FROM THE PRINCIPAL

PARENT INTERVIEWS – TERM 1

Class teachers will be conducting parent interviews next week. Most parents have already been allocated times. If you have not responded to the invitation and wish to see your child’s class teacher please send in your preferred times as soon as possible. Written reports will be sent home at the end of Term 2.

GRANDFRIENDS MORNING – REMINDER

**Please tell your special visitors the name of your child’s class eg KL, 6J etc.**

We are looking forward to seeing all our special visitors next week:

- **Date:** Tuesday 8th April
- **Time:**
  - 9:30 Concert
  - 10:30 Class Visits
  - 11:00 Morning Tea

PARENT INVITATION TO GRANDFRIENDS REHEARSAL

Parents of children in K-2 are most welcome to attend the final rehearsal of the concert [without the Band and Orchestra] at 2:00pm in the Hall on Monday 7th April.

CONGRATULATIONS CANTEEN!

Last week the Environmental Health Officer from North Sydney Council inspected our canteen – unannounced and unexpected. He called me to complement me on our canteen which he described as **immaculate**. He told me that our canteen manager and volunteers clearly know what they are doing and we can be proud of our facility.
Congratulations and thanks Maree, our manager, Kate the P&C coordinator, and our wonderful volunteers for all your hard work. Well deserved accolades!

**OPPORTUNITY CLASS PLACEMENT 2015**

Applications for Year 5 placement in an Opportunity Class [OC] in 2015 will be available from Monday 28th April 2014 until Friday 16th May 2014. Parents are required to apply online via the DEC website. I will be conducting a short parent information session on Thursday 1st May at 8:30am in the 4HR classroom for interested Year 3 and Year 4 parents. This session will cover the application process, test, school scores, appeals etc. and any other questions. This session will be of interest to parents considering OC placement for their child.

**COMBINED EASTER SCRIPTURE SERVICES**

Parents are most welcome to attend the Combined Easter Scripture Services in the hall on Wednesday 9th April during regular Scripture lesson times.

**LETTER LAND IN KINDYLAND – REMINDER**

Next Thursday 10th April Kinder classes will be celebrating Letter Land Day wearing dress ups/costumes to represent a letter of the alphabet. Parents will have received information about this special day from class teachers earlier this week. We are looking forward to a fun day!

**YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 CELEBRATION DAY – REMINDER**

Parents of children in Year 1 and Year 2 will have received information about the Easter Hat Parade and Celebration activities on Friday 11th – the last day of school for Term 1. This is a mufti day for years 1 and 2.

**PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL**

Please see the email below from one of our neighbours. Parents are asked to be considerate of our neighbours and refrain from parking across driveways. I will have no hesitation in contacting the police if this continues.

To Whom It May Concern

I live opposite Neutral Bay PS and almost every afternoon there is a silver Hyundai blocking one of the driveways of building 154 Ben Boyd Road. This person is waiting to pick up his daughter from the school. It causes an issue when I can’t get to my driveway and there are cars waiting to get past. In addition, there are cars parked on the school side of Ben Boyd Road. Therefore no one can get around me. It is a high traffic area at that time. Unfortunately this man contributes to the build up of traffic on an already busy road.

Could you please address this issue?
Photo of this car and its number plates.
Name supplied.
**FINAL NEWSLETTER FOR TERM 1**
This is the final Newsletter for Term 1.

I wish Mrs Harrison – Kindergarten Support Teacher – the very best as she leaves us to prepare for the birth of her first baby. We look forward to meeting her baby later in the year.

Thank you to all the teachers who have worked so hard to make this first term such an interesting and engaging one for the all the children.

Many thanks to Mr Michael and our office and support staff for all their work. Thanks also to all the parents who have ensured that their children come prepared for learning each and every day, and who assist us in so many ways.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very restful and relaxing autumn break. Take care and stay safe! I look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 29th April.

Happy Easter

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Gai Collett  
Principal
Stars of the Week

Many thanks to Julie Nearhos and the team of volunteers who made last Friday evening’s P&C Welcome Drinks so enjoyable! Thanks also to the P&C who funded the function and to all the parents and teachers who attended.

Please see gallery on website for more photos (link: http://www.neutralbay-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/gallery)

The Primary Schools Tennis Challenge was held last Saturday and we had great results for our school. Congratulations to Andy Danis 5C and Olivier Daish-George 6B, the winning team – and Adrian Freiburg 6J and Ross Poole 6J, the runner up.
TERM 1 HAS BEEN BUSY IN 3S!

We have spent time and energy on creative artworks and enjoyed group work activities. Here are some of the highlights of Term 1:

Harmony Day Celebrations
3S was excited to discover the many cultural differences in our class. We celebrated our classes diversity and discovered the true meaning of RESPECT.

Friendship - 3S value friendship and worked hard to create bright and colourful posters explaining the important qualities that a good friend has.

