OPPORTUNITY CLASS PLACEMENT APPLICATION

Parents wishing to apply for the Opportunity Class Placement test must apply no later by Friday 16th May. Applications are made on-line at: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/ocplacement/onlineapp/

For those parents who do not have access to the internet, please see Mr Tan for an application form. Applications are not accepted or processed at school.

NAPLAN – NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM LITERACY AND NUMERACY

This week all our Year 3 and Year 5 children have participated in the NAPLAN assessments. The tests are important in that they provide parents and schools with important information on student achievement. Results will be released in September.

The tests on Tuesday and Wednesday covered reading, writing and language conventions [spelling, punctuation and grammar]. Tomorrow (Thursday) the students will complete the numeracy test.

For children who missed the tests on these days due to illness or misadventure, the tests can be completed on Friday 16th May. Please speak to your child’s class teacher if a test has been missed due to illness or misadventure.

OPERATION ART SCHOOL ENTRIES

Thank you to Mrs Lesley East and Ms Fiona Sheedy for their organisation and selection of the 4 art works to be part of ‘Operation Art’ for 2014.
OPERATION ART – 4 CHILDREN’S ARTWORK HAS BEEN CHOSEN TO REPRESENT THE SCHOOL

KS - Samuel Harris, Age 5, Title: Elmer The Elephant
"We made this picture as a way to show each other that we all look different but that's what makes us special".

3EW - Leon Fink, Age 8, Title: Sydney Harbour I used bright colours and patterns to draw the Sydney Opera House and Harbour Bridge in the style of Ken Done.
4HR - Oliver Taylor Ellis, Age 10, Title: Field of Poppies We learnt about Monet and Impressionism. I used red and white paint and twisted the brush to create the swirly brush strokes.

4HR - Blythe Ogilvie, Age 9, Title: Dream of Earth I learnt about Aboriginal culture and my teacher showed us a piece of Aboriginal art to inspire our own Aboriginal Painting.
CROSSING OFFICER
The Crossing Officer will begin within the next week at Neutral Bay Public School. The officer will be operating from 8.30am – 9.30am and 2.45pm – 3.45pm at the pedestrian crossing in Bydown Street.

The Crossing Officer is an important part having our children, parents and carers arriving and leaving safely from our school. Your continued cooperation by driving slowly in Bydown Street and Ben Boyd Road is appreciated. A reminder that it is illegal to U-turn across double lines and to double park. Consideration of our neighbours by not parking in their driveways is also important.

COMBINED YEARS 3 – 6 ASSEMBLY – THURSDAY 15 MAY AT 2.20PM
This Thursday 15th May at 2.20pm, parents are welcome to attend the combined Year 3-6 assembly. Trophies will be presented to the winners of the School Cross Country. Also, two flags will be formally presented to the school by Billie Clow and Reuben Wilder.

CONCERT BAND PLAYING AT NORTH SYDNEY GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL – SATURDAY 17 MAY
Our Concert Band will be performing in a concert on at North Sydney Girls High School on Saturday 17th May as part of their centenary celebrations. Please see the ‘Band News’ section of the newsletter for more information.

CHESS
Thank you to Mr Ticli for organisation of interschool chess on Friday afternoons. It is important that the chess captains return the results card to Mr Ticli on the following Monday morning.

PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS ASSOCIATION (PSSA) SPORT
Both PSSA soccer and netball began last week. Year 5 and 6 students who are not participating in PSSA sports are involved in a rigorous, skills-based sports program at Forsyth Park, or netball and soccer development squads at St Leonards Park.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS
There are two parent positions to be filled for the Neutral Bay School Council. Where there are more than two nominees for the two parent positions, the process for electing parent members is by secret ballot before the next P&C meeting on Wednesday 11th June. All nominees, the seconder of the nominees and voters must be paid members of the P&C by Friday 6th June.

For information about becoming a paid member of the P&C please contact Lauren Longdon by email: lauren@insumer.com.au. A nomination form will be available on the school’s website from Wednesday 28th May to Tuesday 3rd June. Voting will take place from Wednesday 4th June to Wednesday 11th June at 7.30pm (at the commencement of the next P&C meeting).

