Reminder: P&C AGM

The P&C AGM will be held tonight at 7.30pm in the hall.

All parents are most welcome to attend.

Many thanks to all those generous parents who have nominated for positions in the P&C for 2015! We are very fortunate to have such an active and involved P&C at Neutral Bay Public School. Our school would not be the same without our P&C.

Busy End of Term

Thursday 11th  –  Stage 3 Presentation Assembly-  9:30am
Friday 12th  –  Kindergarten Graduation-  9:30am  
              –  Mini Fete- 11:00am
Monday 15th –  Year 6 Farewell Dinner-  6:00pm
Tuesday 16th –  NBPS X Factor Finals  
                 –  P&C End of Year 6 Drinks-  7:00pm
Wednesday 17th –  Picnic and Party Day

Dear Parents,

YEAR 6 MINI FETE

The 2014 Year 6 Mini Fete will be held this Friday at school. Money raised from this fete will go towards the traditional Year 6 present to the school. There will be over 25 stalls offering a range of activities and treats. The Year 6 students are looking forward to putting on an enjoyable day for all children.

DATE:   Friday, 12th December 2014
         •  Years K – 3 : 11:10 to 12:00
         •  Years 4 – 5 : 12:15 to 1:00
WHERE:  Various locations around the school
COST:   Students are recommended to bring $5.00 in coins

Regards,
Year 6 Teachers
Congratulations School Leaders- 2015

Last week, elections were held for our school leaders for 2015. A large number of Year 5 boys and girls nominated and delivered election speeches, which were varied and interesting. All Year 5 students and teachers voted.

*Congratulations to our SRC representatives who will all receive their badges at tomorrow’s Presentation Assembly:*

Serena Wong, Jack Vallis, Georgia Tuxen, Lucy Rathbun, Angelina Pona, Ela Parkinson, Madeleine Newman, Rex Markman, Olivia Loukas, Caitlan Loh, Jared Li, Kylie Lam, Oliver Hudson, Christie Huang, Mitchell Holden, Sophie Hobson, Ashley Grant, Jessica Gies-Coultts, Mitchell Gayfer, Elizabeth Gates, Briahna Forder, Orion Foulds, Riley Fitzgerald, Alexandra Dent, Andy Danis, Bronte Cram, Emma Clarke, Barnaby Castle, Joshua Bullfin and Sassy Bloch-Jorgensen.

*Special congratulations to our School Captains for 2015:*

Patrick Reed-Stephenson, Riley Landfear, Laura Campbell and Sophie Bateman.

New Principal

Mr David Shuster, Principal of Curl Curl North PS, has been appointed Reliving Principal of our school for Term 1 next year. The position will be re-advertised early next year.

I welcome Mr Shuster to NBPS. I know that he will enjoy working with our wonderful school community. Mr Shuster visited Mr Thomson and our classrooms last term to see our iPads in action and has worked with Mr Tan on a project this year. He is an experienced principal who I know will do a great job. He will be visiting the school later this week and will be working with me during the holidays to ensure that all our programs continue seamlessly next year. I will have all the classes, staffing and programs set up and will be able to provide a thorough handover to him. I wish him all the very best.

Term Dates for 2015

Term 1: Wednesday 28th January to Thursday 2nd April  
Term 2: Tuesday 21st April to Friday 26th June  
Term 3: Tuesday 14th July to Friday 18th September  
Term 4: Tuesday 6th October to Wednesday 16th December

Final Assembly Dates

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

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 have received invitations by pupil post. The incoming SRC boys and girls will be presented with badges at this time.
Calendar Dates

December

10th - P & C AGM – 7:30pm
11th - Years 5 and 6 Presentation Day – 9.30am - 11:00am
12th - Kinder Graduation –9:30 - 11:00am & Year 6 Mini Fete
15th - Year 6 Farewell – 6:00pm
16th - P&C End of Year Drinks
17th - Picnic and Party Day, Last day of school

January 2015

28th - Years 1 to 6 commence school
29th - 5OC students commence school

February

2nd - Kindergarten commences school: A - K 9:30 - 10:00am
       L – Z 10.00 - 10:30am

Sweets/Lollies at School

Reminder: Children should not bring lollies, candy canes etc. to school to distribute to their friends. The last day of school – Wednesday 17th December is party day and children may bring a small amount of party food to share with their friends.

Band Concert- 25th Anniversary Celebrations

Sunday afternoon’s band concert was terrific. The bands all played beautifully- it was a wonderful way to celebrate 25 years of band programs at Neutral Bay P.S. It was great to have both Mr Ross Cole and Ms Eve Bagnall with us. Mr Cole started the bands at NBPS back in 1989 and Ms Bagnall was the parent co-ordinator. They were both very proud to see the legacy of their work and thrilled with the high standards of all our bands.

It was lovely to see our ex-students back to play in the Reunion Band with our Concert Band. They are such fine young people.

