



# Newtown North Public School

## The Buzz

### WHAT IS HAPPENING OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS?

Term 2, Week 6 , 2021

Week 6		
Wednesday 26th May	Zone Cross Country Carnival	
Thursday 27th May	Stage 3 Parliament House excursion	
Week 7		
Tuesday 1st June	<b>School Photos</b>	
Week 8		
Tuesday 8th June	Stage 1 Science Incursion in hall	
Week 9		
Monday 14th June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	
Wednesday 16th June	Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition	
Week 10		
Wednesday 23rd	K-2 Athletics Carnival	
Friday 25th June	3-6 Athletics Carnival	LAST DAY OF TERM

### Thank You!!

Last week was National Volunteer week. On behalf of the students and teachers we would like to show a 'Wave of Appreciation' for the many volunteers that contribute to our great school. We recognise the vital role volunteers play in our school and the contributions they make to our strong community.



## Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the Newtown North Public School community recognised and acknowledged National Sorry Day. Guided by the resources developed by our Aboriginal Education Team and The Australian Curriculum for NSW schools, the students have spent time this week learning about the significance of National Sorry Day and Reconciliation week. Reconciliation Australia describes National Reconciliation Week as “a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.” The theme this year is ***More than a word. Reconciliation takes action.***

As **NAIDOC Week** falls in the school holidays, Newtown North Public School will be celebrating NAIDOC week in Week Two Term Three (July 26-30) . Acknowledging the 2021 theme “Heal Country”, a range of activities have been planned, in consultation with Education Department Aboriginal Education Consultants to provide a meaningful and educational week for our school community. More information about planned events will be published in our school newsletter and on Class Dojo

I would like to thank our Aboriginal Education Team for providing our professional learning and supporting our student learning with quality resources. Miss Norman has posted links to some of this information on Class Dojo School story this week.

### **Payment Reminders**

Next week our office will be sending out reminder letters for payment for the following activities:

- Zone swimming carnival
- Zone Cross country carnival

As these events were a quick turn around after our school events we were unable to send payment reminders before the event. The payment for these events cover the cost of transport to and from the event and PSSA participation fees for each student. The school absorbs the cost for the additional staffing required to attend. Should you have questions or concerns about payment please just contact the office and we will be able to assist.

### **Requests from Medical Professionals**

From time to time doctors, specialists and allied health professionals may ask you to prove your classroom teacher with questionnaires or reports to assist with diagnosis and treatment. We take these requests very seriously and like to provide staff with time and support to fill them out correctly. So that we can plan our time effectively and give our teachers the additional support and time required to complete these requests we ask that either you or your health professional forward these requests to our office via email on [newtownnorth@gmail.com](mailto:newtownnorth@gmail.com) and they will be forwarded accordingly. Please do not hand them to or email them directly to your classroom teacher.

## Principal's Report

### A quick reminder about Class Dojo

Class Dojo is a great way to get quick messages to your classroom teachers. We also use it as a convenient platform to get information out to class groups. Please be aware, however, that if you have very specific requests or concerns about curriculum, learning or your child's needs, contact with your teacher is best made through school email. This ensures that the request or concern is dealt with in a timely manner or can be addressed by another staff member if your teacher is not on site.

I respectfully request that you DO NOT contact me on Class Dojo but forward your correspondence to the school email account and it will be forwarded to either myself or the Assistant Principal in charge on the day if I am not on site.

### Get well Miss Bird

I am sure you will all join me in wishing Miss Bird all the very best as she recovers from surgery. We look forward to welcoming her back at the beginning of term 3. In the meantime Miss Wilson has joined the stage 1 team as classroom teacher on 1/2B.

Hoping you all have a lovely weekend

Elizabeth

## Junior Eisteddfod Team

On Saturday the 15th of May our very first Junior Eisteddfod Team competed in the inner west Speech and Drama Eisteddfod. Seven students attended the competition ranging in ages from 5-7 years old. The students presented a variety of poems and readings for their audience. Newtown North even managed to win a number of trophies, beating many other Sydney based schools. Congratulations to all our students who participated, we are very proud of your hard work.

Tara Foster  
(Teacher Librarian)

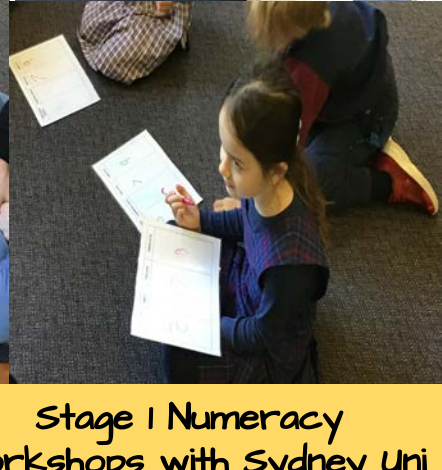
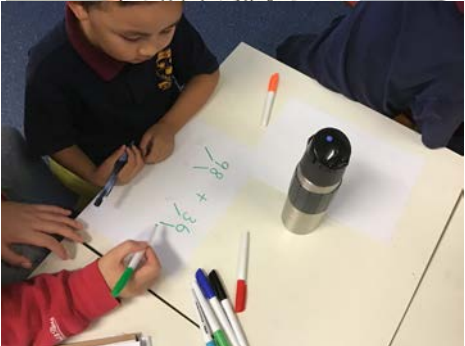


