School Calendar

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P&C Meeting

1st March @ 9.30am
5th April @ 9.30am
Principal’s report

Welcome back to Walters Road PS. I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable break. To all new families we extend a warm welcome to our school community.

This year we have 23 classes with 585 students enrolled today. Of these students we have 107 Kindergarten students! They have begun learning about “BIG school” very quickly and have begun settling into routines quickly. We also have some new staff members joining our team. We welcome Mr Raven, Miss Yates, Mrs Harkins and Miss Sutherland. They each bring important skills and expertise to our skilled teaching staff.

This year we will not be holding a meet the teacher night due to poor numbers over the last few years. Instead each class will be sending out information related to your child’s learning journey. If you require time with the classroom teacher, staff are on duty from 8:50am each morning, except Tuesday. Executive and support staff are available Monday and Thursday mornings due to meeting commitments. It is always best to plan the meeting with your teacher so they can ensure they have the best information available for that meeting.

This week all students are embarking on their first 100 days of learning for the year. This exciting journey sees students participate in a fast paced, engaging and highly educational morning lesson each day. Students will be building their vocabulary, expanding their general knowledge and improving their talking and listening experiences. These lessons occur each day from 9:20am in every classroom therefore it is very important that your child or children arrives at school on time ready for learning every day.

In order for parents to better understand “The morning routine” and “100 days of learning” we will be holding an information session on FRIDAY 24TH MARCH at 2PM in the school hall. Make sure you save the date so you can further support your child’s learning.

Uniform Update
Due to the demands of physical activity for children throughout the day, a decision has been made to allow students to wear joggers / running shoes of any colour to school each day. This will ensure safety and good practices in the playground and during fitness sessions.

Mrs Jodi Warner
Principal

OFFICE NEWS:

The office staff would like to welcome our families back for 2017 and a warm welcome to our new families.

Office hours are 8:30am – 3:20pm Monday to Friday.

Payment options for all events and purchases include:

1. Cash - correct money in an envelope or lunch bag with your child’s name clearly written on the front.

2. EFTPOS

3. Parent online payment (POP)

Please note that NO CHANGE IS GIVEN FOR ANY PAYMENT RECEIVED AT SCHOOL. (e.g. excursions, hat/bag purchases.) We thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Office Staff
KIDZ KLUB

Back from holidays and all grown up.

We have had some children move on to kindy this year so we are all sad to see them leave our group, but also so proud to see them all grown up and starting a new journey in their life. Their loud voices are really being missed. We all wish them the very best in 2017...

With a new year brings new families and we are all looking forward to meeting you.

A few changes have been made this year to our name. As we are no longer called Playgroup, instead we are now KIDZ KLUB.

So please come along and join us for a whole lot of fun.

RANIA BARAKAT
MITCHELL HIGH SCHOOL
OPEN NIGHT

Delivering excellence through innovative & unique learning opportunities for student success

TUESDAY 7TH MARCH 2017
6.30PM - 8.30PM
MITCHELL HIGH SCHOOL
KEYWORTH DRIVE
BLACKTOWN
SCHOOL HALL

INVITATION
YEAR 6 INTO YEAR 7 (2018)

• Meet and talk to our executive staff and teachers
• Tour our school grounds
• Explore our classrooms
• Discover educational opportunities we provide our students
SCHOLARSHIPS

Multiple scholarships will be awarded in three categories:

- Academic
- Performing & Creative Arts
- Sporting

You may apply for more than one category.

1. Academic

Academic scholarships will be awarded based on general achievements across Primary Key Learning Areas. Please attach to your application relevant supporting documents. These could include school reports (Years 5-8) and details of major academic awards.

Please attach copies and not original documents.

Following the receipt of your application, your current school will be requested to complete a confidential report.

2. Performing & Creative Arts

Scholarships will be awarded for outstanding achievements in each area listed below across Grade 5-8:

- Drama
- Music - Vocal
- Music - Instrumental
- Visual Arts

Scholarship application forms must be completed.

Entry should be attached. The audition performance will also be considered.

3. Sport

The sporting scholarships will be awarded based on outstanding achievements in at least one team sport and/or individual sporting achievement.

Please attach to your application relevant supporting documents.

