Welcome Back!

I would like to warmly welcome everyone back to school for the final term of the year. I hope all our children and their families enjoyed the spring break.

I also welcome new families to our school. We know that you will enjoy being members of such a wonderful school community.

This will be a very busy term culminating in the end of year special assemblies and functions. All the dates are on the calendar on the website. Parents may wish to take particular note of the following:

October

17th - P & C Wine Tasting – 7:30pm to 10:30pm
28th - Tag Gala Day

November

6th - Glee Club and Junior Dance Performance 1:45pm
13th - Years 5 and 6 Performances – 2:00pm
17th to 19th - Year 6 Camp
21st - P & C School Picnic – 5:00pm
24th - Drama Club Performances – 2:00pm
28th & 29th - Schools Spectacular

December

3rd - Year 6 Interrelate – 6:30pm
7th - Bands Concert – 4:00pm
9th - Years 1 and 2 Final Assembly – 9:30am
Head Lice

I would like to request that all parents check their children's hair for “nits” and treat if necessary. Several children have returned to school with “nits” and they do spread very rapidly. The nits and the eggs can be difficult to see. Examination under a bright light or in sunshine is usually best. Girls should tie long hair back securely to discourage the spread of nits.

Nits are common in schools and preschools. We do not send home notes to parents each time a case presents nor do we identify children with nits. Regular checking by all parents and effective and immediate treatment is necessary to minimize the problem.

Many thanks for your assistance with this!

Reminder - School Photos – Tomorrow

All photo payment envelopes must be returned to class teachers by tomorrow morning.

Family/Sibling photos will not be taken unless the yellow payment envelope has been returned.

Note: Full Summer Uniform is to be worn

Kindergarten 2015 Information Evening

We are looking forward to seeing all our new (and current) parents of Kinder children 2015 tomorrow evening at 7:30pm. Uniforms will be on sale from 7:00pm

Uniform Shop

My thanks to Jonathan Melrose – Rae and Tim Hawes for all their work with the Uniform Shop this year. It is a huge job with 900 children to be outfitted! We are most grateful to them both.

During the holidays Irene O'Leary, Stacey Hardy, Helen Henegan and Elizabeth Gurr gave up their time to undertake a massive stocktake in the Uniform Shop and to update the systems.

Elizabeth Gurr (Coordinator) and Stacey Hardy (Treasurer) will take over from this term. My thanks to both these ladies and all our wonderful volunteers.
Note: Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesday mornings this term 8:30am – 9:30am.

Thank you P & C

The P & C, through parent subscriptions and fundraising, including the Carnival, have given the school $180,000 this year. We are most grateful to our generous parents and to all the wonderful parents who work so hard on the P & C Executive and its Committees.

These funds pay the salaries of our Music Teachers, Science Teacher and for the classroom laptop computers and reading materials. Without these funds we would not be able to offer these additional specialist programs or these great resources.

Maths Competition Results:

Congratulations to the following children:

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Lost Property

There is a large amount of lost property in the bins outside B Block – near the Library. The children have been reminded to claim named clothing on a number of occasions. Unclaimed items of clothing will be donated to charity and lunch boxes thrown out.

Children Not Returning to NBPS in 2015

If your child is not returning to Neutral Bay next year could you please inform the office or your child’s class teacher.

This term I will be finalising enrolments, engaging staff, allocating teachers to classes and forming classes. It is important that I have accurate student numbers.

Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

Gai Collett
Principal

STARS OF THE WEEK

All our House Captains who assisted with the K – 2 Sports Day last term. Thank you for all your assistance! You are fine leaders
Our Junior Choir members who performed so beautifully at the Primary Proms concert. I know the audience really enjoyed the wonderful performances. Congratulations boys and girls and many thanks Music teachers.

Last term, Taj (4HR) and Arkey Astill (3S) competed in the Australian Interschools Snowsports at Perisher Valley. The team came 3rd in Australia for both snowboarding GS and Cross events. Well done boys!

Mallika Aithala (5K) has been accepted in the Australian Ballet School’s Training Program for 2015. This is a great honour and a wonderful opportunity for Mallika! Congratulations!

Congratulations to Adam Williams (5J) who shaved off his hair to raise money for the Leukemia Foundation. Well done Adam!

Congratulations to Elizaveta Shkuropatenko (4C) who won the Best Student in year 4 prize in the recent North Sydney Council Art Competition. Bezi Saunders (4P), won the Encouragement Award. The theme for this years competition was “Once Upon A Time”. The entries were exhibited at Stanton Library. Great work girls!

4HR NEWS

4HR had a number of famous historical visitors to our class telling their life stories. Among them were Queen Hatshepsut (Madeline W.), Pharaoh Tutankhamen (Joshua) Hercules (Jack J, Oliver) Cleopatra (Grace) and Alexandra the Great (Taj).

