FROM THE PRINCIPAL

BAND CAMP – A GREAT SUCCESS

Congratulations to all the boys and girls in all three bands! Not only are you great musicians, your behaviour was excellent during the two days at camp. Many thanks to the band coordinators, band masters, teachers and all the parents who assisted.

Some quotes from first timers after camp:

- The tutors were really nice. My lips got really sore. Nena 3V
- I liked learning to play different songs. I wish it could go on for ever. Lucy 3H
- I loved sleeping with my friends. I wish I could have stayed for a week. I didn’t like the food. Audrey 3H
- I liked performing in the concert, sleeping in a cabin and playing sport. Anneke 3F
- My favourite thing was sleeping with my friends. Jade 3H
- I liked the tutorials. India 3EW
- I liked all of it. Cleo 3EW
- I liked playing Sea Shanty Variations at the concert. Leon 3EW
CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who participated in Tuesday's Cross Country Carnival. My thanks to the teachers and parents involved. The Cross Country results are below:

2014 Cross Country Results

Overall Results
1st BOYD 223 points
2nd MILSON 213 points
3rd GILMORE 207 points
4th WARUNG 192 points

9 / Under BOYS
1st Conner Maggs 3EW
2nd Seb Sharp 3EW
3rd Jack Coombs 4P
4th Max Mikolajunas 3EW
5th Oliver Macdonagh 4P

9/ under GIRLS
1st Anneke Corry 3F
2nd Chloe Minnett 3S
3rd Katie Wightwick 4C
4th Zoe Richmond 3EW
5th Lauren Watts 3S

10 Year BOYS
1st Hugh Lynch 4B
2nd Andy Danis 5C
3rd Toby Willington 4B
4th Seisa Melbourne 4HR
5th Oliver Taylor-Ellis 4HR

10 Year GIRLS
1st Kaitlyn Petrides 5K
2nd Bezi Saunders 4P
3rd Ashley Grant 5K
4th Angelina Pona 5K
5th Elouise Daniels 4C

11 Year BOYS
1st Max Bottomley 6A
2nd Kai Wong 6J
3rd Billy Minnett 5T
4th Alex Kourakis 6B
5th Rowan Silcock 6J

11 Year GIRLS
1st Ela Parkinson 5T
2nd Miah Gough 6B
3rd Sophie Bateman 5C
4th Evie Watts 6A
5th Lia Nadine Sison 6T

12 Year BOYS
1st Gabriel Prichard 6A
2nd Neal O'Brien 6T
3rd Rafael Mamott 6A
4th Frazer Richardson 6T
5th Rory Fletcher 6B

12 Year GIRLS
1st Lucinda Peace 6T
2nd Sabine Lynch 6B
3rd Anna Brown 6J
4th Jasmine Sharp 6B
5th Holly Newman 6A
P&C Contributions

As mentioned last week, the P&C will send home requests for the annual parent contributions tomorrow. 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
NAPLAN – NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM LITERACY AND NUMERACY

Next week all our Year 3 and Year 5 children will participate in the NAPLAN assessments.

The four tests over three days cover numeracy, reading, writing and language conventions [spelling, punctuation and grammar].

The tests are important in that they provide parents and schools with important information on student achievement.

Results will be released in September.

WINTER UNIFORMS
Traditionally we change to winter uniforms after the June long weekend. However, if the weather is very cold, children can wear winter uniform from May 19th – Week 4.

My thanks to Jonathan and the Uniform Shop volunteers who have worked so hard to ensure that we have supplies of winter uniforms and have already filled so many orders.

P&C MOTHERS’ DAY STALL
Reminder: The P&C will conduct a Mothers’ Day stall on Friday morning. Children should bring $5:00 to purchase a gift for Mum, Grandma or other special “lady”. The Year 6 SRC children will assist the younger children.

HAPPY MOTHERS’ DAY
I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our mothers a very happy Mothers’ Day on Sunday. I hope you enjoy a lovely day with your children and families.

UPCOMING DATES
May
Friday 9th P&C Mothers’ Day Stall
Tuesday 13th to NAPLAN Years 3 and 5
Thursday 15th Writers Festival Excursion 5C and 6J
Tuesday 20th Zone Cross Country
Thursday 22nd

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
Friday 27th Semester 1 Reports sent home
Last day of Term 2

Gai Collett
Principal
Stars of the Week

🌟 Congratulations to 4P on a great Assembly item.
Congratulations to Declan Predavec 6J who achieved a High Distinction in the Code Comp Intermediate Division for 11 year olds! This is an international programming competition which aims to have students develop their Python programming skills while competing with other students all over the world. Great work Declan!

Mayuri Aithala won first and second place in ballet competitions at the Northern Beaches Dance Eisteddfod.

Natalie Kendy 6J has been selected to perform a violin solo at the 2014 Festival of Instrumental Music at the Opera House on 24 June. Congratulations Natalie – what an honour. We are all very proud of you!

