FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Selective High School Entry for 2016

Parents of year 5 students who wish to apply for placement in a selective high school in 2016 must do so from 14th October to 17th November. Please note – late applications will not be accepted.

The Selective High School Placement test will be held on Thursday 12th March, 2015.

The application information booklet is available on the High Performing Student Unit’s Website: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Reminder: P & C Wine Tasting

Friday 17th October 7:30pm to 10:30pm

Please note the Plonk Parent Wine Tasting Evening will now be held in the function room of the Neutral Bay Club.

Just a couple of nights to go till our Plonk Wine Tasting Evening! It’s all set to be a great night, with 6 NSW Wineries to enjoy, including Swinging Bridge / Pig in the House / Burrundulla / Milbrovale / Retief wines / Cherry Tree Hill

So don’t miss out! Tickets will continue to be available via the online link (sent through class email list) until Thursday.

New Play Equipment

During the last school holidays we had new play equipment installed in the main playground and a long jump/sandpit installed in Kindyland.

The children are really enjoying the new equipment.
Thank you Mrs Collett and Mr Michael for your organisation.

**SRC Mufti Day Fundraiser**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our SRC mufti day fundraiser on the last day of Term 3. We raised $1,098.00 for the Leukaemia Foundation – a most worthwhile children’s charity.

Thank you SRC and Mr Thomson for your organisation.

**Neutral Bay X Factor**

Congratulations to all the fantastic performers who have auditioned for NBPS X Factor. The second round auditions are being held this week.

I have had the pleasure of taking on a “judge” role with Ms Taylor. The talent, poise and confidence exhibited by our young performers is outstanding.

Many thanks to Ms Taylor and all the teachers involved.

The Grand Final will be held on Tuesday 16th December.
Children Without lunch at School

Each day we have a number of children tell their teachers or canteen staff, that they don’t have lunch. (When asked to show their teachers their school bag, some do actually have their lunch. The attraction of a canteen order is hard to resist for some!)

I understand that parents are busy and that often the older children place the online orders, and fail to actually submit the order.

If children don’t have lunch in the future we won’t call parents, the canteen will provide a sandwich and a note will be sent home requesting payment. No child will be hungry!

Dangerous Driving Around School

I would like to remind parents again about driving carefully around our school.

On Monday morning a parent was observed allowing her two girls to get out of the car while she was stopped at a red light at Ben Boyd Rd/Yeo St intersection. This is not a safe “drop off” practice. I continue to be shocked and disturbed by some of the dangerous driving by our parents around the school. Please consider the safety of our children.

GirlPower – Tuesday 4th November at NBPS

The P & C has organised a parent – daughter workshop conducted by GirlPower to be held in the hall on Tuesday 4th November – 6:00pm to 8:00pm. This workshop was recommended by a number of our parents who had attended with their daughters earlier in the year at another school.

GirlPower is a friendship programme that inspires “Tween” girls to feel empowered, develop a strong sense of self, and love themselves while learning to manage the most important thing to them… their friendships.

We invite all Neutral Bay Primary School parents to attend a GirlPower event on Tuesday 4 November from 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm. You will learn how to better understand your daughter’s emotions and offer her advice and support while she navigates the unpredictable world of female friendships. You will learn strategies to help her put out “Friendship Fires”, how to empower her to stand up for herself, the best ways to support her through unhealthy friendships, and how to help her gain confidence and love her true self. GirlPower will give you a new “language” for talking about friendship, helping you connect with your daughter and open up those lines of communication.

All parents of girls in Kindergarten to Year 7 will benefit from attending this workshop. We encourage parents of girls in Year 3 - 7 to attend this workshop with their daughter. If your
daughter is in Kindergarten to Year 2, we invite you to attend the workshop without your daughter.

My thanks to Sharmila Soorian, P & C Secretary, for her organisation.

Tickets are $35.00
To register go to www.trybooking.com/CYFH
To learn more information about Girl Power www.urstrong.com

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.

Congratulations Scarlett

Last term the children in 3EW designed beautiful Australian postage stamps. Scarlett Mellor sent hers to the Queen with a lovely letter explaining the class stamp design project.

She received a reply from the Queen’s Lady – in – Waiting. What a thrill!

