FROM THE PRINCIPAL

P&C
The first meeting of the P&C Association will be held on Wednesday 11th March, commencing at 7.30p.m. in the hall. All parents and friends of the school are welcome to attend the meeting. Discussion topics for the night include:

- 2015 school planning, initiatives and events
- School Plan 2015-2017

Thank you to the following parents who form the P&C Executive Committee for this year.

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Selective High Test (Year 6)
We wish the students in Year 6 sitting for the Selective High School Test on Thursday 12th March all the best. The test will take place at North Sydney Boys’ High School, commencing at 9.00a.m.

Parent and Staff Welcome Evening
We look forward to the P&C’s Parent and Staff Welcome evening which will be held on Friday 13th March. Further information is on page 9 of this Newsletter.

High School Enrolments 2016
Information on high school enrolment for 2016 will be sent home with all Year 6 students at the end of this week. If you require further information you are welcome to contact the school. It would be appreciated if the Expression of Interest form could be returned to school by Friday 20th March.

Years 3-6 Assembly
We look forward to our Years 3-6 Assembly which will be held on Thursday (5th March) of this week, commencing at 2.00p.m. As part of this assembly House Captain and Library Monitor badges will be presented.

Clean Up Australia Day
Thank you to the students for their involvement in our Clean Up Australia Day activities at school. Thank you to Miss Hudson for organising the event for us.

Paul Kelly Cup (AFL)
Congratulations to the students in Years 5 and 6 for their efforts at last week’s Paul Kelly Cup. Thank you to Mr Ticli and Mr Brown for coaching the teams. A full report of the day is on page 7 of this Newsletter.
SRC Mufti Day
Thank you for your support of our SRC mufti day which was in aid of the YMCA Swimathon. Your generosity raised over $1,300.00. As part of this event Alex McNicol (pictured below with his coach) swam 55 laps of the Ian Thorpe Aquatic Centre in an hour last weekend. Congratulations also to Justin Setiadi who participated in the same event and swam 46 laps.

The Language of Friendship Seminar
The P&C have organised the Language of Friendship seminar to be presented at our school on Thursday 5th March from 6.00-8.00p.m. Further information on this excellent event is on page 8 of the Newsletter.

Library Monitors
Congratulations to the following students who have been selected as Library Monitors this year. Miss Mazey, our Teacher librarian, is looking forward to working with these students on their rostered days. These students will be presented with their badge at this week’s Years 3-6 Assembly.

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Emergency Evacuation/Lockdown Procedures
All state schools as part of our WH&S requirements are required to practise Emergency Evacuation procedures and Lockdown Procedures twice a year. During the next week we will be practising both of these procedures at our school.

Stewart House
Thank you for your support of the clothing appeal. The collection has now finished.
### Calendar

| Week 6 | Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March | Senior Boys' Dance  
Years 3-6 Assembly  
GoodGuys & Girlpower *The Language of Friendship* Presentation | 7.30am  
2.00pm  
6.00pm |
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| Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March | Year 1 (1C, 1E, 1M) Excursion | 8.00am  
7.45am  
8.00am  
12.40pm  
3.15pm |
| Week 7 | Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March | Year 5 Camp  
Junior Band  
Senior Choir  
Senior Band  
Chess | 8.00am  
7.45am  
8.00am  
12.40pm  
3.15pm |
| Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March | Year 5 Camp  
Concert Band  
Zone Swimming | 12.45pm |
| Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March | Senior Chamber  
Senior Girls' Dance  
Junior Choir  
Orchestra  
Scripture  
Junior Band  
Year 5 Camp  
P&C Meeting | 7.00am  
7.30am  
8.00am  
8.00am  
11.10am  
4.00pm  
7.30pm |
| Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March | Senior Boys' Dance  
Selective High School Test | 7.30am |
| Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March | P&C Welcome Drinks | 7.30pm |
| Week 8 | Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March | Junior Band  
Senior Choir  
Senior Band  
Chess | 7.45am  
8.00am  
12.40pm  
3.15pm |
| Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March | Concert Band | 12.45pm |
| Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March | Senior Chamber  
Senior Girls' Dance  
Junior Choir  
Orchestra  
Scripture  
Junior Band | 7.00am  
7.30am  
8.00am  
8.00am  
11.10am |
| Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March | Senior Boys' Dance  
Opportunity Class Information Session | 7.30am  
8.00am |

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**David Shuster**  
Principal (Acting)
FROM THE DEPUTY

School Council Parent Ballot Paper 2015
The School Council holding an election for a new parent representative on the School Council. Please see the Bios below for Jessica Keen and Rachel Partis. Thank you to both parents for standing in this election.

