Term 1 Week 8 Wednesday 19th March 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

YEAR 5 CAMP

Our Year 5 boys and girls are off to the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens next week for three days. This is a fantastic facility with specially trained outdoor education staff in a beautiful bush setting. The Year 5 teachers, Mr Tan and Miss Mazey will accompany the children. This camp provides the children with a range of challenging and fun activities which we can’t provide here at school.

My thanks to all the teachers for being so willing to give up their own family time and warm beds to ensure that our children have this opportunity.

Have a great time boys and girls!

P&C WELCOME DRINKS – FRIDAY 28TH MARCH

We are looking forward to seeing all our parents at next week’s P&C Welcome Drinks. Parents should have received this email.

Dear Parents,

Our school year has kicked off to a great start! The NBPS P&C Association and our Principal, Gai Collett, are very pleased to extend a warm invitation to our parents and staff, to join them in the Hall for Welcome Drinks on Friday 28th of March, from 6.30pm to 8pm. This is a great opportunity to mingle with your child's teachers and fellow parents in a relaxed setting. Drinks and light finger food will be provided courtesy of the P&C.

RSVPs are essential - please click on the link below to register. Please note each parent will be required to RSVP separately.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/14PZ5rXzRqioTMfs39IqOTp79vGIlG9jzgLjFwY 3IU/viewform
If you have issues registering through the link, please email me directly with your details on julie.nearhos@gmail.com - please use the link unless absolutely necessary!

Babysitting will be available through our After School Care team from 6pm to 8pm. The cost for 1 child will be $15 for the period; babysitting for additional siblings will be $5 per sibling (minimum age 4 years). To register your child/children for babysitting, please go to the Office to place names on the master list; cash payment at registration is required. The babysitting registration will be open from Monday 17th March. There are limited places for babysitting, so please register your children early.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the 28th.

Warm regards,

Julie Nearhos - P&C Events

FOREIGN COINS IN CANTEEN

The canteen has had a number of foreign coins presented by the children – from UK, NZ, Fiji etc. These are not legal tender and cannot be banked. Please check the coins you give your child to purchase snacks at recess and lunchtime.

GRAND FRIENDS MORNING

To celebrate Senior Citizens’ Week 2014 we are inviting all our Grandfriends – grandparents, older relatives, neighbours or friends – to join us at school on

**Tuesday 8th April**

- 9:30 – 10:30 Concert in Hall
- 10:30 – 11:00 Class Visits
- 11:00 – 11:30 Morning Tea in Hall

Note: this function is for our senior friends – not for parents who will have other opportunities to visit us.

Parents will be able to attend the final rehearsal on Monday afternoon 7th April at 2:00pm.

Invitations will be sent home via pupil post next week. Please pass on to a special *older person* in your child’s life.

I do understand that not all children have grandparents or other older relatives living locally. We always invite residents of local aged care facilities and encourage all our visitors to engage with all children in the classes, not only those they know.

This is always a lovely morning. It is our opportunity to give something back to these special older friends who love seeing the children at school.
All K-2 children will be performing in the concert as well as Senior Band and Orchestra. Years 3 and 4 will perform in Term 2 and Years 5 and 6 in Term 4.

**DATIWUY DREAMING PERFORMANCES – YEARS 1-6**

Parents will have received a permission note for the Musica Viva Aboriginal Performances next week. This is a most important opportunity for our children to learn about Aboriginal culture through dance and song.

Class teachers and our music teachers have been working with their classes to prepare for these performances.

Most of our children have had very little contact with Aboriginal people and it is important that we organise quality educational opportunities such as these every couple of years.

Please return permission notes and money to class teachers by this Friday, 21st March.

