

TERM 2

AROUND THE GROUNDS





Principal

TRACY POSTLE

It is hard to believe we are at the end of another term and half way through the school year!

I have enjoyed the opportunity (and challenge) to lead the school in Dane Ropa's absence. I would not have been able to do this without the support of key staff members. A big thank you to Laura Buxton who covered my role as Deputy Principal, allowing me to focus on my role as Principal.

Dane will be back for term three and I will resume my position as Deputy Principal.

As you will see through the following pages, this term was a busy one with many extra-curricular events. That said, teaching and learning is our main priority. Students who miss classroom learning due to extra-curricular events have been able to access classroom learning with the Google Classroom platform. This platform does require our teachers to ensure content and assignments are up to date, yet the extra effort is worth it so no student misses a learning opportunity while they are away.

Our year 10 students are deciding on their subject choices for years 11 and 12. We have had a number of meetings with parents and students to discuss future pathways. These meetings will continue into the first two weeks of Term 3. These interviews are beneficial, as there are many considerations as to pathways for senior school, as well as understanding the best combination of subjects to suit interests and career aspirations.

Our career advisor is also available to assist with career planning and appropriate subject choices. It is great to see the breadth of curriculum available and the range of subjects that students can access.

I have been fortunate enough to have meetings with many of our Year 11 Students. These meetings have been in small groups so each student's voice is heard. We discuss their Year 11 experience and future goals. It is insightful to hear the student's perspective and learn what they enjoy and want from their school. I have reminded students in these sessions that many of our students in Year 12 apply for early entry into university and as part of the application process Year 11 results are considered. This means that many of our students in the 2020 HSC cohort already knew they were accepted into university before they sat their final exams. There is information about this process on our Careers website.

Can you believe next term is the last term for our Year 12's? If you are a parent of our current Year 12 cohort, you should be very proud. They continue to make the most of their opportunities and show great dedication to their final few months of school. I have visited a number of Year 12 classrooms recently and have been impressed with their engagement and work ethic. Term 3 can be a very busy and stressful term for these students. Organisation and time management is the key. It is important to have a

study timetable established that considers other commitments. A student's greatest asset is their teacher and they should continue to seek feedback and advice leading up to the Trial examinations and the Higher School Certificate.

The school leadership process for 2022 school leaders has already commenced. Prefect applications and student and staff voting has occurred and I am thrilled to announce the 2022 student leadership team. The team is already meeting and collaborating with each other and the very capable Year 12 student leadership team.

Congratulations to the following successful candidates for prefect 2021-2022:

Monique Allen	Daisy Batty
Saxby Bolton- Johnson	Tenzin Choenyi
Chiraagdeep (Shaan) Gill	Taylah Graham
Ryan Iggo	Laura Macdonald
Patrick O'Callaghan	Tian Rae
Oliver Tibbett	

In Term 3 the process of electing our four school captains will occur with the "official" commencement of duties occurring in Term 4.

Finally, I appeal to families to ensure all students have a full winter uniform. We have taken on feedback and there is a warm winter navy blue pant available from our uniform shop. It is a female designed fit and is proving popular with students. There are also many other warm items available to be worn. Uniform is an important factor in any school for a number of reasons including safety, image, inclusivity and equity.

I wish you all a happy and safe holiday, and look forward to many exciting events and student engagement in the busy Term 3.

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FROM THE STUDENTS



ANJA VIGOUR-YEAR 11

What has been the highlight for you in Term 2?

I think it was definitely in Earth and Environmental Science learning about different structures of the Earth. It's cool that we can understand the world around us better.

What subject have you enjoyed the most?

Earth and Environmental Science and Biology the most. I love science and in these subjects I learn about things that are relevant for what I want to do in my career after school. I want to do a Bachelor of Animal Science when I graduate.

What makes you proud of your school?

I am proud of the opportunities that are provided to us and the constant support from teachers.

What will you be doing in the holidays?

I will be training for dressage (horse riding) and probably doing my Earth and Environmental Science assignment.