Congratulations to both Senior Dance groups who successfully auditioned today for the Northern Sydney Dance Festival. Great news boys, girls and teachers.
1W INTERVIEWS

Vanessa Z teaches me lots of games. She has black hair and black eyes. She does not like grapes for lunch but she likes watermelon. She has dark skin. Vanessa Z is not mean to me. She also loves playing soccer. She wears a pretty dress. Vanessa Z is a good friend.

By Tanya

Natalia is my best friend. She has brown hair and looks beautiful. Natalia has brown eyes, long hair and she wears a school uniform like me. Her favourite colour is blue and she hates eating pawpaw. She loves cherries just like me. She likes to wear head bands. She is a good friend.

By Claire

Megan is my best friend. Her favourite colours are yellow and blue and turquoise. She hates vegemite but she loves cheese. She wears school uniform like me. She has black eyes and curly black hair. She has two pony-tails. And she has a little brother called Zacary. She likes her little brother Zacary. He is a boy. We have playdates.

By Kayla

P&C News

GRANDFRIENDS DAY MORNING TEA

A big thank-you to Sandra De Lange and her team of Year Three Parent Volunteers; Grandfriends Day 2014 was a lovely morning for all who attended. Also appreciated was the fabulous feast contributed by our Year Three parents, thank you for all your culinary efforts!

MOTHER’S DAY STALL - UPCOMING EVENT!

This Friday the 9th of May, the P&C and Year One Parents will be holding a Mother’s Day Stall. This is a lovely opportunity for children to choose a small gift for their Mums, to present to them on Mother’s Day this Sunday. Please send $5 to school with your child on Friday. If your child is in a lower year level, please place the money in a named envelope.

Happy Mother’s Day!

Julie Nearhos - P&C Fundraising & Events
Congratulations to everyone for a very successful band camp at the scenic Elanora Uniting Venues. The children should be proud of themselves - not only did they work incredibly hard over the weekend, achieving almost a term's worth of work over two days, but they were also beautifully behaved throughout the weekend. This was the first night away from home for many of our junior band members, some of whom are only 8, and their maturity and stamina was truly impressive. Even the staff at Elanora Uniting Venues complimented us on the children.

We were lucky to have a very talented group of tutors to complement our bandmaster, Mr Ray Hampton, and Mr Jock Heath who did a fantastic job standing in for our Senior Band Conductor Mr Matt Browne. Special thanks must go to all the band co-ordinators who gave up their weekends to ensure that the camp ran smoothly, to our librarian, Stella Lin who organised all the music before the camp and to our camp photographer Lee Wavish who took wonderful photos over the weekend and arranged them into the beautiful slideshow before the concert. Thanks, too, to all the supportive parents band parents who helped transport equipment and supervise tutorials and rehearsals over the weekend - it is an effort to come down to Elanora, and we couldn't have done it without you. Also, the children loved seeing you there!

It was very rewarding for the children to have such a large, enthusiastic audience for their final concert and for Junior Band to have the opportunity to hear Senior Band and Concert Band. The sound that each band was able to create, with pieces which (in some cases) had only been handed out that weekend, and the fun and enjoyment of 164 children, were inspirational.

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
HEJ [HELLO] FROM THE CANTEEN

As well as the shifts below for next week, we require two slots to be filled this Friday 9th please.

Starting today have moved the moosie/juicie fairy visit to Kindyland to a Wednesday. This will take a little pressure off the very busy canteen on Fridays. To keep the little fingers warm we will also be serving ‘warm’ hot chocolate over the cooler months. With the re-juggling of the roster, a lot of kindy mums and dads are moving their shifts to a Wednesday so we have a few gaps for Fridays. If you are available to come in, please let me know on the below email or 0417 072 007.

Just a reminder, if you have set up a recurring order for Fridays could you please adjust it. Last Friday we had half a dozen pizza and lasagne orders come through from Flexischools, when we were only serving pies and sausage rolls. It will take a few weeks for everyone to get used to the new Friday menu, but due to fridge space, on the odd weeks, we may not have pizza bases etc in stock.

Commencing next week we will have warm sweet corn kernel cups available to order on Flexischools and at the window.

Next week’s special: Pasta Bolognese

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**

**PARENTS**

tell us about your childcare needs

&
go in the draw to win an iPad Mini

Extended until May 21st!

If you have a child aged up to 12 years and you live in the North Sydney area you are eligible to enter. The information collected will help us to prepare our new childcare strategy.

**TO ENTER THE COMPETITION**

- Go to surveymonkey.com/s/northsydneychildcare
- Scan the QR code with your smartphone
- Visit northsydney.nsw.gov.au

**THE SURVEY IS OPEN UNTIL MAY 21**
COCKTAIL PARTY - YEAR 4

A Cocktail Party for parents, carers and teachers is to be hosted on
Saturday May 31 at 8pm in Milson Road, Cremorne.
Light refreshments provided, BYO welcome.
Year 4 parents can sign up and pay $10 per person at the school office by Saturday May 24.
Dana Casimaty, Year 4 Coordinator – mob 0404 673 010

LEARN MUSIC ON KEYBOARD AT SCHOOL

Small group – limited vacancy / Instrument not required initially /  
competitive rate - $25 per session / convenient at-school venue / 
music material provided.
To enrol ring 9411 3122 during school terms.
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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.