P&C
The next meeting of the P&C will be held on Wednesday (14 October) of this week commencing at 7.30pm in the library. Discussion topics for the meeting include a presentation on our school’s NAPLAN results.

Kindergarten 2016
In upcoming months we will be providing a number of opportunities for children commencing school next year as part of our Kindergarten Transition Program. These include:
- Parent Information Night (Thursday 29 October)
- Orientation Visits for children (Tuesday 3, 10, 17 November)

Selective High Schools 2017
Applications for students in Year 5 who wish to apply for a Selective High School in 2017 are now open. Applications close on Monday 16 November and must be completed online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. An Intention to Apply letter has been sent home with all Year 5 students providing further information.

Opportunity Class 2016
Congratulations to the students who have been offered places in the Opportunity Class in 2016 or are on the Reserve List. This year ten students have received offers with another seven students on the Reserve List.
A Parent Information Session for students who have been offered places at Neutral Bay will be held on Monday 26 October at 9.30am in the hall.

School Photographs
Thank you for your assistance with school photographs. The Year 6 photograph will be taken on Thursday 29 October.

Year 2 Swimming Program
The Year 2 Swimming Program concludes on Friday (16 October) of this week. Thank you for supporting the program. The feedback has been very positive. Thank you also to the Year 2 teachers for their assistance with organising and helping to teach the program.

Earn and Learn
Thank you for your support of the Earn and Learn Program. Stickers to the value of $15000 were donated to the school from families and community members. These funds will be used to purchase literacy and numeracy resources for new classrooms in 2016.

Principal for a Day
Last term Sofia Vasile from Class 4O was Principal for a Day. Sofia spent the day attending a number of meetings, visiting the kindergarten classrooms, presenting awards at assemblies and choosing our Friday song.
Band Coordinators
In 2016 two of our band Coordinators (Claudia Stephens and Liesel Wightwick) will not be in a position to continue their role. We really appreciate the wonderful contribution the coordinators make to our school. On page 10 of this Newsletter is further information on the role. If you are interested you are very welcome to contact the band Coordinators or me.

| Week 2 | Thursday 15 October | Concert Band  
Year 2 Swimming  
Years 3 & 4 Assembly (Class 4V performing) | 7.45am  
2.20pm |
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| Friday 16 October | Senior Band  
Schools Spectacular Choir  
Year 2 Swimming  
PSSA | 7.45am  
8.30am  
12.20pm |
| Monday 19 October | Junior Band  
Senior Choir  
Senior Band  
Chess | 7.45am  
8.00am  
12.40pm  
3.15pm |
| Tuesday 20 October | Concert Band | 12.45pm |

| Week 3 | Wednesday 21 October | Waste Free Wednesday  
Senior Chamber  
Junior Choir  
Orchestra  
Scripture | 7.00am  
8.00am  
8.00am |
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| Thursday 22 October | Concert Band  
League Tag Gala Day (Years 4-6)  
Years 5 & 6 Assembly (Class 5T performing) | 7.45am  
2.20pm |
| Friday 23 October | Senior Band  
Schools Spectacular Choir  
PSSA | 7.45am  
8.30am  
12.20pm |
| Monday 26 October | Junior Band  
Senior Choir  
OC Orientation  
Senior Band  
Chess | 7.45am  
8.00am  
9.30am  
12.40pm  
3.15pm |
| Tuesday 27 October | Concert Band  
Choral Concert at Opera House | 12.45pm  
7.00pm |
| Wednesday 28 October | Waste Free Wednesday  
Senior Chamber  
Junior Choir  
Orchestra  
Scripture | 7.00am  
8.00am  
8.00am |
| Thursday 29 October | Concert Band  
Year 6 Photo  
Kindergarten 2016 Information Night | 7.45am  
7.00pm |
| Friday 30 October | Senior Band  
Year 6 Farewell Meeting  
Schools Spectacular Choir  
PSSA  
World Teacher’s Day | 7.45am  
8.15am  
8.30am  
12.20pm |

Have a great week,
Regards
David Shuster Principal
Kindergarten News

Kindergarten is learning all about fairytales this term. So far, we have found out that most fairytales start with ‘Once upon a time’, many end with ‘...and they all lived happily ever after’ and they usually take place in some magical kind of setting. Last week, students in KD had fun performing a fairytale story at assembly as well as making some pictures of fairytale castles using a variety of 2D shapes such as triangles, squares and rectangles.

