FROM THE PRINCIPAL

P&C WELCOME DRINKS – FRIDAY 28TH MARCH - REMINDER

We are looking forward to a great night this Friday 28th March at the P&C Welcome Drinks 6:30 – 8:00pm in the Hall. My thanks to Julie Nearhos and her team for their organisation.

GRAND FRIENDS MORNING – SENIORS WEEK 2014

Invitations on blue paper were sent home via pupil post earlier this week. Please pass these details on to a special older person.

Tuesday 8th April
- 9:30 – 10:30 Concert in Hall
- 10:30 – 11:00 Class Visits
- 11:00 – 11:30 Morning Tea in Hall

My thanks to Sandra de Lange and the Year 3 parents who will be providing the morning tea for our guests. This is always a very special occasion on our calendar.
Note: Parents are invited to our final rehearsal on Monday 7th April at 2:00pm in the Hall.

APPLE DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL

Our school has been recognised as an Apple Distinguished School. This is an honour awarded to very few schools in recognition as an exemplary learning environment for innovation, leadership and educational excellence. NBPS has shown that our staff demonstrate visionary leadership, innovative learning and teaching ongoing professional learning, compelling evidence of success and a flexible learning environment.

We are both proud and pleased with this award. Congratulations to all the teachers and especially to Mr Thomson who is a leader in our school in technology.

This recognition and connection with Apple does provide us with access to free teacher seminars and conferences and to further ongoing support.
YEAR 5 CAMP
Year 5 boys and girls had a great time at camp.
EXCURSION/INCURSION PAYMENTS – COINS!!

This week we are enjoying the Datiwuy Dreaming Aboriginal Performances.

Several teachers and office staff were most surprised that a number of parents had sent in envelopes full of coins – including foreign coins. One payment for two children ( $15.00 ) was entirely in 5¢, 10¢ and 20¢ coins. Another included $1.50 in 5¢ pieces. I don’t know if this was a protest of some kind or an opportunity to empty piggy banks??

As you can imagine, counting these coins is very time consuming initially for the class teachers and then by the office staff.

Could I please request that parents limit the number of coins and refrain from including foreign coins that cannot be banked.

If you wish to discuss this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

TERM 1 CALENDAR

March

Friday 28th -  P & C Welcome Drinks 6:30 to 8:00pm

April

Thursday 3rd -  School Council Meeting 8.00am
Monday 7th  -  Final Rehearsal for Grandfriends Concert
Monday 7th to Friday 11th -  Parent Interviews
Tuesday 8th –  Grandfriends’ Concert 9:30am
Friday 11th –  Last day of Term 1

TERM 2 CALENDAR

April

Tuesday 29th -  School resumes

May

Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th  -  Band Camp
Tuesday 6th -  Cross Country Carnival Years 3-6
Wednesday 7th -  P&C Meeting 7:30pm
Friday 9th -  P&C Mothers Day Stall
Tuesday 13th to Thursday 15th -  NAPLAN Years 3 and 5
Tuesday 20th -  Writers Festival Excursion 5C and 5J
Thursday 22nd -  Zone Cross Country
June
Thursday 5th    Disco K-2    2-3pm
               Disco 3-6    6-8pm
Wednesday 11th P&C Meeting
Thursday 12th   Area Cross Country
Monday 16th     Year 2 Excursion
Tuesday 24th    Years 3 and 4 Performance
Friday 27th     Semester 1 Reports sent home
                Last day of Term 2

Reminder
❖ Next week will be the final newsletter for Term 1.
❖ All newsletter articles and submissions must be emailed to the office by Tuesdays at 9:00am.

Gai Collett
Principal

Our smart new signs in Kindyland!
Stars of the Week

All our Year 5 boys and girls who participated so enthusiastically in all the activities at Camp this week. Thanks to all the teachers who assisted and supported our Year 5 children. A great time was had by all!

Mallika Aithala (5K) became a finalist at the 2014 NSW Regional Royal Academy of Dance Joan and Monica Halliday Awards for Grade 5. This is one of the most prestigious ballet competitions in Sydney, and she was the youngest competitor in her grade. Congratulations and well done Mallika.

Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. 6A were asked to redesign the Australian flag to incorporate elements of our shared history. They drew inspiration from the Aboriginal flat, the current Australian flag and the flag of the Torres Strait Islands. We think the results are fantastic!
Year 2 looked at the book *Peacock Girl* for our descriptive writing. Attached are some of the drawings 2K drew of Peacock Girl and below is one of the descriptions written by Katya Tzannes and Laura Dong. The drawings turned out amazingly!

The skirt a flooding lake of navy and sapphire, a glowing and colourful peacock. Pure, bright feathers of turquoise and gold spread as high as you can reach with lots of patterns staring back at you.

Last Wednesday and Thursday Reuben, Noa and Jasmyn attended dance workshops at the Sydney Dance Company. They were nominated by our dance teachers to represent the school at Sydney North Junior Dance Workshop. This is a wonderful series of classes run by professional dancers and choreographers in professional studios. They danced for eight hours each day – and although sore, enjoyed every minute. Congratulations dancers!

Luke Heron 5K was selected for representative hockey as the No 1 goal keeper for Sydney Junior Hockey Association. Good Luck Luke!
T-BALL REPORTS

Despite the late bus returning from Tunks Park, the Neutral Bay T-Ball teams had a successful day with 3 wins and 1 very close loss. Many of the students showed more skill than the Arizona Diamondbacks in their games this week.

Reminder: There is no practice on Monday in Week 11 due to parent/teacher interviews.

