REMINDER – P & C MEETING

Tonight – Wednesday 11th June

7.30pm in the Hall.

Voting for the two new parent representatives for the School Council will close at the commencement of the meeting.

My thanks to Martijn Wilder and Julie Nearhos who will be standing down from the council at the end of this semester. They have both made valuable contributions to our school. Special thanks to Martijn who has been chairman of the Council.

ELECTION OF TWO PARENT MEMBERS FOR THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

Please click here for a 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).

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.

**NEW ZEALAND PRINCIPALS’ VISIT**

Yesterday we hosted a visit by a number of principals from New Zealand. They are in Australia to visit schools which are successfully integrating iPad technology in class programs. We were honoured to be selected and to be recognised as a leader in this field. Our visitors were very impressed with our programs, the excellent children’s work, the high standards of teaching practice and the outstanding pedagogy displayed.

My thanks to Mr Callum Thomson, our Technology in Teaching and Learning teacher, Mr Brown (6B), Miss Carnegie (5C), Year 6 and Year 1 teachers. We were very proud of all our children who were fine ambassadors for our school.

**SYDNEY EISTEDDFOD**

Best of luck to our music groups which will be participating in next week’s Sydney Eisteddfod. Concert Band on Monday, Senior Band on Tuesday and the Orchestra and Senior Chamber Orchestra both on Thursday.
UPCOMING DATES

June
Thursday 12th   Area Cross Country
Monday 16th     Year 6 Excursion to Imax
Monday 23rd     Year 1 Excursion to Bicentennial Park
Tuesday 24th    Dance Performance – 7.30pm
Tuesday 26th    Years 3 and 4 Performance
Monday 23rd     Year 4 Medieval Day
Thursday 26th   Kinder Incursion
Friday 27th     Dance Performances – 5.00pm

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

Gai Collett
Principal

Stars of the Week

Mr Thomson and the Year 6 SRC boys and girls who organised last week’s Discos. Both K-2 and 3-6 Discos were most successful – the children had a great time and we raised $1,000 for Stewart House.

Sammi Brender 5T who came 2nd in the 10yrs & under restricted category for her solo ballet performance yesterday at the Extreme Eisteddfod held at St. Ives high school.
Lauren Young (3EW) and Amelia Soh (3H) performed at the Extreme Eisteddfod. Amelia came 1st in 8 years Demi character (dancing as a music box doll) and 2nd in 8 years open classical ballet. Lauren received a highly commended award in both Demi character (dancing as a jack in the box) and 8 years open ballet.

K-2 had a wonderful time at the Disco
Nicholson Museum

Year 4 went on an excursion the Sydney University's Nicholson Museum on Thursday 5th June. While the rain came down in buckets outside, inside the museum it was also anything but dry. Students were able to see (and sometimes touch) artefacts from ancient civilisations as well as learn about some of the more interesting aspects of the cultures of ancient Egypt, Greece and Rome.

Mr Creagh Year 4 Class Teacher

2C wrote some amazing explanations about **How Bees Make Honey**

You should pay the bees money instead of shops. They do all the work! Bees are very helpful. They make honey for us.

First the bees fly to a flower and suck the nectar out of it. Next it goes down a tube and goes into the honey tummy. The bee returns to the hive and regurgitates the honey out. Next the bee puts the honey in a cell or gives it to a friend. Over 45,000 bees live in a beehive. Bees fly back and forth, delivering honey to the hive. It can get very busy in there! Then the beekeeper sprays the hive with burning thorns so it gives the bees a warning so they don’t hurt him. Next he sprays them with a cherry smell, they all go to the bottom. Suddenly, the beekeeper grabs the honey and takes it to the factory. Then the honey goes into jars and the spares get spun around to turn white and if you want to have it again, heat it up to 1000 degrees Fahrenheit.
Fast fact: Bees are known to be one of the healthiest insects in the world.

**Alex T**

Bees are responsible for making the delicious honey we eat today. Honey is a yummy spread or liquid enjoyed by people all over the world.

First the bee goes to the flower to get nectar. The nectar goes into the honey stomach. In the honey stomach the nectar is separated into fructose and glucose. Then the bees go back to the hive to regurgitate. Next it fans the honey to get the water out of the honey. Over 50,000 bees live in one hive. People keep them in hives to get honey. The beekeeper opens the lid and sprays the smoke of burnt pine needles into the hive. Then they replace the lid with a bee escape. Then it is safe for the beekeeper to get the honey. The honey goes to the factory to scrape off the wax for candles and stuff like that.

