Kindergarten Enrolments for 2015

Parents with children commencing school next year are asked to enrol now with the NEW enrolment forms that can be downloaded from the school's website or via this link:


Area Cross Country – Boys’ Success

Congratulations to Ross Poole 6J, Max Bottomley 6A and Hugh Lynch 4B who travelled to Gosford last Thursday to complete in the Area Cross Country Carnival. All three boys ran terrific races.

Ross was awarded 3rd place in his race and will go on to represent the area at the State Cross Country Championships next term. Congratulations and Best Wishes Ross!

Years 3 and 4 Performances

Parents should have received invitations to next Tuesday’s Years 3 and 4 Performances – 9:30 in the Hall.

The Year 3 classes have been studying Space and the year 4 classes Medieval Times. The concert reflects these two topics.

The Senior Band will also be performing.

My thanks to the class teachers and Miss Pagel and Ms Langlois – our music teachers. We hope to see all our parents next Thursday.
**STEWART HOUSE USED CLOTHING BAGS**

Bags will be sent home with the children next week. Please return by Wednesday 23rd July [Week 2].

**GOOD LUCK DANCE GROUPS**

Our dance groups will be performing at Glen Street Theatre next week in the Sydney North Dance Festival. This festival showcases the best groups from primary schools in our region. It is a wonderful opportunity for our boys and girls to perform in a professional setting in such a high quality festival.

We wish them the best of luck and look forward to seeing them on stage.

Our thanks to Ms Carew, Ms Spagnolo, Ms Grimshaw and Ms Ayling for all their work and organisation.

**STUDENT SEMESTER 1 REPORTS**

Semester 1 reports will be sent home with the children late next week. Parents leaving early for holidays will be able to collect reports next term.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL PARENT REPRESENTATIVES**

An election for the two vacant parent representative positions on our School Council was held at last Wednesday’s P & C meeting. My thanks to all the nominees for their interest in our school.

Congratulations to Neil Hereford [Joshua 1O] and Kim Thompson [Lucile 1G]. I look forward to working them on the Council.

**CANTEEN SUPPORT**

Winter term is always difficult for parent canteen volunteers with colds and ‘flu etc. We need more parents to volunteer particularly next term in order to keep the canteen open five days each week. Our Canteen Manager Marie is doing a wonderful job assisted by Renuka and Sarah, however, she needs more parent volunteers.

Working parents are most welcome to volunteer for a shift or two and we always welcome other relatives and friends. We love seeing Dads in the canteen! This sends a very strong and positive message to all our children. Please email nbpscanteen@gmail.com to volunteer. Our wonderful Canteen Coordinator, Kate Leveaux, is standing down at the end of this term. Kate has done a great job – we will really miss her in this role. If anyone is interested in taking on this role, please contact Kate on 0417-072-007 for more information.
CONGRATULATIONS MS LANGLOIS

One of our specialist Music Teachers, Ms Mandy Langlois, was selected to feature in the Musica Viva film clip in the NSW Creative Arts DEC online Newsletter. She was filmed here at school teaching 2G.

Ms Langlois is a talented musician and wonderful teacher – we are fortunate to have her at NBPS. The clip can viewed at [http://issuu.com/creativearts6/docs/caenews4](http://issuu.com/creativearts6/docs/caenews4)

UPCOMING DATES

June
- 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

TERM 3 DATES

Parents may wish to note the following Term 3 dates. The calendar is updated on the school website.

July
- Wednesday 23rd: OC Test
- Thursday 24th: Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival
- Tuesday 29th: Education Week Opening Morning, K-6, 9:30 – 11:00

August
- Wednesday 6th: Senior choir Performance at Opera House
- Monday 11th: ICAS Maths
- Tuesday 12th: Year 6 Science in the City Excursion
- Wednesday 13th: P&C Meeting at 7:30pm
- Thursday 14th: Year 5 Science in the City Excursion
- Friday 15th: Year 3 Excursion
- Thursday 28th: Zone Field Events
- Friday 29th: Zone Track Events
  Year 2 Excursion
- Saturday 30th: Spring Fair
September
Tuesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} Kinder 2015 Parent Tour
Monday 8\textsuperscript{th} Year 5 Excursion to Archibald
Tuesday 9\textsuperscript{th} Year 6 Excursion to Archibald
Wednesday 10\textsuperscript{th} P&C Meeting
Thursday 11\textsuperscript{th} Junior Dance Concert

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

As this is the final Newsletter for Term 2, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a very enjoyable winter break.