My thanks to our bandmasters, Mr Ray Hampton and Mr Matt Brown for all their work with the bands. Mr Brown will be taking some time off from the band work, as he has not been well this year. He will continue to tutor private students. We wish him a speedy recovery.

My thanks also to all the band co-ordinators for a fantastic year with the bands. Your generosity in giving your time and energy means that our children have been given a lifelong gift of learning a musical instrument and playing in a band.

Special thanks to Claudia Stephens, Liesel Wightwick and Karen Au for the superb stewardship of the band program. What a huge logistical exercise-executed so well. Many thanks ladies!
P&C Drinks- Tuesday 16th December at 7:00pm

I am most grateful to the P&C who are hosting the end of year drinks and my farewell. I look forward to celebrating another great year with parents and staff, and having the opportunity to say goodbye to so many wonderful people. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at NBPS. I have been so impressed with the generosity of so many parents who give up their time to assist and support the school and provide opportunities for other people’s children. I have met interesting, dynamic people, parents and members of the local community who have inspired me with their drive and passion. I am grateful for the support, kindness and friendship that has been extended to me by so many people during my ten years at NBPS. There is such generosity of spirit in our community - it is very special indeed.

I feel very privileged to have had the opportunity to have led our school for the past decade. It has been a wonderful part of my life - certainly the highlight of my career.

My focus has always been on our children. Their enthusiasm, pure joy, love of learning, energy and innocence have motivated and sustained me during the inevitable challenges of leadership. Their achievements - big and small, their care and concern for one another, their growth and development in so many areas have been a great pleasure to share. - I am constantly amazed at what our children can achieve. They are the leaders of the future. The future of our great country is very bright.

I thank you all for your support, look forward to seeing you Tuesday evening and wish you the very best for Christmas and 2015.

Gai Collett
Principal

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<td>Congratulations to Joshua Bulfin (5C) for passing both the AMEB Grade 3 Percussion Exam and the Rockschool Drum Exam with flying colours! Well done Joshua for all the hard work you put into the preparation, it really paid off!</td>
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<td>Well done to Connor Taratoris (6B) who has been awarded a &quot;Junior Black Belt&quot; in Karate at the PCYC North Sydney. Congratulations Connor, that’s a wonderful achievement!</td>
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<td>Congratulations Emma Baldwin (2G) for receiving National 3rd place at the BJP Physie Dance Championships. Well done for achieving such a superb result!</td>
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<td>Congratulations to Phoebe Sampson (1G) who was a finalist in the National Physical Culture competition. That’s outstanding Phoebe, well done!</td>
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<td>On Friday 21st November, Wednesday, 26th November and Thursday 27th November, Otto Jandera and Josh Ashton from 3R played in a tennis tournament. Josh had one win and two losses. Otto won 4 matches and lost 4.</td>
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Navigator Student Newspaper – Issue 6, 2014

Welcome to the latest issue of Navigator. This student newspaper is the guide to everything happening in Neutral Bay Public School, from classrooms to staffroom and beyond. Now in its third year, Navigator is produced by a group of student journalists from Years 5 to 6 who brainstorm, write and edit each issue.

The latest issue of Navigator can be found by clicking on the ‘Curriculum & Activities’ tab on our school website. Alternatively, click on the link below and enjoy.

http://nbpsyear5oc.wordpress.com/navigator-archive/

G. Carnegie
Assistant Principal

A huge thank you to the year 5 and 6 students for helping to collect the schools’ paper recycling this year. With your help, Neutral Bay Public School has saved approximately 505 trees this year! Well done boys and girls!

KH have been talking about helping others at Christmas time, and what they would like for Christmas...

"All I want for Christmas is to help people learn music" - Harry

"All I want for Christmas is no more bonfires and no bush fires and I want no one killing animals" - Tasman

"All I want for Christmas is to be nice and kind. I want to be helping people" - Tilly

"All I want for Christmas is to love lots of people in the world and stop bad things happening" - Avalon

"All I want for Christmas is a world of peace. All I want for Christmas is no more dead animals" - Leo

"All I want for Christmas is to give other people my toys that I don’t want" - Tomas

"All I want for Christmas is to have no more fights in the world" - James

"All I want for Christmas is to be kind to other people and play with them" - Ayodhan

Thank you!

MRS HUDSON KH CLASS TEACHER
Pictured are Thalia Jonas and Angelina Pona from 5K, displaying their ‘International Cultural Food Day’ assignments. They were based around the Australian delicacy 'Rocky Road' and the French classic pastry 'The King Cake', respectively. Both dishes were brought in and sampled by the students of 5K, along with various other interesting dishes from numerous cultures and countries. It was a fun and tasty day for all concerned!