Mr Adams and Miss Taylor – T-Ball Coaches

Year 5 Social Team Report

Last Friday the year 5 Social Team played against Artarmon in T-Ball. It was an extremely close game but came out with the loss 18-17. The player of the match was Ajhor Wriddho. He played a great game in all positions he played in. The whole team worked well together and I hope we have another good game next Friday.

Mitchell Holden 5J - Social Team Captain Week 8

Year 5 Competitive Team Report

On Friday 21st of March, the Year 5 Competitive T-Ball team played against Middle Harbour Public School at Tunks Park. Our school won 23-15. Hugo Stanleick was chosen as player of the match. Bailey played very well for his first match and did not argue if he got out. He didn’t complain if he was not put where he wanted to be and he listened to instructions. We love having you in our team Bailey!

Thalia 5K - Year 5 Competitive Team Captain Week 8

Year 6 Social Team Report

Last Friday, Neutral by Green went down to Tunks Park and played North Sydney Dem. Neutral Bay worked well as a team and had a successful game. The final score was 31-6 our way. The player of the match was Luke Harvey due to his excellent sportsmanship and great batting.

Anna Brown 6J - Year 6 Social Team Captain Week 8

Year 6 Competitive Team Report

On the 21st of March, the year 6 competitive team went to Tunks Park to play against Middle Harbour. In the 1st Innings we played very well, but in the 2nd Innings Adrian Freiburg had a massive hit. It went way over the fielders like a bird sawing through the sky. In the 3rd Innings Lachlan Edwards was on fire and caught 6 batsmen as Catcher. Then in came Adrian with another whopper and then he did it again for the 4th Innings. He certainly deserved the Man of the Match!

Max Bottomley 6A - Year 6 Competitive Team Captain Week 8

THE IMAGINATORIUM

Now published in the iBookstore

Last year class 6J, created and published a book with Mrs Baker before she left for maternity leave. It is a fantastic collection of short stories written by students across two terms. After a few edits and a long wait, this book is now available for free in the iBookstore! It can be found here https://itunes.apple.com/WebObjects/MZStore.woa/wa/viewCollaboration?cc=au&ids=347744261-712078506 or search for Neutral Bay Public School, or Imaginatorium in the iTunes Store. Please download and review our book!

Mrs Baker
Upcoming Event Reminder!

P&C Welcome Drinks for the staff and parents of NBPS.

Where: NBPS Hall
When: Friday 28th of March, from 6.30-8pm.

RSVPs are essential and close Thursday, please respond via the weblink in the email circulated by your class coordinators. Babysitting is available for the duration of the event, via our After School Care team – please see the office to reserve your child’s place. Will be a great night – hope to see you all there!

And finally…. many thanks to those who gave up their Sunday to help clean out the P&C cupboard – it’s looking fabulous thanks to your combined efforts!

Julie Nearhos - Fundraising & Events

UNIFORM SHOP

Hello from the Uniform Shop

Clear Out

Big thanks to the volunteers on Sunday 23rd March for coming in and helping to clear out the P&C / Uniform Shop store room. A great task done well. Thank you to Anne Moal and family, Julie Nearhos and family, Tim Hawes and family, Dianna Lloyd and family, and Douglas Melrose-Rae and family. And to the school for allowing us access after normal hours!

Opening Hours
We’re changing our opening hours from start of Term 2. The uniform shop will be open:

- 8.30am - 4.00pm Monday and Tuesday - first two days of term ONLY

and then

- 8.00am - 9.30am Monday - each week for the rest of the term - NOT Tuesday

Of course FlexiSchool orders will still be processed on Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week.

Jonathan & The Uniform Shop Volunteers
.Comparator: Canteen News

ZDRAVO [HELLO] FROM THE CANTEEN

With the weather cooling slightly yummy warm corn cobbettes will be available at the window at recess and lunch.

If you are available on Wednesday or Friday, please let me know on (0417 072 007 or nbpscanteen@gmail.com).

Next week’s special: Freaky Fried Rice

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
**Year 6 BBQ**

Year 6 had a great Parent and Child BBQ last night. With just over 100 people attending, the Neutral Bay Club was a great venue. The kids played at Barry St Park, and the parents had a chance to catch up in a relaxed venue. The kids came back for drink and food, even with a couple of helpings I’m sure some of those boys would have asked for food when they got home! It was wonderful to see so many of the Year 6 kids together.

*Fiona Hearne – Parent Organiser*
AREA SWIMMING CARNIVAL AT SYDNEY OLYMPIC POOL

The Girls Relay

Lara, Evie, Lucinda and Miah placed well in the heats of the 4x50 200 Freestyle Girls 11 years Relay - With almost 30 schools from all over the state competing, the girls swam an incredible 8th place to earn a spot in the finals.

The final was electrically charged with all teams neck and neck almost the entire way and with slightly over 2 seconds separating the girls from a place at the state finals the girls moved up from 8th to a tremendous 5th place - Superb performance, great sportsmanship and brilliant ambassadors for Neutral Bay.
Boys

Conner Maggs, swam a cracking 3rd place in the 9 year boys 50 Free to earn a place at the state finals along with Miah who also swam a cracker to earn a spot at state for 50 Fly.

Well done everyone - superb contribution
Monica Watts – Parent
COMpletely FREE!

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“It’s so wonderful to have my active, happy, motivated and confident 10 year old boy back.”

Cate Latham, Go4Fun parent

A FREE 10 WEEK PROGRAM FOR KIDS AGED 7 TO 13 YEARS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO BECOME FITTER, EAT HEALTHIER AND IMPROVE THEIR SELF-ESTEEM.

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REGISTER NOW FREECALL 1800 780 900 OR GO4FUN.COM.AU

NSW GOVERNMENT
Northern Sydney Local Health District
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.