What has been the highlight for you in Term 2?

Learning more and playing soccer.

What subject have you enjoyed the most?

Probably tech as I enjoy woodwork. And PE!

What makes you proud of your school?

The sport, and what I've learnt by being at school.

What will you be doing in the holidays?

Surfing, soccer, skating and tennis.

If you could improve one thing in the school, what would it be?

Cleaner bathrooms

SAM DIGBY - YEAR 7



It would be great to have more check-ins with senior students...

If you could improve one thing in the school, what would it be?

I think it would be good to have more routine check ins with senior students to make sure they are on track with their learning. Teachers are always super helpful but sometimes students don't ask for help because they feel embarrassed.

What has been the highlight for you in Term 2?

Term two has honestly been a bit of a bumpy road but many highlights along the way have made it great. One of the best being competing with the academy dance team at the I'd Rather Be Dancing eisteddfod in which we received a Highly Commended in a massive section of 22 dance troupes.

What subject have you enjoyed the most?

My favourite subject has always been maths. I find it super interesting finding all the different ways you can come to an answer and I also like there being a correct answer so I can know whether I'm wrong or right.

What makes you proud of your school?

I'm always supported in whatever adventure I choose to take that day. I also love attending Narrabeen because the faculty and majority of the students are super friendly and non-judgemental allowing me to always be myself.

What will you be doing in the holidays?

I intend on spending the majority of my school holidays with my friends just having a good time. I also dance outside of school so for two days I'll be at a competition competing group routines with some of the most amazing girls I know and for another 3 days, I'll be learning and workshopping a new routine with some of those amazing girls, even some of Narrabeen's own.

If you could improve one thing in the school, what would it be?

Realistically speaking, something I would like to see the school improve on is its environmental impact. Something as simple as implementing recycling and compost bins bringing in initiatives to clean up the school (removing rubbish) or simply planting a few more plants and trees around the school so more oxygen can be produced and carbon stored.

OLIVIA WICKS-YEAR 10



RYDER JAMES-YEAR 9



What has been the highlight for you in Term 2?

My highlight from term 2 has been the experiences in science with chemistry.

What subject have you enjoyed the most?

Science has been really fun this year and has taught me many new things. I also enjoyed academy in the morning, it made me happy for the rest of the day.

What makes you proud of your school?

The great programs and opportunities for me and for my learning.

What will you be doing in the holidays?

I will be surfing every day and eating, there probably won't be much homework being done.

If you could improve one thing in the school, what would it be?

That there would be more hands on activities for all subjects.



FROM THE STUDENTS

FELICITY TRAINA-YEAR 8

What has been the highlight for you in Term 2?

My highlight in Term Two has been was the English Assessment (Eco issues) that we completed in groups.

What subject have you enjoyed the most?

The subject I have enjoyed the most is History as I like learning about the past and I prefer writing in books to working on a laptop.

What makes you proud of your school?

What makes me proud of my school is the teachers as they have given us a good education and the SRC as they have come up with good programs for the school.

What will you be doing in the holidays?

In the holidays I will be going away to Cairnes for a couple of days.

If you could improve one thing in the school, what would it be?

If I could improve one thing in the school it would be the uniform as I really want a winter uniform that everyone has to wear.

I prefer writing in books to working on a laptop

JULIA WORTH- YEAR 9

What has been the highlight for you in Term 2?

One of the highlights I remember from Term 2 was getting my Science results for my assessment. I was really proud of my achievements.

What subject have you enjoyed the most and why?

One subject I have really enjoyed over this year is Math. This is because it has challenged my way of thinking whilst still being really fun and interesting.

What makes you proud of your school?

One thing that makes me proud of this school is how easy it is to talk to the teachers about anything.



Whether it's to do with school or home, the teachers here really try hard to listen to what we have to say as well.

What will you be doing during the holidays?

I will be going out and meeting with my friends.

If you could improve one thing in school, what would it be?

