

# Northbourne Park News



Friday 10th September 2021

Issue 1

## Message from the Headmaster

A very warm welcome to you all. I hope you had a good summer break and the opportunity to spend time together as a family.

I would like to welcome all of the new pupils and their families who have joined this year, from Nursery all the way up to Year 8.

I would also like to welcome the new staff, Miss Reynolds in Reception, Miss Britt in Year 1, Miss Moxam in year 3, Mrs Davies as Teaching Assistant, Mr Lockyer who is covering Miss Honour's maternity leave and Mrs Arvidsson as Matron, they are all super additions to our team.

It is wonderful to see normal routines back in the school after such a long period and to see happy children outdoors playing as well as the all important learning taking place in class. Please do check the calendar for the events taking place this term, I very much look forward to catching up with you all at some point.

I would like to thank you all for your support over the past 18 months during difficult times and our school has started with a great buzz of enthusiasm and energy, ready to aim high and do our best. I wish you all a good weekend.

## Prep School Photos

A reminder that on Monday 13th September, we will be taking the photographs for the Prep School children. Please can the children come to school wearing winter uniform.

## Pre-Prep

The Autumn term has got off to a great start at the Pre-Prep with happy, enthusiastic children and sunshine. It is wonderful to see all of the children mixing in the garden at break time, which is something some of the children haven't experienced before.

Next week we are looking forward to Individual school photos on Monday, winter uniform please. Pre-Prep Pirate Day is on Thursday, when we welcome back Ian from K.I.C Theatre to present Pirate themed theatre workshops. Hedgehog Class will host Coffee Morning on Friday. Please remember swimming kit for lessons starting on Thursday for children in Rabbit, Hedgehog and Badger classes.





## Boarding

What a great start to the year! This week has definitely a busy one – our boarders have unpacked and moved in, swapping holiday stories and making new friends. On Monday, we spent the day touring the school, playing games out on Top Pitch and the astro, and getting ready for the first day back at school. We have been having such great Summer weather this week, and on Wednesday we made the most of the evening light and played a big game of ‘Continuous Cricket’ on Top Pitch where each dorm had to try score the highest amount of runs/ points, while all the other dorms fielded. Both boarding houses have been so bubbly and the boarders have all settled in so well – we look forward to a great year ahead!



## The Annual Olympiad

Today saw the children in the Prep School competing in the four Houses (Drake, Nelson, Wellington and Marlborough) in the annual Olympiad. The children completed a range of activities including hitball, poetry writing, wellington boot throwing, the Great Egg Challenge and more. It is a super way to start the year and a great way for the children to get to know the others in their House. Congratulations to all the children for some wonderful team spirit and well done to Marlborough as this year's winners.



## Writing Pens

A reminder at the start of the academic year that we prefer the children in the Prep School to write with ink pens or roller ball pens rather than biros. Thank you.



## Diary Dates

### WEEK 2

- Mon 13** 09.00 Individual School Photographs
- Tues 14**
- Wed 15**
- Thurs 16** Pre-Prep Pirate Day  
KIC Theatre Workshops at Pre-Prep
- Fri 17** 08.20 Hedgehog Class Coffee Morning  
16.30 No Prep. Long weekend begins