FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Principal Position Update

At the beginning of this term, Mrs Sharon Sands, Education Director convened a panel comprising of staff, parent and DEC representatives to select a new principal for our school. The position was advertised, open to DEC and external applicants both within and outside Australia. Unfortunately, the panel was not able to offer the position to any applicant.

An Acting Principal position is currently being advertised under the Expression of Interest (EOI) procedure. This will be open to DEC only personnel and will be for Term 1, 2015. The position will be readvertised in the new school year.

I will keep you informed as to the outcome of the EOI process.

Enrolments at NBPS

We have had a large number of applications for enrolment from “out of area” families. We are unable to take any “out of area” enrolments. Our enrolment policy is on the website at http://www.neutralbay-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/enrolment

In summary our current enrolment policy is:

- Permanent residents and Australian citizens residing in our designated school catchment area are eligible for enrolment. A minimum 12 month lease is required if renting.
- Siblings of OC children are not eligible for enrolment.
- Temporary Visa Holders are not accepted.
- If families move out of our school catchment area after they have commenced at NBPS they are permitted to remain at the school and younger siblings are accepted.

Volunteers Morning Tea

Parents who assist in the classrooms, reading tutors, Scripture and Ethics classes should have received invitations to our morning tea. We are looking forward to seeing you on

Date: Wednesday 3rd December.
Time: 10.50am
Venue: The School Hall

Drama Club Performances

We are looking forward to next Monday’s Drama Club performances to be held in the Hall commencing at 1.45pm.

Thanks to Mrs Rabone and Miss Taylor for their organisation.
P & C Meetings

Note: P & C Meeting Tonight – Wednesday 26th November
P & C AGM – Wednesday 10th December

Semester 2 Student Reports

All class teachers are finalising the Semester 2 reports. These will be sent home on Friday 12th December after the final Assemblies. If parents are leaving prior to this for holidays, please notify class teachers if you require the reports to be posted or retained at the school office for collection next year.

Final Assembly Dates

Kinder Graduation: Friday 12th December 9:30 – 11:00am
All parents and friends are invited to this special assembly. Each Kinder child will be presented with his/her certificate and will be involved in class and grade performances.

Years 1 and 2 Assembly: Tuesday 9th December 9:30 – 11:00am
All parents and friends are invited. The children will all be performing on stage in this Assembly. The Orchestra will also be performing.

Years 3 and 4 Assembly: Wednesday 10th December 9:30 – 11:00am
The Senior Band and Junior Choir will be performing at this Assembly. Children who will be receiving awards will take home invitations for parents. Awards are presented by class teachers for Academic Excellence; Consistent Effort; Progress; and Citizenship in addition to the Special Subject awards.

Years 5 and 6 Presentation Assembly: Thursday 11th December 9:30 – 11:00am
The Concert Band, Senior Choir and Senior Chamber Orchestra will be performing at this Assembly. Special Awards, Class Awards and Year 6 Major Awards will be presented. Parents will receive invitations by pupil post. The incoming SRC boys and girls will be presented with badges at this time.

Schools Spectacular

As you know our children, both dancers and choir members will be participating in this year’s Schools Spectacular. The show will be shown on Channel 9 this Saturday – 29th November at 7:00pm.

It will be a wonderful concert – look out for NBPS boys and girls!

School Bus Passes for 2015

If your child is in Year 2 going to Year 3 in 2015 and they are eligible for a free bus pass, you will have to re-apply. If you are not sure of your eligibility for a free pass, please come to the school office to view a map. ALL the Year 2, 2014 free bus passes will be cancelled at the end of this year.

Calendar Dates

November

28th & 29th - Schools Spectacular

December

1st - Drama Club Performance – 1:45pm
3rd - Year 6 Interrelate – 6:30pm
7th - Bands Concert – 4:00pm
9th - Years 1 and 2 Final Assembly – 9:30 – 11:00am
10th - Years 3 and 4 Final Assembly – 9:30am – 11:00am
Congratulations to Janet Zheng (2K) whose art work entitled The Paradise Flower has been selected as a finalist in the 2014 Young Australian Art Awards. She received a gold Medal which was presented at assembly. Well done Janet!

Loukas Triantis (6A) gained a Gold Medal at the State Relay Championships in shot put as a member of the ‘Throws Team’. The Throws Team won by 300 points and broke the club record by almost 400 points in the process.

Olivia Jackson (3S) competed in the BJP Physie National Championship and is now a National finalist and one of the top 20, 9 year old girls in the nation. Great news Olivia!

Donren Leung (6J) has been awarded an A+ (High Distinction) in his AMEB 6th grade piano. Well done Donren!

On Sunday Isabel Klein (4HR), Ruby Tyler (4HR), Megan Edwards (4HR), Jenni Lin (4HR), Jessica Ho (4HR) Mia Biordi (4HR) and Madeleine Hackshall (4HR) organised a fundraiser in Barry Street Park for the RSPCA. They sold various food and drinks and had lots of fun. They ended up raising $214.75. Well done girls!
3R Poetry

**When I Grow Up**

When I grow up
I think I'll be
A gardener
With a seed for a tree

I could be a ballerina
And a pianist too
I'd like to be a farmer
With cows that say “moo”

I'll own a piano
And play a song
I'll ding a bell
So it will go “dong”.

