

NIRIMBA FIELDS PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Parent Information Session

13 December 2023





Graham David King performed a traditional smoking ceremony on Nirimba Fields Public School site prior to construction.

Acknowledgement of Country

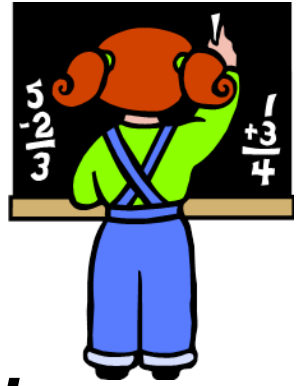
We recognise the Dharug people as the Ongoing Custodians of the lands and waterways where we work and live. We pay respect to Elders past and present as ongoing teachers of knowledge, songlines and stories.

We also acknowledge our First Nations People who have, for 60 000 years, lived and thrived sustainably with this land we know as Australia.

We strive to ensure every Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander learner in NSW achieves their potential through education.



A Special Quote



When your child tells you they learnt nothing today.....this means they did Reading, Writing, Maths, History, Geography, Science and Technology, Visual Arts, Dance, Drama, Music, Personal Development, Physical Education and Health!! And it took the teacher many, many hours to prepare these lessons!!



Our Wonderful Staff

- Principal
- 3 Assistant principals
- Assistant Principal Curriculum & Instruction
- Librarian
- Support staff- Learning and Support Teacher, English as an Additional Language/Dialect teacher, Student Learning Support Officers
- Release from Face-to-face teaching
- Curriculum Reform
- Quality Teaching Successful Students
- Support staff- LaST, EAL/D teacher, SLSOs
- Friendly and helpful office staff





Renai Diamond
Principal



Wendy Leotta
Assistant Principal



Thomas Haynes
Assistant Principal



Nivrita Chand
Assistant Principal



Narelle Spelta
Assistant Principal
Curriculum &
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Erin Foster

Teacher



Samantha Foster

Teacher



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Christina Bernardi

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Reform





Joanna Phillips

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Administration Officer



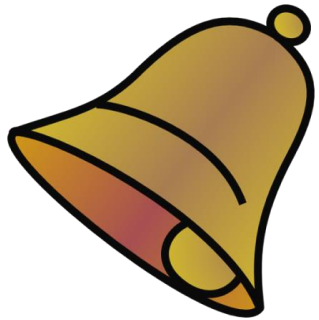
General Information



School Hours and Bell Times

School Hours: 9am-3pm

Bell Times:



8:30am–9:00am	Student Supervision begins
9:00am–11:00am	Class Instruction
11:00am–11:10am	Supervised Eating time
11:10 am–11:30am	Recess–Playbreak
11:30am–1:20pm	Class Instruction
1:20pm–1:30pm	Supervised Eating time
1:30pm–2:00pm	Lunch–Playbreak
2:00pm–3:00 pm	Class Instruction

Administration

School Office Opening Hours: 8.30am – 3.15pm

At the office you can...

- Make appointments
- Ask questions
- Sign children in or out



Eating at School

There will be three opportunities for your child to refuel throughout the school day.

- Crunch&Sip - 10am
- Recess - 11am
- Lunch – 1:20pm



Don't forget to pack Crunch&Sip® every day...

Crunch&Sip® is a set time for your child to eat vegetables or fruit and drink water in the classroom.



- Pack cutlery, if needed
- Ensure food can be eaten without reheating
- Label all personal items with your child's name.



Allergies

We have students attending our school who have severe allergic reactions to peanuts and nut products.

We kindly encourage that you do not pack any nut products in your child's recess and lunch.



Attendance

Your child needs to attend school every day.
They should only stay home if they are sick.

Please consider:

- Timing of family holidays and overseas travel
- Scheduling appointments
- Establishing good sleep routines



School finishes at 3:00pm. If you need to collect your child early from school for a specific reason, you will need to go to the office to sign them out.

Reasons for Absence

Justified	Unjustified
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Being sick• Having an unavoidable medical appointment• Being required to attend a recognised religious holiday• Exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Traffic• Child didn't want to come to school• Child woke up late• Parent couldn't drop off child• Caring for younger siblings• Family holiday during school term• Student birthday.



Absences and Late Arrivals

What if my child is absent?

