Grade/Class Blogs

Grade Blogs have now been linked to the school’s website. Term overviews, homework, parent information and photographs will be regularly uploaded by the teachers. Parents are reminded to check the blogs.

Selective High School Test – Year 6

Applicants for the Selective High School Test should have been notified of the following details:

- Test Centre: North Sydney Girls High School
- Time: 9:00am to 1:15pm
- Date: Thursday 13th March

Library Monitors 2014

Thank you to the following children who have been selected to be our Library Monitors this year. We are grateful to them for their assistance. Miss Mazey, our Teacher Librarian, is looking forward to working with them in the library. They will be rostered on duty at lunch times and before school, shelving books and assisting with other library duties. They were presented with their badges at last week’s assembly.

1. Alex Au
2. Arnaud Brisset
3. Anna Brown
4. Zoé Clifford Sellam
5. Billie Clow
6. Elliot Connor
7. Kalliope Coroneos
8. Stella Edmonston
9. Pehan Ekanayake
10. Will Guagliardo
11. Leah Guo
12. Miah Gough
13. Callie Hagans
14. Lillian Hamer
15. Simrin Hartmann
16. Luke Harvey
17. Amelia Heffernan
18. Lara Hurley
19. Natalie Kendy
20. Natasha Liang
21. Emily Lee
22. Stephany Lu
23. Sabine Lynch
24. Cordelia Newton
25. Samantha Norman
26. Angus Paine
27. Imogen Peel
28. Nikita Pussell
29. Mia Salvatico
30. Anais Scott
31. Lia Sison
32. Anja Skilton
33. Claire Stephens
34. Emily Yu
35. Reuben Wilder
ASTHMA AND ANAPHYLAXIS PLANS

Parents are reminded that these plans need to be updated annually. Please provide current plans to the school office and ensure that we hold “indate” puffers, medications and e-pens. Many thanks for your assistance with this. We take our duty of care very seriously at NBPS and want to ensure that children who suffer with these conditions are treated appropriately.

P&C MEETING WEDNESDAY 12TH MARCH

Our first P&C meeting for 2014 will be held next Wednesday 12th March at 8:00pm in the school hall. Light refreshments will be available from 7:30pm.

All parents, especially our new parents, are most welcome and are encouraged to attend. All P&C positions for 2014 were filled at the AGM held in November last year. I will take this opportunity to outline the school target areas for the year, our technology plan, provide an update on the planned new high school and other school issues and activities.

My thanks to the parents who have been elected to these positions on the P&C for 2014.

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**SEMMESTER 1 FEES – REMINDER**

Many thanks to the parents who have paid their Semester 1 student fees. Please don’t hesitate to contact me if payment of these fees presents a problem. Children will not be issued with books/materials or be able to participate in specialist lessons unless payment is received.

**CLEAN UP SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

Our Clean Up School activities were postponed last week due to the wet weather. Please send in gloves and plastic bags this Friday.

**ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Best wishes to the NBPS Zone Swimming Team at next Tuesday’s Zone Swimming Carnival. I know that they will all try their very best and be fine representatives for our school.

**ADVANCE NOTICE – PARENT INTERVIEWS**

Class teachers will be conducting parent interviews in the last week of this term – Monday 7th April to Friday 11th April. [4HR interviews will be conducted in Week 8.]

Teachers will send home invitations with a list of available timeslots for parents to book an interview.

Written reports will be sent home at the end of Term 2.

**ICAS TESTS [International Competitions and Assessments for Schools]**

Application forms for participating in these assessments were sent home on orange paper earlier this week. At NBPS we participate in the Science, English and Maths assessments. Please note that these tests are not entirely curriculum based and are intended for the more capable students in these areas. Unlike NAPLAN tests, schools do not receive any relevant feedback from these tests. Forms must be returned to Mr Thomson by Thursday 27th March.

**REMINDER – KINDERGARTEN FINISH AT 3:10PM**

All Kindergarten parents are reminded that from next Monday – 10th March – Kindergarten classes will be dismissed at 3:10pm.

This should give parents time to collect any children in Years 1-6 whose classes finish at 3:15pm.

With all classes finishing around the same time from next week, I anticipate that traffic will be heavier and parking more difficult at pick up time in the afternoons.

Parents will need to leave themselves more time to find a parking sport and be prepared to park further away from the school and walk to collect their children.
PLEASE DRIVE AND PARK SAFELY TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN

TERM 1 CALENDAR

March
Friday 7th – Cricket Knock Out
Sunday 9th – Band Workshops – 12 noon at school
Monday 10th – Kinders finish at 3.10pm
Tuesday 11th – Zone Swimming Carnival- North Sydney Pool
Wednesday 12th – P&C Meeting 8:00pm
Thursday 13th – Selective High Schools Test
Friday 21st – Harmony Day
Monday 24th to
Wednesday 26th – Year 5 Camp
Thursday 27th – Paul Kelly Cup [AFL]
Friday 28th – P & C Welcome Drinks

April
Thursday 3rd – School Council Meeting 8.00am
Monday 7th to Friday 11th – Parent Interviews
Tuesday 8th – Grandfriends’ Concert
Friday 11th – Last day of Term 1

Gai Collett
Principal

Stars of the Week

1W and 4HR made pancakes for Pancake Tuesday
Holly Newman, Max Bottomley, Sam Axford and Raffi Mammott who were all selected at the Zone Soccer trials earlier this week to represent North Shore Zone at the Combined Zone trials. Congratulations and Good Luck!

