



Northfield Primary School

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IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Tuesday, 12th December

- Year 6 Graduation

Thursday, 14th December

- Year 6 Cinema Excursion
- Assembly - 2:30pm

Friday, 15th December

- Aquatic Centre Excursion - Whole School
- Last Day of Term - 2:10pm Early Finish

Monday, 29th January

- First Day of School - 8.50am Start

Principal's Message

This will be our last newsletter for 2023 and I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work all of our students do every day at school. I would like to congratulate our year 6's and wish them all the best in their next adventure onto high school. I know they are ready for this step and am extremely proud of their achievements this year.

Our concert last week was a wonderful way to celebrate and show case our students' talents. Thank you to all of our families who attended and helped to make this a special occasion. Thank you to Mrs Ibrahim, Ms Joanna, Alex, Renee, Nick, our talented students and all of the staff who worked behind the scenes to make it happen.

We have amazing educators at Northfield who are passionate about making a difference for every students. They collaborate to ensure every student is the best they can be. I would like to thank them all for the amazing work they do every day.

I wish everyone a wonderful summer break. Keep safe and we look forward to seeing you on the 29th of January, 2024.

Donna Beaney
Principal

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be open on:

Friday 19th January 2024 8am - 2pm

Tuesday 23rd January 2024 8am - 2pm

EFTPOS ONLY - NO CASH SALES

**PLEASE ENSURE ALL CHILDREN'S
ITEMS HAVE THEIR NAME ON IT**

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>



Neighbourhood School Watch

If you see any suspicious behaviour at the school during the school holidays, please contact the Police on **131 444**.

Using School Grounds

Schools grounds can be used during the holidays e.g. the oval or the playground. However the school pool is out of bounds. Police will be contacted if anyone is found using the pool.

Keeping Safe During The School Holidays

School holidays are a time for children to take a break from their daily routines, and spend it with families and friends. There are also opportunities for older children (pre-teens) to start exploring.

By the pre-teen years, many children are starting to become increasingly independent wanting to do more things without their parents and/or carers around. Use the holidays as an opportunity to talk with and show your child how to be a safe pedestrian, rider and passenger. This **upskilling** will support them as their need for independence increases.

Talk to your children about safe places to play. Highlight the risks and challenges in different neighbourhoods and traffic environment differences when on holidays.

Consider independent activities your child might do in the holiday period and how you can help to make it safer. For example:

Chalk drawings - can be lots of fun but ensure your child is not working across driveways or shared paths where they are at risk of not being seen by a driver or cyclist. Always have an adult or friend standing upright when drawing so they can easily be seen.

Playing with balls - talk with your child and their friends about stopping to look for vehicles/riders before chasing runaway balls. Encourage one of them to be a spotter to keep an eye out for vehicles/riders and to pause the play, get everyone to stand in a safe spot until it's OK to resume play. Check road safety risks of installed basketball or netball hoops such as not being seen by drivers entering or exiting driveway entrances, blind spots from street bends or corners and so on.

Changes in traffic - talk to your child that quiet roads don't mean they are always safe roads, they must be alert to vehicles/riders. eg cul-de-sacs

Riding and walking to the shops or friend's house or having sleepovers - discuss how to be a safe and responsible pedestrian/rider/passenger. Highlight the potential places of risk when playing or travelling. Talk about what to do if they're feeling unsafe or there's an emergency.

Things to share with your children when they're out and about:

- they always tell you/an adult when and where they are going
- if feeling unsafe, tell someone and move to somewhere safer
- avoid playing near driveways and carparks as drivers may not see them
- check their bike's brakes, bell, reflectors and tyres are all working before going for a ride
- correctly wear a helmet when riding any device
- remove their headphones when near traffic so they can hear approaching vehicles
- stop, look, listen, think before they cross the road, and not just follow their friends
- wear bright clothing so drivers can see them, especially when it's twilight.

I will be returning to my previous teaching role and school in 2024. I would like to take this opportunity to thank students, staff and families for their incredible support during my time at Northfield. I have loved getting the opportunity to get to know you all and have thoroughly enjoyed my time here.

Jude Dunn
Wellbeing Leader



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