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY – FRIDAY 23 MAY
All children and their parents are encouraged to walk to school safely on Friday 23rd May. For more information including a free App to download, please visit the website: www.walk.com.au
**Balmoral Burn**
If you are planning to enter in the Balmoral Burn, please see Mr Tan for an information pack.

**Upcoming Dates**

**May**
- 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  Years 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

**July**
- Monday 14th  Staff Development Day
- Tuesday 15th  First day of Term 3 for students

I am writing the newsletter this week as Mrs Collett attends to family commitments.

Regards,

Victor Tan
Relieving Principal

**Stars of the Week**

**Camble Scott** 1G received an A in his AMEB Preliminary Grade piano exam last week. Congratulations Camble. Well done.

**Mallika Aithala** 5K won the Lyrical dance division at the St.George Eisteddfod.

**Andy Danis** 5C has been invited by Tennis Australia to participate in the National Talent Development Squad.
KH LEARNING LOTS AND HAVING FUN IN MATHS GROUPS!
PSSA Netball

The PSSA Netball season got off to a good start with some great weather. The rain had cleared and the air was cool enough to assist the players.

The A team had a fantastic game with all players working hard. This is a new team and there the team needs to gel to the new mix of skills and develop rapport.

For the first half we fought very hard with great passing against a very tall and long armed opponent (Mowbray). We remained 2 points behind despite some fabulous centre court work and great shooting. The girls found some more power in the second half. This half was nail biting point scoring. Some of the fastest passing came from Sophie and Lia which increased our scoring rate. Lia and Isabelle’s accurate shooting improved our score and we drew, went one up and slipped one back in a cycle. Eventually we lost by 1 point.

B1 had a good game but came out a little sleepy as can happen at the beginning of the season. A special mention goes to Noa who pulled the team forward, waking them up as well as being very accurate at goal.

B2 had the kind of game we expected at the beginning of the season. Despite the novice element, there is a lot of potential for these girls to develop. Noteworthy was Elise who made good passes and made good use of space. This team know that they can judge their success from what they learn each time they play.

C1 also lost but enjoyed their court time. This is another new team with a mix of novice players and experience. There was some great defending generally but Sassy was noted for the positive contribution she made to accurate passing and intercepts.

Finally, the boys team: this team is very strong and unfortunately they played a novice opponent. Our boys won easily and will need to ensure they do not get complacent and forget to perfect and practise specific skills. They look forward to a more equally matched competition.

Ms Jane Cant – Class teacher 5J

PSSA Soccer

It was a cloudy afternoon as Neutral Bay’s A team arrived at Primrose Oval. There were high expectations as last year our A team won the competition. However this game was not going to be an easy one. We were up against a tough Cammeray team. In the first few minutes, we were pushed down into our half conceding a few corners and giving away loads of possession. However a corner to us taken short to Lachie, who did a quick one-two pass to Jamie, who did a one touch shot curling over the stranded defence and the outstretched hands of the goalie got us 1-0 up. Closing in on half time their goalie made a huge mistake to pass it directly to the waiting Lachie who pounded it in. Half time- 2-0. In the first few minutes of the second half our backline was caught stranded and they quickly closed the deficit back to two all. With a few minutes to go Max was closing in on goal when a Cammeray defender clipped him from behind - our penalty. Max easily struck it inside the left post giving us the win – 3-2. Although we won, we were lucky. Harry was by far the man of the match playing in the forward region.

Lachie Edwards
On Friday afternoon we came up against a very challenging team Cammeray. We started the game strongly, but unfortunately Cammeray scored the opening goal and it was 1-0. We held our heads high knowing we could still win. Andy scored a brilliant goal 1-1. After the half time break, Rory scored another lovely goal to make it 2-1. Unfortunately, with about ten minutes left Cammeray scored 2-2. That ended up the final score.

