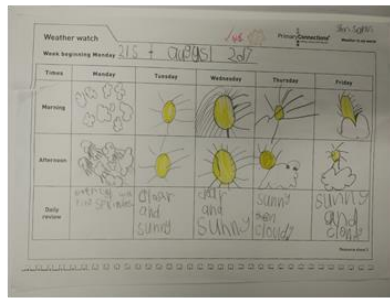


# K-2 Athletics Carnival

*A big thank you  
to all the staff,  
students and  
parents that  
attended our  
K-2 Athletics  
Carnival. It was  
amazing to see  
everyone  
participating  
and having fun.*







## Adventures in Kindergarten!

This term during science we have been learning about weather. We are able to use weather words and symbols to become reporters. These chilly snowman paintings were inspired by activities we can do in winter!

Kindergarten is also very excited about our upcoming excursion to the farm! We have been learning about the purpose of farms, products they give us and farm animals. These amazing artworks are farm-tastic!

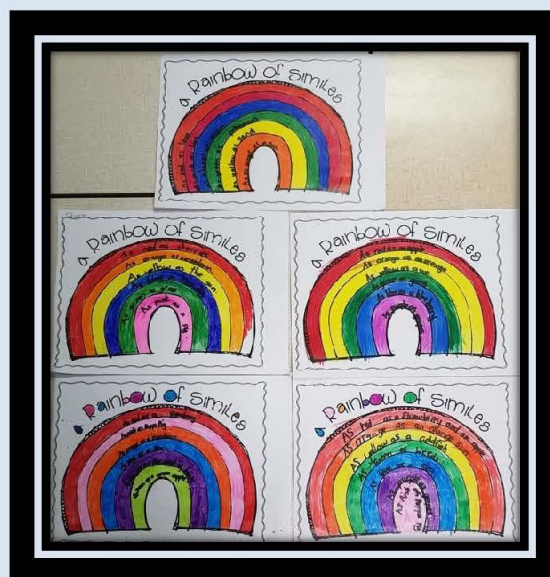
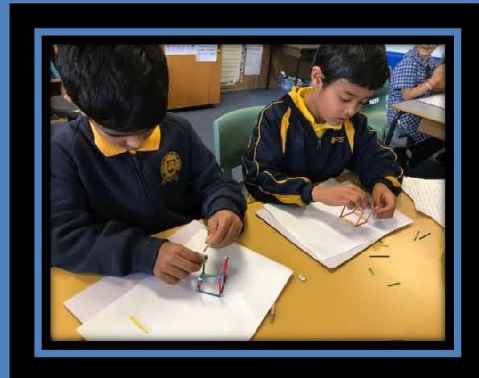


# Spectacular Stage 1

## 1L

1L have been discovering many 3D objects around our school and in our classroom. They have been learning about the properties of 3D objects and the many 3D objects that are used in our daily lives. They knew that a dice is a cube, they found out about the rectangular prisms that are tissue and toothpaste boxes and that Toblerone chocolate comes in a box that is a triangular prism. 1L also noticed that cylinders are used in a variety of ways.

1L thoroughly enjoyed making 3D objects using matchsticks and Blu-Tac.



## 1R

In English 1R has been learning about using similes in our writing to make it more interesting. We created simile rainbows using the words as to compare a colour to something else.

In Mathematics 1R has been learning about 3D objects. They created different 3D object men and identified how many flat faces and vertices each one has.



# Spectacular Stage 1

## 1T

1T has been looking at how things in our environment can change. We created a mini garden with various bits and pieces. A rock, coke can, plastic toy, seeds and no garden would be right without a few weeds.

Over a 2 week period we noticed a change in some of our little gardens. Our seeds have sprouted and are looking good. The weeds are still going strong too. No change however for our rock, coke can or plastic toy.

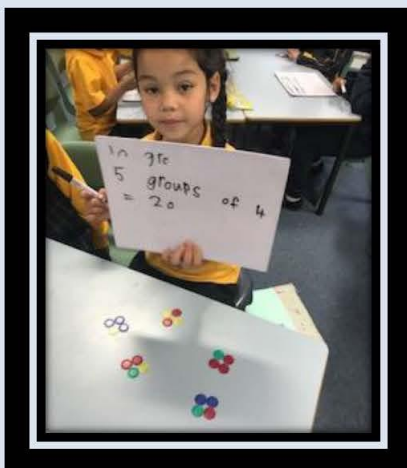
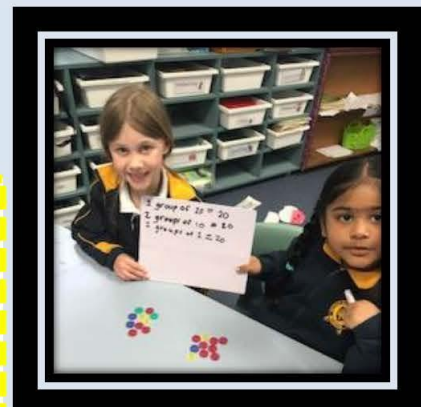
I wonder what we will notice in our next instalment.



