

Dates to Remember:

PLSP Meetings

Week 11

High Flyers Assembly

Tues 9th April, 9:30am

Last Day of Term 1

Friday 12th April

Students Return

Tuesday 30th April

Dear parents, carers, family members and community members,

Term 1 Swimming Carnival - Last Thursday, Magura, Bunya, Yarra, Bembul and Garraway students participated in the Term 1 Swimming Carnival with support from Barker students. Despite a brief downpour of rain in the middle



of the carnival, students had a ball. Each class had an opportunity to engage in water play activities before their novelty races in the pool. Students enthusiastically participated in wading, ball and noodle races, as well as enjoying some 'free swimming time' in the pool, with their 'Barker buddies'. It was also wonderful to see some of our parents there cheering students on as they raced across the pool and helping hand out ribbons. A heartfelt thank you to Shanaya Dubash and team for their organisation of the day

and for Amy Owen who helped support students in the pool. Thank you also to the Barker students who volunteered to help on the day – Angelina, Mitchell, Scarlett, Louisa, Scott, Josie, Tayla, Claire, Micaela, Sophi and Marcus. We were grateful for your support!

P.B.L. NEWS

Save the Date: *Tuesday 9th April is our end of term High Flyer Assembly and we are excited to welcome parents and families. The whole school assembly will commence at 9:30am in the school hall and will be followed by a parent morning tea in the library. Class award winners will receive their certificate and prize during the assembly and have a special snack in their classroom afterwards. We look forward to seeing you!*



Health Clinics – This term, Clarke Road have held two Northern Sydney Intellectual Disability Health Clinics in the school library, with Dr Yvette Vella, specialist developmental paediatrician, and Nicola Guy, social worker. Clinics are attended by Dr Vella, Ms Guy, parents and carers, and school staff. They provide an opportunity for families to have a holistic conversation about their child across a range of areas in health and learning. The clinic team being on site also allows students to be observed in the playground and classroom, as well as to have their height and weight checked in a familiar setting. The clinics play an important and valued role in the support services offered to parents and carers.

Upcoming events - Our next school event will be our **High Flyers Assembly on Tuesday 9 April at 9.30 am**. At this assembly, we will recognise a student from each class who has made gains in their learning this year. Some Junior and Senior students will also perform. These events are a wonderful opportunity for parents to see their child engaging in activities at school and to meet some of the school community, so please consider coming along.

Have a lovely weekend,

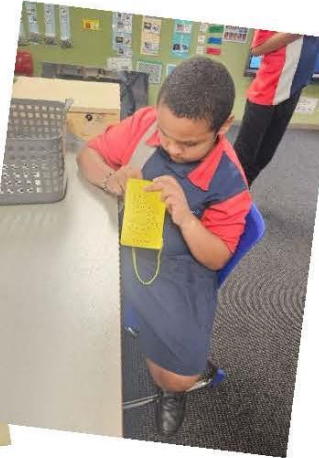
Rebecca

Enjoy some photos of our Term 1 Swimming Carnival . .



Warrigal

Warrigal students have been working hard this term to follow individual schedules and complete tasks and activities with increasing independence. This looks different for each student and includes activities such as threading, writing, matching, sorting, reading, making choices, and using cause and effect equipment. The students enjoy working and always display pride when showing staff what they have completed.



Passport for Learning



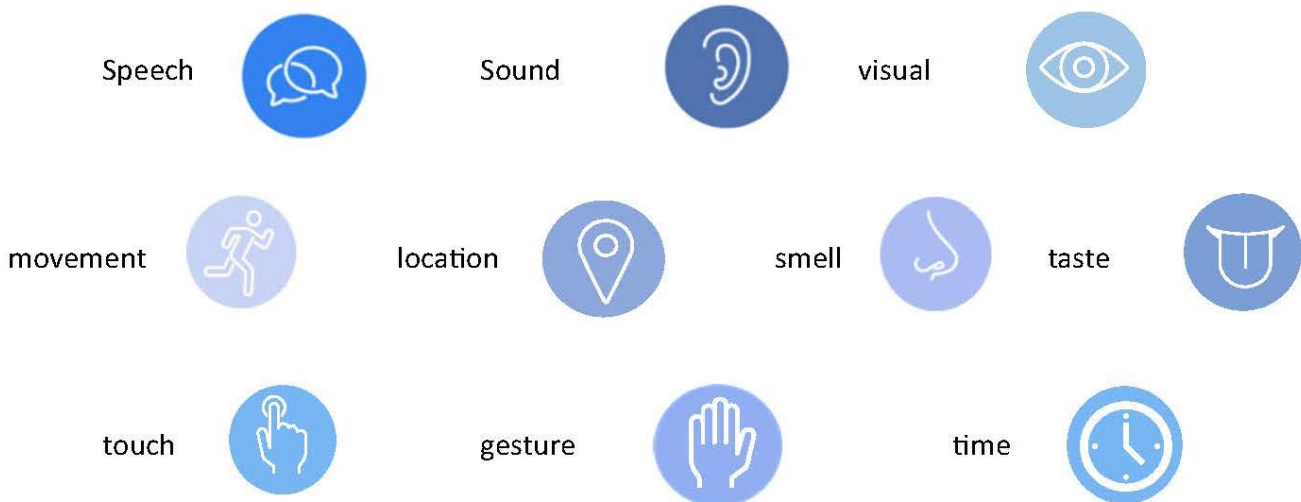
This week's article will look what is meant by designing learning environments, activities and materials.