These could include verified times/distances achieved in competitions e.g. P.S.A, Little Athletics, Swimming. Competitors should submit evidence of performance from sports coaches from schools or community competitions and details of awards achieved. Please attach copies of documents and not originals.

Please nominate a current coach who could complete a confidential report.

Imagine, Endeavour, Achieve

Healthy Harold's Family Fun Day

Sunday 19th February

10 Hewitt St Colyton

Celebrating 30 years at Colyton

Special guests
Interactive sessions in our vans and classrooms
- Face Painting
- Sports Clinics
- Educational Activities
- Food Stalls
- Entertainment
- Native Animal Show
- Rides and Jumping Castle
- Plant Giveaways

Come and say "Hi" to Healthy Harold and some of his friends

This event has not received direct support from the Australian Government. This event is funded by the F.A.R. T.E.A.M. organisation.
Dear Parent,

We would like to invite you and your child to join The RAW Project.

We all remember our teenage years – some of us with fondness and others with horror. The adolescent period is one of dramatic change. During this time, teens have to negotiate powerful peer pressures, begin to date, start to separate from their parents, deal with wild hormonal storms, and start to contemplate their future. Not surprisingly, the teenage period is the time when the vast majority of mental health problems first emerge. But not all is doom. The teenage years are also the time when leaders are born; when future doctors, lawyers, and scientists start their journeys; and when some of our strongest friendships are formed. But we need much more information.

The central aim of the RAW Project is to understand the forces that shape teenage social and emotional development, and with the help of you and your child, find the key to building a stronger and more productive society.

Benefits of being involved include $100 and a “thank you pack” each year you take part in the project as well as opportunities to be involved in competitions and receive prizes throughout the year.

We are currently recruiting Year 6 students. For more information, please read through the attached flyer and consult the contact information.

Regards,
The RAW Team.
Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Over the past several years Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School has been implementing a Gifted and Talented Academic Program, the entry to which has become extremely competitive.

Selection into this academic program is based on an entrance examination. This year, for the 2018 placement, we will be conducting a Higher Ability Selection Test (HAST). Please note that this program is for selection to the academic program, rather than the Creative and Performing Arts stream. However, the two streams are not necessarily mutually exclusive. The cost to parents for this examination is $65.00 payable on application (non-refundable).

Testing will occur on Thursday 23rd March 2017 from 9.00am to 1.00pm at Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School in the Library. There will be four (4) tests which will include:

- Reading Comprehension
- Written Expression
- Mathematical Reasoning
- Abstract Reasoning

There will be a short break between tests.

Candidates who arrive late for the first test will be admitted only at the discretion of the supervisor, and additional time will not be allowed.

Parents who are interested in applying for a placement in this class should in the first instance contact the school for further details and ask to speak to Michelle Vallejo or the Principal, Nerelle Vasquez or the Head Teacher, Gifted and Talented, Hanna Goldstein.

Yours faithfully,

H. Goldstein
Gifted and Talented Co-ordinator
When packing a lunchbox for your child, you should feel confident that you’re providing them with a nutritious supply of food that will get them through the day with the energy they need to function.

Follow this rule to make packing a healthy lunchbox easy: PACK THE CORE 4 (plus 1 for active and fast growing kids).

What are the CORE 4?

1. **Main lunch item** - a sandwich, roll wrap or salad based on grains such as pasta, rice or quinoa.
2. **Nutritious snack** - choose a snack from the five food groups such as a cold chicken drumstick, crackers with cheese, veggie sticks and hummus, or yoghurt.
3. **Piece of fresh fruit** - whatever is in season.
4. **Drink** - always include a water bottle. Add an additional small reduced fat milk drink (less than 300ml) or a 50% fruit juice drink (less than 200ml) once or twice a week.

**PLUS 1 additional snack**

Every child is different and depending on their activity level or rate of growth, they may need an additional snack in their lunchbox. If this is the case, we recommend choosing a fifth item from the five food groups first, such as those listed in lunchbox item number 2 (the nutritious snack). This will provide the extra nutrients some kids need.

**Occasionally**

For variety and enjoyment it’s ok to include an occasional “extra” item instead of the fifth snack option. Extra foods include sweet biscuits, museli bars, packets of chips, confectionary or dry noodle products. These kinds of items should not make a daily appearance in the lunchbox, but can be added once a week for variety and enjoyment and to teach balance.