If I had to improve one thing in the school it would be either increasing the amount of seating areas, more bubblers and changing uniforms for girls in particular.



STAFF SPOT LIGHT

ELLEN STRETTON

How long have you been at Narrabeen Sports High School?

8 years

What is your role at the school?

I am a Social Worker

Why is it so important?

I am like a bridge to support and can sometimes be one of the first times students have spoken to someone about something they're struggling with. Sometimes it's awkward or scary talking to parents and friends. They know they can talk with me. Together the student and I work out what the next steps are for support in or outside of school and then I check in to see how that has gone. I see my role as making sure young peoples voices are heard, as well as giving them confidence to use their voice and ask for help.

What is your number one tip for wellbeing?

Don't think you have to go it alone. Ever. You're worth so much more than you think you are and those who care want to know you're ok!

Last words...

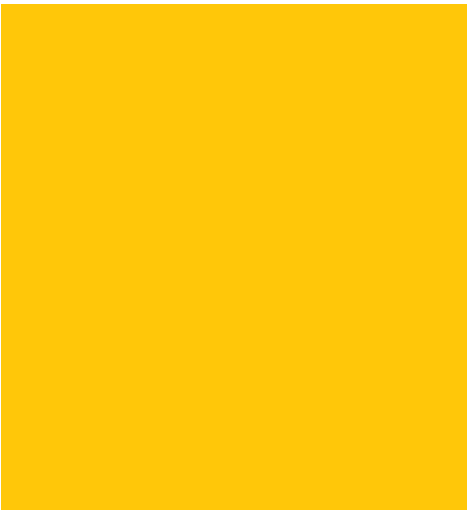
Anyone who knows me, knows that I really love what I do. I see it as a huge privilege to be invited into the lives of the students I work with, to walk alongside them through the dark times and celebrate the victories. I'm just really thankful to the parents and the school for their support to allow me to do what I do.

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STAFF UPDATES

This term we have had a few staff changes:

- Tracy Postle appointed Relieving Pricipal - Dane Ropa returns in Term 3
- Lisa Phillips was appointed Relieving Principal at Elanora Heights Public School
- Adam Hughes (see bio) joined the team as Deputy Principal and now moving across the road to Principal of Narrabeen North Public School.
- Alison Waddy has moved on after 27 years in the office (pictured with Sue Coltman)
- Ian Wood, Nick Zammit and Ben David all had new additions to their families



WELCOME TO THE NSHS FAMILY



Alexander Qiu Zammit
17th of May at 3pm weighing 3.88kg



Annaliese Margaret David
14 May 2021 at 730am weighing 2.2kg

ADAM HUGHES

Adam Hughes is a committed and inspiring educational leader with many years of experience. Starting his career as a PE teacher, he has been appointed the positions of Assistant Principal, Principal and Senior Education Officer in the Student Welfare Directorate with the NSW DoE.

Adam has also worked at senior levels in the international education sector with the Abu Dhabi Education Council in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and with the English Schools Foundation in Hong Kong.

Returning to Sydney with his family in 2020 Adam jumped at the opportunity to join the PDHPE team at Narrabeen Sports High School and recently Principal of Narrabeen North Public School. Adam will also play key role is working on the strategic plan for the new Middle School Learning Precinct.
(Pictured with Rochelle Bernard being welcomed to the PDHPE team)

ART CAMP

The Creative and Performing Arts faculties created Art Camp - three days filled with creative workshoping, performing, and collaborating. Cumberland High School joined for one day as part of an ensemble. We can not wait for the MADD in August. It is already shaping up to be a great exhibition of the school's art, drama and musical talents!