*Please note: All children are expected to attend.*

**HARMONY DAY – FRIDAY 21ST**

This coming Friday we will be celebrating Harmony Day in classes with a variety of lessons and activities. The key official message of Harmony Day is that everyone belongs. At NBPS our message is respect. Respect for one another. Respect for our traditional owners of the land and for those who have come from many countries around the world. Harmony Day is an Australian Government program that coincides with the UN International Day of Racial Discrimination. Our school is wonderfully diverse with children, teachers and staff from many different racial and cultural backgrounds. We learn so much from each other! We are fortunate to be part of such a rich and diverse community.

Some interesting facts about Australia’s diversity :-
- 45% of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was born overseas
- People from over 200 countries make up our Australian nation
- More than 300 languages are spoken in Australian homes
- Most common languages after English are Mandarin, Italian, Arabic, Cantonese, Greek, Vietnamese and Tagalog
- More than 600 Indigenous languages are spoken in Australia

Children are able to wear a **Touch of Orange** – the colour of Harmony Day – on Friday eg hair ribbon, wrist band etc.
Buddy Classes
KS, KRV and KD loved reading and playing with our buddies in 5K and 5J
Many thanks to all those parents who have paid the Semester 1 [Terms 1 and 2] student invoices. There are a number still outstanding. Prompt payment would be appreciated. We have had to settle our accounts with our suppliers eg pay the Mathletics and Reading Eggs subscriptions, as well as pay our Sports Skills teachers etc.

Children whose parents have not paid for these specialist subscriptions and lessons will not be able to access them. The school cannot subsidise or cover these costs. If payment does present a problem for any parents, please don’t hesitate to contact me to organise part payment or payment by instalment. I don’t want any child to miss out on any of the opportunities on offer at our school. All matters will be treated in strictest confidence.

A payment form can be downloaded from the school website.
TERM 1 CALENDAR

March

Friday 21st – Harmony Day
Monday 24th to Wednesday 26th – Year 5 Camp
Thursday 27th – Paul Kelly Cup [AFL]
Friday 28th- P & C Welcome Drinks 6:30 to 8:00pm

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

Ellen Melrose-Rae [2P] who is a wonderful Uniform Shop assistant each Tuesday! She delivers uniforms to classrooms around the school and performs so many other duties with a Big Smile! Well done Ellen, and Thank You.
Year 1 enthusiastically ready with their gloves and bags for Clean Up Australia Day
Artwork from 1O. 1O has been reading and watching *The Lorax* by Dr Seuss. We thought the Truffula Trees were amazing! First we used paddle pop sticks and tissue paper to create the trees. Then we drew a beautiful colourful background. Do you like them?
Students in KD have been learning to use the digital camera. In maths groups we took photos of dinosaurs in different places. We added labels and used our photos to make a slideshow.
ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Last week's Zone Swimming Carnival was a highly successful day with excellent results. Held again at North Sydney Olympic Pool, Neutral Bay students were faced with tough competition against swimmers from local area schools. It was a fantastic day all around and each child who participated gave it their very best.

As a result of their achievements at Zone, Alec Willington, Toby Willington, Lara Hurley, Conner Maggs, Lucinda Peace and Miah Gough will be competing at the Sydney North Area Swimming Carnival held at Homebush on the 25th March. Also competing at Area will be our relays teams; Dante Moeller, Toby Willington, Conner Maggs, Seisa Melbourne as the Junior Boys Relay Team and Evie Watts, Miah Gough, Lara Hurley and Lucinda Peace as the Senior Girls Relay Team.

A special congratulations goes to Miah Gough for her ongoing success in the pool, being named champion of her age group. Well done to all who were involved as well as a special thank you to Mr Kessler and Mr Brown for all their hard work.

Miss Ayling – Year 6 class Teacher

P&C NEWS

Minutes and Agendas

Please note that all approved P&C meeting minutes and agendas will be regularly uploaded to the P&C Web page.

Orchestra/String Group

Our Orchestra Group is looking for more musicians to join in 2014. We meet on Wednesdays during term from 7:45 - 8:45 am at the Multipurpose room. Copies of the enrolment forms are available at the school office. If your child would like to play the violin, viola, double bass or cello in the group, please contact the office.

