FROM THE PRINCIPAL

REMINDER – DISCOS – THURSDAY 5TH JUNE

We are all looking forward to the Discos tomorrow.

Years K-2  2.00pm-3.00pm  $3  Children are able to dress up – Disney/Pixar theme.

Years 3-6  6.00pm-8.00pm  $5  Children should wear disco gear/dress-up/favourite outfit.

This is an SRC fundraiser for Stewart House - the charity funded by NSW Public Schools.

Please ensure that children are not dropped off before 6pm and are collected at 8.00pm sharp.

My thanks to Mr Thomson and the Year 6 SRC children for their organisation.

P&C CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to all the parents who have paid their P&C contributions. As I have explained in previous Newsletters, these contributions cover the salaries of our Music and Science teachers and provide much of the technology and other resources in the classrooms. Parents’ financial support makes a huge difference to our school. It is one of the contributing factors in making Neutral Bay Public School the wonderful school that it is.

STUDENT SEMESTER 1 REPORTS

Semester 1 [Terms 1 and 2] student reports are currently being prepared by class teachers. These reflect progress, achievement, work habits and behavior demonstrated during the first two terms of the year.

The reports will be sent home via pupil post at the end of term. Parents who are leaving early for holidays will be able to collect the reports on their return, at the beginning of next term.
ELECTION OF TWO PARENT MEMBERS FOR THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

Please click here for a ballot paper.

Voting for two parent members for the School Council is now open. If you do not have access to the internet, please see Mr Tan for a copy of the ballot paper.

You must be a paid member of the Neutral Bay Public School P&C to be eligible to nominate and vote. For information about becoming a paid member of the P&C please contact Lauren Longdon by email: lauren@insumer.com.au. Please pay Lauren Langdon by Friday June 6th to be eligible to vote in this election. Voting will take place from Wednesday 4th June. Voting closes at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11th June (at the commencement of the next P&C meeting).

Please place your ballot paper in the assigned box marked ‘SCHOOL COUNCIL BALLOT PAPERS’ at the front office by the close of voting. Votes handed in after the closing time cannot be counted in this election.

Thank you to all three candidates for putting their names forward in this election. The following information has been provided by the candidates. The three candidates are:

**Neil Hereford**

Neil Hereford as Head of the Carbon Solutions Group at the Commonwealth Bank, is responsible for the development and execution of the Bank’s carbon strategy across its institutional banking business. He has over 20 years of financial services and consulting experience having worked at Andersons, the Reserve Bank of Australia and the Australian Prudential Regulatory Authority. Neil is passionate about the environment and a sportaholic (can often be seen hacking his way around Northbridge Golf Course). Neil hopes to add value by bringing a strategic, commercial but sustainable focus to the Neutral Bay Public School Council.

**Kim Thompson**

I have a daughter in Year 1 and a young son who will most likely join the school in 2016. My wife, Anne Moal, is the P&C Treasurer and we both enjoy very much the NBPS school community. As a parent, I am very impressed with the quality of teaching and leadership at NBPS and joining the school council would be a privilege and give me the chance to contribute further to the school. I am a senior commercial manager at a financial risk management software house, and my background in finance and IT may be helpful as the school pioneers new systems and procedures.

**Michael Jonovski**

I have a son enrolled in year 3 and have had the opportunity to witness and experience the excellent learning and social environment provided by the School. In nominating for the position of parent representative on the School Council I would seek to make a valuable and lasting contribution to the on-going success and future development of the School and its students. By way of background, I am an experienced Non-Executive Director with over 20 years of international business and advisory experience. I am a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, a Fellow of the Financial Services Institute of Australasia and a qualified Chartered Accountant.
**P&C MEETING**

Reminder: P&C Meeting Wednesday 11th June 7.30pm in the Hall.
All parents are most welcome.

**WINTER UNIFORMS**

Reminder: Winter school uniforms should be worn from next Tuesday 10th June.

**SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR**

Congratulations to both our dancers and Senior Choir members who have been selected to perform for this year’s *Schools Spectacular* to be held in November. This is an amazing concert and a wonderful opportunity for these talented dancers and singers.