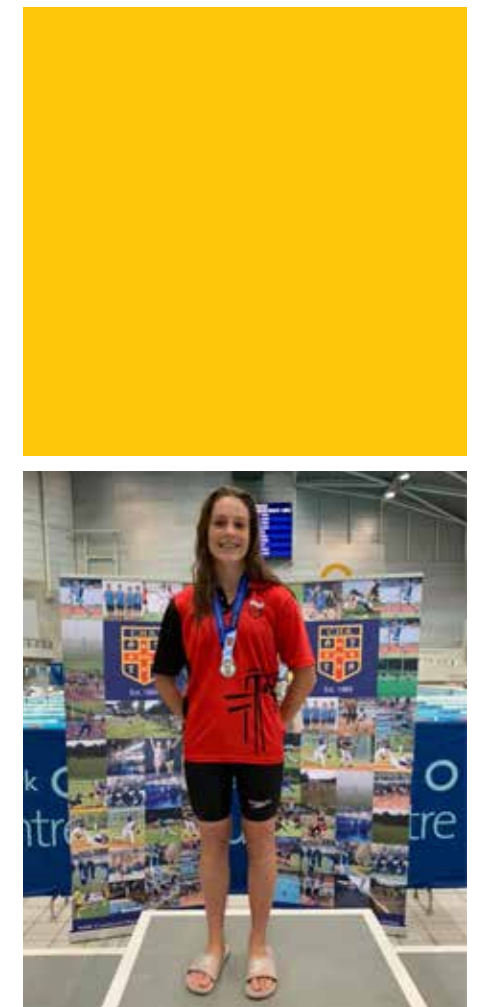
OUR NEW FLAGS

The new Flag Poles on Pittwater Road were installed last year. With the much larger poles, we needed larger flags which arrived this term. Flag Corps involves Year 7 and 8 students trained by our Year 11 students in the proper protocol of raising the flags in the morning and lowering them in the afternoon and handling the flags with respect. In the last couple of weeks, we have raised the Aboriginal Flags on Sorry Day and raised the Australian flag to half mast in memory of local legend Bob Fulton. Next time you drive by, look up!

Flags L-R: Australian, Aboriginal, Torres Strait Island, and Narrabeen Sports High School Flag

SPORT

There was a lot of sport played this term and will continue into next. Here are a few highlights 1) The Opens Boys Tennis Team who have made it to the finals of CHS Sydney North Stan Jones Tournament 2) Four of our boys who are in the winning Sydney North Touch team 3)The Year 7/8 Team who won NSW Touch Football Sydney Metro Carnival 4) Our girls in the Sydney North team who won the gold medal at the NSW CHS open girls touch football tournament 5) Ally Bullman and Lily Boyle in the CHSNSW1 team who won the NSW All Schools Rugby 7s tournament.



IN THE POOL

SUMMARY OF SWIMMING RESULTS

- 1st Warringah Zone Swimming
- 1st Sydney North Regional Swimming
- 1st CHS State Swimming championships

Individual medallists at CHS: Dom Melbourne, Violet Walton, Olivia Clues

Individual medallists at NSW All Schools: Dom Melbourne, Violet Walton

Ms Lauren Wilson and Dominique Melbourne trialed for the Olympic Team



**NARRABEN ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
AGE CHAMPIONS**

12 Year Olds Female - Individual Scores		
1	Black-Berryman, Talia	20
2	Wright, Mali	14
3	Macaulay, Millie	09
12 Year Olds Male - Individual Scores		
1	Cronan, Brody	50
2	Shields, Ziggy	27
3	Cater, Mitchell	22
13 Year Olds Female - Individual Scores		
1	Laura, Bell	35
2	Rogers, Baelei	33
3	Berryman, Madeleine	28
13 Year Olds Male - Individual Scores		
1	McPhee, Jude	29
2	Jack, Stockley	23
3	Coles, Charlie	18
14 Year Olds Female - Individual Scores		
1	Carissa, Smyth	33
2	Alyssa, Cronan	25
3	Eliza, Henry	24
14 Year Olds Male - Individual Scores		
1	Tamoko O Te Rangī, Berryman-Duff	38
2	Sami, Davis	24
3	Caelan, Marshall-Witte	19
15 Year Olds Female - Individual Scores		
1	Nickson, Taylor	42
2	Ruby, Trueman	18
3	Zoe, Casper	14
3	Ava, Washington	14
15 Year Olds Male - Individual Scores		
1	Corey, Simpson	31
2	Dane, Burns	25
3	Tylan, Black-Berryman	02
16 Year Olds Female - Individual Scores		
1	Marissa, Stubbs	60
2	Chelsea, Smyth	30
3	Indi, Watson	23
16 Year Olds Male - Individual Scores		
1	Neal, Evan	36
2	Lachlan, Davis	32
3	Neil, Evan	30
17+ Female - Individual Scores		
1	Lyla, Colombo	35
2	Whiting, Samantha (1st in MC)	27
3	Caitlin, Wallace	24
17+ Male - Individual Scores		
1	Oskar, Warner	39
2	Cuban, Porter Sheen	38
3	Rio, Porter Sheen	33