**Karam**

Bees are flexible insects. Bees make honey so that they can survive. This is how bees make honey.

Bees drink the nectar from the flowers. The bees have a special body part. The body part is called the honey stomach. The honey stomach breaks the nectar into two sugars. They are called fructose and glucose. The bees put the two sugars in a cell and then they flap their wings that make water. The beekeepers smoke the beehives. The beekeepers get the honey from the beehive and then we eat the honey.

**Kai**

Bees are responsible for making the delicious honey we eat today. Honey is a yummy spread or liquid enjoyed by people all over the world.

The bees fly to a flower and land on it. They suck the nectar with a tube-like tongue called a proboscis and store it in a place called a honey stomach. When the honey goes into the honey stomach, it breaks it down into liquid called fructose and glucose. When the bee has flown to the hive, it regurgitates the honey into small hexagonal things called cells and uses something from its body called wax. The bees cover the honey with wax. The bees fan it until the water evaporates. Over 50,000 bees live in one hive because one bee will only produce a 1/12 of a teaspoon in its lifetime. That is why there has to be so many bees in a hive. The beekeeper opens the lid of the hive and sprays it with burnt pine needles, that warns the bees that someone is coming to take the honey. Then he tricks the bees by putting a bee escape that smells like cherries because bees do not like cherries. Then the beekeeper removes the lid and takes the honey to a factory, which puts into jars ready to eat!

**William**

**Miss Jane Carew Class Teacher 2C**
Results from the Sydney Eisteddfod Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to our public speakers who gained the results below:

- **10 and under prepared speech** - Angelina Pona 5K - Highly Commended
- **11 and under prepared speech** - Evie Watts 6A – First place
  Owen Hawes 6A – Third place
- **12 and under prepared speech** - Max Wait 6B – Highly Commended

Japanese Pen Pal letters

More than 100 very enthusiastic students from Year 5 and 6 wrote our first pen pal letters to Japanese students in Sapporo, Japan. A big thank you to Sensei Kishida who is our wonderful Japanese teacher.
Area Cross Country

Recently, Neutral Bay Public School students participated in the Annual Zone Cross Country event at Artarmon Reserve.

Our students performed tremendously well on the day competing with the outstanding running elite from our zone. The temperatures were high which made running extremely challenging. Overall every student participating excelled with many achieving personal bests, no doubt. They were cheered on by parents and students alike throughout the races and unquestionably did the school proud. Thank you to all the parents who supported and encouraged the students in the lead up to and at the actual event.

A hearty congratulations to all our runners on your outstanding efforts on the day. A special mention needs to go to Ross Poole (Boys open/12 yrs), Max Bottomley (Boys 11yrs) and Hugh Lynch (Boys 10yrs) who are running at the Area Cross Country tomorrow by finishing in the top six of their age group.

Years 3-6 Disco
KL STORIES AND ARTWORKS ABOUT POLAR ANIMALS

I saw a killer whale. They eat dolphins. They are black and white. They jump up to breathe.

By Anton

I like penguins because they waddle and I like them because they eat fish and they eat squid. I like them because they live on the ice and they swim like a jet. The colours are white and black

By Arav.

Penguins are black and white. They swim like rockets in the water. They have blubber under their fur. They eat fish.

By Ruby O

The leopard seal is my favourite animal. The leopard seal eats penguins. They look brownish and yellowish and they have spots.

By Alex

I like penguins. They live in Antarctica. They eat fish and krill. They swim like a rocket. They are black and white.

By Pia

![Paintings of penguins and a leopard seal]
**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@ihr.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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**Carnival News**

**SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR : NBPS CARNIVAL 30TH AUGUST 2014.**

Please note this important date in your diaries and come along to a fun day that is enjoyed by young, old and lots if ex NBPS students. During your holidays if you are cleaning out cupboards/ rooms put aside some children's clothes, teddies that are not loved any more in your house, books, board games and unwanted gifts. Obviously we want these items in good condition. Rule of Thumb: Ask yourself "would I buy this"? If yes then send in to the school at the office and we will take it from there.
We will have a team of wonderful volunteers out in our local community soon asking for donations so if you are a local business and want to donate for the silent auction, chocolate wheel or any of our stalls please contact us.
If shopping at Kidstuff please mention our school as they give us points which help us purchase items for sale on the day.
Of course we are happy for any volunteers to contact us and let us know where you can help.
Please email with offers of help or donations to nbpscarnival@gmail.com
Looking forward to hearing from you.
Kristina Lawton and Mona Martyn-Smith
Carnival Co-ordinators.