# Classroom Connection - Stage 1

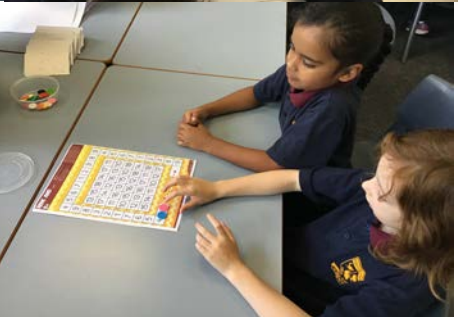
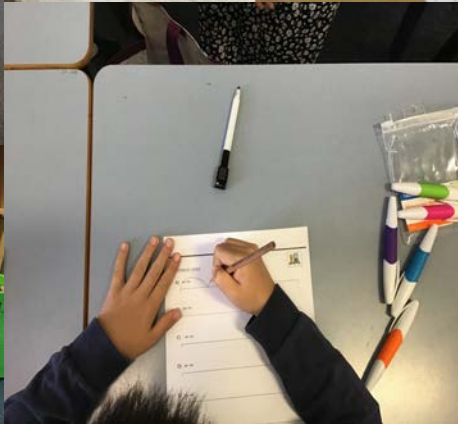
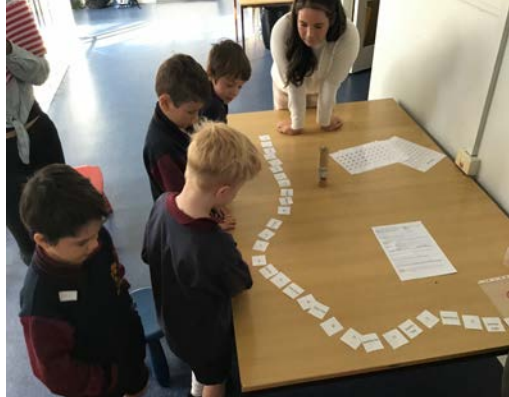
## Numeracy Workshops with Sydney University students

It was wonderful to welcome back Janette Bobis (Professor of Mathematics Education) and her students back to NNPS. The numeracy workshop program for Stage 1 students has been running for many years now but due to covid it was cancelled last year. These workshops provide our students with hands on activities to consolidate and extend their skills in the Number Strand. The activities designed by the uni students help the Stage 1 students to develop their understanding and fluency in Mathematics by applying problem solving skills, reasoning skills and communication.





Stage 1 Numeracy workshops with Sydney Uni



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## Zone Cross Country

On Wednesday 47 NNPS students from stage 2 and 3 represented our school at the zone cross country. Everyone did a fantastic job and ran the 2km or 3km course as fast as they could!

Special mention to **Zoe L** and **Stan J** who placed 2nd and **Finn C** who placed 6th and will all go on to represent our zone at the regional carnival. Well done also to our sports house captains who ran a whole school warm up with our runners before the day began.

Aside from the amazing efforts put in by all our runners it was also really impressive to see such a huge level of sportsmanship and support from our Newtown North students. At the end of every race our students were there cheering on not only students from NNPS but other schools as well.



## Implementing our Strategic Improvement Plan

### What is a Strategic Improvement Plan?

A Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP) is a working document that details the steps our school will take to improve learning outcomes, and the achievement and growth of all students. To ensure continuous improvement, the Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP) reflects where our school is at and how it will further improve learning, teaching and leading.

The Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP):

- is underpinned by the School Excellence Framework (SEF), SEF Self-assessments and the external validation process
- clearly identifies the expected improvement in learning, teaching and leading aligned to specific strategies, initiatives, resources and professional learning
- includes strategic directions and the improvement measures, including references to the school's
- agreed system-negotiated targets, against which your school's impact will be monitored and evaluated
- clearly reflects the department's strategic plan and Premier's priorities
- demonstrates your school's commitment to excellence and equity as part of NSW public education
- is clearly linked to the school budget, reflecting the resources that will be used to achieve the planned improvements
- is underpinned by high impact teacher professional learning to build the capabilities of teachers and school leaders.

Each term our school will engage in projects led by staff teams that will enable the implementation of our plan over the next 4 years.

### Communication Guidelines

As part of our current Strategic Improvement Plan one of Strategic Directions focuses on the review and development of our systems and practices. As part of this strategic direction we are reviewing our guidelines including our parent information hand book. Our first area of review has been to refine and consolidate our [Communication Guidelines](#). We have created a document that guides you through the type of communication you may expect to engage in and the best way forward when trying to seek information at our school. These guidelines also include some frequently asked questions that may assist you. We have colour coded the methods of communication from most effective (Green) to least effective or not recommended (red). We will include the Communication guidelines as an attachment to the Skoolbag post and an extra post on Clasdojo this week.

You can view our School improvement plan on our website by clicking on the tab 'about our school' following the links to [School Planning and Reporting](#).