**From the Principal**

**ILL CHILDREN AT SCHOOL**

This term we have had an increasing number of children coming to school clearly unwell. There are lots of flu and stomach-type viruses around which are contagious. Please keep your children at home if they have coughs, colds, temperatures, upset tummies etc. It is inconsiderate and unfair to the other children, teachers and to the child who is unwell.

Many thanks for your cooperation. I know it is very difficult for working parents when children are ill during the night or wake up sick.

**PARENT INFORMATION SESSION**

I am looking forward to seeing our parents and teachers at tonight’s session at Mosman High School.

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**WHAT:** 'Understanding anxiety in our children and how parents can best help'

A presentation by Professor Jennifer Hudson from the Centre for Emotional Health at Macquarie University. Jennie combines insight from her own research with practical strategies which parents can use to help their children. She also brings the understanding that comes from being a parent herself.

**WHEN:** Wednesday 6 August 2014 at 7.30pm

**WHERE:** Mosman High School, School Hall, Military Road (between Avenue Road and Belmont Road), Mosman

**FOR WHOM:** Parents of primary and high school children from any school are welcome

MORE INFORMATION: mosman-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
SAFETY FOR OUR CHILDREN

At the recent North Sydney council meeting held on 21 July 2014, MaryAnn Beregi [who is a parent and Councillor] raised a matter of urgency regarding the safety at the intersections in Neutral Bay. See minutes on Council’s website


MaryAnn has recently received a significant number of verbal requests for council to make the intersections in Neutral Bay, particularly near the school, safer for children and pedestrians, as well as to help traffic flow. However, she would appreciate written submissions. MaryAnn would welcome any comments or suggestions in relation to this matter and can be contacted at cr.maryann.beregi@northsydney.nsw.gov.au

ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS 2014

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PHOTOS IN NEWSLETTER AND ON WEBSITE

At the beginning of the year I asked parents to let me know if they do NOT wish to have their children’s photos in Newsletters, the School’s Website or Class Blogs. I have not had any parents contact me so will continue to publish the photographs of our wonderful children. I know that so many parents, grandparents and friends really enjoy these images and that they make them feel informed and involved with their school activities.

SEMESTER 2 [TERMS 3 AND 4] 2014 CLASS REQUISITES AND PROGRAM COSTS

Many thanks to all the parents who have already paid these costs. [Invoices were sent home last week on orange coloured paper.]

This note can be downloaded at: http://www.neutralbay-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/permission-notes

Your assistance with prompt payment is much appreciated as we have to pay our suppliers and providers of these goods and services.

Year 2 Parents: Please note that the recorders will not be issued to the children until payment is received.
P&C MEETING
The next P&C meeting will be held next Wednesday 13th August at 7:30pm in the Hall.

UPCOMING DATES

August
Friday 8th  Year 2 Parent Trivia Night
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
Saturday 30th Year 2 Excursion

Gai Collett
Principal

All the parents who are working with our Carnival Coordinators, Mona and Kristina, to organise our Carnival. Only 3 weeks to go! You are stars!

Congratulations to all our PSSA Netball and Soccer teams who are competing in the Friday competitions. Keep up the great work boys and girls.

Congratulations to the Senior Boys Soccer Team who won 2-0 against Harbord PS in the PSSA Knock Out competition. They will play against Newport tomorrow. Good luck Boys!

The members of our Senior Girls Dance Group and the Combined Dance Group who performed for us at last week’s Performing Arts Showcase.

The Senior Girls’ and Combined Dance Groups at the Sydney North Dance Festival 2014.
**BIN I.T! – YOUNG ICT EXPLORERS PROJECT**

Three children. One project. One competition. A quest for the perfect world begins.

Neutral Bay Public School students, Declan Predavec, Nick Palmer and Nikita Pussell have entered in the Young ICT Explorers. This competition is about solving any problem using technology, and is held annually. ‘Where will ICT take you?’ is the theme of this competition, as thousands of eager students and projects from around Australia participate in this event.