They had all led fascinating lives.
MRS L RABONE
4HR TEACHER

K – 2 SPORTS DAY
End of Year NBPS Parent Wine Tasting Event

Plonk is a TV series that sets out to make a show about Australia’s great wine regions, with a serve of Aussie humour. Enjoy a behind-the-scenes view of what goes on behind the camera, whilst tasting some great wines. A number of regional NSW wineries will showcase their wines on the night, all of which will be available for tasting and ordering. Our guest presenters for the evening will be Plonk’s Nathan Earl and Stuart McGill. Lucky door prize on the night!

Date – Friday 17th October 2014
**UNIFORM SHOP**

Hello from the Uniform Shop

We have a few changes in the Uniform Shop this term. Elizabeth Gurr is taking over as Uniform Shop Coordinator and Stacey Hardy as Uniform Shop Treasurer. We are both immensely grateful for the help and support we’ve received from the current team of volunteers so far and are looking forward to our time in the Uniform Shop.

The Uniform Shop will be open from 8:30am to 9:30am on Tuesday mornings, starting next week (week 2), if you wish to come in and purchase from the shop. Otherwise, you can order any of our items easily through Flexischools and have them delivered directly to your child’s classroom. We will be processing Flexischools orders daily from now on, and if you need to return or exchange an item bought through Flexischools, just bring it back to the office with your details on and we will get the refund/exchange processed within a couple of days.

We have a great team of volunteers manning the shop and processing the Flexischools orders but we are always happy to have extra hands, especially during busy periods. If you would like to help out, please contact us at nbpsuniformshop@gmail.com

Elizabeth, Stacey & the Uniform Shop Team
Shop Volunteers

**CANTEEN NEWS**

**WELCOME TO TERM 4!**

Welcome back! We hope you all had a good holiday. The canteen team is pleased to announce that the canteen online rostering system has finally been launched. It is up and running. Thank you to Kristina for suggesting a simple, user-friendly application and for supporting us in setting it up.

Our warm thank-you to all those volunteers who have already signed up Term 4. As the schedule below shows, we currently need to fill more slots and invite new parents and carers to come in and have some fun at the canteen so that we can continue to run our busy canteen smoothly. Please register and chose your time-slot at www.SignUpGenius.com.
A special thank you goes to Kate who continuously supports the canteen and especially for her help updating the Flexischools menu for Term 4.

Next week’s special is Chicken Schnitzel Burger.

It’s rare that it happens, but sometimes things go wrong and a child may not receive a lunch order. We ask parents and carers to remind their children that if it ever happens to them, they should come to the canteen, or inform their teacher, and we shall prepare it for them straight away.

The roster for next week is below. **If you cannot make your rostered spot, it would be enormously helpful if you could find a replacement before phoning 0426 226 235 or emailing nbpscanteenroster@gmail.com**

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Michelle Alejo – Canteen Coordinator

**BAND NEWS**

I hope all of our families enjoyed a wonderful break and our musicians are keen to get back into their playing, preparing for a terrific end to the year!

Late last term Senior Band and Concert Band joined forces for a combined rehearsal. This was a great opportunity for Senior Band members to get a taste of what things are like in Concert Band and for the bands to meet some of the students that they will play along side next year. It provides an understanding of what is expected and the level that is required to gain entry into Concert Band, for those interested. All students were encouraged to start their learning of scales and pieces with their tutors now so that they could relax and enjoy their
summer holidays, with a little practice of course :) The audition requirements are available on the school website under “Curriculum & activities” and then “Band.”

Also, in the last week of term 3 the bands enjoyed playing for their parents during the open rehearsals. All three bands gave their parents and carers a wonderful taste of what happens at rehearsal and delighted us with the progress already made on some of the new pieces they have been working on. All three bands have made, and continue to make, excellent progress this year - well done to you all! A big thank you to the individual band coordinators for their efforts in pulling these together.

This year we will be celebrating **25 years** of the Band Programme at Neutral Bay Public School so we are busy planning for this. The date is set for Sunday December 7th from 4pm to 6:30pm, which will be a combined 25th and year end celebration. Please put this date in your diaries now as we know how quickly things fill up at this busy time of year. More details will follow in time, so watch this space!

**Important Band Dates - Term 4 2014**

- November 2014 - Ear test and Blow test for year 2 students. More information to follow closer to the time.
- November 2014 - Band Information Session for new families interested in joining the programme in 2015
- Sunday 7 December 2014: 4pm to 6pm - End of Year Band celebration.

_Claudia Stephens, Liesel Wightwick and Karen Au - Overall Band Co-ordinators_

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

Mandarin Stars
Learn Chinese language, history, culture, calligraphy, Tai Chi, and even Kung Fu!
Classes on Tuesday afternoons,
3.30 - 4.20pm Kindy to Year 2
4.25 – 5.25pm Years 3 to Year 6

Neutral Bay Public School, as a service to parents, will advertise community events that may be of interest. Neutral Bay Public School does not necessarily endorse or sponsor the events and accepts no responsibility for the management or organisation of these events.