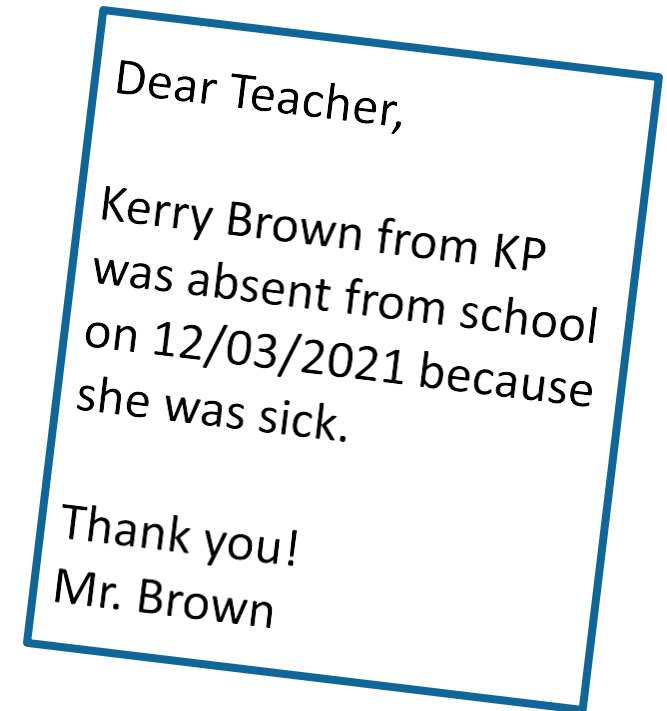
You must communicate with school about every absence.

This can be done using:

- Parent application – School Bytes
- School email
- Written note
- Phone the office

What if my child is late to school?

You must accompany your child to the front office and provide staff with a reason for your child being late. Your child will be issued with a late pass to take to their teacher.



Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = **4** weeks  = Over **1** year missed



1 day per week = **8** weeks  = Over **2.5** years missed





Sick Bay



If your child is injured or feeling unwell, they will be taken to the front office where a first aid officer will assess them and provide basic first aid.

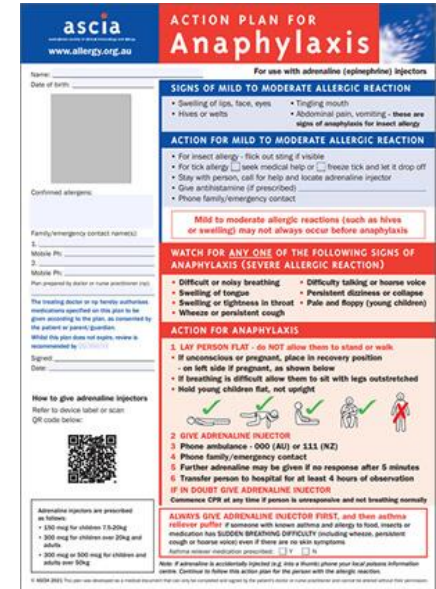
Parents/carers will always be notified of head injuries in case of delayed concussion. At the principal's discretion, external medical assistance may be sought for serious injuries.



Medication and Health Care Plans

If your child requires medication to be administered during school hours, you will need to complete a *Request to Administer Medication Form*. This form can be obtained from the school office and will need to be returned to the office along with your child's medication. This includes the administering of antibiotics, pain killers and creams.

Permanent medication forms, such as asthma plans or anaphylaxis emergency plans, need to be completed by your child's doctor and a copy provided to the office. For more complex issues, parents may be required to meet with a member of staff to complete and Individual Medical Plan.



School Uniform

Each child at our school is required to wear a uniform. When students wear a school uniform, they feel included in the school community. Our school uniform has been designed to reflect the feedback gathered during community consultation.

⤵. Please rank the following in order of importance when considering a school uniform:

Quality

Functionality

Design and colour

Cost



School Uniform



Short sleeve shirt with shorts or culotte



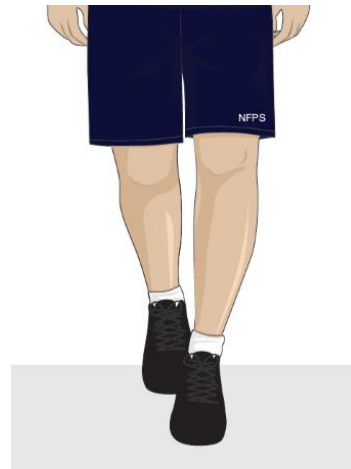
Long sleeve shirt with long pants or skirt and stockings



Fleece jacket



Sport Uniform



Short sleeve shirt with shorts



Sport jacket and trackpants



Uniform Items

The school has a 'no hat, play in the shade' policy and as such, it is expected that hats are worn as part of the uniform each day.