Interschools Snow Sports Sydney Regional Championships 2014

The Sydney Regional championships will be held at Perisher Valley during school holidays from Wednesday 9 July to Friday 11 July. If you are interested in joining the School's snow sports team or want to know more about the competition and discounted accommodation, please contact Sharmila Soorian on sharmila.soorian@ihug.com.au or 0408 281828. There will be a second hand ski sale open to public on Sunday 6 April from noon to 2pm at The Scots College Senior School Campus.

Sharmila Soorian – P&C Secretary
Bonjour [hello] from the canteen!

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: Chicken noodle stir fry.

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

Opening Hours
Firstly apologies to all school families for the late notice of the closure this week (18th March). As volunteers we sometimes have work commitments that means we’re having to shut on short notice. Thank you for your patience.
In the coming weeks we are finalizing our new opening hours commencing in term 2 – we’re sure that this will enable better access to the Uniform Shop especially during the busy change of season periods. We’ll be making an announcement via the newsletter in the coming weeks.

Volunteering
Thank you for those who have enquired with regards to volunteering. We’re always welcome to have additional support! We run a total stock take in September a head of the summer uniform order for the beginning of the following school year. So watch out via the newsletter for the call out for volunteers for that day.
Thank you for your continued support

Jonathan & The Uniform Shop Volunteers

Community News

North Sydney Brothers Junior Rugby League Football Club

We are looking for additional players from 5 years old to Senior Players. We have great coaches & provide excellent training skills. It only cost $100.00 per player which includes socks, shorts, jersey & player insurance, End of Season Trophy & a 2014 NRL Pass to all Club Games. If you would like to join a great family orientated club & have lots of fun, please register by calling Annette Hema on: 0404 610 048 or email: nsbros@hotmail.com or visit our website: www.nsbrothers.com.au

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
Parenting Programs
Child & Adolescent Parenting

WHAT'S ON IN TERM 2 - COURSES/WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Tuning in to Kids Course (3-10yrs)
Help your child develop emotional intelligence, manage emotions & deal with conflict.
Chatswood 5wks/2.5hrs (22/5 - 19/6, 7.00-9.30pm)

Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) Course (3-8yrs)
Strategies to encourage desirable behaviour and manage persistent misbehaviour.
Chatswood 7wks - 5 group & 2 telephone (14/5 - 25/6, 7.00 - 9.30pm)

NEW
Communicating with Kids Workshop (based on PET) (4-12 yrs)
Communication skills for building effective long term relationships with your children & family.
Chatswood (18/6, 7.00-9.30pm)

Tuning in to Teens Course
Emotional intelligence & communication skills to understand your adolescents’ needs & behaviour.
Chatswood 5 wks (19/5 - 23/6, 7.00-9.30pm)

Toddlers Workshops (1-3yrs)
Series of 3 workshops on Discipline, Tucker & Toilet Training, Speech & Sleep
Chatswood: 13/5, 20/5 & 27/5 (3 wks/2.5hrs each, 7.00-9.30pm)

Resilient Kids Workshop
Strategies to accept & express feelings, develop optimistic thinking & coping skills
Chatswood (15/5, 7.00-9.30pm)

Dealing with Teen's Backchat Workshop
Learn how to restore a respectful & positive relationship between you & your teenager
Chatswood (12/5, 7.00-9.30pm)

WORKSHOPS ON REQUEST - PHONE 9887 5830 (2-2.5 hours)
★ Understanding Your Toddler/Discipline & Tantrums ★ Transition to School
★ Tucker without Tantrums/Toilet Training ★ Transition to High School
★ Speech & Language Development/Sleep ★ Triple P Seminar Series 1-12 yrs & Teens
★ Older Sibling - New Baby ★ Communicating with Kids
★ Bully Busting ★ Dealing with Teen's Back Chat
★ Resilient Kids ★ Grand Parenting

Enquiries: Child & Adolescent Parenting 9887 5830

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