FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parent/Teacher Term 1 Interviews
Next week we will be holding Parent/Teacher Interviews. This will be a worthwhile opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into the new school year, share with you assessment information and areas of focus for the future. The interviews will be held in your child’s classroom. A note was sent home last week with further information.

Tell Them from Me Survey
This term students in Years 4, 5 and 6 have the opportunity to participate in the Tell Them from Me student survey. The survey will provide valuable feedback on what students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. A note has been sent home with all students in Years 4-6 providing further information.

Grandfriend’s Day
We look forward to celebrating Grandfriend’s Day on Tuesday 31st March. An invitation has been sent home with all students who are in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2. There will also be an opportunity for parents to view the rehearsal concert on Monday 30th March at 2.00p.m. The program of events is:
- 9.30-10.30am Concert in hall featuring students in Years K,1 & 2 performing, Concert Band & String Group.
- 10.30-11.00am Class Visits
- 11.00-11.30am Morning Tea in hall

National Data Collection-School Students with a Disability
As discussed at last week’s P&C meeting all schools this year are required to provide information as part of the Commonwealth Government Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with a Disability. The data being collected involves:
- Whether the school is metropolitan or rural, primary or secondary
- The total number of students enrolled at the school
- The total number of students at the school receiving adjustments to enable them to participate on the same basis as other students
- The level of adjustment provided to those students
The purpose of the Data Collection is to provide schools with a better understanding of their student population and how students with a disability are supported. It will assist education authorities and schools to better target programs and make resourcing decisions that contribute to more effective outcomes and quality learning experiences for students.
The definition of a disability is a very wide one and isn’t just for those students who receive special funding or have a medical diagnosis. We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students with a disability as well as students receiving an adjustments to their learning. There are a variety of levels of adjustment that teachers make to assist our students. This can include support from the Learning and Support teachers and school Learning and Support officers. The data collection will have no direct impact on your child and he/she will not be involved in any testing process. Further details will be provided in the near future.
If you require further information you are welcome to contact me or visit the website: http://education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-copllection-data-school-students-disability
Parent and Staff Welcome Evening
Thank you to the P&C for the providing the Welcome Evening last week. It was an enjoyable evening and most appreciated.

High School Enrolments 2016
The Expression of Interest form for Year 6 students entering high school next year is due by Friday (20th March) of this week.

Asthma and Anaphylaxis Plans
Asthma and Anaphylaxis Plans for students at our school need to be updated each year. If your child’s plan, puffer, medication or e-pen requiring updating it would be appreciated if this could be done as soon as possible.

Harmony Day
On Friday 20th March in schools we recognise Harmony Day. Harmony Day celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. As part of this day students are welcome to wear an orange accessory e.g. wristband, socks. Normal school uniform is to be worn on this day.

Year 5 Camp
The students in Year 5 enjoyed an excellent time at camp last week. Congratulations for their participation in the range of activities and their behaviour. Thank you to Miss Magney, Mrs Remenyi, Mr Kessler, Miss Taylor, Miss Csanyi, Mrs Ryder and Mr Tan for the time and energy they gave to ensure a great camp for the students.

Chess
Congratulations to the students who were involved in the Artarmon Chess Tournament. Our school was the champion school. See page 6 of the Newsletter for further information.

Opportunity Class Parent Information Session
We will be holding an Opportunity Class Parent Information session for parents who have students in Year 4 this year on Thursday 23rd April at 8.00a.m. Further information will be sent home in the near future.

National Youth Leader’s Day
On Monday (23rd March) the school captains will be attending the National Youth Leader’s Day being held at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. The captains will be involved in a range of activities on the day which will build upon their leadership skills.

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Have a great week,
Regards
David Shuster
Principal (Acting)

**STAGE NEWS**

**Kindergarten News**

Kindergarten have been very enthusiastic when learning to read and especially love having our mums, dads and grandparents come to help for reading groups. We have learnt the sounds 'r', 'n' and 'p' in literacy and we are trying to remember when to use capital letters. In Mathematics, we have been learning about the concepts of 'bigger', 'smaller' and 'area'. We have been very creative with our art. Some classes have painted pretty pink pigs and others have created some very colourful rainbows.