You must be a paid member of the Neutral Bay Public School P&C to be eligible to vote. Please pay Alex Fransen by Wednesday 11th March to be eligible to vote in this election. For information about becoming a paid member of the P&C please contact Alex Fransen by email: alexfransen@hotmail.com.

Victor Tan (Deputy Principal) is the returning officer for this election. Please post your ballot paper in a sealed envelope addressed to Mr Tan in the post boxes at front office by 7.30pm on Wednesday 11th March. The link to the ballot paper is: http://www.neutralbay-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/community/school-council

Victor Tan
Deputy Principal

Bios for School Council Parent Positions

JESSICA KEEN
I am the mother of 4 children and have been a parent at Neutral Bay Public School since 2009. I currently have 2 children attending the school in Years 1 and 4 and with a child to also commence next year. I am an active school volunteer and currently the Chair of The Northern Nursery Preschool at Mosman and the Co-Chair of North Sydney Council’s Neutral Precinct committee. My professional career includes roles in private and public sector tourism organisations, and I am currently working in consumer marketing for food and wine tourism. I am committed to ensuring that Neutral Bay Public School continues to provide exceptional education opportunities to our children and that a clear strategic framework supports this objective. I would be honoured to be a member of the Neutral Bay Public School Council.

RACHEL PARTIS
I have a son in Year 1 (1W) and a daughter currently at pre-school. As a parent I am proud to be part of the NBPS community and would like to contribute further to the school to promote the interests of NBPS pupils and their parents. I have over 20 years’ experience in senior management roles in the media and communications industry and currently run a specialist online training organisation. I am a passionate advocate of the public education system and the digital learning environment. I hope to add value by bringing a commercial and representative voice to the Neutral Bay Public School Council.

STAGE NEWS

Kindergarten News

We had a busy week in Kindergarten last week. In Maths, we continued learning all about numbers and started to investigate mass. We had a great time using scales to determine ‘heavier’ and ‘lighter’ objects. In Literacy, we learnt the ‘o’, ‘l’ and ‘b’ sounds, and some classes made some busy bees and beautiful birds in visual arts. It was also the first week of reading groups last week which was very exciting. A big thank you to all the special helpers who came along to help us!
Last week Year Two visited the Field of Mars Education Centre. Whilst going on a bushwalk, they had a wonderful time exploring nature. The classes had the opportunity to observe insects up close by collecting them in special bug catching containers. The children enjoyed looking through the magnifying glasses and inspecting their mini-beasts!! It was also great fun using clay, twigs, leaves and gumnuts to create their own insects.

Miss Pope - 2P Class Teacher

In Year 3 we have been writing descriptive narratives based on the idea that we are stranded on a deserted island. We imagined that we were the only ones on the island. Using adventurous adjectives, we described the setting and we also wrote about how we came to be stranded on the island. We studied different maps and used images and music to inspire us to draw maps of our own deserted islands. Here are some pictures of 3S working hard to design their maps.
Year 3 have also been writing a journal about their time on the island and here are some examples by Yuexi and Freya.

Miss Rosie-Jane Stone - 3S Class Teacher

Stage 3 News (Years 5 & 6)

Clean Up Australia Day with 6S

Last Friday, 6S took part in Clean Up Australia Day, a cause that we all feel strongly about. We had a lively discussion about pollution and its effects on our environment, looked at the damage that rubbish has caused around the world and then set out to clean up the surrounding areas. We were all very impressed with the limited amount of litter on Yeo and Ben Boyd Road but still felt proud of the contribution we had made to cleaning up our beautiful environment.

Exploring Reflective Symmetry with 6S

On Monday, 6S were busy exploring 2D shapes and symmetry. As a part of this, we played with the reflective symmetry of our names, resulting in some lovely, bright artworks which are now on display in our room. We used a technique of folding the paper and using the light through the windows to help us trace over the designs. We invite you to come by and check them out!