Datiwuy Dreaming and Dreamtime Unit
The students were lucky enough to get a photo with the cast from the show. Here are some examples of our own dot paintings.
KL likes dressing up
KL like using our new laptops
A PERSUASIVE LETTER

Cremorne 2090
1st April 2014

Dear Mum and Dad,

I definitely need an axolotl because I will have someone to talk to and play with.

If you get me one I promise that I will do jobs for free and I will always try to be good at school for Mrs Willingham and Mrs East.

Obviously you will have to teach me how to take care of the axolotl but when I have learnt how to take care of it then I will look after it all by myself.

Please, please, please get me an axolotl. If you don’t I will be sad for 2 whole weeks.

Love Scarlett 3EW

A GREAT INITIATIVE

Imagine if your parents decided that they didn’t want you anymore, that you made too much noise, made too much mess, cost too much money, that you weren’t cute and playful anymore… and then… they gave you away!

They took you to a place with others just like you, others who weren’t loved. And they stuck you in a small cage, where you slept on a hard, cold concrete floor and waited, waited for somebody to come along and take you home, to love and care about you. And if no one came… they killed you.

Of course it’s never happened to you before, but it does happen! Hundreds of thousands of times a year. Every year in pounds all over Australia a ¼ of a million beautiful, healthy, dogs and cats are killed.

Did you know that when you bring your dog or cat to the pound it can be killed straight away if the pound is too full! And guess what. All of the pounds are too full. If your dog or cat is found on the streets they only get 8 days before they also can get put down.

So what can you do to help?

If you have a dog or cat make sure they are de sexed. We already have too many dogs and cats that can’t find homes. We don’t need any more!

If you’re going to get a dog or cat the pet shop is the wrong place to look! You can get a beautiful rescue puppy or kitten and save a life at the same time.

Remember when you’re getting a pet that they are forever. If you’re not going to be able to look after a pet for at least 15 years don’t get one. Animals should not be dying because we are not responsible!
Maybe you’d like to help but you can’t care for an animal for its entire life. Well you can still help. You can foster pets until they find an owner! Not only does that save their life but it also makes room for the rescue shelter to get another dog from the pound. Maybe that’s something you would like to do?

Also, did you know it costs money to rescue animals from the pound? Volunteers run rescue groups and they need money to save animals. You can donate to them so they can pay the fees to the pound and for any medication or surgery the pets may need.

I’m donating one hundred dollars of my savings money to help. Even if you decided “today, instead of buying a Moosie I will give one dollar to a rescue group” it would make all the difference, because every dollar counts. If everybody at NBPS gave a dollar to an organisation it would save EIGHT PETS LIVES! EIGHT LIVES! And that would be something to be proud of!

Isabella Mills 4HR

So far I have raised $775. I am donating the money I raise to an organisation called Claws ‘N’ Paws. They save animals in pounds that are about to be killed. Sometimes when they only have hours left to live. If you would like to help or find out more about what I am doing please go to this link www.gofundme.com/poundpuppies

Thank you.

As part of our Space and Geometry lesson, 1C learnt to video record themselves on their iPADS, giving and following directions to get from point A to point B.
1W has been using iPads to explore and explain how to divide a group of cubes into even rows or groups. The children had to plan and video record ways of equally sharing their cubes.

Pictured here are Molly and Jiana, Noah, Lamar and Emily

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier’s Reading Challenge has been running since 3\textsuperscript{rd} March this year and there are many students who are already registered and regularly updated their reading records.

For students who have not registered, it is not too late. The Premier’s Reading challenge runs until 22\textsuperscript{nd} August this year.

For more information, go to the website \url{https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html}

Janine Mazey – Teacher Librarian
2I were inspired by the Datiwuy Dreaming performance to play an aboriginal game. In pairs, we created a Tic Tac Toe board. We used a variety of different aboriginal symbols to border our game boards. Then we each painted one aboriginal symbol on 5 flat stones using small sticks. Once the stones had dried, we played aboriginal Tic Tac Toe. - Frances Klein and Freya Bateman, 2I

Japanese Culture Lessons
THANK YOU

P&C Welcome Drinks – Last Friday night saw nearly 270 parents and staff gather in the Hall for a relaxed evening of drinks and conversation. It was a great opportunity to meet some new faces and of course get to know our teachers a little better. Many thanks to all the wonderful Year 4 parents who assisted on the night and helped things run smoothly. Thanks also to Libby and the After School Care Team for providing seamless babysitting for parents. And special thanks to Dana Casimaty, Helen Henaghan, Amanda Petrides, Kate Leveaux, Lauren Longden and Jasmine LoLu for all your work behind the scenes – hugely appreciated.

Upcoming event! Grandfriends Day, next Tuesday 8th April at 9.30am. Please encourage your child’s Grandfriend to attend for a lovely morning of musical presentations, classroom visits and a fabulously famous morning tea.

Julie Nearhos - Fundraising & Events Team

2014 NBPS RAFFLE

The Parents and Citizens Association of Neutral Bay Public School will be running a raffle in May and we are calling on local businesses and parents for any donations and gifts as raffle prizes.