## 1B

1B have been extremely busy throughout Term 3.

In Mathematics, we have been learning about two-dimensional shapes. We have created animals using a variety of shapes. We are modelling division by sharing a collection of objects into groups of a given size to determine the number of groups.



# Spectacular Stage 1



## 1/2J

In 1/2J we have been designing and making robotic hands as a stimulus for our procedural writing.



## 1E

1E have had an exciting term so far! We have celebrated Book Week with a parade where we got to dress up as our favourite book character. We've also been growing our own seedlings in our classroom!





# Spectacular Stage 1

## 2H

2H have been learning STEAM (Science, Technology Engineering, Art and Mathematics) activities. We devised and described a method for producing different tints of a colour. 2H used their Mathematical knowledge of fractions to solve tint problems that many artists face. We were curious problem solvers who enjoyed modelling halves, quarters and eighths with paint. 2H love STEAM activities!



## 2E

In Mathematics, 2E have learnt about the properties of 3-D Objects and had fun creating their own 3D objects out of toothpicks and marshmallows.

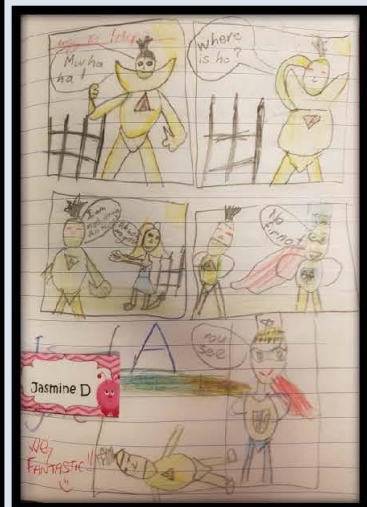
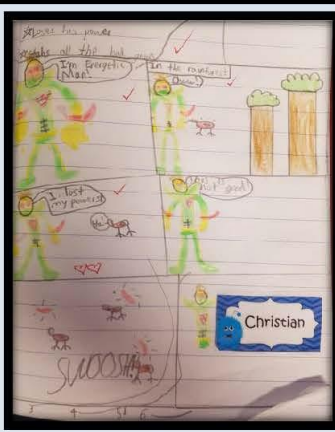


# Spectacular Stage 1



## 2N

In our Term 3 History Unit **The Past in the Present** we have been investigating our schools' history. Here are some amazing photos that show how our school has changed over the years.



## 2M

2M have been learning about comics. We tried our best to write some about a superhero we created. We also tried to use onomatopoeia!





## Community Noticeboard

Metella Road Public School, as a service to parents, will advertise community events that may be of interest.

Metella Road Public School does not necessarily endorse or sponsor the events and accepts no responsibility for the management or organisation of these events.

### Celebrate Family Fun Day Parliament of NSW

Children from 4 to 12 years  
Friday 6 October, 10am - 3 pm

### Ghosts of our Colonial past

Fun educational activities at Australia's oldest Parliament; Children's trail, guessing competition, arts and crafts, role plays, tours of the Chambers, and the opportunity to visit areas rarely open to the public.

Family Fun Day is also renowned for its highly entertaining theatrical re-enactments. This year some very special 'ghosts' from the Parliament's past will engage visitors with intriguing stories and interactive performances.

Sausage in a bread roll - \$3.00 per person

Public Café will be open.



**FREE EVENT**

T (02) 9230 2047 E: [dps.education@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:dps.education@parliament.nsw.gov.au)



Parliament of NSW, Macquarie Street, Sydney  
[www.parliament.nsw.gov.au](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au)




**Come and try hockey this school holidays with Northern Districts Hockey Association**

#### Dates

Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th October  
From 9:30-11:30am

#### Location

Hockey fields at Pennant Hills Park, off Britannia St, Pennant Hills

#### Cost

Registration fee of \$20  
(player provides own stick and shin guards)

Player pack \$40  
includes stick, shin guards and hockey ball

Current players bring a friend and get free registration!