Mrs M Dudley - KD Class Teacher

Stage 1 News (Years 1 & 2)

For the first two weeks of Term 4, all of Year 2 have been participating in the Department of Education School Swimming and Water Safety program. It is an intensive learn to swim program, which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. Students have already made great improvements and are having a fantastic time!

Miss J Carew - 2C Class Teacher
This fortnight in 4V we have been looking at the use of high modality in advertising. As part of our lessons, we created our very own Neutral Bay Public School ads using the application Pic Collage. Students created their own Neutral Bay slogan and took photographs and film to turn these advertisements into short commercials.
Stage 3 News (Years 5 & 6)

The Art of Poetry

Over the last two weeks the students of 5T have been studying three different styles of poetry: Haikus, Clerihews and Limericks. They have learnt about the structure of each style of poem, the rhythm and rhyme pattern each uses and key language features.

When writing limericks, the students combined both their knowledge of this style of poetry and their knowledge of crucial people in our History topic ‘The Rise and Fall of Royalty’, to come up with both historically accurate and humorous poems.

We hope you enjoy some examples of our poetry!

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<th>Henry VIII</th>
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<td>My cousin Mathew</td>
<td>Young Henry the Eighth was a Tudor</td>
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<td>His manner could not have been ruder</td>
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<td>And just for a lark</td>
<td>For his second wife Anne Boleyn</td>
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<td>Warms the ground when strong</td>
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<td>Struggled to open a soup tin</td>
<td>Burns you with menacing rays</td>
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<td>By Ruby Scott</td>
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Winter
Chills the Autumn air
Snowflakes fall on the pavement
A white wonderland
By Jenni Lin

Grass
Standing straight and tall
Shivering in the strong winds
Spread across the fields
By Charlotte Beaumont

Mr Stone
My library teacher, Mr Stone
Cried the entire time he walked home
He got into a cupboard to hide
All because his pet slug died!
By Alex Mellows

Nikki and the Rather Large Nose
My friend Nikki Rose
Has a rather large nose
She uses it for smelling
But sadly it doesn’t help her spelling!
By Stella Park

Ryan and the Lion
There was a boy called Ryan
Who became friends with a lion
He was eaten a week after
This delicious meal filled the lion with laughter!
By Ryan Wang

SCHOOL NEWS
Stars of the Week

Congratulations to Christine Hur 4I who achieved an A in her AMEB Piano Grade 6 and scored 100% -High Distinction in her AMEB Music Theory Grade 2. Well done Christine!

Congratulations to Madison Au 5K who was awarded an A+ in her recent AMEB Grade 5 oboe exam and a B for her Grade 5 piano exam. Well done!

Congratulations to James Sommer 6C who achieved a perfect score in the NCSS Challenge (Beginners) 2016. Great work James!
NBPS 2015 Annual General Meeting

The NBPS P&C Association Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 25 November 2015.

In order to vote at the AGM, parents will need to members of the P&C Association by paying an annual subscription of $10. Members names are recorded in the register (membership list) by the Assistant Treasurer. Please contact Alex Fransen on nbpspandcassttreasurer@gmail.com to renew your annual membership. The Secretary will advertise the AGM to the whole School community and all P&C Association members at least 14 days prior to the meeting being held. This notice will include a list of representative positions to be elected at the meeting and to remind members that if they are not able to attend the AGM they must submit apologies to the Secretary and indicate in writing if they are happy to accept nomination to a position or wish to nominate to a position.

The following positions will need to be filled next year:
- The President
- The Vice-Presidents
- The Secretary
- The Treasurer
- The Band Coordinators

Roles and Responsibilities of the P&C Executives

The President

The President is responsible for:
- The successful functioning of the P&C Association meetings
- The attainment of the P&C Association's objectives
- Ensuring that the P&C Association takes part in decision-making processes in the School
- Fostering fair participation of all members and ensuring that all new members are made to feel welcome
- Supporting volunteers
- Consistent adherence to the constitution
- Acting as the P&C Association's spokesperson when public statements or actions are needed
- Setting up lines of communication with the Principal
- Being signatory on the Association's bank accounts

Vice Presidents

- Assisting the President in the tasks listed above
- Chairing meetings, in the absence of the President, one of the Vice-Presidents will chair the meeting or the meeting can elect a chairperson from the members present for that meeting.

Please contact Peter Girdis on nbpspandcpresident@gmail.com if you are interested in this role.

