



Northfield Primary School

WORKING TOGETHER FOR A QUALITY EDUCATION

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IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Friday, 1st December

- [Preschool Pupil Free Day](#)
- Botanic Gardens Excursion - Room 5 & 7

Monday, 4th December

- Governing Council Meeting - 5pm

Tuesday, 5th December

- Zoo Excursion - Room 20, 21 & 22

Thursday, 7th December

- EOY Concert

Monday, 11th December

- Year 6 Waterworld Excursion

Tuesday, 12th December

- Year 6 Graduation

Thursday, 14th December

- Year 6 Cinema Excursion

Friday, 15th December

- Assembly - 1:40pm
- [Last Day of Term - 2:10pm Early Finish](#)

Monday, 29th January

- [First Day of School - 8.50am Start](#)

Principal's Message

Sports Day

Sports Day was a huge success. It was great to see so many families come out and support our students. The relay races are always my favourite but it was also great to watch the students participate in all sorts of games of strategy, skill and collaboration. All of these skills are taught during Physical Education lessons and I commend Sarah for her work. She truly is an outstanding teacher and I am proud to have her as part of the Northfield community.

Thank you to all of our volunteers who pulled together at the last minute to ensure our BBQ and shop was available. We had a lot of staff away with Covid and we would not have been able to make it work without our volunteers. Due to generous donations of food and time, we were able to fundraise \$1345.00 which will go towards subsidising excursions for students in 2024.

It was a great day for our students and the whole Northfield community.

Peace Leaders

Each class have nominated Peace Leaders who represent our students in all matter of schooling. It is an absolute delight to see them show many forms of leadership throughout the school day:

- Listen to and observe the peers
- Speak up when they see a need to be addressed
- Role model our peace code messages
- Meet regularly with Jude to advocate for their classmates

Well done and thank you Jude for facilitating workshops that explicitly teach the skills needed to be a leader.

Kids Helpline

Kids Helpline is Australia's only free (even from a mobile), confidential 24/7 online and phone counselling service for young people aged 5 to 25.

If you need to speak to a counsellor, call **1800 55 1800**, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

<https://kidshelpline.com.au>



Children's University

Our Children's University students graduated in week 3. After 30 hours of learning (outside of school), the students are rewarded for their participation with a certificate at a graduation ceremony at the University of Adelaide.

Congratulations to all of our students and thank you Lucy for supporting our CU students throughout the year.

Class Placement for 2024

Staff started this process at the beginning of this term. We take into consideration the best learning environment for every student. This process is a long one and classroom teachers, specialist teachers and leaders all have input. Thank you to families who also made contact with us about their thoughts for next year.

Students will visit their class for 2024 in week 9. Students will not be moved based on parent requests as this process is now complete.

Donna Beaney
Principal

How to Prepare Your Child for High School

The later years of primary school are a good time to start preparing your child for high school. You can help them with these tips:



Show enthusiasm

Start talking about high school with your child throughout the year leading up to the start of high school. Be positive and discuss the things about going to high school that you know they will be interested in - it could be an opportunity to try out for a school band, or to engage in experiments in science. Discuss the subjects they might learn and the friends they might meet.

Listen and acknowledge their concerns

Discuss with your child what they think going to high school will be like. What do they think their classes will be like? What are they most looking forward to? How many kids do they know from their primary school who will be going to their high school? Listening to your child talk may give you some indication of their concerns. If they have concerns, let your child know that you take them seriously, and together work out ways to address them.

Get your child used to their new school

If you can, drive or walk past the high school your child will attend occasionally, and comment on it. For instance, you might talk about the nice garden or the fact that it has a basketball court. This will familiarise your child with the school.

Introduce or enhance study routines

Prepare your child for the likely increase in homework by establishing study routines and preparing a study area free from distractions.

Begin or increase focus on time management

Help your child to start scheduling their study and extracurricular activities on a calendar or wall planner, so they appreciate the power of time management.

New Autism Resources to Support Students Starting School

Starting school is an exciting and important milestone in every child's life. The Student Wellbeing Hub has unveiled a new suite of resources to support autistic students (diagnosed or undiagnosed) during their transition to primary school. These comprehensive resources offer valuable insights into neurodiversity and equip parents, educators, and students with the tools they need to succeed in their educational journey.

Explore the wide range of resources available on the Student Wellbeing Hub:

<https://studentwellbeinghub.edu.au/autism/>



Starting School

**New autism resources
for families**

Support your child's school journey

Find out more



Student Wellbeing Hub

Adelaide Parliament House

Rooms 9 and 10 went to Adelaide Parliament House on Monday 6 November and we debated whether or not community service should be compulsory for high school students.

We saw pictures of all the past Premiers of South Australia. We saw pictures of war. We also learnt that in the 1900's they were allowed to bring swords and guns into Parliament House. There was a blood line and if you crossed the blood line then you could fight, but you would probably go to jail.

The main person at the front is called the Speaker and they decide who speaks next.

There were two rooms and they both have different colours. The red one means that it is royalty, the next one is green and, on the green, it has wheat grass and stuff like that because it represents poor people.

After Parliament House we went and had lunch at the Adelaide Botanic Gardens.

Jay Patel, Room 10



Sports Day