Sport uniform is only to be worn on designated sport days unless otherwise specified.

School bags can be purchased, if desired.

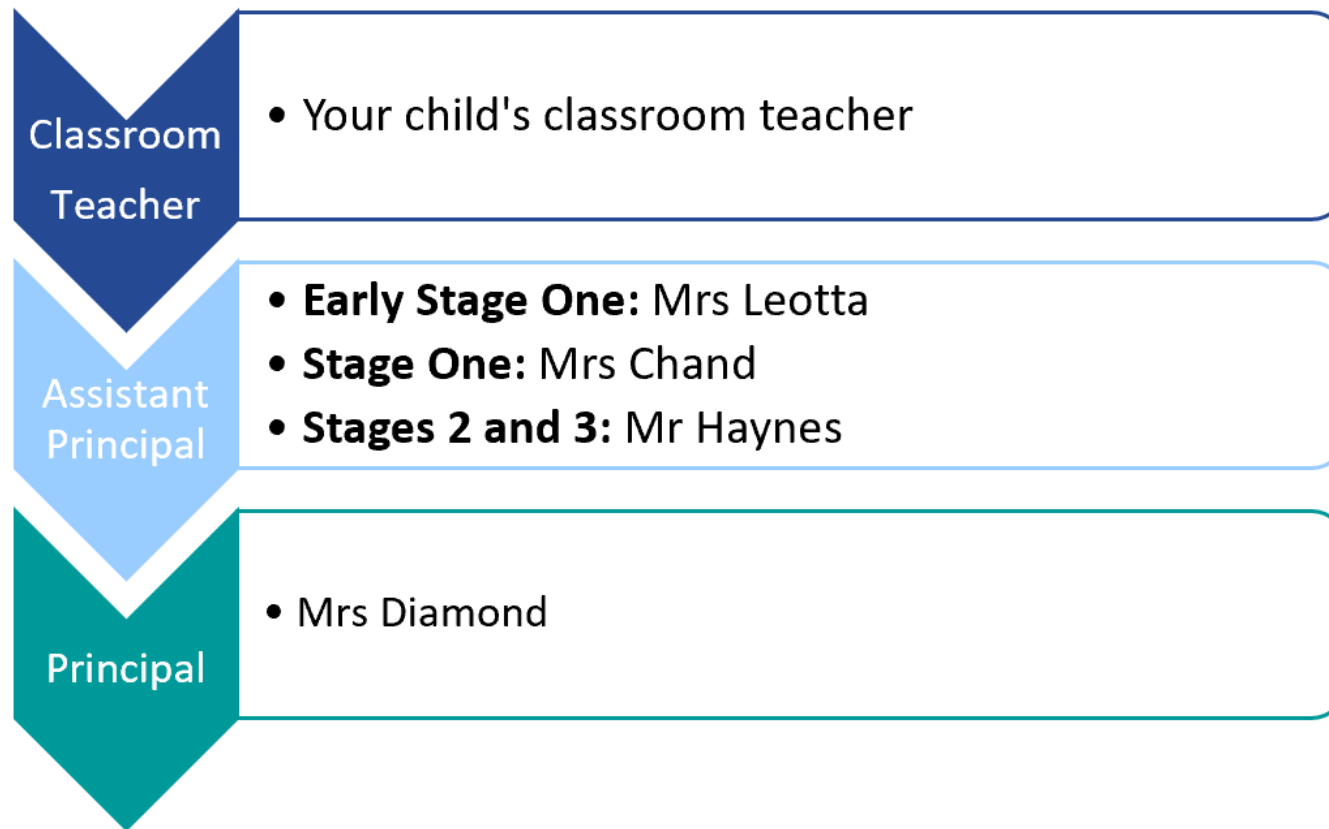
Uniforms will be available in store (from 8 January) or online from Cowan and Lewis.