Calendar Dates

October

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

4th - Girl Power – 6pm to 8pm
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
25th - School Chess Competition
28th & 29th - Schools Spectacular

December

1st - Drama Club Performance – 2:00pm
3rd - Year 6 Interrelate – 6:30pm
7th - Bands Concert – 4:00pm
9th - Years 1 and 2 Final Assembly – 9:30am
10th - Years 3 and 4 Final Assembly – 9:30am
11th - Years 5 and 6 Presentation Day – 9.30am
12th - Kinder Graduation
       Year 6 Mini Fete
15th - Year 6 Farewell 6:00pm
17th - Picnic and Party Day

Retirement!

As many parents know I will be retiring at the end of the school year after ten years as Principal at NBPS and a long career in education and social work. This has been a difficult decision – one I have been putting off for the last couple of years!

The Education Director, Ms Sharon Sands, has convened a panel comprising a staff representative, Mr Callum Thomson, P & C representative, Ms Fiona Hearne and Principals Association representative Ms Jan Anderson (Principal Beecroft Public School). All panel members are trained in the DEC Merit Selection procedures and have had panel experience. The position will be advertised this week and I hope to be able to introduce the new principal to the school community later in the year. This timeline will provide for a thorough “handover”.

I have a very busy term ahead with engaging staff, forming classes, updating all policies and programs and ensuring that everything is ready for 2015.

I will be very sad to leave NBPS. This school has been a very large part of my life for the past ten years. I have enjoyed every day of the past decade (well almost!) and am very proud of all our achievements. I have been privileged to have worked with talented, dedicated staff, generous, hard working parents, interested local community members and wonderful children. I have many people to acknowledge and thank and will do so at the end of the year.

Gai Collett
Principal
Mr Michael always willing to take on any job at our school. Thank you for all your hard work!

Our wonderful year 6 boys and girls who assisted with the school photographers last Thursday. Thank you – Holly, George, India, Alex K, Rose, Adrian, Sophie, Max, Lia, Alec, Beanie and Loukas! You were stars!

Thank you to all the wonderful mums who assisted with the uniform sales at last Thursday’s Kinder Parent Information Session. We really appreciate you giving up your time to provide this service to our new Kinder children. The Kinders will look so smart and be so proud of their new uniforms.

Congratulations to Ruby Scott (4P) who was awarded a B+ in her 2\textsuperscript{nd} Grade Piano exam and to Camble Scott (1G) who was awarded an A in his 1\textsuperscript{st} Grade Piano exam. Great work!

Congratulations to Lauren Young (3EW) and Amelia Soh (3H) they have been accepted into the Australian Ballet School’s Interstate Training Program for 2015. Great news girls!

Congratulations to Sonia Freiburg (4P) on earning an A+ in her Gr 2 AMEB Cello exam. Well done Sonia!

Congratulations to Alex Au (6T) who was awarded an A in his recent Grade 5 Alto Sax exam. Great work Alex!

**Bikes4life Charity**

Christopher Finnegan, our School Captain, has organised for our school to support the charity Bikes4life. This charity fixes unwanted bikes and ships them to countries to be used by poor people as transport. Christopher and the SRC would love your support with this charity and are asking you to please donate any unwanted bikes of any size. If you have a bike that you would like to donate, please bring it to school on Friday 31st October or Saturday 1st November in the morning. The bikes will be stored in the multi-purpose room. Christopher and his father will then transport the bikes donated to the charity headquarters on the Saturday 1st of November at 10:30 am.
Drop off your bikes at the Multi-purpose room.
Oct 31 @ 9am-9.30 & 3.15-3.45
Nov 1 – 8.30 to 10.30

Great way to help less fortunate people

Good recycling of old bikes

Any type of bicycle wanted – Adult, Children, Anything

BIKES4LIFE

In remote communities a bicycle is not only a means of transport to places of employment and education but can provide many with access to remote sources of food, water, medicine and shelter. One bicycle can support social rehabilitation & economic change and it is our mission is to collect, restore and provide bicycles to some of the most marginalised & impoverished communities around the world.

www.bikes4life.com.au

31ST OCT - 1ST NOV
BIKE COLLECTION FOR CHARITY

Bring your unwanted bikes to school
On Friday 31st October and Saturday 1st November you can bring any old or unwanted bikes to school. They will then be taken to Bikes4life which is a charity that fixes old bikes and ship them to places in Africa and Asia where they can be used by poor people as transport for kids to get to school and for adults to get to work.