**When I Grow Up**

When I grow up
I think I'll be
A vet
and all the animals will like me.

I could be a scientist
And make a special potion
that makes people move in slow motion.

I'll own a drumkit
And I'll play a beat.
I'll keep some tap
Shoes to tap my feet.

**When I Grow Up**

When I grow up
I think I'll be
A soccer player
With lots of money.

I could be a spy
And a tennis player too;
I'd like to be a plumber
And fix people's loo's.

I'll own a kazoo
And I'll play a tune;
I'll keep a space shuttle
To adventure to the moon.

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**Chloe (3R)**

**Kayla (3R)**

**Angus (3R)**

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**Area Finals - Oz tag 24th November**

On the 24th of November the Senior Boys Oz Tag team travelled up to Mount Colah to participate in the area final after finishing runners up in our zone competition back in October.

It was an extremely hot and humid day for tag and the team struggle like all the teams to cope with the conditions. The team performed admirably throughout their 5 games through the pool stage of the competition. They played against outstanding opposition and manage 2 wins and 3 defeats in their 5 matches. Each game was keenly contest and the winning margins were very small in each game.

The boys showed outstanding sportsmanship throughout and were a credit to the school.

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Mr R Kessler - OZ Tag Coordinator
School Chess Report

2014 has been an exciting year for chess at Neutral Bay Public School. Children from Years Two to Year Six competed in the NSW Junior Chess League Primary Schools Competition. We fielded 6 teams across the Rookies, Intermediate and Championship divisions. Throughout the competition children displayed great sportsmanship and skill. Neutral Bay Team A performed extremely well by winning the Lower North Shore Division. From there they went through to the regional finals, only to be stopped by a formidable Sydney Grammar team. Well done! This year, some of the top chess players at Neutral Bay Public School competed in the Scots College Chess Challenge. Neutral Bay finished in 6th place after encountering some very strong competition.

Castle Cove Public School was the next exciting tournament of the year. Neutral Bay Public School fielded 6 teams and saw everyone gain valuable experience amongst a large pool of 48 competing teams. Neutral Bay B caused the upset of the day, by narrowly outscoring Neutral Bay A in overall rank.

The highly anticipated Neutral Bay Public School Chess Championship was held in November. This competition saw children of all ages compete for the title of chess champion. Aidan Odenthal was our overall champion coming in with a flawless 7 wins! Many thanks to the Sydney Academy of Chess for hosting this event.

A big thank you goes out to Miss Irvine for your help in organising chess this year! Also an equally big thanks to all the parents for their support with transportation, supervision and scoring of chess matches. Without your support, our continued involvement in chess competitions would not be possible.

Jonathon Ticli, Chess Coordinator

Neutral Bay 2014 Chess Tournament

It was an exciting end to the 2014 year of chess with the annual NBPS Chess Tournament. The event saw another large turnout of students ranging from Kindergarten all the way through to Year 6. In total there were 39 participants who fought it out for the top spot. Medals were given to students to year group champions and 3 trophies for the
students with the overall winning point scores. In 3rd place was Tobey Huey, who looks to be a real competitor for the future. James Wang came in at a narrow 2nd place on points with 6/7 wins. And the overall winner in 2014 goes to Aidan Odenthal with an outstanding 7/7 wins! Well done! A special mention must go out to young Anton Stephens in KL who despite his age and limited experience came 7th overall…watch out!

**Champions – Trophy Winners**

1st- Aidan Odenthal  
2nd- James Wang  
3rd- Toby Huey  

**Year Group Champions – Medal Winners**

Year 6- Adrian Freiburg and Claire Stephens (Gold)  
Year 5- William Murray (Silver)  
Year 4- Bennett Chan (Silver)  
Year 3- Affan Muhammad (Gold)  
Year 2- Ewan Odenthal (Silver)  
Year 1- Lawrence Hur (Silver)  
Kindergarten – Anton Stephens (Silver)  

Mr Ticli  
Chess Coordinator

**Robotics Competition Photos**

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Callum Thomson  
Technology in Learning Teacher

**Bubble Bouncing**

In science with Mrs Keeling we made bubbles.  
The bubble bouncing rules are:  
They will pop if they touch a dirty surface, if it’s too windy, too hot or if you are in an air conditioned room.  
So we used clean cotton gloves to see if we could make the bubbles bounce and not pop.  
We turned off the fans and closed the windows.
Using detergent and water in a cup, we blew bubbles with a pipette. We tried to bounce them on our gloves and on the carpet.
Watch our video, it’s heaps of fun, you should try it at home!

By Ben and Scarlett 2K
P.S. Remember the bubble bouncing rules!