ATHLETICS

Narrabeen Sports High School won the Zone Athletics Carnival
RECORDS BROKEN:
Benjamin Mackinlay: Boys 17+ years Javelin - 46.50m. (2001 at 43.14m)
• Chelsea Smyth: 16 years girls 1500m run
• Rio Porter-Sheen: 17 years boys 200m
• Ben Mackinlay: 18 years boys Shot Put
• Evan Neal: 16 years boys triple jump
• Corey Simpson, Tylan Berryman Black, Cooper Phillips, Sebastian Chiarella Cullen: 15 years boys 100m relay
AGE CHAMPIONS:
• Brody C: 12 years boys
• Marissa S: 16 years girls
• Evan Neal: 16 years boys



**SYDNEY NORTH
CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS**

Mitch C	3rd	12 years boy
Isabel H	5th	13 years girls
Baelei R	6th	13 years girls
Marissa S	5th	16 years girls
Chelsea S	8th	16 years girls
Indi W	9th	16 years girls
Lachie D	6th	16 years boys
Samantha W	2nd	Multiclass 16-19



FOOTBALL CODES

RUGBY UNION

Teams

U/14s Ramsay Shield Competition - Currently 3rd poised to win the competition

Individual

U/12s Billy Miller Warringah Rats State Cup Winners

U/14s Amari-Jay Tangi - SRU Representative

U/15s Baxter Warner, John Gerich - SRU Representative

U/16s Latu Fainu- SRU Representative

Opens Kylan Mafoa, Oskar Warner, Levi Kamoe, Cuban Porter Sheen, Jordan Wolfgramm, Johnathan Taufa CHS First XV For NSW Schoolboy Championship

Opens - Maddie Binding, Lili Boyle 7 CHS Girls 7s

RUGBY LEAGUE

Teams

U/13s Boys - Jamie Lyon Cup Winners

U/14s Boys - Buckley Shield in the Knockout Stage

U/15s Boys - Steve Menzies Trophy Winners

Opens Boys - University Shield in the Knockout Stage

Individual

Harold Matthews Cup Manly Sea Eagles - Rio Porter Sheen, Latu Fainu, Dylan Coutts, Antonio Taufa

NSWRL Player of the Year Award - Latu Fainu

U/16s City v Country - Latu Fainu

SG Ball- Parramatta Eels - Kylan Mafoa

Tarsha Gale- Sydney Roosters - Maddie Binding

U/18s City v Country - Maddie Binding

FOOTBALL (SOCCER)

Teams

Opens Boys Football made it to Round 5 of Sydney North

Opens Girls Football made it to Round 4 of Sydney North

Bill Turner Boys Round made it to Round 4

Bill Turner Girls currently made it to Round 4

MORE SPORT

As always, Narrabeen is a force to be reckoned with against other schools. We are well represented across many sports and always showing school spirit and great sportsmanship

1) Our two U16 boys Futsal team who played each other in the Grand Final at the Regional Tournament on the Central Coast 2) U16 Girls Futsal team 3) U14 and U16 Girls Rugby teams who played in the Katrina Fanning Cup. The U14 won their tournament so are off to Sydney Metro Finals. The U16 lost (controversial) their Grand Final, yet may play in Sydney Metro on a wildcard. 5) Open Girls Basketball team progressed to round 3 6) Cheering our school



NETBALL

We have a record-breaking nine teams representing our school this semester.