I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 15\textsuperscript{th} July.

Gai Collett
Principal

Stars of the Week

Our soloist musicians who will be performing at next Tuesday’s Years 3 and 4 performances:

Holly Newman 6A who was a member of the Combined Warringah/North Shore Girls Touch Football team which competed last week in the Zone competition. The coaches emailed me to compliment Holly and the other girls on their outstanding behaviour, the impressive way in which they combined as a team and the encouragement they gave each other to improve and succeed. Great work Holly!

Congratulations to Lucy Rathbun 5C who recently received a Distinction in her RAD Grade 4 ballet exam. Well done, Lucy!
Kindergarten has been learning about animals this term. Students in KD have been writing information about animals.

**Mrs M Dudley – KD Class Teacher**

Elephants have big ears. Some elephants swim when it is hot. Baby elephants do not have tusks. African elephants have bigger ears than Asian elephants.

**By Arya**

Pigs roll in the mud to keep cool. They smell really well. Pigs’ babies are called piglets.

**By Max**

Penguins swim very fast. They have a beak. Penguins have blubber to keep warm. Emperor Penguins are the biggest penguins!

**By Emily**

It is very hot in the desert. Meerkats eat scorpions. Desert animals drink water from plants. Some deserts are hot and cold.

**By Kai**

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**Our new School Crossing Supervisor Ms Myriam Besso, on Bydown Street crossing**

This morning a parent drove through the crossing nearly hitting Myriam. She has given me the number plate of the car. Please drive slowly.
In 1C the children have been writing descriptions about our Topic this term on Wet and Dry Environments. We used the picture book *My Island Home* by Neil Murray for writing ideas and adapted the story to suit our choice of a Wet or Dry "home" to write about.

**Ms Jen Carew – Class Teacher 1C**

**My Desert Home**
In my desert home there are Camels, Elephants and Bugs. There are Echidnas and Scorpions that blend in with the sand. It is hot and rocky where the sand grains crumble and the water streams dry where Ducks use to live and the leaves use to blow. And finally I have a desert home.

*by Eliza*

**My Ocean Home**
I have a home near the water. It always rains. Lots of boats visit the Island. It has a castle. My castle is very big. It has green floors like a very green plant. It has grey walls like a grey fan. Dolphins live here. They are blue in the water and grey out of the water. They are playful and friendly.

*by Oliver*

**My Desert Home**
My desert home is very very hot and very very sandy.
My desert home is very very orange and it has lots of hills.
My desert home has lots of cactus.
My desert home has a very blue sky with no clouds.

*by Isabella*

5C WRITING

*For this task, students were asked to write about what they wanted to be when they grew up. The catch? They had to make their reasons about life, not the work they want to do.*

**Ms G Carnegie – Class Teacher 5C**

I look down to my left, at the grim, filthy streets filled with people who have been unjustly rejected - just because of their skin colour and their birthplace. People who were shunned from society, or treated as if other races were superior in some way. The very visualisation of injustice - a race forcing another down into the depths of poverty, a race abused by those who think themselves superior.

One man changed it all-Nelson Mandela, my hero. He dared to spit right in the face of racism, not knowing what would come of him, but ready to do anything and everything in his power to completely and utterly destroy racism.
Mandela was willing to spend 27 years in three different jails for the benefit of his people in South Africa, so that they had the right to be treated just as well as everyone else. He willingly took it on, going head to head, knowing his cause was just, and that he could not be ignored. By doing this, people started questioning the morality of their actions towards those who weren’t much different from themselves. As people began to think, and Mandela was finally set free because of an international campaign, the reign of racism was nearly over. He spent all of his days fighting for his cause, making sure that no one would ever be subjected to this horrible treatment ever again.

