WELCOME BACK

I would like to warmly welcome everyone back to school for Term 2.
I hope all our families enjoyed the autumn break. It is great to see all the children back refreshed in such good spirits and ready to work! We look forward to a busy and productive term. The term Calendar is on the website. Parents may wish to note the following dates.

May
Thurs 1st  OC Parent Information Session in 4 HR’s classroom at 8.30am
Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th  Band Camp
Tuesday 6th  Cross Country Carnival Years 3-6
Wednesday 7th  Dance Auditions
  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 6J
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 1 Excursion
Tuesday 24th  Years 3 and 4 Performance
  Semester 1 Reports sent home
  Last day of Term 2
**BAND CAMP**

This weekend our musicians will participate in a two-day overnight camp at Elanora Heights. The camp provides the children with wonderful opportunities to participate in single instrument and small group rehearsals. All the children will make great progress over the weekend. They also have a lot of fun!

My thanks to all the parents involved with the band camp and to the overall coordinators Claudia, Liesel and Karen. This is a huge undertaking and has required many hundreds of hours of organisation. Our thanks also to Mr Brown, Mr Hampton and our teachers.

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**P & C MEETING**

**Wednesday 7th May at 7.30pm**

All welcome – Come along and be involved in your school

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**YEARS 3 – 6 CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL**

The annual Years 3-6 Cross Country Carnival will be held next Tuesday 6th May at Forsyth Park commencing at 10.00am. Orange permission notes were sent home on Tuesday. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Distances:
- 2 km – 8, 9, 10 years
- 3 km - 11 and 12 years

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**P&C CONTRIBUTIONS**

Next week the P&C will send home requests for the annual parent contributions on yellow paper. While these are voluntary we really do need every parent to contribute in order to continue our programs.

The P&C directly fund 50% of the music and science programs at our school. These programs are not funded by the Department of Education and Communities [DEC] and are not available in most public schools.

The two MUSIC teachers – Ms Langlois and Ms Pagel are both Conservatorium of Music specialist trained music teachers and accomplished musicians. They teach every class every week. Their program covers singing, sight reading, musical notation, guitar, percussion, recorder, drumming and music appreciation. They also train the choirs and prepare items for concerts, assemblies etc. They really do bring the gift of music to our children and enrich our curriculum. The DEC only employs generalist primary class teachers – so we need the support of parents, via the P&C contributions, to provide this outstanding music program.

Mr Mayne, our specialist SCIENCE teacher, teaches science to all children in Years 3-6 in the dedicated science room. Science teachers are very rare in primary schools and also not funded by the DEC. The class teachers could not provide the hands on experiments and outstanding opportunities in this important area.
The P&C has also funded the purchase of the laptop computers and trollies that the children use in their classrooms. These have enabled the children to use the laptops in group work in reading and maths groups. They have been a great addition to classrooms. Without these laptops the children would only have access to a few PCs in each classroom.

In addition to funding these programs, the P&C has funded the following over the past few years:

- wifi installation in classrooms
- stage curtains in the Hall
- new raised stage in the Hall
- playground “markings”
- musical instruments – percussion, drums, guitars
- science equipment
- Library books
- class and home reading books

Gai Collett
Principal
Stars of the Week

Ross Poole 6J and Loukas Triantis 6A who have been selected to participate in the NSW Basketball competition at Bathurst on 6th, 7 and 8th May. Best of luck, boys!

Alex Kourakis 6B who will be playing in the NSW AFL championships at Macquarie University later in May. Good luck, Alex.

Congratulations to our dancers who performed at the Royal Easter Show during the holidays – Lila, Mei, Shannee and Jessica! Great work girls!

Congratulations to Mei Yanada 3S who successfully competed in a recent dance festival: 1st in Lyrical, 2nd in Ballet and Jazz, 4th in Contemporary and 5th in Tap sections. What a star!

Christine Hur 3S and Lawrence Hur 1M competed in the NSW State Taekwondo Championship At Sydney Olympic Park on 6th April. Christine won two gold medals and a bronze medal and Lawrence won two gold medals – in their respective red-belt group categories. Well done Christine and Lawrence!

Maxwell Wait placed 1st in the Exterra Asia Pacific Championship in the 10-14 year old category swimming a 1.5kilometre ocean swim. Great result Max!

Congratulations Isabella! You are a star!
At the end of last term, Kindergarten celebrated learning all of the single sounds of the alphabet by having a *Letterland Day*
Kindergarten FOOD DAY

KL busy at work
Kindergarten FOOD DAY

KRV made butterflies with fruit
EASTER HAT PARADE
P&C NEWS

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 attached letter.


If you would like to donate a prize, please follow the attached guidelines, submitting your offer no later than 5:00 pm Friday 16 May 2014 (a new extended date) via email to nbpspandcraffle@gmail.com

Many thanks in advance for your time and generosity.

Sharmila Soorian, Neutral Bay Public School P&C Association

Interschools Snow Sports Sydney Regional Championships 2014

Registration is now open for the Sydney Regional championships 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 281 828.
Band News

Band Camp 3-4 May 2014 Elanora Uniting Venues

Welcome back from the Easter holidays. With only a few days until Band Camp, final preparations are well underway. We hope your children enjoy their experience at camp - especially all the Year 3s who will be joining us for the first time. Very exciting!