Steph Chapple - 6S Class Teacher
On Thursday 26\textsuperscript{th} of February, students from Year 5 and 6 participated in the AFL Paul Kelly Cup at Nolan Reserve, Manly. Neutral Bay fielded three competitive teams and two non-competitive teams on what turned out to be an exciting day for all. Our competitive teams came up against some extremely strong opponents but managed to clinch a couple of hard fought wins to see the day through. Our Year 5 boy's competitive team were unlucky not to take a win, but showed true grit and determination against much larger Year 6 students. Our non-competitive teams held their own throughout the day and fought hard for two fantastic wins. It was pleasing to see such a great level of participation from Neutral Bay students and a lot was learned about the sport of AFL. We look forward to seeing these skills used in next year’s AFL Paul Kelly Cup Competition.

AFL coordinators - Mr Ticli and Mr Brown

Semester 1 Fees

Thank you to all who paid Semester 1 fees. If you have misplaced your note, you can find it on the school’s website via the Notes tab. Entries for the optional ICAS Competition close 20\textsuperscript{th} March. Your prompt payment would be greatly appreciated.

School Office

Premier's Reading Challenge

From this Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} March, the Premier’s Reading Challenge is now open for registration in the 2015 challenge. The Premier’s Reading Challenge is open to all students in Kindergarten to Year 9 and aims to develop a love of reading through quality literature.

Details regarding this year’s challenge will be available on the website https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html from 2 March 2015.

Library – Janine Mazey
BAND NEWS

From Essential Elements to Elvis Presley, all three bands are gearing up for Band Camp 2015. The excitement is mounting!

By the end of this week you should receive detailed emails from your band co-ordinators containing relevant information and links to the roster and to forms which need to be filled out. Please complete the forms no later than 10 March 2015 as we must provide dietary and medical information to the venue by that date.

Senior and Concert Bands will travel to Narrabeen by coach straight from school on Friday 27 March 2015 and Junior Band will travel by parent transport arriving no later than 8am on Saturday 28 March. All band families are welcome to join us for the end of camp concert on Sunday 29 March from 2pm - 3pm after which the children will be signed out.

Key dates
• 27-29 March 2015 - Band Camp at Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation, Narrabeen (two nights for Senior and Concert Bands, one night for Junior Band)
• 3 May 2015 - Band Workshop, Neutral Bay Public School
• Sunday 26th July 2015 - all band to perform in the NSW School Band Festival at the University of New South Wales

Claudia Stephens, Liesel Wightwick and Karen Au
Overall Band Coordinators

P & C NEWS

P&C ‘LANGUAGE OF FRIENDSHIP’ SEMINAR

The NBPS P&C is pleased again to organise a seminar from the creators of GoodGuys and GirlPower, THE LANGUAGE OF FRIENDSHIP.

Through interactive parent-tween activities, parents will learn strategies to help their child put out friendship fires, how to put a voice to their feelings and the best ways to support him/her through unhealthy friendships. We will also highlight the fascinating similarities and differences between boys and girls and their experiences in friendship.

EVENT: GirlPower & GoodGuys Language of Friendship. This workshop is a parent-tween workshop suitable for boys and girls in Years 3 - 6 to attend with their parents. We advise that parents with children in Years 1 and 2 attend the workshop without their child.

DATE: Thursday 5th March 2015
TIME: 6.00 - 8:00 pm.
VENUE: School Hall.
COST: $35 per person and includes expert instruction, handouts, pencils and stickers

P&C First Meeting

All parents are inviting to attend the first 2015 P&C on Wednesday 11th March 2015. There will be light refreshments and nibbles starting at 7:30 pm at the School Hall. Come and meet our new Acting Principal, David Shuster and other parents. The P&C will be discussing proposals for fundraising, the budget for the year, and the canteen roster
P&C Welcome Drinks

All parents are invited to the P&C Welcome Drinks on Friday 13th March at 7:30 pm at the School Hall. Invitation will be handed out via pupil mail. The P&C will be launching the 2015 raffle at this event. Raffle tickets are $3 per ticket or $30 for a booklet of 10 tickets. Please remember to bring cash in should you wish to support our raffle. There are some amazing prizes to be won. This is a free entry event.

To register please go to this link:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Ddn9blCKFXojZNfpEuZxtQh_p7hg6tSoDlGohnxuBc/viewform

P&C Twilight Picnic

What a wonderful community event put on by our Year 2 parent volunteers & carers and the P&C on Friday evening, The Twilight Picnic was a great success with a sea of blankets and eskys of over 350 parents, friends and kids. Special thanks to Sharmila Soorian, our P&C secretary and Anna Gibson, Stand in, Year 2 Coordinator, Gervaise Samuels 2P class coordinator, for kicking off this event and Mr Shuster, acting Principal for his whole night attendance, particularly unlocking toilet doors, when kids were locked in! and Denis O’Brien, UBERKOOL DJs the Disco extraordinaire!