Communication



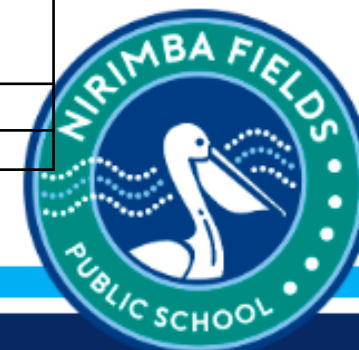
- Communication is highly valued between the home and school and it is important that concerns be discussed as they arise.
- Parents are encouraged to follow the communication process when communicating with the school.
- **School email:** nirimbafields-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au



Contacting the School - A Guide for Families

The following has been prepared as a guide for families when contacting the school. Please remember that with most inquiries your child's class teacher is your first port of call.

Questions about...	Action to be taken
My child's welfare, learning or stage activities	1 st Please write a note/email to your child's teacher OR 2 nd Please contact the office to organise an interview with the teacher
A school policy or practice	Please contact the office and the appropriate member of staff will respond
The actions of another child towards my child on school grounds	Please inform the class teacher OR the Assistant Principal if an urgent matter
The actions of another child towards my child while travelling to or from school	Please contact the office to inform the Assistant Principal or Principal
The actions of a parent while on school grounds	Please contact the office to inform the Assistant Principal or Principal
The actions of a member of staff (for feedback or clarification)	1 st Please write a note/email to the teacher concerned or contact the office to organise an interview 2 nd Organise an interview with the Assistant Principal responsible for the stage 3 rd Contact the office to organise an interview with the Principal
Playground accidents	Please contact the office to speak with the Assistant Principal or Principal
Lost property	1 st Ask your child to check the lost property box in the Office 2 nd Check the lost property box yourself 3 rd Please write a note/email to your child's teacher
Sporting or other extra-curricular activities	1 st Read website and/or school calendar 2 nd Please contact the office and the appropriate member of staff will respond
High school	Please contact the Stage 3 teachers or the Principal
Student Assistance Scheme	Please contact the office and speak to the Principal



Communication Methods

Effective communication between the school and its community is an essential element of student wellbeing.

Our school's communications methods are:

- [School website](#) – updated regularly with galleries, policies, procedures and forms
- [Facebook page](#) – updated regularly, with a focus on celebrating school events, successes and achievements
- School Bytes – private parent portal to access notes, outstanding fees, submit attendance.

Contact your classroom teacher:

- Call or email the school office - administration staff will forward a message with your details
- Speak to your classroom teacher to arrange a meeting at a mutually convenient time.



Services



Canteen

- The school canteen will be operated by Hunter Canteen Services.
- School canteens have an important role to play in providing healthy food and drink choices for students.
- A healthy school canteen supports a 'whole-of-school' approach to student health and wellbeing, and reinforces healthy eating messages taught in the classroom.
- The NSW Healthy School Canteens Strategy applies to all NSW Government schools.
- Further information about canteen procedures will be provided once these are established by the service provider.



OOSH



- Our school offers before and after school care facilities. Our (OOSH) is provided by the Kids Early Learning, Blacktown.
- Vacation care will also be offered.
- The centre is situated within the school grounds and provides a safe, secure, well supervised facility for students.
- The centre has established suitable fun indoor & outdoor activities programs for the children and offers programs that cater to the individual needs of the students.
- Further information about OOSH procedures will be provided once these are established by the service provider.

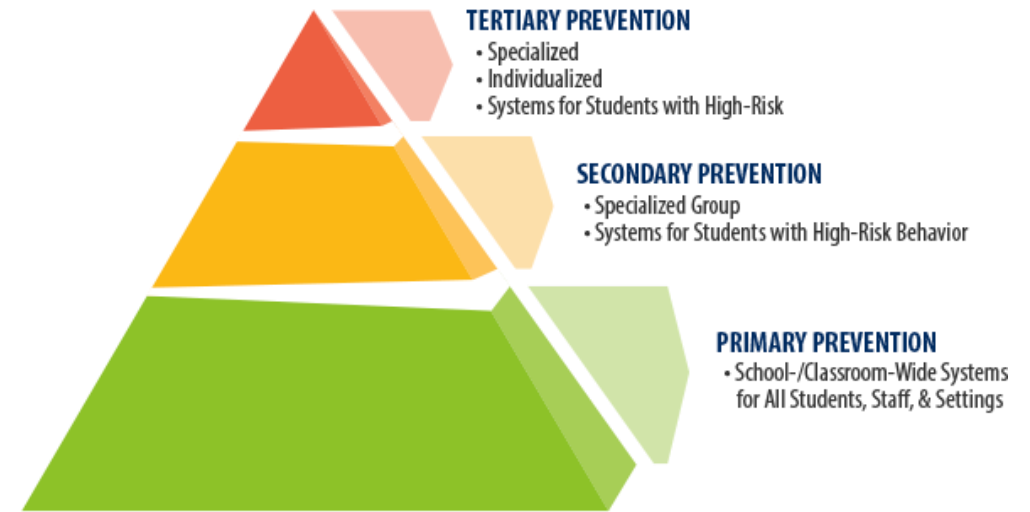


Behaviour



What is PBL- Positive Behaviour for Learning?