- 3x Year 7/8
- 3x Year 9/10
- 1x Under 15
- 1x Open's
- 1x Year 11/12 Fast 5

SUMMARY OF NETBALL RESULTS

- Year 7/8 and 9/10 have made it through to Sydney North finals
- U15 have made it through to Sydney North finals
- Year 11/12: Tied for 1st place unfortunately lost on count back
- Opens had a very tough match in round 1 and were knocked out

WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS

This term we had a number of incredible speakers and guests deliver a variety of workshops for our students. CLOCKWISE: 1) Mr Date running a workshop on the Responsible Use of Social Media for year 7 2) Ex-student and founder of The Good Human Factory, Cooper Chapman, discusses Mental Health & Resilience 3) Year 9-12 students attended a Work Place Safety workshop to attain a 'White Card' ran by Steve from Coastal OH&S Services.



SPECIAL EVENTS

HIGH PERFORMANCE SPORTS

Miss Rodgers organised a special High Performance Sports Event for our top student-athletes.

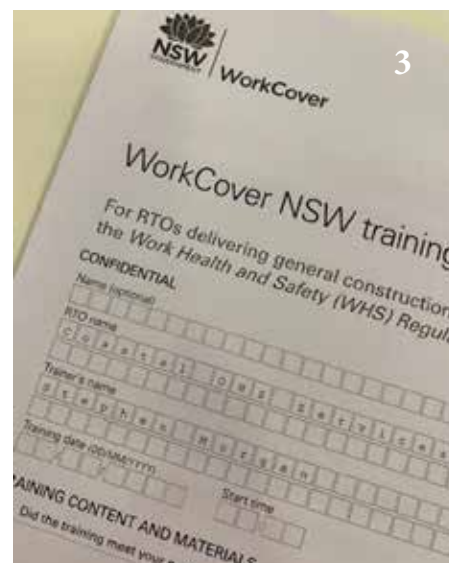
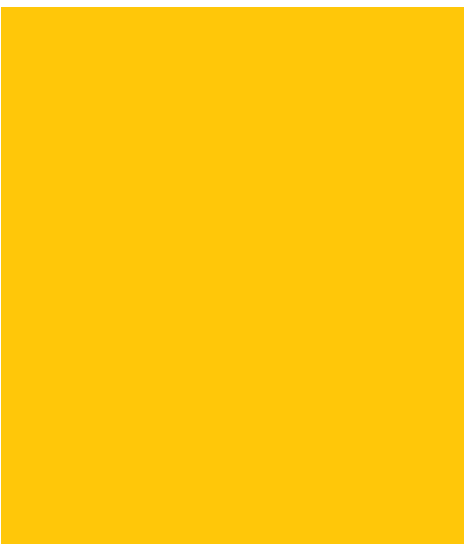
The students heard from elite athletes to get their tips on what it takes to compete at the highest level. Trent Oeltjen (former Major League Baseball player) Los Angeles Dodgers and Natasha Barker (former Olympic weightlifter) motivated and inspired.

They also spoke with Deborah Anne (Macquarie Uni student and athlete) to understand balancing training and studying.

And to conclude the event, the students got to get out on the oval and engage in some fitness testing and screening with our Strength and conditioning coaches Ksquared Sportstyle. Demonstrating why they are 'our top student athletes'!

Growth is in the friction; in the uncomfortable moments in life

Trent Oeltjen



NARRAFEST

Narrafest is a showcase of our dance and musical talents. While we have three very esteemed judges, the audience also cast their votes to determine the best act as well. It is such a high-energy hour involving the students and staff and some very talented performers. Special mention to Mr Herdman for his mash up of 'La Bamba' and 'Twist and Shout', Sean and Daisy's beautiful performance of a song written by Sean and the PDHPE teachers for taking out the tug-o-war! The winning performance was by Joel Lee (Year 7) for his human beat box!