Their project, BIN I.T!, is a project designed to encourage recycling. It monitors recycling bins and posts information on the internet for all to see. This information is gathered using ultrasonic sensors and an arduino microcomputer to detect how full a bin is. Here is a more technical aspect of how it works:

Their project works by connecting an ultrasonic sensor to an Arduino device which is stationed inside the recycling bin. The ultrasonic sensor is used to detect how full the recycling bin is by measuring the distance to the surface of the recycling. They convert this information into understandable units (centimetres) and then into a percentage full figure.

Their Arduino is connected to the school wireless network via Wi-Fi. The information we collect from the sensor is published to the internet via an html webpage which they use to display a graph and some encouragement so that the students will try to fill the bin. The webpage can be displayed on SMARTboards, iPads and laptops.

Finally, they have embedded the graph and the statements from Google Docs into a webpage that teachers can display on their SMARTboards. The school can display this information in all the classrooms, and on the iPads for the classes that have those.

All this isn’t just a theory, it’s a reality. The Bin I.T! team has built a working prototype and attached it to a bin! The Bin I.T! team has reached the finals of the Young ICT Explorers competition and will be travelling to the University of New South Wales to present their entry to the judges of the competition.

The project encourages people to fill up recycling bins and recycle more.

Declan Predavec, Nikita Pussel and Nick Palmer 6J

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – THURSDAY 24TH JULY**

It was a big relief to see the blue skies as we left Neutral Bay heading out to Narrabeen and the Sydney Sports Academy for our annual Athletics carnival (This time last year the heavens had opened and we all got very wet throughout the day). There was great excitement since there had been much preparation and build up to this special day in the school calendar.
Throughout the day the children involved themselves in the main events in track and field. It was wonderful to see so many children participating and doing their best. It was also fabulous to see smiles on so many faces, including the teachers, throughout the day. Happily, the day ran incredibly smoothly with good spirited and energetic competition running through the day, almost without a significant break, from 10am to 2.00pm.

Gilmore, Boyd, Milson and Warung fought out each race and jumped with impressive effort and intent. Which house would take the grand prize this year NBPS athletics champions for 2014?

There were many outstanding individual performances on the day from talented sports people from Year 2 to Year 5. There was also tremendous support from the spectators in the stands, the chanting reached new heights not seen or heard before in the backwaters of Narrabeen.

Many students celebrated their achievements of the day. Some knew they were destined for Zone, bigger and better things. Others were disappointed for just missing out,” by a whisker”, “if only…”

The day was an undoubted success. Not only was this thanks to the children, but also to the teachers who organised and manned each post around the track with enthusiasm, efficiency, encouragement and good will. Finally we must not forget to mention the wonderful support from the parents and last, but not least, the parent helpers.

Rob Kessler – Class Teacher 5K, Athletics Carnival Organiser
NETBALL REPORT TERM 3 WEEK 3

The focus of this week’s report is just a few individual players. The following players are commended for the following reasons:

Lillian Harmer: Lillian is a speedy, enthusiastic player who plays with a smile.

Mitchell Holden: Mitchell gives 100% effort all the time.

Sophie Bateman: Sophie is a flexible team player. She works tirelessly and always displays a willingness to assist the team to gel.

Kaitlyn Petrides, Emma Clarke and Jessica Gies Coutts: commended for their skills and their no fuss hard work.

Nikita Pussel: Nikita has is a ‘most improved’ player. She barely knew the game at the beginning of the season and now plays with courage, applying every new skill she acquires.

India Hearn: India has developed a real fighting spirit in her games and this is, matched with come considerable skill on the ball, is paying dividends.

Samantha Norman: Sam applies herself to the game extremely well. She moves up and down the court with speed and accuracy.

Elise Rudan: Elise is a quiet achiever on her team. She works to improve her skills, and works hard on court. She plays with courage.

Sofia Rodriguez Pintos: Sofia is new to the game and has quickly developed skills and passion. She is proving herself as a team player and with a little more courage and skill development will make great contributions in the future.