Reminder: all important camp information is on the school website under the band link in the "Notes and Information" section. Please read the note carefully with your child, particularly what to pack, what not to bring and the camp rules.

Parents, please ensure your children are at Elanora no later than 8am on Saturday morning with two changes of warm clothes, overnight gear, instruments, music and music stands - all marked clearly with names.

Supervising parents, please make sure you arrive promptly for your roster duty and ensure that you have arranged for siblings to be cared for elsewhere during your rostered time.

Everyone is welcome to join us for the final concert on Sunday afternoon in the Main Hall at 2pm. Parking at the venue is limited. After the transport crew has parked, there will be a number of spots available, but once these are full the car park will be closed and parents are advised to allow enough time to find off street parking and walk to the Main Hall. After the concert, please take care and remain patient, as cars and tired young pedestrians with luggage will be leaving the venue at the same time.

Any last minute questions, please get in touch with your individual band coordinators. We are looking forward to a successful camp which, among other things, will ensure the children are well prepared for all the band competitions to follow!

Important Band Dates - 2014

Our Bands have been entered in the Sydney Eisteddfod and NSW Band Competition at UNSW. 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 more precise 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 which take place from 11am - 3pm
- 16 June 2014 - Concert Band - Sydney Eisteddfod, Concourse, Chatswood
- 17 June 2014 - Senior Band - Sydney Eisteddfod, Concourse Chatswood
- 26 July 2014 - Concert Band - Alex Lithgow Primary School Premier Event, NSW School Band Festival, UNSW Kensington
- 27 July 2014 - Junior Band - Wilbur Sampson Primary School Concert Band Event, NSW School Band Festival, UNSW Kensington
- 17 August 2014 - Senior Band - Robert McNally Primary School Concert Band Event, NSW School Band Festival, UNSW Kensington

Claudia Stephens, Liesel Wightwick and Karen Au - Overall Band Co-ordinators
HELLO FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

Welcome back we're gearing up for Winter! (change over to winter uniform usually occurs after June holidays). Full winter uniforms are available in the Uniform Shop or online via Flexischools.

For girls:
Uniform:
Long Sleeve White Polo ($30) under Winter Tunic ($55) with Navy Blue tights ($12)
Sports:
Long Sleeve House colour Polo ($30) with Bootleg Trouser ($30)

For boys:
Uniform:
Long Sleeve White Polo ($30) with Long Cargo Trousers ($30)
Sports:
Long Sleeve House colour Polo ($30) with Track Trousers ($25)

Jumpers:
Fleece Jumpers (available all sizes - except size 4 currently) - $30
Fleece Vests (available all sizes) - $25
(we also have a limited number of old style "retro" sweatshirts in sizes 4, 8 and 14)

Rain coats:
Raincoats - fleece lined with hood available sizes 4-6, 8-10 and 12 -14 - $40
Raincoats in a bag with hood sizes 4, 6, 8 10, 12 and 14 - $25

The uniform shop has changed our opening hours. We are now open Mondays 8.00am to 9.30am. We are also open for the first two days of each team (dates and hours will be advised via the newsletter).

This week's offers!!!!

Seconds White Short Sleeve polos size 6, 8, 10 and 12 reduced from $17.50 to $15.00

Old style bootleg trousers for girls size 14 only - make great yoga pants! Were $30 now $5.00 - great Mothers Day present!

Have a great Term 2!

Jonathan & The Uniform Shop Volunteers
Buenos Dias (Hello) From the Canteen

We are looking forward to another exciting term in the canteen! Now the cooler months are approaching, we have a few new items on the menu to warm up the children. In the second half of the term we will be serving pumpkin soup and Beef Stroganoff with Mash. Garlic rolls are now a permanent item on the snack menu and can be purchased at the counter for $1.50.

Beginning this week, we are changing our Friday menu. We will be splitting our hot food specials and rotating them on a fortnightly basis. Pies and sausage rolls will be available this Friday and next week will be pizza and lasagne, then week 3, pies and sausage rolls again and week 4, pizza and lasagne, and so on. The canteen is becoming extremely busy on a Friday with 350 - 400 orders. Splitting these specials will help ease the increasing demand on our supervisors and volunteers.

I would like to congratulate Maree and Renuka on a very successful term one. We are happy that Renuka has agreed to continue to work alongside Maree and we would like to acknowledge her continued dedication to the canteen.

Next week’s special: Chicken Schnitzel Burger

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

Due to the rain, the Easter Party that was scheduled for the park took place in the school hall.

Positive Parenting Program
Free Seminar, refreshments provided.
This program is a lecture style presentation and does not allow for children to attend that are over 6 months and mobile. Childcare is not provided.

Location Crows Nest Centre, 2 Ernest Place, Crows Nest. Bookings essential 8425-8700.

Seminar 1 – The power of positive parenting - Tuesday 13th May 6 – 7.30pm
Seminar 2 – Raising competent, confident children – Tuesday 20th May 6 – 7.30pm
Seminar 3 – Raising Resilient children – Tuesday 27th May 6 – 7.30pm

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.