- High expectations of everyone
- Based on research
- Supports all students to be successful
- Explicitly teaches behaviours
- Tiered levels of support
- A problem-solving approach to behaviour management
- Establishes positive social expectations for all in the school community
- Provides a framework for the school and its community to collectively support the wellbeing of all students.





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All School Settings

Be safe	Be respectful	Be a learner
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Walk on hard surfaces.• Keep our bodies to ourselves.• Be in the right place at the right time.• Ask permission to the leave the room.• Use equipment correctly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Always use respectful language.• Respect others' property and opinions.• Treat others the way you want to be treated.• Wear your school uniform with pride.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Listen to and follow teacher instructions.• Always try your best.• Be an active participant.• Have a go and stay on task.• Report problems to a teacher.



Learning



Key Learning Areas

Students will learn:

- ❖ English
- ❖ Mathematics
- ❖ History and Geography
- ❖ Science and Technology
- ❖ Personal Development and Health
- ❖ Physical Education
- ❖ Creative Arts

Students will have the opportunities to use a range of innovative technologies and engage in play-based learning, inquiry and collaboration.



A typical day at school

English

- Oral language and communication
- Vocabulary
- Reading fluency
- Reading comprehension
- Creating written texts
- Spelling
- Handwriting and digital transcription
- Understanding and responding to literature

Mathematics

- Number and algebra
- Measurement and space
- Statistics and probability.
- Hands on learning and practical activities
- Problem Solving
- Inquiry
- Working Mathematically

Other Learning

Creative Arts

Music, Drama, Visual Arts, Dance

HSIE - History, Geography

Science

PDHPE



Benefits of Daily Reading

- Vocabulary
- Memory
- General world knowledge
- Focus, concentration and attention
- Writing
- Imagination
- Shared activity



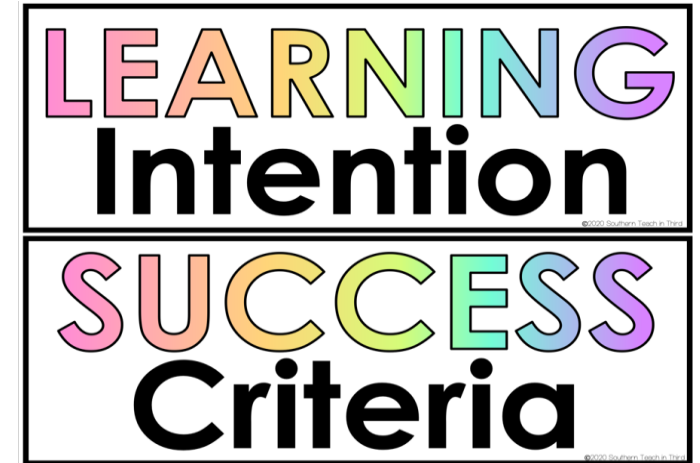
Stage of Learning	Recommend Minimum Daily Reading Session
Early Stage One (Kindergarten)	5 minutes
Stage One (Year 1 & 2)	5 – 10 minutes
Stage Two (Year 3 & 4)	10 – 15 minutes
Stage Three (Year 5 & 6)	15 minutes+



Explicit Teaching

Explicit teaching is when teachers clearly explain to students:

- ❖ What they are learning
- ❖ What they are expected to do
- ❖ How to do it and what it looks like when they have succeeded
- ❖ Why they are learning something
- ❖ How it connects to what they already know



Students are given opportunities and time to check their understanding, ask questions and receive clear, effective feedback about aspects of performance.



In all stages, teachers will provide a variety of modelled, guided and independent instructional opportunities to help your child learn key skills.

