FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Free Tickets – World Festival of Magic

We have been given a number of tickets to The World Festival of Magic at the Hordern Pavilion at Moore Park for Saturday 15th November – 11:00am, 1:30pm and 4:00pm shows.

Please collect tickets for family and friends from the school office. No limit on number of tickets!

Reminder : GirlPower – Next Tuesday

Registration and tickets: www.trybooking.com/CYFH
Date: Tuesday 4th November
Time: 6.00pm – 8.00pm
Venue: School Hall
Tickets are $35.00
To learn more information about GirlPower : www.urstrong.com

Bikes 4 Life

The SRC and Christopher Finnegan (6J) are supporting this most worthwhile charity which collects bikes, repairs/restores them and sends them on to third world countries where the bikes are used as transport.

Please support this charity by bringing in any unwanted bikes (of any size) to the Multi Purpose room on Friday 31st October or Saturday 1st November (prior to 10am). For each bike donated, you will receive one ticket to go into a draw to win a $300 bike shop voucher from a local bike shop.

Our thanks to Mr Finnegan who will be transporting the bikes and to Mr Thomson for his organisation.

No Lollies / Sweets at School

An increasing number of children are bringing lollies, lolly pops and other sweets to school – often sharing with other children.

Children are not permitted to eat lollies at school for all the obvious reasons. If parents send lolly bags for birthdays these are to be given out at the end of the school day. Candy canes are always a problem as we head into Christmas. Please do not allow your children to bring boxes of candy canes to distribute to their classmates.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Band News

Junior Band 2015:

Later this week an information pack will be sent home via pupil post to all year 2 families outlining the schools Band Program. We have been very lucky to have this wonderful program running at our school for the last 25 years as it provides an excellent opportunity for our children to learn an instrument with the goal to a life long love of music.
and making music. Important dates for Year 2 (and other interested students from other bands that are looking to join the band program in 2015) are below. All Year 2 children will sit the Ear test, but only those with completed and signed forms will be able to attend the Blow Test. The Blow Test is an opportunity for students to trial an array of instruments that the band has to offer in order to find the most suitable instrument for each child. More information on the Blow Test (and the Band Program generally) can be found in the information pack, or you can visit the Band tab on our school website: http://www.neutralbay-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/curriculum-activities/band

**Important Dates:**

Wednesday November 5th: Junior lunch - our 2014 Junior Band will perform for the year 2 students (and other interested students from other bands that are looking to join the band program in 2015).

Monday November 10th: 9:30am to 10:30am - Year 2 (and any other interested parties) Ear Test

Monday November 17th: starting at 9:30am - Year 2 (and any other interested parties) Blow Test

Information session for parents and students looking to join the Band Program in 2015: Date to be confirmed

**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

Parents may wish to discuss their application and their child’s suitability for selective school placement with class teachers.

**REMEMBER - 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.

**Calendar Dates**

**November**

4th - Girl Power – 6pm to 8pm

6th - Glee Club and Junior Dance Performance - 1:45pm

13th - Years 5 and 6 Performance – 9.30am – 10.45am

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

Gai Collett
Principal
### STARS OF THE WEEK

| Star | Congratulations to Sophie Hobson, Riley Landfear and Olivia Loukas all 5C who spoke so confidently at the OC Information Session on Monday morning. I am sure our visitors were both informed and impressed! Well done! |
| Star | Thanks also to Mrs Claudia Stephens who gave an “OC Parent Perspective” at the Information Session. Much appreciated Claudia! Also an impressive speaker! |
| Star | Gilda Khoshkhoo (5J) received an award at the recent 214 Minister’s Award for Excellence in Community Languages. Well done Gilda. |
| Star | Madison Au (4C) received an A in her recent AMEB Grade 4 Oboe exam. An excellent result considering that the keys and the rods of her oboe got damaged just before hand and the examiner was kept waiting while frantic attempts were made to temporarily fix the oboe! Madison Au was also awarded the title of “in open most promising oboist “in the junior section –Grade 3 and 4, playing less than 4 years at the recent Australasian Double Reed Society (ADRS) competition held at Scotch College Melbourne. |

### SCHOOL NEWS

**Invitation to Junior Dance and Glee Club Showcase**

It is our pleasure to invite parents to the Junior Dance and Glee Club Showcase on Thursday 6th November. The performance will begin at 1.45pm in the school hall. There will be a dress rehearsal for school children only on Wednesday 5th November. Please ensure your child brings in their costume on both of these days. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 6th November.