Mouth guards are required; they can be purchased from the club canteen or any chemist

Even if you can't make both days,  
it's still a great opportunity to  
**Try Hockey!**

For more information contact:  
Sarah 0403 202 383 or Edwina 0423 138 734  
[edwinaspoooner@yahoo.com.au](mailto:edwinaspoooner@yahoo.com.au)  
[www.ndhockey.com.au](http://www.ndhockey.com.au)



**SAND SONG**  
Created by Walbira Murray and Elena Vereker

**Barangaroo**

**Don't miss SAND SONG at Barangaroo during the October School Holidays.**

SAND SONG weaves together the ritual of fire, dance, art and song to tell the story of cheeky Brolga stealing Emu's egg in the pre-dawn darkness. The story represents the dawn of understanding, growing up and gaining wisdom. 30 minute workshops followed by a 40-55 minute performance.

**Tuesday, 3 October to Sunday, 8 October 2017**  
the Cutaway, Barangaroo Reserve

**Tickets\***  
Adults and Children \$20  
Family of four \$65  
Groups (10 or more) \$18pp  
Children under 2 free \*plus booking fee  
Suited to primary school students aged 5-12 years

Bookings and more information [barangaroo.com](http://barangaroo.com)



**Westpoint Shopping Centre, Patrick Street, Blacktown**

Seriously...Where else can you Flip Out and not get yelled at?

**Learn to Flip like a Ninja from \$15 per class**

Little Ninjas 4pm-5pm (Thurs)

**Limited spaces available this term!**



**Party with us, minimum 10 people @ \$340**

- 1 hour Jump Time
- Private Party Room
- Large Pizza's
- Chips & Lollies
- Cordial & Water (Unlimited)
- Ice Birthday Cake (incl. Candles)
- Party Host



**Mum's n Bub's**

FREE Regular Coffee with every paying child under 5 for 1 Hour Jump

(School hours only 10am-3pm)

*Excludes school & Public holidays*

**2 for 1**

Monday and Tuesday 3 pm – close

*Excludes school & Public holidays*

If you haven't visited us already, find out what it's all about!

Check out our Facebook page – Flip Out Blacktown

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SYDNEY LIFE SAVING  
NEW SOUTH WALES

A surf education program that brings the beach to the children of Western Sydney  
Registrations are now open, with the season to begin mid-October!  
Limited spots available - register now at [www.surflifesaving.com.au/wetnild](http://www.surflifesaving.com.au/wetnild)



# Northmead

## Creative and Performing Arts High School

The Principal

Our school is a Creative and Performing Arts High School and the school will hold auditions for talented students in Dance, Drama, Music and Visual Arts.

The auditions for Year 6 students (Year 7, 2018) and also Years 8 – 11 will be held at the school on:

**Monday 30th October 2017 – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017**

Talented students with a strong interest in Dance, Drama, Visual Arts and Music are encouraged to apply. Local (In Area) students wanting to be part of our selective Creative and Performing Arts program **MUST** also audition.

Students who gain selection into our school benefit from a range of curriculum and welfare initiatives. Our school also offers modern performance and technical production facilities, specialist teachers and a supportive whole school ethos, which promote excellence in the Creative and Performing Arts.

Many of our Creative and Performing Arts students are multi-talented and have interest in several Creative Arts areas. Our school offers a broad comprehensive curriculum and Music, Dance, Drama and Visual Arts work together under the banner of the Creative and Performing Arts.

We kindly ask that your school publish the attached information sheet for parents and students in your next School Bulletin.

Application forms can be downloaded from the school's website, where parents can also register their interest.

[www.northmead-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](http://www.northmead-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

Closing date for applications and forms need to be returned by **Monday 23rd October 2017**

Should you have any further questions about the auditions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs June Stepic – [june.stepic@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:june.stepic@det.nsw.edu.au) or contact the school - Ph: 9630 4116

Yours sincerely

*N Vazquez*

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Principal

*Quality Learning and Creativity in a Caring Environment*



# Northmead

## Creative and Performing Arts High School

Audition Information for Parents and Students

### Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School.

Auditions – Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November 2017

#### AUDITIONS FOR YEARS 7 to 12, 2018

Talented students in Dance, Drama, Visual Arts and Music are encouraged to apply for positions in the 2018 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 30th October to Friday 3rd November 2017. The cost of auditions is \$50.00.

#### Applications close and forms need to be submitted to NCAPAHs by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017.

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.

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