Modelled	Guided	Independent
<p>Explicit, teacher directed teaching and demonstration of new concepts, including new vocabulary.</p> <p>The teacher models and explains what is to be learned and thinks aloud to show the learning process.</p> <p>The teacher uses concrete and visible materials.</p>	<p>The teacher provides high levels of targeted support to students – this may be within large or small group settings, or individually.</p> <p>The teacher asks questions and provides feedback that is related to the learning.</p> <p>Students are actively involved.</p>	<p>Students have the opportunity to independently demonstrate their understanding of what has been taught.</p> <p>Students learning during this time is differentiated to meet individual learning needs.</p>



Information for parents and carers

NESA provides advice about schooling in NSW. Find out about learning at all stages of student development, and how NESA engages with parents, teachers and students.



TERM 1 2024
START DATES



Week	Monday 29/1	Tuesday 30/1	Wednesday 31/1	Thursday 1/2	Friday 2/2
1	School Holidays	Staff Development Day (Teachers Only)	Staff Development Day (Teachers Only) Smoking Ceremony	Year 1-6 Start Date Kindergarten Best Start Assessments	Kindergarten Best Start Assessments
	Monday 5/2	Tuesday 6/2	Wednesday 7/2	Thursday 8/2	Friday 9/2
2	Kindergarten Best Start Assessments	Kindergarten Start Date			

We can't wait to welcome our students to Nirimba Fields Public School! Please take note of important dates that relate to your child's year group.

Kindergarten Best Start Assessment timeslots will be emailed to notify families of their allocated date and time.

Book DONATION

Foundational students

Be part of this incredible contribution of learning, growth and inspiration for students.



As foundational students of Nirimba Fields Public School, you are invited to donate a new book to our new school library. Help to share knowledge, stories and adventures with the generations of children that will follow you through the gates of Nirimba Fields Public School.

Your donation will provide hours of enjoyment to so many little minds. We will label each donated book with the name of the child or family, so that your generous contribution to the establishment of our school library will be recognised for many years to come!



First Day Pick Up and Drop Off Information

Years 1-6

First Day Drop Off

- Students in Years 1-6 will start on Thursday 1 February 2024.
- Students in Years 3, 4, 5, 6 will need to arrive at 9:00am. Students will be taken to the library with their family before moving off to the hall to be placed into holding classes.
- Students in Years 1 and 2 will need to arrive at 9:30am. Students will be taken to the library with their family before moving off to the hall to be placed into holding classes.
- After all students have arrived, they will be moved into temporary classes. They will remain in these classes until we are certain of the number of students starting at our school.
- **What if you have a number of children starting?** You can choose any of the timeslots allocated, but I would recommend that you all come to school at the same time as the oldest student i.e. If you have a child in Year 6 and one in Year 1, bring both children to school at the Years 3, 4, 5, 6 time slot which would be 9:00am.



First Day Pick Up for Years 1-6

- All students will assemble under the shelter in the playground at 2:50pm.
- Nabthorpe Parade gates will open at 2:55pm for parents to enter and move to the shelter. Parents and carers will stand behind the line marked by cones.
- A member of the school executive will address the whole group and outline the process for dismissal for the rest of the year.
- Students will be dismissed by their teachers from under the shelter.



After First Day Drop Off

- Our school gates will open at 8:30am every morning for students to enter.
- Teachers will be on duty, supervising the playground area from 8:30am.
- At approximately 8.57am, music will play for 3 minutes to tell students to start moving to the shelter and line up with their class. Students must be sitting in their class lines by the third bell chime.

After First Day Pick Up

- Nabthorpe Parade gates will open at approximately 2:57pm for parents to make their way to the shelter.
- All classes will line up under the shelter prior to 3:00pm. Students will be dismissed from under the shelter by their teacher. Students attending After School Care will be escorted there by a member of staff.

Kindergarten

- Students in Kindergarten will start on Tuesday 6 February.
- All students will be e-mailed a start time which will be the time they need to arrive for their first day.
- Further information will be provided regarding first day procedures, and arrival and dismissal procedures for Kindergarten.