This is why Mandela is my hero, because he fought for what he believed in and didn’t care about what it would personally cost him, as long as his goal was complete. Not only that, but his cause was so just—it was incredibly noble and courageous to take on such a treacherous journey. Mandela finally made it to the summit, ending most racism and helping people question their own morality. I know I can’t even hope to do such a courageous and massive deed, but I know that when I grow up, I want my morals and actions to be just as well. When I grow up, I wish to be as kind and as pure as Mandela, and I want to make sure that the world is an even better place.

In summary, we need more people like Nelson Mandela—to help bring peace to the world. We can’t all do such courageous things, but we can all do our thing to help. All we have to do is support a cause, and stand up to racism as a whole. In all, this is why I want to be like Nelson Mandela, and all the just and humane people of this world like him.

I frowned as I saw the deathly alleyways filled with rejected people, outcasts from life. I reached to my pockets, pulled out my wallet and shared around what money I had. They looked up to show a glowing smile, but I was already gone to see what I could do to help.

Mitchell 5C

These mosaics are visual representations of this term’s novel studies on *Holes* by Louis Sachar

Mr Jonathon Ticli - Class Teacher 6T
PSSA NETBALL REPORT

Neutral Bay had two wins this week: We are all getting used to the boys team winning. We need to remember that the boys division is ungraded so they must not get over confident. Still, it is fabulous to see their fresh approach to the game.

“They played fearlessly as always. Their passes were excellent and but sometimes a little too much decision time is used. Adrian Freiburg played very well in GA. The boys kept the pressure on the defence and created ‘chaos’ for the opposition.” By Rex

The A team had a happy win against Middle Harbour. It was close though at 15:13

“I think that our passes were good except for some silly lobs. Our defence was really good as we kept getting in the way of the opposition. Poppy Walter was particularly good at this. There were times when we lost our concentration, probably because we were rushing,” by Kaitlyn

The B1 team played strongly but lost to a very strong Willoughby.

“India Hearne was really focussed and played for her team really well. Her breaking and passing were excellent. Also, Lillian was quick and accurate and always paid attention to who had the ball. The things we need to practise are, breaking, accurate and quick passing, better marking and aggressiveness.” By Noa

There were improvements but still no win for our B2 team. This team is learning on of the hardest lessons of sport. An amazing thing happens when people get thrown into something that is a bit out of their league… they step-up and these girls have certainly done that.

“My two stars are Cordelia Newton and Amelia Heffernan. Cordelia got involved and also did some fast passes. Her communication was great. Amelia got the ball a lot keeping the score more respectable. To improve generally we need to spread out and keep moving into space.” By Stella

The C division team lost but put up a good fight. Mrs Cant's best players were Kylie for bravery, Lia for defending effectively.
“The team is getting better at spreading out especially Rani. Brianah was great at finding free spaces. To improve we need to mark players better and not find ourselves playing piggy-in-the-middle.” By Kylie

The division D team had a good game were they were able to practise skills and test their strength. They did not win but worked hard and improved over the game.

“Alysha played really well. Laura and Claudia played well together in the goal circle. Clair was excellent moving quickly to space and winning the ball. To improve we need to make faster decisions to pass the ball and find space quickly.” By Katie

Miranda (3R) made this model of a space ship for her homework and then the class ate it!

2014 Neutral Bay Public School Raffle

Raffle booklets and forms will be distributed to all NBPS families next week. The raffle will be drawn in Term 3, on Friday 15 August and there are some fabulous prizes to be won. Winners will be announced in the School's newsletter on Wednesday 20 August. Raffle tickets are $3 each or $30 for one booklet of ten tickets.

Thank you to our local businesses for their support for this year's raffle.

Sharmila Soorian – P&C Secretary
SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR NBPS CARNIVAL
SATURDAY 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 Coordinators
0414 371 061
BONJOUR [HELLO] & AU REVOIR [GOODBYE] FROM THE CANTEEN

Last week you should have received an email from me saying I am stepping down as canteen coordinator. I have met so many wonderful parents and new friends during my time as coordinator and am so pleased that I had this opportunity. The task is now a very manageable one, so if you can spare a few hours each week and are interested in taking on the role, please contact me on nbpscanteen@gmail.com or 0417 072 007.

