Dear Plumpton PS Community,

WELCOME BACK for the 2016 School Year!

We would especially like to welcome our new families to our community. Welcome to an exciting year for your children. The teachers have been working really hard and the students are thoroughly engaged in learning. It’s been great to see so many happy faces!

We welcome our new Kindergarten students and their families to our school! We hope you will enjoy being part of our school community and create many happy memories of your time here.

I am very pleased to say that so many of our students are displaying our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) school wide expectations: ‘Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be a Learner.’ We will continue to reinforce these expectations in classrooms and in all school areas. You can help your child with PBL by using the words safe, respectful and learner; in the home, at the shops, playing sport, and visiting friends or wherever you are with them.

WELCOME to new staff for 2016

PPS has once again secured some wonderful temporary staff in 2016; a very warm welcome to Mr Lance Craig (classroom teacher 1C), Mr Nicholas Jones (classroom teacher 4J), Mrs Serena Pumipi (classroom teacher KP) & Mr Jon Lake (School Learning Support Officer).

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL

Please make contact with your child’s teacher in the first instance, if you require any information or have any concerns. If you require support following a conversation with the teacher, please consult with the Assistant Principal looking after the stage. I am then available if further assistance is required beyond the Assistant Principal level.

The Assistant Principals for 2016 are as follows:

Early Stage 1, Kinder: Mrs Crye (Mon, Tue) & Mrs Charles (Wed, Thurs & Fri)
Stage 1, Years 1 & 2: Mrs Plumb
Stage 2, Years 3 & 4: Mrs Powell
Stage 3, Years 5 & 6: Mr Dauw
VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS
Thank you so much, to those families who have been able to make a voluntary contribution to the school. These funds will allow the school to purchase additional resources to support student learning. If you haven’t already done so, we will gladly accept your voluntary contribution with thanks. See Voluntary Contribution return slip in this newsletter.

We look forward to a wonderful year of learning ahead – and to working in partnership with parents and caregivers for the success of our students.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
Plumpton P.S. has a school uniform policy developed in partnership with the community. The policy requires all students to wear black school shoes, in lace up, buckle or velcro. Other shoes may be worn on designated sports days. The soft slip-on type shoes are inappropriate as they do not provide adequate protection for feet.

It is an expectation of the school and community that this policy be followed. A Plumpton P.S. hat (in good order and free of graffiti / texta markings) is also required for students to play in the unshaded areas.

If you are aware that your child will be out of full school uniform, including black shoes, please send a note to the teacher.

Yours in partnership,
Ms Maureen Larkin
Principal
Don’t forget: “Be on time at 5 to 9!”

P & C NEWS
On behalf of Plumpton Public School P&C, we would like to welcome back all the students, parents, friends & teachers for a great 2016 school year, especially to all the new Kindergarten kids.
We are always looking forward to new people to join us on the P&C or just to help where you can, so please feel welcome to join us at the 1st meeting, which will be on Monday the 15th February at 9.15am, or if you can’t make it but want a chat, please feel free to approach myself or any other P&C member.
Katie McAskill
P&C President
ACT OF KINDNESS
I would like to share a story of kindness from a group of lovely Year 6 students.

A year 1 student was distressed and crying after her drink was accidentally knocked from her hands and spilt all over her uniform. The Year 6 students went to help her and then one of the girls came to me to assist the student, who was taken to the office.

After a short time the Year 6 students came to the office as they had pooled their money to purchase another drink for the little girl and to check on her.

I was impressed with the kindness and generosity of the senior students and I congratulate them for their thoughtfulness. Well done!

“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.” — Aesop
Ms Raitala

PAYMENTS
All payments for excursions, camp, activities etc must be paid by the advised closing date and put into the chute in the office counter.
Please DO NOT PUT ANY PSSA money in the chute as this goes direct to the teachers handling the PSSA.
Please ensure you have enclosed the correct money (no change will be given) in an envelope clearly marked with child’s name, class, activity and amount. Please use separate envelopes for each activity.

UNIFORM SHOP.

MONDAY & FRIDAY ONLY 8.30-9AM AND 2.30-2.55PM. CASH ONLY

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION 2016
I have enclosed:

☐ $10 single child contribution OR
☐ $15 family contribution

Your name: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________
(please print)

Thank you, your contribution is greatly appreciated!
February 2016

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 2017 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 24th March 2016 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, Narelle Vazquez or the Head Teacher, Gifted and Talented, Katarina Parry.

Yours faithfully

K Parry
Gifted and Talented Co-ordinator
Northmead
Creative and Performing Arts High School

GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM

HIGHER ABILITY SELECTION TEST
(Please note this test is for admission to the Gifted and Talented Academic Stream)

THURSDAY 24 MARCH 2016

To register your child for the Higher Ability Selection Test, would you please complete
the following:

Name of student: .................................................................
Date of birth: .................................................................
Primary School: .................................................................
Name of Parent: .................................................................
Address: .............................................................................
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Phone number: ...................................................................
Email: ................................................................................

Please indicate payment: Cheque Credit Card Cash

NB: Payment must be received before your child is registered for the examination.

Mail Order Authorisation

NAME: Northmead High School
ADDRESS: Campbell Street, NORTHMEAD 2152

DESCRIPTION OF GOODS/SERVICES: ...........................................

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AMOUNT IN FIGURES: ...................................................

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Please return form to Mrs Valdejo in front office
By Tuesday 16 March with payment

Ph: 9630 4116 www.northmead.h.schools.nsw.edu.au email: northmead.h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
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