Mia Biordi 4HR has been selected as a member of the 2014 Women’s Gymnastic International Development Program Bronze Squad! Congratulations Mia, and Good Luck!

The Sochi Olympics

Come and watch the Olympics in Sochi,
There are amazing sights to see,
I’m definitely going to go,
Why don’t you come with me?

See the down hill ski jumpers,
See the ice skaters dance gracefully,
See the luge and the sleeleton
See the speed skiers do a Bradbury.

I really like the sparkling snow,
Time for you to watch me,
Watch me build a snowman,
Come and see, it’s for free!

It’s sad the Olympics has to end,
But don’t worry it’ll be here again,
In Pyeong Chong, Korea it will be,
Such wonderful things you’ll see.

Samara Foulds 3H

Ethan 3H has made a collage of the Olympics
**PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE 2014**

The Premier’s Reading Challenge aims to promote wide reading for pleasure and recreation. Students are encouraged to read a variety of texts and develop a love of literature.

Registrations for 2014 are now open and students wishing to participate in this year’s challenge need to log on via the website below;


Booklists, student reading records and more information about the challenge can be found at the above address.

Janine Mazey – Teacher/Librarian

**LOST PROPERTY**

There are a large number of unlabelled drink bottles and lunch boxes in lost property. These are attracting vermin and are a health hazard. We ask for your assistance by ensuring that all items are clearly labelled with your child’s name and new class.

All unlabelled food storage items unfortunately need to be thrown away at the end of each week.
Quality un-named, unclaimed clothing will be donated to the uniform shop. Please encourage your child to check lost property, which is located inside the entrance to the Bydown building near the library.

3R’s Winter Olympics Contributions

Sochi Ice Hockey
Ice is flying
People are crying
They have broken arms
And sweaty palms
So very rough
The players are tough
All padded up
They’re whacking the puk
They run and skat
But it’s too late
The buzzer rings.

Chloe 3R

Ice Skating
A beautiful girl and boy dressed in white
See them dance all through the night
They twirl, twizzle, twist and turn
It has taken them a long time to learn.

The triple jumps, leaps and spins
The one who practices always wins.
Listen to the crowd roar and shout
As he throws his partner about.

The music quickens, they move faster and faster
The coach is hoping there is no disaster
All the training, all the hard work
Now the crowd is going quite berserk.

As they finish they take a bow and wait
For the judges to deliberate.
The score comes up, everyone screams
Sochi, the Olympics, come live your dreams.

Mia 3R
SOCHI – YOUR TOURIST GUIDE

2014 WINTER OLYMPICS

From February 7 to 23, Sochi will host over 2,500 athletes from all over the world.
The 22nd Winter Olympics will feature 98 separate events in 15 different sports.
Sochi has many different things to do during your visit.
Located on the Black Sea, you can have walks along the beach or visit a seaside café.
Sochi also has two aquariums, The Adler Dolphiarium, a monkey nursery or its zoo.
If you love nature, head to Sochi National Park and from the top of Mount Akhun enjoy the beautiful views!
Sochi is also filled with history. Tour the local Byzantine ruins or see Stalin’s old summer home.

2014 SOCHI PARALYMPICS

Shortly after the Winter Olympics, Sochi will proudly host the XI [11th] Paralympic Winter Games.
There will be 12 events in 6 sports and will premiere Para-Snowboarding on an Olympic stage.

Lucy 3R
**HEALTHY FOOD CHOICES**

All Year 4 has been studying healthy food choices. We have looked at the food pyramid and discussed what foods are the healthy ones and what the recommended number of serves for fruit and vegetables is. We brought in fruit and vegetables and made faces which we all enjoyed eating.

*Lynne Rabone – Class Teacher 4HR*

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**NATURAL DISASTERS**

4HR have been studying natural disasters. Some of us have created active volcanoes to show what happens when a volcano erupts and molten magma runs down the side of a volcano. We have done this by making a volcano and using vinegar and bicarbonate of soda to cause the eruption.

*Lynne Rabone – Class Teacher*
We are looking forward to a productive and stimulating workshop this Sunday 9 March at 12pm - our first big band event for 2014. All bands have new music to work on and it is exciting to see how much the ensembles can achieve together in an intensive afternoon of rehearsals and tutorials. A very big thank you to all the band co-ordinators and our band librarian Stella Yin who are working hard behind the scenes to make sure the workshop will run smoothly. We are also very grateful to all the generous band parents who were so quick to volunteer their time to supervise - we couldn't do it without you.