The Secretary

The Secretary is responsible for carrying out the administrative tasks related to the decisions of the meetings as resolved. The Secretary prepares, in consultation with the President, all meeting agendas. The Secretary is required to attend P&C Association meetings and take notes of the discussions in order to produce a set of Minutes for subsequent distribution to members and for receipt, possible amendment and adoption at the following meeting. (In the absence of the Secretary the meeting should elect a person to take the Minutes, this person should be identified in the Minutes.) Further, the position includes receiving and tabling all correspondence as well as writing and dispatching outgoing correspondence as resolved/appropriate. The Secretary also issues notice of all meetings and maintains official records.
of the P&C Association such as the constitution, by-laws, rules of subcommittees, Incorporation Certificate, ABN details, list of financial (voting) members, Minutes, Attendance book.

Please contact Sharmila Soorian on nbpsandcsecretary@gmail.com if you are interested in this role.

The Treasurer

Whilst all P&C members must be mindful of complying with financial accountability requirements, this is the Treasurer’s primary responsibility. The Treasurer receives and deposits monies, maintains records, draws cheques and presents accounts. The Treasurer also ensures that all funds held and handled by P&C are properly and openly accounted for as the Treasurer is responsible for all funds held in the name of the P&C Association. This includes all P&C Association committees. This does not mean that the Treasurer must undertake the actual bookkeeping themselves but they must ensure that the various sub-committee financial records have been kept to the Treasurer’s satisfaction. The Treasurer is a signatory on the P&C accounts and should not delegate this responsibility. The Treasurer should encourage members to understand the state of the P&C Association finances. The Treasurer must ensure a case book or books are kept, recording all financial transactions of the P&C Association. At our School, the Treasurer works with three sub-committee treasurers and an assistant treasurer.

Please contact Anne Moal on nbpsandctreasurer@gmail.com if you are interested in this role.

Sharmila Soorian

Secretary to the NBPS P&C Association

Entertainment Books

The books were given to us on consignment to raise money for our School. Families were asked to make payment or return the book by 25th May. If you still have an Entertainment Book provided to your child which has not yet been returned the payment is now overdue.

Please make payment online at www.entbook.com.au/20401s5. If you purchased the Entertainment™ Digital Membership, the Book does not form part of this Membership so please return it to the school office.

If you do not wish to purchase the Entertainment™ Book, please return it intact to the school office in the personalised envelope so we can update our records. We still have over 50 books outstanding and the school will have to absorb the cost if these are not returned. This has been such a successful fundraiser. So far we have sold 166 books and raised $2,324 so please help me try and reduce this cost of lost books.

We can't finalise this fundraiser until all payment and Books are returned. Please contact Sharmila Soorian on sharmila.soorian@ihug.com.au if required.
Our school Canteen:
Where the power of coffee, a Maree-made muffin and an appreciative smile is available to all who walk through our door.

Please put your hands together for fathers’ Paul and Chris. Canteen helpers extraordinaire, rocking apron chic and happy with it.

And thanks to Anne, who emailed us from Spain to show us the price of ham. Not so bad in the local supermarket after all!

**Week 3** special is the ever tasty **Bento Box** with **Pizza** and **Lasagne** on Friday.

Canteen support needed on **MONDAY, TUESDAY and THURSDAY** - shout out, rock up or sign-up!

### Canteen Volunteer Roster Week 3 (Mon 19/10-Friday 23/10)

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Overall Band Co-ordinator - Vacancy for 2016 - Get involved and contribute to a wonderful, long-standing program

NBPS is both fortunate and proud to have a strong band program built up and maintained over 26 years. It has provided hundreds of children with terrific opportunities to learn and play instruments at high levels, perform at community events, in competitions and eisteddfodau and at world class venues such as the Opera House and Sydney Town Hall.

These opportunities have been made possible by the dedication of parent volunteers over the years. Without co-ordinators ensuring everything runs smoothly in the background (from auditions, to band camp, to competitions and performances), our talented band conductors would not be able to focus on what they do best - bringing out the musical potential and creativity of our children.

After 4 years of close involvement in the band program Liesel and I will be resigning from our positions on the P&C Executive Committee at the AGM on 25 November 2015. From the end of this term we will no longer be continuing in this role. At this stage no-one has stepped up to take over the role when we leave. Consider how much your child has benefited from the opportunities in band and whether you can “pay it forward” by helping to make those opportunities available for incoming children as well as your own.