MR CALLUM THOMSON
SRC COORDINATOR
KS News

This term KS are learning about the weather. We have a lot of questions that we hope we can answer.

Why does lightning only strike when it is raining? – Ethan

Why is it very light when it is daylight savings time? – EJ

Can you freeze from the snow? – Adi

Why is the breeze sometimes hot? – Haru

Why are the sun and the rain magic? Because they can make a rainbow. – Weiya

How is snow so freezing in the Arctic? – Lauren

Why does the fog get blurry? – Sarah

Why do we wear the winter uniform in winter? – Bonnie

Miss G Solomon
KS Teacher

A Wonderful Poem by Chloe in 3R

OctoPoem

A teacher is pink
She is the spring time
In a classroom.
She is sunny
A teacher is glasses
A big desk
She is a TV advert
A soft sandwich

Mrs N Remenyi
3R Teacher

P&C News

Plonk

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
Venue – Neutral Bay Club
Time – 7.30pm to 10.30pm
Cost - $25 per person (includes 5 tokens for wine tasting; option to buy more on the night at $1 per token).
Cheese plates and fruit provided.
Click on the link below to book your tickets. Payment is through Flexischools, once you log in select your child's name to take you to the 'Plonk' payment link. Make sure you return to the main invite to submit ‘yes’ when you have paid.

Hello from the Uniform Shop team.

We took delivery of a large order of stock last Thursday and so we are getting back orders packed and sent out as fast as we can. Thank you for your patience and be assured we haven't forgotten you.

A reminder of the new opening times for the shop: Tuesday mornings 8.30am-9.30am

Flexischools orders: We are now processing Flexischools orders on a daily basis so this is the quickest and easiest way to get items.

Exchanges: Should you need to exchange an item (eg for a different size), the easiest way is to bring it in a bag to the office, with a note including your child's name & class and what you would like to swap it for. We will aim for the replacement item to be delivered to your child's classroom either that day or the next day (subject to stock availability)

Kindy information night. A big thank you to everyone who came along to help us last Thursday night for the Kindy information night - you helped make it all run smoothly. Thank you to:
Liz Skinner (Rosie 3S)
Kellie Clarke (Emma 5K, Zoe 3R, Jack KRV)
Belle Jackson (Grace 4HR, Olivia 3S, Tess 1G)
Maria Giminez (Eli 4C, Anita 2G)
Amanda Petrides (Kaitlyn 5K, Ryan 2G)
Erica Kidston (Hamish 4P, Felix 2C)
Melinda Hayes (Lucinda 6T, Naomi 3R, Jolyon KL)
Suriya Foran (Max KK)

And of course to Stacey, Irene and Helen. I hope I didn't forget anyone!

Second Hand

Kate Leveaux will be taking the reins from Marion Braslin and managing the second hand section in Term 4. Thank you to Marion, who did a marvellous job, your tireless efforts has been most appreciated.

If you have any requests for second hand items you can email Kate on the new email, nbpssecondhand@gmail.com

At this stage, if we have the requested item in stock, it will be delivered to your child’s classroom on a Thursday or Friday. Of course you are still able to hand pick from the second hand rack on a Tuesday morning while the uniform shop is open.

We are always in need of second hand uniforms and it is the perfect time to spring clean the cupboards and bring any excess to us. Items can be dropped off at any time to the office.

Thanks, Elizabeth, Stacey, Kate & the Uniform Shop volunteers
**Canteen News**

**Monthly Raffle for the Volunteers**

We are pleased to announce a monthly raffle for our canteen volunteers starting this Term. This is to express our appreciation to all parents and carers who support our canteen. All of the volunteers who helped are qualified to be in a prize-draw. We are not telling you what the prizes are – it will be a surprise – but we think you will like them! The draw itself will take place every last Friday of the month and will be drawn by one of the volunteers on that day.

Our warm thank you to volunteer team in Week 1. 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 choose your time-slot at [www.SignUpGenius.com](http://www.SignUpGenius.com).

Next week’s special is Nachos.

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

**Community News**

**FREE EVENT**
North Sydney Children's Festival
Civic Park, 200 Miller Street North Sydney
Saturday 25 October 2014 from 10am-2pm

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.