Kind Regards,

Junior Dance and Glee Club Teachers

**A T-Ball Report Week 3**

Last Friday, under a boiling hot sun, our competitive and social Year 5 and 6 T-Ball teams played the second round of competition. We ended the afternoon with two wins and two loses.

The Year 5 Social team lost 21-25. Both sides played very well and were equally matched, until the Beauty Point team drew ahead in the final innings. Henry Aspinall (5J) played another outstanding game and was elected player of the match for his brilliant batting.

The Year 5 Competitive team thrashed their opposition 20-10. The Artarmon team had huge hitters, but our fielding was too strong for them. It was a highly entertaining game to watch and the two teams became good friends. Darren Medvedev (5K) is to be commended for his excellent fielding and batting. He also showed wonderful sportsmanship throughout the game. Maddie Newman (5T) and Thalia Jonas (5K) are also to be commended for coming to the game, despite being injured.
The Year 6 Social team had a great win, with the final score ending up 36-26. They showed significant improvement in fielding and worked well together. Once again, Alex Ekstein (6T) was nominated as the player of the match, for getting three teammates home in his own brilliant home run.

In a tight match against Beauty Point Red team, our Year 6 Competitive team lost by just 6 runs, 20-26. Team captain, Holly Newman, felt that the team improved a lot as the match went on. This team unanimously nominated Raffi Mammot as player of the match, for the number of players he caught out when they were fielding.

A fantastic effort by all!

Don't forget that next week's Monday training is for the two Social teams. See you at 8am!

Miss Taylor and Mr Brown
(PSSA T-Ball Coaches)

KD has been writing fairytales.

Once upon a time there was a princess. She lived in a castle. She was nice to lots of people. There was a witch. She wanted to put a spell on her. She fell asleep. The witch did it. Then a prince came and knocked on the door. But nobody answered it so he went in and in the bedroom he saw the girl and he kissed her on the lips. Then she woke up and saw the prince. They kissed on the lips again and they lived together. The King decided they could marry so they married and the prince got his wedding clothes on and the girl got her fan and they married. They lived happily ever after.

By Grace

Once upon a time there was a beautiful girl who lived a faraway land. She was a princess. She was as beautiful as a rose. One day she was having breakfast when suddenly a black fairy appeared. The princess was scared. Then someone was knocking on the door. She said, “Please be the knight.” She ran to the door and it was the knight and they lived happily ever after.

By Jake

Once upon a time there was a princess. She lived in a castle. There was a wicked witch. She put a spell on the princess. But when she was an adult she fell asleep for 100 years. When it was past 100 years she woke up because a prince kissed her. Then they married. They lived happily ever after.

By Rupert

Once upon a time there was a princess. She lived in a castle. Around the castle there were bushes. And one day a wicked witch appeared in a lightning bolt. She went up the stairs to the princess’ room. She put poison water in a glass. The princess was very thirsty. She drank the poisonous water. She collapsed but a prince came and kissed her. They got married. They kissed. They lived happily ever after.

By Liberty

Once upon a time there was a princess who lived in a castle. There was a wicked witch. She put a spell on her. The princess fainted. A prince kissed her and then they married and lived happily ever after.

By Maxim

3S NEWS

3S enjoyed harvesting and eating delicious salads from their garden. In Term 3, 3S planted a variety of vegetables in their garden and last week we created some fabulous dishes using our very own produce.
The Outburst

On the island of Oahu, (oh-Wah hoo) Honolulu was in darkness until….CRACK the sky above an enormous mountain lit it up, an alarming shade of red.

Smoke flew over the rolling emerald hills in fifty shades of grey and seemed to be endless as a lifetime. These grey cloud took over the sky in a colourless revolution.

The volcano’s erupting rumble sounded as if one million extra large elephants had decided to visit a music studio and thrown all their attention to the bass drums!

By Miranda N

The Volcano Eruption

In the middle of Eden island a volcano is erupting. The place is gloomy and depressing.

Lava is billowing out from the jagged, rocky mouth of the cracked volcano. The rock with steaming. Burning hot fire on them shoots out as quick as lightning onto the suffering trees below. The rich golden colour swirls and dissolves into the pale white steam. Dripping molten rock races down the hollow mountain into the lonely, jungle at the ground.

By Chloe M
The Magical Fairground

The place where magical fun happens. It’s the magical fairground!