The dancers are:
Noa de Jager 6T, Nathalie Wilder 6T, Jasmyn Sharp 6B, Evie Watts 6A, Lucy Rathbun 5C, Lia Sison 6T, Brihana Forder 5T, Simrin Hartmann 6A, Britney Lu 6T, Ushnami Upadhaya 5T, Bronte Cram 5T and Rose Richardson 6A.

Members of our Senior Choir will be auditioned early next term for selection in the Schools Spectacular Choir. We have been allocated 16 places.

**NEW SCHOOL CROSSING OFFICER**

Our new crossing supervisor began this week.

The School Crossing is manned by the Roads and Maritime Services between 8:30 - 9:30 am & 2:45 – 3.45 pm during term time. This is indicated by the raised red flags at either end of the crossing and the presence of the School Crossing Supervisor – ‘Lollipop Man / Woman’.

There are a number of rules that the school wishes the children and parents to observe:

- The Crossing Supervisor is in control of the pedestrian crossing during these periods.
- No one is to enter / cross the crossing until the Crossing Supervisor has stopped the traffic in both directions, and then indicated that it is safe to cross.
- Parents & children are encouraged to cross Bydown Street at the marked crossing, rather than taking short cuts to and from parked vehicles.
- Younger children are encouraged to hold an adult’s hand whilst crossing.
- Children are to walk, rather than run, on the crossing.
Parking

We continue to have issues with parent parking around the school, particularly in Bydown Street.

Please note there is limited parking around the school. “Kiss and drop” zones operate in Bydown Street. This means parents must remain with their car and are not permitted to go into the playground to collect children. This is not suitable for collecting Kindergarten children, as they must be collected from their class. Police and Council rangers regularly patrol the streets around our school.

Upcoming Dates

June
Thursday 5th    Disco K-2 from 2-3pm & Years 3-6 from 6-8pm
Wednesday 11th  P&C Meeting
Thursday 12th    Area Cross Country
                 Year 6 Excursion to Imax
Monday 16th     Year 1 Excursion to Bicentennial Park
Monday 23rd     Dance Performance – 7.30pm
Tuesday 24th    Years 3 and 4 Performance
                 Year 4 Medieval Day
Thursday 26th   Kinder Incursion
                 Dance Performances – 5.00pm
Friday 27th     Semester 1 reports sent home
                 Dance Performances - 9.45am
                 Last day of Term 2

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

I hope all our families enjoy the long weekend.

Gai Collett
Principal
**Stars of the Week**

| Star | **Tom Wightwick** 6A was awarded an A in his Grade 2 AMEB piano examination – Well done Tom! |
| Star | **Claudia Franklin, Jade Summers, Bella Walker and Beatrice Bailey** compete weekly in the Northern Suburbs netball competition and play in a combined Neutral Bay/Mosman team. The cumulative score halfway through the comp is 43:3. Well done girls and good luck going forward. |
| Star | **Lucinda Peace** 6T, won 2nd place for the 12yr category for 2014 Bill Coppell Young Writers’ Award. Well done Lucinda. A future famous author. |
| Star | **Milton Sams** (Sebastian 4B and Oliver 2P) gave a wonderful presentation on Antarctica to Kindergarten last week. The children learnt so much and had many interesting questions. Your time is greatly appreciated! THANK YOU! |

**School News**

**PSSA NETBALL**

Our newly graded ‘D’ division team had a low scoring, and close game ending in a lost but by only two points. Alysha played hard, jumping for the ball and using, but despite some improvement in breaking, our passing was a little sloppy. The ball got lost before the circle a number of times. The defensive play has improved due to better marking.

The division C team were defeated by a strong Middle Harbour team. Brianah worked hard being involved the length of the court. At training we will focus on spreading the passing across the players and improving marking. There is sometimes unnecessary calling for the ball from players who are not finding space. This occurs in more than one of the teams and therefore it will be a focus skill for training.