**Oliver Mulder**

This week was a tough week for the Neutral Bay Cs soccer team. The boys came up against a very competitive Cammeray team and despite losing 2 - 0 they fought well. While there were no standouts this week, the whole team did extremely well in repelling multiple attacks from the opposition. There were some close chances throughout the game for the boys which came close. The team will be sure to capitalise on these chances next week!

**Mr Jonathon Ticli – Class teacher 6T**

On Friday the 9th of May, our Girls’ Soccer team headed down to Tunks Park to play against Cammeray. Thanks to the awesome effort from everyone on the team we won 7-0. Holy, Anna and Evie all scored goals. It was an EPIC start to the season!

**Callie Hagans**

**P&C News**

**Mother’s Day Stall**

Many thanks to all those parents and staff who contributed to the Mother’s Day stall last Friday – it was a very smooth and successful day. Special thanks to volunteers Anna Gibson (Year 1 Coordinator) and Melinda Hayes (Kindy Coordinator) and also to Mr Thomson and the Year 6 SRC students – your fantastic efforts ensured we had a very smooth run!

**Julie Nearhos - P&C Fundraising & Events**
We have a short but busy term ahead.

After the success of band camp, all three bands are working hard to consolidate everything that was achieved at Elanora and polish their performances for the upcoming Sydney Eisteddfod and UNSW Band Competition. Keep practising and turning up to rehearsals punctually so that they can start right on time - this is where it all comes together!

We are very excited about Concert Band’s first public performance for 2014 at North Sydney Girls’ High School’s Centenary Fair this Saturday, 17 May 2014 at 2.45pm in the school hall at North Sydney Girls High School. The Centenary Fair (11am - 3pm) provides a great opportunity for the children to hear other school ensembles, including Cammeray Public School’s band and a number of ensembles from North Sydney Girls High School, including a very unusual bassoon quartet and the school’s specially formed Centenary Ensembles, which have recently toured the Red Centre. There will also be jumping castles, food stalls, face painting and a fencing display. Everyone is welcome, do come along and support our Concert Band and listen to wonderful music from our local school communities. Please see the school noticeboards for the full fair program or email one of our band co-ordinators.

Concert Band members: please come to NSGHS at 2.15pm on Saturday in long navy school pants and long white sleeved school polo shirts. Attendants will be at each school gate to direct you to the school hall, where we will meet you and take you to our holding room before the performance. Note that parking around the school will be limited due to the Fair, so please allow adequate time to get students and instruments from cars to the hall on time.

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

Apologies – we’ve had IT issues for the last week resulting in delays in processing orders. We even went to manual processing today so thank you for those who visited us in the shop on Monday for your patience!

The Uniform Shop is now open on Mondays from 8.00am to 9.30am for sales and of course via Flexischools. Flexischool orders are processed (as much as possible) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Please allow for a couple of days for delivery.

If returning/exchanging items purchased please ensure that you include your child’s name and class and/or flexischool order number – this will help us to quickly find and amend the order. You can drop off returns/exchanges at the school office and they will be processed along with the other flexischool orders.

We are currently out of stock on Winter Tunics size 10 and 12 but are expecting an order any day. We have now received a full range of Polar Fleeces (both vests and jumpers) from size 4 to 16.

Thank you for your continued support.

Jonathan & The Uniform Shop Volunteers
**Canteen News**

**HoI [Hello] from the Canteen**

Please be aware that this year the children involved in PSSA sports, on a Friday, are able to order their lunches, but due to health regulations hot food is to be consumed within one hour of picking it up from the canteen, and is not to be taken out of the school grounds.

We have had two cancellations for tomorrow and Friday, (Thurs 15th and Friday 16th). We need someone to cover a full shift each day please, from 9am tomorrow and from 9am Friday. The canteen will not run efficiently if these spots are not filled.

**Calling all Kindy Parents.** As we are now serving hot chocolate over the colder months at Kindyland, we require a few more fairies each Wednesday. It is a little more work setting up than in the summer months, so if you would like to be a ‘Hot Chocolate Fairy’ and are available from approx. 10.30am – Noon, please let me know on the below email or 0417 072 007.

Next week’s special: Butter Chicken

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 nbpscanteenroster@gmail

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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 - REMINDER
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**

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.