We hope you enjoyed this free school event. Our next event is also a community event, The P&C Welcome drinks hosted by our Year 5 parent volunteers on Friday 13th March! Please come along and meet our 2015 Year and Class coordinators, and the rest of the P&C team!

Those interested in supporting such events in the future, should contact me on nbpspandcevents@gmail.com or 0400 886 380

The more help we have, the more we can do!
Belle Jackson, Anna Gibson, Dana Casimaty
Fundraiser Coordinator Team 2015 - P&C
Hello from the Uniform Shop team!

The Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday in term-time, from 8.30am-9.30am. The shop does need to close promptly at 9.30am.

A reminder that orders can be placed online at www.flexischools.com.au. I aim to have orders delivered to your child’s classroom within 1-2 days. Please remember to update your child’s details to their new 2015 class so that their items get delivered correctly.

I have just 2 line items currently out of stock (size 4 summer dresses & size 12 short-sleeved white polo shirts) but I am working with our suppliers to get stock in ASAP. You can still order these items through Flexischools and I will get them sent out to your child's classroom as soon as the stock arrives.

I have already received some of our winter uniform orders from our suppliers but there is no rush for you to get your child sorted for winter just yet - traditionally the change over date (when winter uniform becomes compulsory) is the day after the Queen’s Birthday long weekend in early June, so plenty of time to get sorted out.

**Returns policy: No returns on Factory Second Polo Shirts.**

Flexischools purchases: please email me at nbpsuniformshop@gmail.com to let me know and then leave the item at the office with your details (including Flexischools order number) and I will process the exchange/refund ASAP.

In store purchases: For exchanges, please email me at nbpsuniformshop@gmail.com to let me know and then leave the item 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 at particularly busy times of year it may take a few days for me to action exchanges/refunds.

**Second Hand Items:**

Next Tuesday 10th March, from 8.30-9.30, we will be having a big second hand stall out with absolutely EVERYTHING out and available to purchase! Prices will be $15 for dresses, $10 for jumpers/vests and shirts/shorts/pants will be $5. Come along and grab a bargain and get your child kitted out for winter!

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

To place an order for second hand items please email nbpssecondhand@gmail.com

**Volunteers:**

The Uniform Shop is managed by a volunteer parent and a small team of volunteers. However I am always on the lookout for willing helpers! If you are interested in helping out (either in the shop on a Tuesday morning or on another weekday morning, packing up Flexischools orders) please contact me at nbpsuniformshop@gmail.com

Thanks

**Elizabeth and the Uniform Shop Team**
Removal of tuna from the canteen menu

Given the recent health issues with tinned tuna, we have taken the decision to stop serving tuna for the time being. Tuna sandwiches and sushi tuna and the weekly special tuna salad have been replaced with Butter Chicken. However, the canteen has not used the brand imported from Thailand associated with the health issues reported in the media last week.

Having removed frozen berries the week before last, and now tinned tuna, we keep our fingers (and toes) firmly crossed for next week!

We had quite a few new volunteers last week and we would like to send a special thanks to all of them! We are delighted that we have more Dads helping at the canteen.

Next week’s special is our new delicious Chicken Bento Box.

The sign-up process is back online and it is quick and simple to do. Please register at https://www.signupgenius.com/register or email us at nbpscanteenroster@gmail.com. For general canteen enquiries, please email nbpscanteen@gmail.com

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
COMMUNITY NEWS

Mosman High School
Open Night
Thursday 5th March 5pm – 8pm
Displays and Student performances. Information on Special Programs.

Willoughby Girls High School
Open Night Wednesday 11th March 2015
5.00pm to 7:30pm at the School Hall

Willoughby Girls High School - Extension Class Placement Test for Year 7 2016
Year 6 students will have an opportunity to sit a placement test for our Year 7 extension class for selected students.
Saturday 14th March 2015
9.15 - 11.30am at the School Hall
Please ring the school for further information and to book a test place. Phone: 9958 4141

Cammeraygal High School
Cammeraygal High School is a proud local public school that teaches empowerment through the achievement of all-round excellence. Our teaching staff are highly committed, and nurture the learning and wellbeing needs of every student, fostering values of respect, responsibility and integrity. Contact us 9954 7100. Email cammeraygal-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

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.