Please be advised that unlike previous terms the canteen is open the last day of term, Friday 27th June and will re-open the first day back of Term 3.

Bring on the Hip Hot Doggie! Much to the children’s delight, this very popular special is on everyday next week including Friday.

The canteen is extremely busy on the final week of term and we need an extra volunteer per day. Please let Sarah know if you can make it in for a shift.

The last roster for this term is below, if you cannot make your rostered spot we would appreciate you finding a replacement or phone Sarah James on 0426 226 235 or email nbpscanteenroster@gmail.com

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Kate Leveaux – Canteen Coordinator
**SYDNEY EISTEDDFOD.**

The children in Concert Band and Senior Band should all be very proud of their performances at the Sydney Eisteddfod this week. All of their hard work was evident in their performances. Both bands performed, looked and behaved beautifully. They are terrific ambassadors for our school.

Please make sure that the children continue to practice their pieces and maintain this high standard as we move through the competition calendar. Below are the dates for our next event, the NSW School Band Festival, which will showcase all three bands.

**NSW SCHOOL BAND FESTIVAL**

**Saturday 26 July 2014**
Concert Band
Alex Lithgow Primary School Premier Event, NSW School Band Festival, UNSW Kensington
arrival time 2pm, parent transport.

**Sunday 27 July 2014**
Junior Band
Wilbur Sampson Primary School Concert Band Event, NSW School Band Festival, UNSW Kensington
arrival time 9am, 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 Coordinators
Hello from the Uniform Shop

We've had a busy period leading up to the changeover to winter uniforms. A big thank you 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 (FlexiSchools 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 FlexiSchools 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 FlexiSchools.

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
COMMUNITY NEWS

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

SOCCER CAMPS
These will be held in the school holidays from 9am to 3pm daily
We are a registered child care provider
Call 0412 602 999 www.starsportscamps.com

If you have any questions please contact me
Paul Connah
Star Sports Pty Ltd
Ph: 1300 752 977

LOST PROPERTY

We have many pairs of children's reading glasses in the school lost property box. Parents if you recognize any of these prescription reading glasses please come to the school office to collect them.
NSW Alpine

NSW Alpine are running a community fun run on Sunday 29th June, 2014 at Thredbo Golf Course from 2 to 4 pm. Anyone can enter, it is open to all age groups and contestants can run or walk.

There will be a BBQ and prizes so come join in the fun. To sign up go to our website [www.thinairfunrun.com](http://www.thinairfunrun.com)

Funds raised will help to support our ongoing NSW Alpine athlete programs and initiatives such as state team athlete grants, fitness training, Rising Stars Awards and Officials training.

North Sydney Girls High School Centenary Concert
The Concourse, Chatswood
Wednesday June 25, 7.30 pm

NSGHS invites Neutral Bay Public to share in our Centenary of Music. The concert will feature our current school ensembles: Symphony Orchestra, Wind Orchestra, Concert Band, Chamber Orchestra, Advanced String Ensemble and A Cappella, as well as three former students who are pursuing successful careers in music - Alex Silver from 2002 (Trombone), Jessica Lee from 2001 (Flute) and Nicole Forsyth from 1987 (Viola).

To cover the cost of the venue we are having to charge for tickets. Prices are $20 Adults, $12 Students and $50 for a Family (2 adults and 2 children).

Please contact Ticketek on 1300 795 012 or go to their website and search "Centenary" to bring up our webpage.

Drama Classes Friday afternoons at Neutral Bay Public School

Build your child’s Confidence, Creativity & Communication Skills

Friday afternoons in the Multipurpose Room.

Juniors                  Kindy to Yr 2       3:20 to 4:20 pm
Seniors                 Yrs 3 to 6              4:20 to 5:20 pm

Seniors will start working towards our end of year show to be held at The Zenith Theatre in term 4.

Register for a free trial class in term 3.

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.