All raffle prizes will be received in accordance with the terms set out in the letter ‘P&C Fund Raising Raffle’ on the P&C section of the school’s website (link: http://www.neutralbay-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/community/p-c ). If you would like to donate a prize, please follow the attached guidelines, submitting your offer no later than 5:00 pm Friday 25 April 2014 via email to nbpspandcraffle@gmail.com

Many thanks in advance for your time and generosity.
Sharmila Soorian, Neutral Bay Public School P&C Association
Band Camp 3-4 May 2014 Elanora Uniting Venues

Preparations for the NBPS Band Camp 2014 are well underway, and we are very excited about bringing all three bands together for a wonderful weekend of music and group activities. Although it is a month away, there are many details to organise for the smooth running of a weekend camp of 171 primary school children and we would be grateful for your help in completing the online forms and rosters quickly.

Band Camp is always one of the biggest events in the band year, and would not be possible without the generous contribution of band parents who volunteer their time to help transport percussion and supervise numerous tutorials, rehearsals, meal times and sporting activities. Thank you in advance to everyone for supporting our keen musicians, especially when it means juggling various family and sibling activities on a busy weekend. Our children work very hard at Band Camp and make amazing progress both individually and as a team, which really makes it all worthwhile.

Please read important information about the Camp on the school website under the Band link. Permission Forms, Medical and Dietary Forms and the Parent Roster have been sent out by email - look for an email from your band co-ordinator and if you could complete the online forms and roster by no later than 7 April 2014 it would be a great help. If you have not received the email about Band Camp, let your band co-ordinator know and they will send the links to you.

Important Band Dates - 2014

Our Bands have been entered in the Yamaha Festival and Sydney Eisteddfod. Please make a note of the following important band dates in your diary and keep them free. More details will follow closer to the date including a closer approximation of time if this is available. Note: Sydney Eisteddfod dates are subject to change by the organiser, but are current at the date of this newsletter. We will notify bands of any changes as soon as possible.

17 May 2014 - Concert Band to perform in a concert with other local primary school concert bands at North Sydney Girls High School as part of NSGHS's Centenary celebrations

14 June 2014 - Concert Band - Dicksons Yamaha Band Festival 6.30pm - 8pm, Concourse, Chatswood

15 June 2014 - Senior Band - Dicksons Yamaha Band Festival 10am - 3pm, Concourse, Chatswood

16 June 2014 - Concert Band - Sydney Eisteddfod, Concourse, Chatswood

17 June 2014 - Senior Band - Sydney Eisteddfod, Concourse Chatswood

22 June 2014 - Junior Band - Dicksons Yamaha Band Festival 10am - 2.30pm, Concourse, Chatswood

Claudia Stephens, Liesel Wightwick and Karen Au - Overall Band Co-ordinators
Hello from the Uniform Shop

Opening Hours

***Please note the Uniform Shop will be closed Tuesday 08\textsuperscript{th} April. Flexischool orders will be completed on Wednesday 09\textsuperscript{th} April***

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

- 8.30am - 4.00pm \textbf{Monday and Tuesday} - first two days of term ONLY

and then

- 8.00am - 9.30am \textbf{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
SHALOM [HELLO] FROM THE CANTEEN

Next week is the highly anticipated Hip Hot Doggie!! The last week of term is always extremely busy in the canteen so we need extra volunteers please, your last chance for Term 1. If you can fill a spot please let me know on nbpscanteen@gmail.com or 0417 072 007.

Thank you to all our volunteers, new and experienced, for making Term 1 run so smoothly and a massive thank you to our regulars who are in every single week and sometimes 2 - 3 times a week!! Doreen, Stella, Lida, Julie, Sissa, Naomi, Esther, Jade, Claire, Caroline, Hilit, Frank, Sandy and Kristina.

It is always a bit dangerous listing names in case I miss anyone out, but I would like to say a special thank you for your dedicated service to the canteen. You are always in there at the drop of a hat when needed, Gold stars all around, thank you!

Please be advised that the canteen will be closed on the last Friday of term and will re-open the first day back to school, Tuesday 29th April.

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
**Community News**

**BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

**School Development Day**
Monday 28th April is a school development day - First day Term 2
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 per for the day CASH in advance or on the day
- To book: Please phone us on 9953 9366 or enrol on the form at the BSC/ASC front desk.

**Request to those who are not using their placement at Before and After School Care**
It would be much appreciated if you could please contact us on 9953 9366 to cancel bookings if you are not using your booking as we have people that are **DESPERATE** for places. Thank you.

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**YEAR 2 FAMILY PICNIC**
Let's celebrate the end of first term and upcoming holidays with an

**Easter picnic and egg hunt!**

**HOP ON DOWN:**
Sunday 6 April
12-2pm
Berry Island Reserve
Shirley Road
Wollstonecraft

BYO Picnic, drinks, rug, chairs.
RSVP to class parents before Wed 2 April
Families with A-K surnames please bring a bag of chocolate eggs (nut free) for our egg hunt. Thank you.

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.