SOCCER STATE KNOCKOUT ROUND 3

On Thursday 31st of July Neutral bay final got to play their round 3 Soccer match against Harbord School following our 2nd Round win against Artarmon back in Term 2. The game was played at Cammeray Park.

The first half was a really close encounter and chances were plentiful for both teams. How it remained goalless at half time remains a mystery! All changed in the second half as Neutral Bay settled down to play their passing game and dominate possession. Harbord were second best and it was not long before dominance turned into goals. Firstly, a free kick, directly in, from the ever dangerous Max Bottomly. Followed quite swiftly, by a match clinching second, from Inigo Castro; a splendid volley from close range following a great save by the keeper. Neutral Bay had numerous opportunities to extend this lead but to no avail since the score remained 2-0 to the end, despite a late rally from a deflated Harbord team.

Congratulations to the whole team on a superb effort despite carrying 2 or 3 sick players they battled through. Next round is Newport. Good luck team!!
The Tales of Lord Aidan

As liege of the small seaside kingdom, Lord Aidan was the epitome of an eccentric ruler. Susceptible to bouts of agoraphobia, he spent most of his time sequestered in the castle. Consequently, he was mainly interested in indoor pursuits such as collecting kitsch items. He also considered himself somewhat of a connoisseur and offered a prize of 100 million dollars to anybody who could come up with a dish that he deemed scintillating enough to taste. The only condition was that the main ingredients of the dish needed to be locally sourced.

Lord Aidan was sanguine initially, but this gradually faded to disappointment as plate after plate of uninspired food was brought before him. However, at last a consortium of foreign chefs came forward with something interesting. They had performed reconnaissance of the area and found anemones were ubiquitous on the surrounding seabed and avocados grew plentifully in local farms. They had even, with permission and despite the resulting cacophony, raided Lord Aidan’s private menagerie to source an osprey.

They presented Sautéed Osprey on a nest of blanched Sea Anenome with a Guacomole dipping sauce.

Lord Aidan was indeed impressed by such an unusual dish and announced that the prize had been won. He consumed it with delight. Sadly, it was his last meal because a toxin in the sea anemone proved fatal once ingested.

At Lord Aidan’s funeral, the ecclesiastical community sang a solemn fugue as he was led away into the mausoleum. However, none mourned him more than the consortium of chefs, having changed in minutes from impressive millionaires to imprisoned murderers.

Aiden Odenthal 5T

5J’s Assembly Item Metaphors
Neutral Bay Public School P&C - 2014 Raffle – New Draw Date

We have now extended the draw date to Friday 5 September at 9 am in the front of the School Hall. Please support the School by selling raffle tickets and submit your stubs in for the draw by Wednesday 3 September 2014. Tickets are $3 each or $30 for the book. Please support the School by participating in the raffle. There are some wonderful prizes to be won. If you have misplaced your raffle booklets, there are some available at the School office. If you decide not to participate, please also return the unsold booklets to the School.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Raffle Committee

P&C Meeting

The next P&C Meeting is on Wednesday 13 August, 7:30 pm at the School Hall. All parents are welcome to attend.

Sharmila Soorian - Secretary

Spring Carnival News

Now we are getting excited on the Carnival Team with the arrival of August. Countdown begins for Our biggest fundraiser to help pay for our music and science teachers, plus help with the continued roll out of technology that your child will benefit from this year.

Thank you for all the DONATIONS rolling in. PLEASE CONTINUE - WE DESPERATELY NEED THEM FOR THE SCHOOL especially boys and girls toys, games, books, etc for Year 4 and above.

LUCKY DIP Correction on last week $2 per prize (Not $5) SORRY. Year 1 and Kindy Parents please look out for these little gifts that will make some little people very happy.

VOLUNTEERS ROSTER By now all class parents should have received the link for their class or year. If not please let us know. Please bear with us, we are aware there are some problems but PLEASE we need people to leave the formatting ALONE and just put their names in white squares.

Any questions please contact nbpscarnival@gmail.com
RSA  We are still looking for a **Responsible Service of Alcohol** person to help with our wine stall and a person that can help with a website for our Carnival.