It has been an immensely rewarding way to be involved in the school community as a volunteer. Of course the enthusiasm of the children is the best part - comments from Junior Band such as “this is my favourite piece because I like the quavers” sum it up perfectly, as does the excitement on the faces of the children after big public performances.

It has also been both humbling and touching to receive lovely emails from the parents of former band members now in the later years of high school, whose children are still playing their instruments in ensembles and remember their days in the Neutral Bay Band Program fondly.

The band year starts early with auditions on the second day of the school year. This requires organisation in the second half of Term 4. Liesel and I will be busy organising the induction of the incoming 2016 Junior Band and the EOY Band Concert. We urge any parent who has the capacity and organisational skills to contribute to a wonderful, longstanding program to get in touch. It is a large role, best shared among two or three parents with the flexibility to be available during school hours at least some days each week. Liesel and I will still be at NBPS and will be available next year (if not in the playground, certainly by email) to answer questions about the smooth running of the band program and historical issues - unsurprisingly in a program that has lasted for 26 years we have found that many issues which arise have some relevant background.

Key Band Dates

- Thursday 15th October - Combined Senior Band / Concert Band rehearsal 7.45am
- Monday 26th October - Concert Band performing at OC information morning 9.30am
- Tuesday 3rd November Year 2 Ear Test 1.30pm - 2pm
- Monday 9th November Year 2 Blow Test 9.15am
- Sunday 15th November - Reunion Band rehearsal 2.30pm - 5pm
- Monday 16th November 2015 - Information morning for Year 2 incoming Junior Band
- Sunday 29th November 2015 3.30pm - 5pm - End of Year Band Concert, Norths Club, Cammeray
- 29th January 2016 – 3rd February 2016 - Band Auditions

Claudia Stephens, Liesel Wightwick and Karen Au - Overall Band Coordinators
Hello from the Uniform Shop team

The Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday (8.30-9.30am). Flexischools orders from the school holidays were all packed and sent out for delivery last week & daily Flexischools deliveries have started again. I received the rest of my summer stock yesterday and so all items are back in stock now. If you have received a note from me saying the item was out of stock, rest assured that it will be sent out to you this week.

Second-hand Sale!

It was great to see so many people come along to the Second Hand Sale yesterday. I hope you were all able to find what you were looking for

Volunteers for Kindergarten Information Evening

Thank you to the volunteers who have offered their help for the Kindergarten Information Evening. I will be emailing you all this week with more details. If you haven't yet volunteered but wish to do so, please email me at nbpsuniformshop@gmail.com. The Information evening is due to take place on Thursday 29th October.

Returns policy:

Flexischools purchases: please email me at nbpsuniformshop@gmail.com to let me know and then leave the item in the box underneath the mail boxes at the office with your details (including Flexischools order number) and I will process the exchange/refund ASAP. If a refund is required, the funds will be refunded back to your Flexischools account ASAP.

In store purchases: For exchanges, please email me at nbpsuniformshop@gmail.com to let me know and then leave the item in the box underneath the mail boxes at the office with your details and I will process the exchange ASAP. For refunds, please come to the Uniform Shop on a Tuesday morning with your original form of payment.

All returned items must be in saleable condition with tags still attached. Please note that I am not at the Uniform Shop all of the time and that it may take a few days for me to action exchanges/refunds. Notifying me by email is a good way to give me a heads up!

Faulty items: If you have a faulty item, please either leave in the box at the office (with a note with your child's name, class, details of the fault, and, if possible, details of the original purchase) or bring into the shop during normal opening hours.

Second Hand Items:

Donations of good quality, clean items of clothing are always welcome. Please leave donations in the box underneath the mail boxes at the school office or bring to the Uniform Shop during opening hours.

Thanks,

Elizabeth & the Uniform Shop team
VIP Music

Music Keyboard Lesson at Neutral Bay Public School
— Fun 45min group lesson.
— Music theory and instrument playing
— No instrument required initially.
— Competitive rates
Call 9411 3122 to Start NOW or Enrol for 2016

Kindy to Year 2 – Free Trial Drama Class

Friday afternoon 3:30 to 4:30 pm – Multipurpose Room

Come and join in the fun and develop your child’s confidence, creativity and communication skills.

Register online for a free trial class

www.kidsupfront.com.au

Glimmer Trivia Night Review

Dear Beautiful Neutral Bay families and friends.

I don’t have the words to tell you how grateful I am for you attending the Glimmer Trivia event Friday and taking my fundraising total to $60,000.

It was the most amazing fun evening and the support and love in the room was endless.

Melissa X

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.