Why? Effective design of an environment or activity gives your child access to more cues - extra pieces of information.

How? When we focus a child's attention on certain pieces of information, it gives them the opportunity to actively notice → turn towards → focus → predict → recognise → comprehend activities, people and places.

What is a cue?

A cue can be any of these:



At school, we highlight certain cues at the 'beginning-middle-end' of a lesson and when we move to the next task. We have areas in our classrooms for different activities, for example a relax area, a writing desk, a reading chair and so on.

Cues are important as they give your child extra pieces of information associated with an activity or interaction.

For example, when cleaning teeth you could use your child’s device to indicate ‘brush teeth’ together with some possible cues shown below:

	Cleaning teeth			
Awareness Blue				
Anticipation Purple				
Intentional Red				
Imitation and First-Then Brown				
Categorising Orange				
Simple Problem Solving Yellow				
Simple Critical Thinking Green				

Tips:

- Think:
 - what extra pieces of information can be highlighted?
 - Is this information helping your child to understand an activity, especially when they are having an ‘off’ moment?

The next newsletter article will explore The Flow.

TERM 1 SWIMMING CARNIVAL



Bembul





Garraway



Bunya



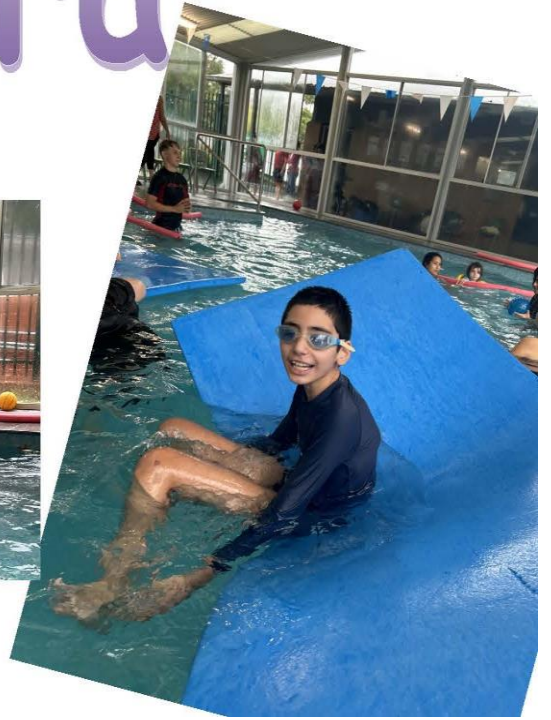
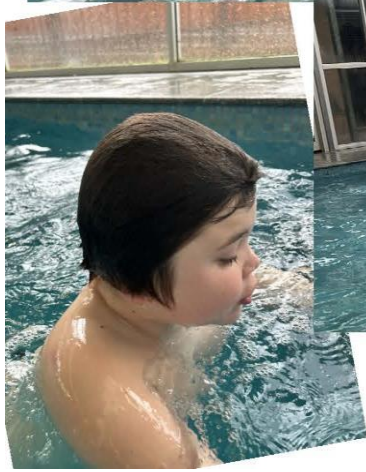
Yarra