P&C NEWS

P&C End of Year Drinks

You would have now received via pupil mail the invitation to the end of year and Gai Collett’s retirement drinks on Tuesday 16 December at 7 pm. To RSVP, please use the link below. Contributions to Gai Collett’s retirement gift can be made via Flexischools. The P&C Executive is looking forward to celebrate the retirement of our School Principal with you.
P&C 2014 Annual General Meeting: Nominations

The P&C will hold its Annual General Meeting on at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 10 December 2014 in the school hall. All positions are declared vacant and elected or re-elected. The positions together with a brief description of activities and nomination forms can be found on the school website.


Please return nomination forms to the School Office, or hand to Victor Tan (Deputy-Principal), who has agreed to act as “Returning Officer” for these elections. Nominations will be accepted at the office until Tuesday 9 December 3pm, and at the AGM.

In particular the P&C are looking to fill the following office bearers for 2015. If you are interested in taking up the following positions, please hand in your nomination form to the office.

- Assistant Treasurer
- Functions and Fundraising Coordinator

Sharmila Soorian, Hon Secretary

Link Nomination form

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Hello from the Uniform Shop Team

Just 3 weeks left of school - can you believe it?!

The shop will be open on Tuesday mornings (8.30am-9.30am) for just two more weeks - our last day will be Tuesday 9th December. We will be closed on the last Tuesday of term.

Flexischools orders will continue to be processed on a daily basis. The last day for placing Flexischools orders for delivery before the holidays will be 3.50pm on Thursday 11th December.

Any orders placed after that time will be available for collection from school on January 27th 2015 (the day before school starts). We haven’t finalised the times for that day but are provisionally looking at being open from 8.30am - 10.30am for Flexischools order collection as well as having the uniform shop open. We will confirm times before the end of term.

Elizabeth, Stacey, Kate & the Uniform Shop volunteers
Junior Band 2015

Thank you to all the parents and children who came to our information morning on Monday about joining the band program, and a big thank you to Mr Hampton and Junior Band 2014 who gave such an entertaining, practical demonstration of a year in the life of beginner band. If you couldn't make it, or didn't attend because you have an elder sibling in band, please take a minute to look at the slide show which has been posted under the Band link as some things are changing in the band program next year.

Could all families joining Junior Band next year (who have not yet done so) please complete and hand in a band declaration to the school office. Alternatively, if you know that your child will not be joining Junior Band next year, please let Claudia Stephens know as soon as possible.

Looking ahead - 2015

Audition requirements and the audition timetable are on the school website. Please make a note of the relevant date in your diary, and ask your tutors to go through the relevant scales and requirements with your child now, before the end of term. This is the time to start practising (when you have the opportunity for valuable feedback from tutors) before the long summer holidays.

Please also note that next year, Band Camp will be held at the end of first term, and Senior Band and Concert Band will attend for two nights. Junior Band will attend for one night. Because Band Camp will be held earlier, band fees will also be due earlier next year.

Important dates:

Sunday November 30 2.30pm - 5pm - Reunion Band rehearsal for Concert Band and Reunion Band members
Sunday December 7th: 4pm to 6pm - End of year Concert for all Bands and 25th Birthday celebration
Wednesday 10 December 9.30am - Senior Band performing at Years 3 and 4 Final Assembly
Thursday 11 December 9.30am - Concert Band performing at Years 5 and 6 Presentation Assembly

29 January - 3 February 2015 - Auditions for Senior and Concert Band, check website for specific times for different instruments
4 February 2015 - First rehearsal for Junior Band 2015
20 February 2015 - Band fees due
27-29 March 2015 - Band Camp at Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation, Narrabeen
3 May 2015 - Band Workshop

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

Look out for the article in the Mosman Daily
Thank you Volunteers

We are very grateful indeed to the regular and new volunteers who are turning up at the canteen to help. Maree would like to extend her sincere appreciation to all of your support.

Another warm thank-you to the volunteer team in Week 7 and to volunteers who have already filled in the timetable slots in advance for this Term. We still ask for your help for the remaining Term especially from the 1st of Dec until the last day of school. The sign-up process is now online and quick and simple. Please register at https://www.signupgenius.com/register or email us at nbpscanteenroster@gmail.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
IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO PARENTS

IF YOU WILL NOT BE USING YOUR PLACE IN BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL CARE IN 2015 COULD YOU PLEASE NOTIFY LIBBIE IMMEDIATELY ON 99539366 OR info@nbcag.com.au
WE HAVE A HUGE WAITING LIST AND VERY FEW SPACES.

Year 4
Parents and teachers Christmas Drinks
Saturday 29th November 8pm – midnight
119 Milson Road Cremorne
Cost $10 per person
Snack food served, BYO drinks
Please place envelope with names and payment at the mail box next to the office By Friday 28th November

The Cliffo Sea Scouts Christmas Tree Sale is on again.

Saturday 6th and 13th December

From 7am at: Neutral Bay Public School – Yeo street. www.cliffoscouts.com

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.