**CLASS PARENTS/VOLUNTEERS**  Carnival Meetings at THE OAKS Front Bar next Monday (11th) night at 7pm and Tuesday (12th) morning after drop off.

**THANK YOU**  all who have donated some lovely gifts and to all the cookers and bakers out there who have already sent in some yummy goodies for our **Gifts Galore** stall.

Any questions- email us on nbpscarnival@gmail.com
Many thanks

**Mona and Kristina  0414 371 061**
FRESH FOR KIDS CANTEEN CAMPAIGN

We are pleased to announce that the annual *Fresh for Kids* campaign by Sydney Markets Ltd will be starting on Monday, 11 August 2014. This program aims to help schools achieve a healthy lifestyle by encouraging primary school aged children to increase consumption of fresh fruit and vegetables and to participate in physical activities. Every fresh food order the canteen receives will be given a sticker and of course there will be prizes to be won again. We shall give more detailed information in our next newsletter regarding the prizes to be given away this year.

A big thank you to our enthusiastic volunteer team in Week 3! To Dee, Grace, Stella and Doreen, thank you for helping to make the curry puffs and the spinach and ricotta triangles. Of course, thanks go as well to all of those who helped to make the canteen a happy place to visit for everyone, especially for the children.

Next week’s special is Healthy Hamburger. We hope you will try our home-made hommus, especially if you plan to order cucumber and carrot, as they go nicely together. The canteen will offer additional selections of fresh fruit and vegetables for the *Fresh for Kids* program.

The roster for next week is below. **If you cannot make your rostered spot, it would be enormously helpful if you could find a replacement before phoning 0426 226 235 or emailing nbpscanteenroster@gmail.com**

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Michelle Alejo – Canteen Coordinator
It's lovely to see the children enjoying new pieces in the second half of the year following the NSW Band Festival. Reminder to Concert and Junior Band parents that they can order Festival photos by putting $20 in the envelope at the front office and writing their name on the cover no later than 14 August 2014. We will submit these orders at the Festival when Senior Band perform, and the photos will be delivered to the school at a later date and then handed out by band co-ordinators. Senior Band, if you wish to order a photo, please collect an envelope information desk at the Festival and hand it to the photographers behind the hall.

See dates below for Open Band Rehearsals. We invite all parents to come along in a very informal gathering and:

• enjoy hearing the progress the bands are making
• learn some musical terminology!
• have an insight into the group dynamics
• say hi to other band parents
• show the children your support and
• have a cup of tea or coffee while listening

Important Band Dates - Term 3 2014

• 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
• Thursday 11 September 2014 – Combined Concert Band and Senior Band Rehearsal 7.45am
• Monday 15 September 2014 - Junior Band Open Rehearsal 8.30am
• Tuesday 16 September 2014 - Senior Band Open Rehearsal 8.30am
• Thursday 18 September 2014 - Concert Band Open Rehearsal 8.30am

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

**1st Balmoral Sea Scouts**

Are you between 7.5 and 9? 1st Balmoral Sea Scouts has room in their pack for new Cubs.

They meet at the Balmoral Scout Hall each Tuesday at 6.15pm – 7.45pm. As well as activities on the water such as canoeing, they also do traditional cub activities such as hiking and camping. Each week is different. As examples, this year they’ve completed first aid badges, canoeing, biking, rock climbing, visited the observatory, stayed on James Craig ship overnight, had a Wires presentation – basically there is something new each night. They have strong parent involvement – formal commitment is to help once a term but most families like to also share the fun more frequently and join in on the activities outside the cub hall. If interested please email deborahburnett@ymail.com for further details.
NORTH SYDNEY RECREATION NEEDS STUDY – HAVE YOUR SAY

North Sydney Council is encouraging everyone who lives, works, studies or plays in the North Sydney area to have their say on current and future recreation needs over the months of July and August, 2014.

Ways to have your say
Fill out an online survey:

Post a comment:
www.facebook.com/NorthSydneyRecNeedsStudy

The draft Study will be on general public exhibition for information and comment in October/November 2014.

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.