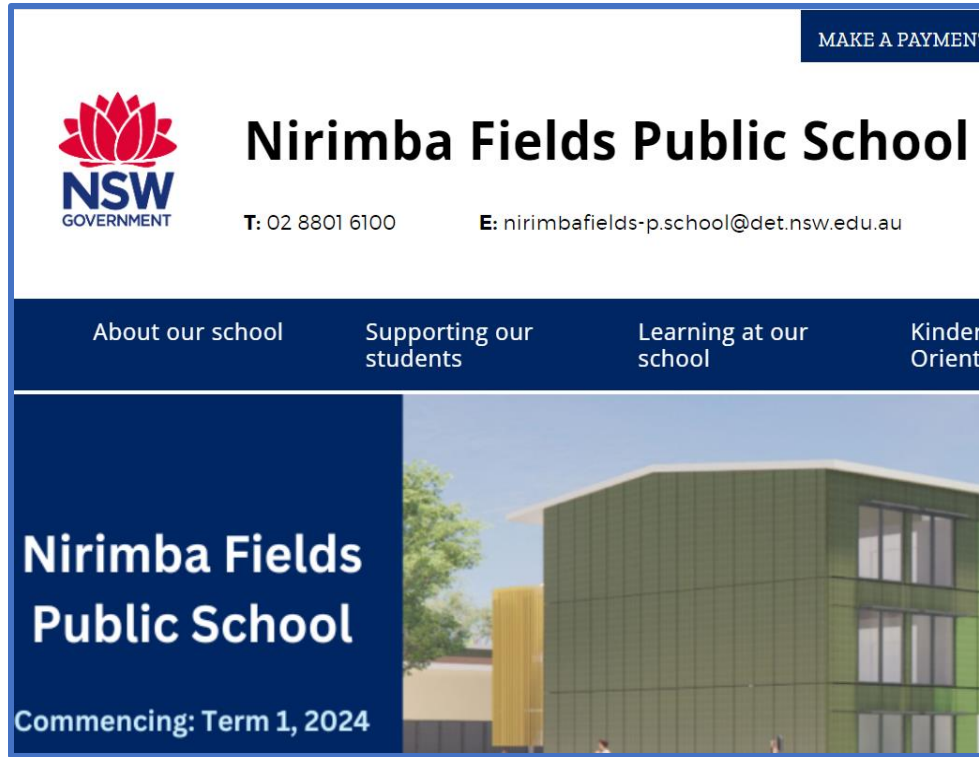
Upcoming activities

- Swimming Carnival –
 - for students turning 8 and above in 2024
 - 13 February – Blacktown Aquatic centre
 - Competitive swimmers only
- iCode
- Cool Kids Music
- Parent workshops - Schoolbytes



Connect With Us

School Website



The screenshot shows the school website header with the NSW Government logo, the school name 'Nirimba Fields Public School', and contact information: 'T: 02 8801 6100' and 'E: nirimbafields-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au'. A 'MAKE A PAYMENT' button is visible in the top right. Below the header is a navigation menu with 'About our school', 'Supporting our students', 'Learning at our school', and 'Kinder Orient'. The main content area features a large image of the school building and a dark blue banner with the text 'Nirimba Fields Public School' and 'Commencing: Term 1, 2024'.

School Facebook



The screenshot shows the school's Facebook page. The header includes the school name 'Nirimba Fields Public School' and 'Commencing: Term 1, 2024'. The page has 146 likes and 199 followers. The main content area features an 'Intro' section with the text 'Nirimba Fields PS will open for K-6 students commencing Term 1, 2024 onsite in temporary facilities.' and a 'Posts' section with a post from 14 November at 13:22. The post text reads: 'We are looking forward to welcoming our 2024 Kindergarten students at our Kindergarten Orientation sessions. Students will participate in literacy and numeracy activities with our teachers, whilst parents are invited to attend an information session. Please register your child's attendance at <https://forms.office.com/r/AMAZmmFMc9>'. Below the post is a 'KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION 2024' banner with the school logo and a swan illustration.



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Welcome to Kindergarten

Resources

Here are some stories you can read to prepare your child for school.

[Daisy's First Day](#)

[A Special Place](#)

Getting Ready for School

[Getting Ready for School 2024](#)

[School Term Planner 2024](#)

Literacy and Numeracy

[Tens Frame](#)

[Handwriting in the Early Years](#)

[Everyday Mathematics](#)

[Foundation Style Writing](#)

[Helping your child with Literacy and Numeracy](#)

[Phonological Awareness](#)

[Parent and Carer Guide for Mathematics in Kindergarten](#)

[Parent and Carer Guide for English in Kindergarten](#)

[Supporting your child in K-2 English and Mathematics](#)



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Further Information

Parent Handbook

<https://nirimbafields-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/school-information-handbook.html>

School Requirements

<https://nirimbafields-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/notes.html>




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Thank you and questions

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