CANTEEN NEWS

BULA [HELLO] FROM THE CANTEEN
As of next term we will only have plain milk on the menu. Chocolate and strawberry milk will no longer be available. During the colder months we will still be serving homemade hot chocolate, which contains a lot less sugar.

There are a few shifts that need filling for next week, not many more chances for term two! Please let Sarah know if you can make it in.

Next week’s special: Nachos

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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Kate Leveaux – Canteen Coordinator
COMPETITIONS

We're looking forward to impressive performances by Concert Band and Senior Band in the Sydney Eisteddfod next week. After all their hard work, this is the chance for the bands to shine. Transport will be by buses to and from the school. Please make sure excursion notes are handed in to Mr Tan by Friday 13 June - without a signed note, your child will not be allowed to attend. If for some reason you don't have a permission note, please get in touch with your band co-ordinator. Children are to wear long-sleeved white polo tops, long navy unisex cargo pants, black socks, black polished school shoes, girls to have hair neatly tied back in a ponytail, no jewellery. Band coordinators will supply navy ribbons.

All parents, carers and siblings are welcome to attend and support the bands, tickets are available at the Concourse, Chatswood. Adults $15, concession $12.

CONCERT BAND
Extra rehearsal this Friday 13 June at 7.45 am in the Multipurpose Room. We need volunteers who have a spare few minutes at drop-off to help us move timpani and other percussion from the hall down to the Multipurpose Room. Also, any parents who are back at school dropping other siblings at 9am, we would love some help to move the equipment back. Please get in touch with Rachel Coroneos if you have a spare 5 minutes on Friday morning.

Note early arrival time on Monday 16 June: the bus will leaving promptly at 9am and children should be at school at 8.45am to allow time for bags to be taken to class rooms and the roll to be taken.

SENIOR BAND
Arrive at school for normal rehearsal on Tuesday 17 June at 7.45am. Buses will leave from school at 9.30am.

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)
- 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
Hello from the Uniform Shop

We’ve had a busy period leading up to the change over to winter uniforms. A big thanks to Dianna, Marian, Liz, Marion, Kellie and new volunteer Evelyn for committing every week.

We have also experienced some issues with the stock control and reconciliation. A huge thanks to Tim, Helen, Anne and Irene for helping sort this out.

This doesn't however address the fundamental issues of running two systems (Flexischool and MYOB). A review of the way they integrate is under way and a recommendation will be delivered to the P&C Executive for consideration.

New credit card industry guidelines means we're no longer able to take paper based orders via the office. Only cards presented by purchasers in the shop or by flexischool is allowed.

And please do not send your children to school with large amounts of cash.

Summer stock ordering deadline is looming so we will be making orders under current suppliers within the next week to ensure sufficient uniform stock for 2015 Kindy Orientation and summer term.

The lovely Marian Breslin who manages the second hand service from the uniform shop has advised that she will be winding back and leaving by the end of the year. We are looking at how we can keep this great service to parents going but it will only continue if there is a dedicated parent volunteer to take it on. A call out in forward newsletters will be made.

And finally just a reminder to all parents and friends of NBPS that all efforts are made to process orders as quickly as possible when received via Flexischool.

If you are chasing an order please email the uniform shop on nbpsuniformshop@gmail.com rather than the Office or School Management team. We will get back to your email as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your patience and good humour.

Jonathan & the Uniform Shop Volunteers

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**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
e-mail: 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

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

1. SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Monday 14th July is a school development day. (First day term 3)

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 CASH per child, payment must be received to confirm your booking.

To Book: Please book and pay at the BSC/ASC front desk.

2. REQUEST TO THOSE WHO ARE NOT USING THEIR PLACEMENT AT BSC/ASC

It would be much appreciated if you could please contact us on 9953 9366 to cancel bookings, as we have people that are DESPERATE for places.

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.