There is an amazing rainbow that lights up the sky with its wildly colourful sparkly, bright lights. It glows and shimmers on the right.

A gigantic Ferris wheel stands under a gentle rainbow. The Ferris wheel is as tall as a mountain and has strongly carved wooden seats that dance round and round.

This magical place can bring joy to life for everyone.

By Mia C

Pompeii

Vesuvius boiled and bubbles and growls like a hungry animal. The larva that had sat in the heart of it for so many years was finally beginning to move out.

Lave descended on the petrified townspeople who begin to evacuate. The molten rock flowed down the side of the active volcano. It was in the middle of the night and those who are peacefully sleeping get a shock when the lava burns their homes.

After the eruption the once-grand city is a big pile of rubble and dust.

By Nena H

P&C NEWS

Baking Alert!!!!
Attention Bakers of All Sizes! The Neutral Bay Public School Bake-off is set for the afternoon of Friday the 21st of November, to be celebrated at the same time as the end of year picnic! All bakers will have the opportunity to enter their fabulous cakes in the competition for a very small fee, which will be judged by our very discerning panel. You can enter as an individual or you can team up with a friend! Information will be sent home via pupil post and email closer to the date - but in the meantime get those baking caps on and start putting your ideas together!

P&C Events Team

UNIFORM SHOP

Hello from the Uniform Shop,

Next Tuesday (4th November), we will be having a big Summer Second-Hand Sale. Please come along between 8.30am & 9.30am to have a look at the great items we've had donated & grab yourself a bargain! We have summer uniform & summer sports uniform in a range of sizes, some back packs and also some library bags! Prices range from $5 - $15.

The Uniform Shop will also be open as usual at this time.

Next Tuesday is also the first of 3 Orientation Sessions for our new Kindy 2015 pupils. Remember that if you place an order on Flexischools, we aim to get your items out to you within the next couple of days. If you have friends who have children starting Kindy next year, please remind them about Flexischools - all orders for new starters are taken to the office for parents to collect.

Thanks,

Elizabeth, Stacey, Kate & the Uniform Shop volunteers
BAND NEWS

All bands have been very busy learning a number of new pieces to perform at the end of year events. Please make sure that your musicians continue to practice these pieces right to the end so that they get the most out of their musical experience - a terrific performance! There is nothing more rewarding than the look on their faces when they know that they’ve done a great job together as a team! We look very forward to hearing them at the end of the year.

A reminder to all current band members to take along the audition requirements (available under the Band tab of the School Website) to their tutors now so that you are well prepared for auditions at the beginning of 2015.

Important dates:
Monday November 10th: 9:30am to 10:30am - **Year 2** (and any other interested parties) Ear Test
Monday November 17th: starting at 9:30am - **Year 2** (and any other interested parties) Blow Test
Sunday December 7th: 4pm to 6pm - End of year and 25th Birthday celebration

For **Junior Band** there will also be two additional performances - one for the Year 2 students and one for the parents and students that are interested in joining the band program in 2015. Concert for Year 2 students (and other interested students from other years that are looking to join the band program in 2015): Wednesday November 5th during the lunch time rehearsal. Information session for parents of Year 2 students (and other interested students from other bands that are looking to join the band program in 2015): Date to be confirmed, but will take place on one of the Monday morning rehearsals after the Blow test.

Happy practicing
**Claudia Stephens, Liesel Wightwick and Karen Au** - Overall Band Co-ordinators

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CANTEEN NEWS

**Welcome to our Japanese Canteen Volunteers**

Irashaimase! A warm welcome to our Japanese Volunteers. We are lucky to have volunteers from Japan who will temporarily help at the canteen starting November to gain experience with the way of life in Australia. We thank them for choosing NBPS canteen to be a part of their experience.

Another warm thank-you to the volunteer team in Week 3 and to volunteers who have already filled in the timetable slots in advance.

Next week’s special is Healthy Hamburger.

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
NBCAG - Before and After School Care News

As you are aware we are fast approaching a New Year and have an HUGE waiting list for 2015.

If any of you are certain you will not be needing your permanent booking we would appreciate if you could email us on info@nbcag.com.au to cancel. I know there will be lots of grateful parents!

Current permanent booking with us it will automatically roll over to the New Year.

If you are on our waiting list you will be contacted in early December to inform you of your child’s placement details.

If you DO NOT hear from us your child’s name will be kept on the wait list and we will notify you if a spot becomes available.

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.