Thankyou to our helpers



Magura



Northern Sydney Post School Expo for people with a (dis)Ability

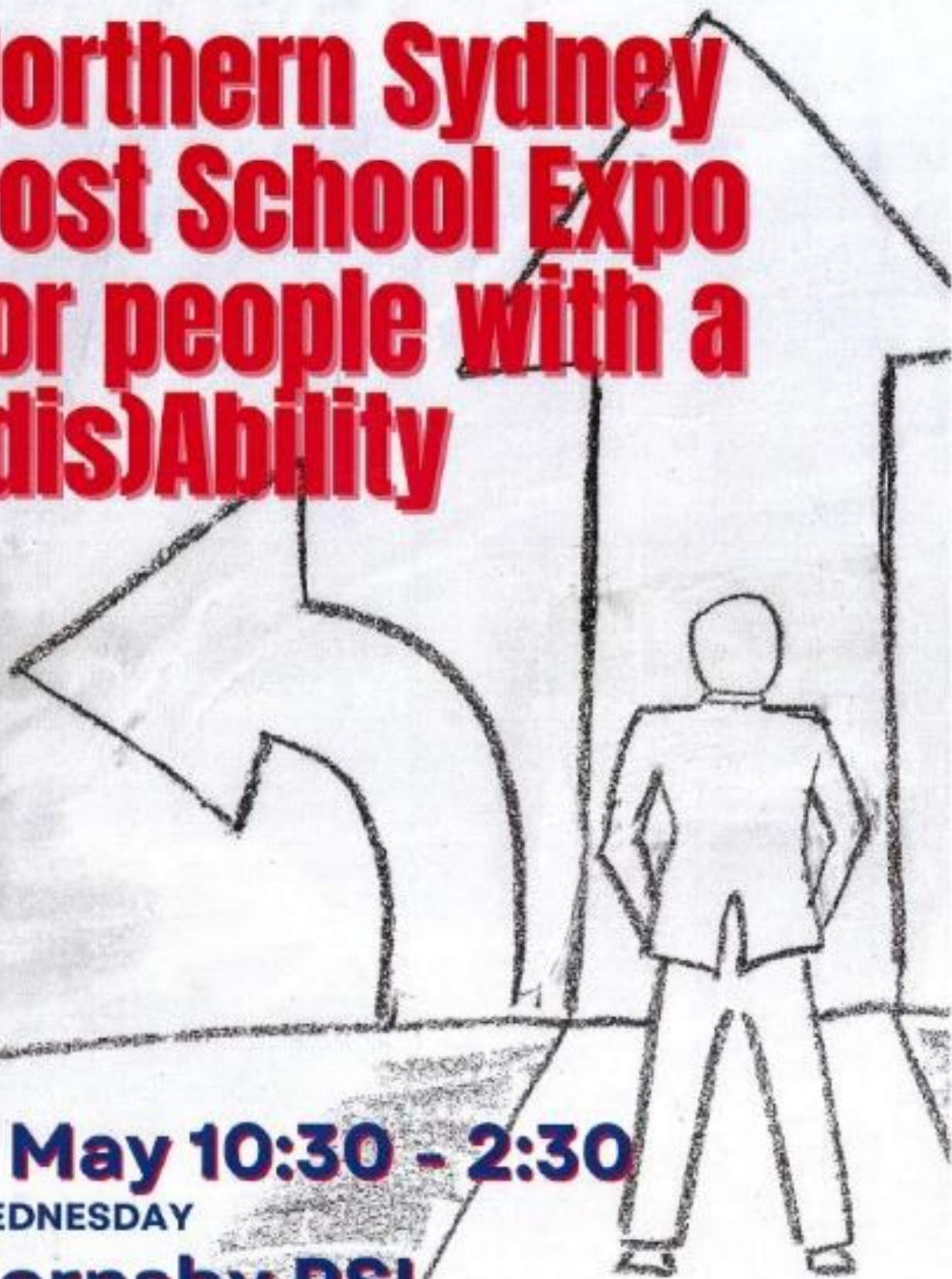
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We are excited to announce our school has transitioned to an upgraded School Bytes finance system!

What is the School Bytes portal

The School Bytes portal provides flexibility for you to conveniently:

- Make school payments online (including paying for multiple siblings at once)
- Use a family credit to pay for an activity or school contributions
- Download a receipt for payments made
- View all historical payments in one place
- Request a refund if required

What this means for you

- By downloading the School Bytes Parent App from the App Store or Google Play you will be able to save your card details to make a secure payment for school events.
- All previous payments made will be migrated to the new School Bytes finance system and portal
- Moving forward, when making a payment online, you will be redirected to a Service NSW page to complete an online payment. This is the new payment platform for online as directed by the NSW Department of Education.
- Payments made online will display as 0SCHOOLSONLINE 0000 PARRAMATTA AUS on your bank statements moving forward.
- Online payments can be made at any time: day or night, are processed in real-time and can be viewed by school staff immediately.

Whilst our preference is for payments to be made via the portal, we will still accept payments via cash and cheque.

New Features coming soon.



Parent App

Available now!

Download on the App Store or Google Play by clicking the image below.



Key Features

- Get real time push notifications from your school
- Stay signed in and save your card for secure payments for fees and excursions
- Give consent, sign forms and respond to attendance alerts
- View the school calendar and news