1



2

THE JUDGES



DJ KFC



3

MR HERDMAN



4

SEAN & DAISY



5



THE WINNER

CHANGES FOR TERM 3

NEW WEBSITE

We are launching a new website in Term 3. This website will be a one-stop platform for news and information regarding our school. The new site will be very user friendly helping you find all the information you need as well as regular updates with news and events happening at school.

While we have an active community on social media and this will continue to be a source for ‘what’s happening’, we appreciate that not everyone regularly uses social media and nor is it appropriate to share everything that is happening at our school on social media.

The Sentral App will also support the new website and be a constant source of reminders and updates. If you still have not got the Sentral App all the information you need to download and use the App is here.
<https://info.sentral.com.au/new-app-getting-started>

ATTENDANCE

Since the start of Term 2 students have needed a 90% school attendance rate to be eligible to attend non-curriculum activities including excursions and incursions. Pleasingly our percentage of students over the 90% benchmark has increased by 15%. Well done to those students who have improved. We want our students to value their education and being away from school has a negative impact on this. When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to learn, build friendships and develop life skills.

We would like to acknowledge the following students who currently have 100% attendance since day one Term 1:

- Flynn Greenow
- Vedansh Upadhyay
- Kevin Zheng

WINTER UNIFORM

Winter is well and truly here and it is great to see a lot of our students wearing their winter uniform with pride. Unfortunately, there are a few students who are out of uniform. Not only does it affect the school image in the wider community but there are also safety issues around identifying students and WHS in practical classrooms.

Hoodies are not allowed! However, we have beanies, jumpers, jackets and pants that are very warm. We also have a new style navy formal pants for the girls. If your child does not have the correct winter uniform they can purchase online or visit the NEW school uniform shop during school hours. Please support us and ensure your child is in the correct winter uniform.

NEW CANTEEN PARTNER

We are excited to announce our new canteen partner is Belinda’s Kitchen. Belinda’s Kitchen is the partner of several secondary schools along the Northern Beaches and will bring a fresh new menu for Term 3 and beyond. All the favourites items will remain on the menu with some fresh, new winter warmers as well. We would like to take the opportunity to thank Vyv for providing a wonderful service and we wish her all the best in her new endeavours.



BREAKFAST MENU

Freshly baked assorted muffins	\$2.50
Oven baked hash browns (not fried)	\$1.50
Ham and 2 egg rolls	\$6.00
Fruit salad with yoghurt	\$5.00
Assortment of cereals	\$3.50

You are welcome to contact me at:
belindaskitchen@gmail.com with dietary requirements eg gluten free .

ALL DAY MENU

Assortment of fresh muffins all day	\$2.50
Assortment of fresh wraps	\$5.00
Chicken schnitzel ,crispy lettuce w. whole egg mayo	
Ham, cheese, tomato, crispy lettuce, mayo	
Egg, crispy lettuce, mayo	
Assortment of salad wraps	
Canteen made sausage rolls	\$4.00
<small>No extra cost for sauce but you won't need it because they are great on their own.</small>	
Canteen made spinach and ricotta quiches	\$4.00
Vegetarian quiches	\$4.00
Ham and cheese quiches	\$4.00
Burgers	
<small>all served with lettuce melted cheese and sauce</small>	
Chilli chicken	
Chicken fillet	
Chilli chicken	
Beef	
Vege	
Assortment of bread rolls	TBA

DRINKS AVAILABLE ALL DAY

300ml chocolate strawberry vanilla malt	\$3.00
Water pump 750ml	\$4.00
Water 300ml	\$2.00
Juices orange apple	\$3.00
No sugar mineral water	\$2.80
Raspberry, apple & black currant	

SALADS

Caesar salad	\$6.50
Crispy cos lettuce, chicken crispy, bacon, parmesan egg, croutons and canteen made caesar dressing.	
Greek salad	\$6.50
Cherry tomatoes, cucumber, red capsicum, Spanish onion, Danish fetta & served with canteen made vinaigrette	

SPECIALS OF THE DAY MONDAY TO FRIDAY \$6.00

MONDAY - Penne Neapolitan a tasty tomato based pasta with garlic, onion, mixed herbs, crushed tomatoes and Neapolitan sauce served with a sprinkling of tasty cheese.