Here are some students from 5T and the teddy bears they have been creating for the past two weeks.
P&C End of Year Drinks

Dear Parents,

With Gai Collett's leaving Drinks just around the corner (next Tuesday the 16th of December,) just a gentle reminder to register your rsvp's for the evening via the invitation/link you have received via your class coordinators. (Please cut and paste the link manually if you are having difficulty). In special honour of Gai's outstanding contribution to our school, the evening is completely complimentary to all parents with thanks to our P&C. Gai will also be joined by friends and family for the occasion, so join us for a great night! Parents are also welcome to make contributions to Gai’s farewell gift via flexischools. Looking forward to seeing you at the Party!

Please follow the link to RSVP
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1g440dF3-ly6Z3oZOS6hPfj8H20sE1rZ83-RvwMM8nGA/viewform

P&C 2014 Annual General Meeting: Nominations

The P&C will hold its Annual General Meeting 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
Hello from the Uniform Shop Team,

A quick reminder that the uniform shop is now closed for the rest of the year - we will **not** be open on Tuesday 16th December.

Also a reminder that 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), 8.30am - 10.30am when the uniform shop will be open for those last minute purchases.

We hope you all have a very relaxing and enjoyable break!

Elizabeth, Stacey, Kate & the Uniform Shop volunteers

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**BAND NEWS**

**Thank You for The Music**

In between massive rainfall and much thunder and lightning, the Band Program finished the year on a high. Thank you to everyone for helping to make the 25th End of Year Band Concert such a resounding success. From the opening notes of Junior Band playing Beethoven’s ‘Ode to Joy’, to the amazing solos from our alumni in the Reunion Band’s Green Onions, with Concert Band’s virtuoso dancing performance of ‘Jai Ho’ (and who didn’t love Senior Band’s version of ‘Thriller’?) We all enjoyed a superb performance, showcasing the band program as it is today, and referencing favourite pieces from the past such as ‘Days of Dixie’ and the ‘Native American Sunrise’ Song. We were very fortunate to have our original band conductor from 25 years ago - Mr Ross Cole - in attendance, as well as an original band co-ordinator, Ms Eve Bagnall.

Special thanks to all our parent volunteers who helped set up the hall, pack up at the end (an amazing job, Mr Michael said everything was so perfect he wouldn’t have known we’d been there) and help serve the masses by cooking sausages on the BBQ and serving in the canteen. Also thanks to Lee Wavish who compiled the beautiful black and white slideshow of the last few years of the band program.

Finally, thanks to the many generous donations - altogether we raised over $1000 which will be put towards much needed percussion equipment.
Final rehearsals

Just a reminder that final rehearsals are:

- Thursday 11 December for Senior and Concert Bands and
- Monday 15 December for Junior Band

Please remove all personal music from band folders as music and folders will be collected and sorted this week.

Junior Band 2015

We are very excited about welcoming our new young musicians into the band program, ready for Junior Band in 2015. By now you should have received an email concerning price lists for student purchases of new instruments, and an email or phone call concerning tutorials. If you have not, please contact Claudia Stephens as soon as possible (claudia@estoniabeckons.com), as we may not have the correct email address for you.

Thanks to all those families who have completed and handed in Band Declaration Forms. If you have not yet done so, they are available on the school website under the band link (under Curriculums and Activities) - please complete and hand in to the office as soon as possible.

If your child is not intending to join the band program in 2015, please let Claudia know.

Looking ahead - 2015

The band program will start immediately in 2015. Audition requirements and the audition timetable are on the school website. Please make a note of the relevant dates in your diary, and ask your tutors to go through the 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. Don’t forget to take home your instruments - it is hard to practise scales when your instrument spends summer in J Block!

Auditions will be in week 1 and 2, rehearsals start in week 2 and Band Camp will be held at the end of first term. 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:

- 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
Thank you to all the canteen volunteers

Many thanks to all the parents, carers and family members who helped in the canteen in 2014. We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all volunteers whose children will be leaving Neutral Bay Public School this year. Your contribution and support certainly kept the canteen in smooth operation all throughout the year.

We wish everyone a happy Christmas. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on the 28th of January 2015 and look forward for your continuous support next year.

Another warm thank-you to the volunteer team in Week 9 and thank you also to those who are coming in this week. We ask for your help for the last 2 days next week of this Term. Please register at https://www.signupgenius.com/register or email us at nbpscanteenroster@gmail.com

Next week’s special is Hip Hot Doggie.

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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Thank you and Merry Christmas to all!

Michelle, Maree, Renuka, Jocelyn and Margarita
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.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE: FIRST DAY TERM 1, 2015

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Tuesday 27th January is a school development day.
Before and after school care will be open from 7:30am to 6pm to care for your children if you need
us.

Wear: Mufti
Bring: Morning tea and lunch
Cost: $45 per child for the day CASH in advance

To Book: Please phone us on 9953 9366 or enrol on the form at the BSC/ASC front desk.
If you need to book during the holiday please text Libble, before the 23rd of January, on: 0418 683 458.

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.