Please check the emails from your band co-ordinators and the note on the school website for further important information about the workshop. In particular, if you haven't already handed in your Working With Children form, please do so no later than Friday to the relevant band pocket in the hall.

See you all on Sunday for a great afternoon of music,

Claudia Stephens, Liesel Wightwick and Karen Au
Overall Band Co-ordinators
**Guten Tag [Hello] from the Canteen!**

We have an increasing number of children coming to the canteen saying they placed a lunch order on FlexiSchools but did not receive it in the lunch basket. In many of these cases we have no record of a lunch order being placed. When ordering on FlexiSchools please ensure the final ‘Place Order’ tab has been pressed. If your child orders their own lunch, please check that the order has been completed. When we provide your child with lunch a duplicate note with the amount owing is sent home with them and we would appreciate the outstanding money being brought in the next day.

Over the past few weeks we have had a few problems with our sushi deliveries and we have had to send volunteers to drive to Cremorne to pick the order up, which is not ideal, so we have decided to trial ‘Wasabi Plus’ for 2 weeks. I would appreciate any feedback from your children regarding the new sushi.

Frozen yoghurts are now on the menu in three different flavours: - Passionfruit, Mango & Strawberry. These can be purchased over the counter or through FlexiSchools for the cost of $2.

As Vanilla Malt milk has dwindled in popularity, it has been removed from the menu.

We require a few extra volunteers for next week. If you are able to help, please let me know on (0417 072 007 or nbpscanteen@gmail.com)

Next week’s special is Nachos.

Here is the roster for next week.
If you cannot make your rostered spot, please

- find a replacement or
- phone 0426 226 235 [0426 CANCEL] or
- email canteencancellations@gmail.com

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Kate Leveaux – Canteen Coordinator
Hello from the Uniform Shop

2nd Hand Stall
The 2nd Hand Stall was a great success with over $1200 raised from sales. Over 240 items of uniforms were sold on the day in a mere 90mins – I think that beats the Myer sales! Thanks to Marion for making it happen and to all of the volunteers for coming in and assisting with the sale. And thank you to all of those school families who have donated the uniforms for resale. Money raised will go to enable the P&C’s mission in supporting the school. So it benefits all of our children!

Uniform Shop
The uniform shop is open on Tuesdays from 8.30 am – 10.00 am and is manned by a friendly team of NBPS Mums, Dads and friends. Please remember that as volunteers we work hard to fulfill the needs of almost 900 school families and sometimes we get it wrong – but we’re trying very hard to get it right. If your need is urgent remember that flexischools is available or simply email us at nbpsuniformshop@gmail.com and we’ll try to help you as soon as possible.

FlexiSchools
Please note we have now sold out of several sizes of Sweatshirts as we are moving over to the Fleece Jumper and Fleece Vest. We have only limited number of sizes 4, 8 and 12 remaining.
Flexischool orders are completed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday and delivered to the School Office for distribution to your child’s classroom. Please allow time for pupil post!
And again a big thanks you to the volunteers of the Uniform Shop for their commitment in supporting our school community. If you would like to come and help out please do let us know, drop by the shop when open or simply email us at nbpsuniformshop@gmail.com

Thanks again
Jonathan & The Uniform Shop Volunteers
Community News

MOSMAN HIGH SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT

Thursday 6 March – 5.00pm to 8.00pm
- Displays and student performances
- Information on special programs
- Principal’s Welcome
- Military Road Mosman – corner of Belmont Road

Please note that the revised date for Mosman High School’s Academic Extension test is Friday 21st March 2014.

KIDS UP FRONT DRAMA ACADEMY ~ FRIDAYS IN THE MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

Kindy to Yr 2    3:20 to 4:20 pm
Years 3 to 6    4:20 to 5:20 pm
Build your child’s confidence, creativity and communication skills through a fun filled Drama Program. FREE trial class. Places are limited so register online
Karin Clifford – Director

TENNIS @ NEUTRAL BAY CLUB HAS NEW COACHES!

The Neutral Bay Club has seen some changes on our tennis courts - we have several new coaches joining the team! We know that this change in our coaches was very sudden, and heading forward The Neutral Bay Club is now managing all tennis activities. Not only will we still be providing the services that you have enjoyed in the past, but we will be adding lots of exciting new tennis options for all ages and abilities. For more information, please contact The Neutral Bay Club on 9953 2066

Our fresh new approach to tennis coaching will give you all a Tennis Experience to remember.

Emma Ritchie, Manager, The Neutral Bay Club, 3 Westleigh Street NB

WILLOUGHBY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

- Extension Class 2015
  Year 6 students will have an opportunity to sit a placement test for the Year 7 extension class for selected students on Saturday 15th March 2014 9.15 to 11.30am in the School Hall. Please ring the school for further information and to book a test place 9958-4141.
- Open Night for entry 2015
  Wednesday 12th March 2014 – 5.00 – 7.30pm in the School Hall

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.