The second of our two division B teams were up against a very fast passing Willoughby. They lost but not by too much due to the powerhouse Amelia. Her skills at intercepting the ball in the goal circle were truly excellent. Other players suffered from were found flat-footed at times. Apart from this problem, the bravery of the girls in fighting for the ball is improving as is the accuracy of passing. Noteworthy here is Stella and Leah.
B1 had a great win against a well matched North Sydney team. Both teams played fast centre court passing with Neutral Bay able to more accurately converting their efforts at the goal post. Mrs Cant loved watching the improvement in people like Natasha Liang, Samantha Norman and Nikita. Sophie Hilton made a great impression goal shooting and Lillian Harmer is one of those fabulous nimble, jumping, running stars who is a pleasure to watch.

The A team had a loss against Mowbray but only by one point. It was an extremely well matched game. This team continues to have excellent communication skills working fabulously as a team, but this week, they could have done better in the goal circle.

Mrs Jane Cant - 5J Class Teacher

PSSA SOCCER

As - Another great victory by the A team, beating Mosman 5-3. Mosman made lots of goal attempts, but found it hard to get the ball past our goalie Sam. It was a great team effort.

Jamie Caddick - 5J

Bs - It was a pleasant day at Primrose Park on the 30th of May. Neutral Bay Public School was against a pretty tough Mosman team. I was chosen to be captain and I chose to let Mosman kick off first. They got off to a pretty good start but our defences were impenetrable. The final goal was score about 10 seconds from full time Olivier scored a goal which knocked into the posts and rolled in to make the score 9-1. The entire team played really well and should be proud of their achievement.

Gautam Chintala – 6T

Girls - ‘What a beautiful day for a game. Today, playing at Primrose Oval are Neutral Bay and Mosman, but there is no time for talking because the whistle has blown and they’re off!! Brown passes to Pona, Pona passes to Newman, Newman passes to Coroneos...’

We had a tough match against Mosman, and, unfortunately, it wasn’t as dramatic as it sounds above. We tied 1-1 and almost scored another goal at the end. Although it prevented us from winning all game this season, it was an excellent opportunity to test our skills against a challenging opponent.

Jessica Luo – 6J
2K have been watching our class phasmids (stick insects) grow as a part of Year 2's topic this term *Watch it grow*. We also made phasmid artworks using real leaves, sticks and bark.

*Bronte - baby phasmid*

*Mia - Adult Phasmid*

*Max P - Phasmid artwork*

*Claudia - adult phasmid*

*Yuexi - Phasmid artwork*
3R have been studying space

Zoe Clarke and Scarlet Adamson - models of rockets

Kein Chang - A collage on space

Angus McLachlan The Solar System
Alien Invasion by Chloe Metzker

Earth in New York, everything was peaceful. People were happy. There was a boy called Harry. Harry had brown hair and a splash of freckles across his nose. He was busy playing with cars when a loud, ear piercing BANG split in the air.

Harry froze for a minute. What was going on? Then Harry heard screams and kepows. Harry peered outside his window. AAGGGHH! Harry screamed. There were UFOs everywhere! Millions of green walking blobs with three eyes were in the streets. They were the same size as a short man. People ran around for shelter shouting. No one was fighting back.

Harry thought hard for an idea. Ahah! He had it. He raced and pulled his spiky pineapple out of the fruit bowl. “CHARGE” Harry yelled as he crashed open the front door. He powered towards the aliens. The aliens had power to create anything in an instance.

Space by Nena Harmsdorf

Rockets flying in the sky
They fly so marvellously high
While at home the people shout
And rock and play and jump about.
The astronauts are in their seat
Lazing around and dangling feet.
The planets circle round and round
With gravity they’re safe and sound.
The astronauts are in their dome
And now they’re starting to miss home.
As the rockets come down to land
The people stare hand in hand.
KS LOVES TO WRITE ABOUT EVERYTHING THEY HAVE DONE ON THE WEEKEND

On the weekend my Grandma came over to my home. First she taught me how to play piano. Next she took me to piano. Then I had lunch. Last of all I went home. I had a good time.

Bonnie

On the weekend I went to EJ's party. First I had my face painted. Next I ate a cookie.