TUESDAY - Honey soy dumplings served with jasmine rice a special blend of honey soy sauce blended on the premises and served with a fluffy pillow of rice

WEDNESDAY - Lasagne minced garlic, onions, carrots, beef stock, crushed tomato's layered with lasagne sheets and topped with parmesan and tasty cheese

THURSDAY - Butter chicken and basmati rice a blend of garlic, onion, cumin & coriander spices with a butter chicken paste blended in a light cream

FRIDAY - Beef ravioli served with bolognese sauce served with a sprinkling of cheese, or sushi

NB. NOTE PLEASE BRING CASH FOR THE FIRST TWO WEEKS AS I WILL BE PROVIDING EFTPOS. I AM GOING TO UPDATE THE WIFI SYSTEM FOR EFTPOS AS IT SEEMS TO CRASH TOO OFTEN AND AS A BUSINESS I CANT SERVE FOOD IF THERE IS A CRASH. PLEASE BARE WITH ME AS I MAKE SURE ALL SYSTEMS ARE WORKING TO CAPACITY.

I look forward to cooking and creating great food and a happy environment.
Thank you,
Belinda's Kitchen



JAMES WIGGINS



Learning management problems are not something we think much about as parents. But we should! Good learning experiences don't just magically happen!

FROM THE P&C

PROBLEMS INTO OPPORTUNITIES

My biggest surprise on first joining the P&C was the discovery of how much of what we as parents believe the Department of Education pays for, and what it does not pay for. Like smaller class sizes; student welfare programs; school counselors; or arts and drama programs. The things that not only improve the learning experience of our kids but their mental health and opportunities to discover interests that may better lead to life-long passions or future careers. Things a lot less possible with ordinary Department of Education funding.

The P&C made a decision this term to help the school with additional funding to enhance some of the opportunities for our kids.

The Department has mandated new literacy and numeracy programs to lift the level of literacy and numeracy across all schools– which is great. It's providing a strategy created by experts for the school to implement. To help execute this strategy to its fullest potential and provide additional resources to assist those teachers involved, the P&C is donating a significant sum of money.

I admit these learning management problems are not something we think much about as parents.

But we should because good learning experiences don't just magically happen, and these difficult decisions our school needs to make all the time, impact the learning and welfare of our kids. To be honest, our school could just implement these programs without all of this extra cost and effort. But the program wouldn't be as effective. The school executive wanted them to be effective for our kids. So, the P&C recently voted unanimously to contribute \$10,560 to support the learning management behind this program – that supports our teachers in making it a success.

We have also been partnering with the school recently in things as varied as repairing the school's piano to funding shortfalls in Edrolo payments. The P&C has also become a tax-deductible charity, so you can even claim your P&C contribution as a tax deduction.

The P&C will endeavor to keep you informed of the things you might not know about, that create a better learning environment for our kids.

James Wiggins
President NSHS P&C Association

WHAT'S ON IN TERM 3

DATE	EVENT
12-21 Jul	Year 12 Assessment and VOR Free Week
13 Jul	All Students Return
20 Jul	Sydney North Athletics Carnival
22 Jul - 06 Aug	Year 12 Trial HSC Examinations
10-11 Aug	MADD - Arts Showcase Performances
13 Aug	Personal Best Assembly
29 Aug	Car Boot Sale
30 Aug - 10 Sep	Year 11 End of Course Examinations
13 -15 Sep	Year 12 Spirit Week
13 Sep	Year 12 Formal
17 Sep	Year 12 Graduation
17 Sep	Last Day Term 3



See you in Term 3