Ellen

On Saturday I went to music class. I also I went to Chatswood. On Sunday Kayla came to play.

Weiya

On the weekend I went to a ski place. First I waited for my train. Then I learnt more skills. Last of all I went home. I had lots of fun.

Ethan D.

On the weekend I went to Sydney Tower. First I went to the top. Next I looked down. Then I went down. Last of all we went to the aquarium. I had such a fun time.

Xingchuan

On the weekend I watched a movie. First I had a little rest. Next I watched a movie. Then all of my friends went home. Last of all I had lots of fun.

Joe

P&C NEWS

P&C MEETING

All parents are welcome to attend the P&C meeting on Wednesday 11 June to start at 7:30 pm.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

We are continuing collecting all the voluntary contribution from parents and will provide an update at the next P&C meeting of how much has been raised. There has not been that many P&C membership payments with the voluntary contribution, which is fine, unless you intend to vote for the new parents representative on the school council. You need to have paid your membership by Friday 6 June to participate in the vote.

The easiest payments for both Voluntary Contributions and memberships are through direct payment to the P&C account: Neutral Bay Public School P&C Association, BSB 032197, Account 411802.

We would appreciate to get all Voluntary Contributions by the end of this week-end to have visibility on our funding capabilities this year.

See you next Wednesday at 7.30pm for the next P&C meeting in the school hall.
**INTERSCHOOLS SNOW SPORTS SYDNEY REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014**

The Sydney Regional championships will be 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 281828.

We have 2 teams representing the School:

- **Girls Division 4 (skiing)** - Anja Skilton (6T) and Isabelle Macfarlane (6B)
- **Boys Division 5 (skiing, snowboarding & moguls)** - Arkey Astill (3S) and Taj Astill (4HR)

There is still time to register your child. Registration closes on Tuesday 17 June.

Sharmila Soorian – P&C Secretary

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

**HABARI [HELLO] FROM THE CANTEEN**

Just confirming, all FlexiSchools or order issues and any other general canteen questions should be directed to nbpscanteen@gmail.com. This is the canteen coordinator’s email and using this one will minimize any delays in getting back to you.

The email below is for matters relating to the roster only and will go directly to Sarah.

Apart from the spots that need filling next week (see below), we require one volunteer for an hour this **Thursday 5th June**, and we need **three** full shifts filled for **this Friday 6th June** please.

Next week’s special: **Beef Stroganoff with Mash**

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*Here is the roster for next week*
If you cannot make your rostered spot we would appreciate you finding a replacement or phone or email Sarah James on 0426 226 235 (0426CANCEL) or at the new email nbpscanteenroster@gmail.com


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**BAND NEWS**

**STAGE 2 ASSEMBLY**

Junior Band are creating a fabulous sound, (especially notable when you think back to those first few weeks in February of learning how to make any sound, let alone the right one in time with 65 other novice musicians) and we are very excited about their upcoming performance at the Stage 2 Assembly on Tuesday 24 June 2014 in front of parents and friends. Junior Band are opening the show, so do come along to celebrate their remarkable musical journey.

**COMPETITIONS**

Not long now until the our three bands get to demonstrate all that they have achieved this year in the Sydney Eisteddfod and New South Wales School Band Festival - we are very proud of the dedication shown by the children, polishing the pieces they have been working hard on these last few months. Keep up the good work! Times have been provided for the New South Wales School Band Festival, see below for individual bands. More information will be sent by band co-ordinators closer to the date.

**Senior Band**: lunchtime rehearsal this Thursday 5 June is cancelled due to a Year 4 excursion.

**Concert Band**: due to a number of recent rehearsals being disrupted by various school excursions, Mr Hampton has requested two additional rehearsals to allow the band to really consolidate everything that has been achieved to date and be the best they can for the competitions. These rehearsals will be on the next two Friday mornings:

- Friday 6 June at 7.45am in the Hall
- Friday 13 June at 7.45 am in the Multipurpose Room.

We are very grateful to the dance teachers Miss Grimshaw, Miss Carew, Ms Ayling and Miss Spagnolo for allowing Concert Band to use the hall this Friday in lieu of the dance group.
Could any Concert Band parents who are available to help on either Friday morning please get in touch with Rachel Coroneos - we need help moving the furniture in 1B to create space for the dancers at 7.45am on 6 June (and then moving it back for class at 8.45am) and help moving percussion down to the multipurpose room on 13 June.

**IMPORTANT BAND DATES - 2014**

- Monday 16 June 2014 - Concert Band - Sydney Eisteddfod, Concourse, Chatswood 9.30am (transport by bus to and from school)
- Tuesday 17 June 2014 - Senior Band - Sydney Eisteddfod, Concourse Chatswood 10.00am (transport by bus to and from school)
- Saturday 26 July 2014 - Concert Band - Alex Lithgow Primary School Premier Event, NSW School Band Festival, UNSW Kensington - arrival time 2pm, parent transport.
- Sunday 17 August 2014 - Senior Band - Robert McNally Primary School Concert Band Event, NSW School Band Festival, UNSW Kensington - arrival time 10.15am, parent transport.

Claudia Stephens, Liesel Wightwick and Karen Au - Overall Band Co-ordinators

**UNIFORM SHOP**

**HELLO FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP**

Next weekend is the Queen’s Birthday public holiday on Monday - so the uniform shop will be open on Tuesday 8.00am - 9.30am. *FlexiSchools* will be processed on Tuesday as well.

Please note:

We can no longer accept order forms with credit cards via the office. This is due to a change in regulations in the payment card industry known as *PCI Compliance*. In order to maintain our merchant status we need to demonstrate compliance to their guidelines. Having paper based forms with credit card details is non-compliant and they are therefore no longer allowed.

All orders must now be processed by either *FlexiSchools* or directly via the shop during opening hours.

We apologise for any inconvenience.

Thanks

Jonathan & the Uniform Shop Volunteers
COMMUNITY NEWS

KINDY PARENTS LAWN BOWLS SATURDAY 14TH JUNE

Neutral Bay Bowls Club, Barry Street
7pm for 7.30pm start
$40 per head, includes finger food and bowls
Drinks can be purchased on the night at the bar
Limited Babysitting available on the night, must be pre-booked
Melinda Hayes Kindy Coordinator
mob: 0400 767 030
email: melinda.hayes.001@gmail.com

PRIMARY ETHICS - VOLUNTEER TEACHERS NEEDED.
We need more volunteers to expand the Primary Ethics programme at Neutral Bay.

Classes are held during the Scripture/Primary Ethics time slot on Wednesday mornings for half an hour.

If you have an open-minded, inquiring outlook, and are interested in helping young people to think about ethics, please contact Peta Thomson (Ethics Co-ordinator) on 0419 626 078 or petathomson74@yahoo.com.au

For more information you can also visit www.primaryethics.com.au

ABC 1 DOCUMENTARY CASTING CALL

ABC TV is developing a documentary that looks at the frantic pace of life in the modern family. Production company 360 Degree Films is currently casting for Sydney-based families with one or more children under 17, including single parent households, who feel they are stuck in the ‘more-more-faster-faster’ family model thrust upon us these days. At least one parent must be willing to change the pace of their super-scheduled family life.

The producers are also casting for tweens and teenagers who feel over-scheduled and want to start a debate about how to dial down the pressure in their own families. However if you are under 18, please ensure you have full parental permission before you make contact.

The program will look at what happens when global ambassador for the Slow Movement and advocate for calming the pace of family life, Carl Honoré, enters three Australian homes
where gadgets rule and fast is the only speed. He unplugs the kids and parents. He tears up their jam-packed schedules. He serves up a recipe for making family life a journey or an adventure rather than a rat race.

Will slowing down make family life happier, healthier, richer and more rewarding? Or is there no turning back? Carl’s slow coaching will last 4 weeks. Filming will take place over 6 weeks in October and November this year.
If you are a family who genuinely relates to this topic please contact Alex at familycasting@outlook.com.au
If you’d like to know more about Carl Honoré visit www.carlhonore.com

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.