Miss K Starr
KH Class Teacher
Stage 1 News (Years 1 & 2)
2R Class News

On Thursday 26th February, 2R had a wonderful excursion to Field of Mars. After spending the day learning all about bugs, the artists of 2R decided to create their own bug artwork. The children made monoprints by drawing their bugs on foam and using it to print with different colours. We hope you enjoy our artwork.

Miss Robertson – 2R Class Teacher

Stage 2 News (Years 3 & 4)

For the past few weeks, Year 3 have been writing narratives. We have explored the structure of narratives and created our own stories about being stranded on a deserted island as well as stories based on Graeme Base’s “The Jewel Fish of Karnak”. We then used our visual literacy skills to explore the trailer of the award winning Shaun Tan story “The Lost Thing”. We discussed how the colours and music impacted the viewer’s emotions and mood. After this, we used our imaginations to design our own Lost Things and wrote a narrative based on these characters. There were some very interesting and imaginative stories!! 3B then created our Lost Things on the iPads by making a background as a setting for the Lost Thing using the ‘Pic Collage’ app, then importing this into the ‘Art Set’ app and sketching our Lost Thing. We hope you like our Lost Things!!

Miss Grimshaw - 3B Class Teacher
Stage 3 News (Years 5 & 6)

Year 5 Camp

Camp Quotes

- We all liked raft building, but it was a shame our raft didn't float. It tested our building skills and creativity. Jim 5M
- For raft building we had to build rafts out of long planks or wood, donuts and a few pieces of rope. Joshua 5M
- Canoeing was an activity where we had to paddle around in canoes and play games with the instructor. It was really fun! Oscar 5M
- We played 'I Spy' while we walked through the green wilderness. I heard lots of bird calls I had never heard before in Sydney. Issi 5M
- Mud World was adventurous and yucky all at the same time! Katina 5M
- I couldn’t wait to jump into Mud World. When I discovered it was clay I rubbed it all over myself. Ivan 5M

Miss Magney
5M Class Teacher

SPORTS NEWS

T-Ball Reports Week 7

Congratulations T-Ballers on achieving 4 out of 4 wins for the first time this season. We are so proud of all of you, especially as most of the games were played in the pouring rain!

Despite only playing a short game against Beauty Point, the Year 5 White team won 11-5. Once everyone got used to the different diamond, the entire team batted extremely well. Captain, Kinjal Kumari was also impressed with the level of sportsmanship shown by our team, especially when decisions didn’t go their way. Player of the match went to Toby Willington (5T), for showing leadership in the field.

The Year 5 Green team played well against a less experienced team from North Sydney Demonstration School. Both teams persevered despite the wet weather and the slippery conditions, and our Green team came away with a convincing 19-10 win. Captain Sebastian Sams was delighted with the team’s overall improvement in batting. Player of the match went to Charlie Rowley (5K) for his positive attitude and excellent batting.

The Year 6 Red team defeated Beauty Point 21-12. The team, captained by Darren Medvedev (6B), played well together. There were great displays of team work and some beautiful fielding. Player of the match was awarded to Declan Elliot of 6T.

The Year 6 Black team secured their first win for the season. They played exceptionally well against North Sydney and came away with a win of 23-12. The team captain, Angelina Pona (6B), noticed they all used the field well, improved on their batting and supported each other throughout the game. Player of the match went to Josh Bulfin of 6S for his TWO superb 'double plays'.

Miss Taylor and Miss Chapple
(T-Ball Coaches)
Artarmon Public School Chess Challenge

It was the 11th March and we arrived at Artarmon Public School in a convoy of 5 cars, ready for battle. The first day of the long awaited Interschool School Chess challenge had arrived. NBPS had 18 representatives competing amongst 90 chess players from 8 schools in the area. The hall was initially empty but for columns of 8 desks. We quickly setup 45 chess boards with a chess clock ready for play.

After a short demonstration on the use of a chess clock, play began. Chess clocks started popping like rifle fire across the hall. Matches were scheduled using the Swiss system which ensures that no one is knocked out of the competition and that with each match competitors become closer in skill level. Everyone played 7 games of chess (with a bit of hand ball in between). By the end of the day, we were mentally exhausted and a bit sweaty from handball.

Each player scored one point for a win, and half a point for a draw and each school tallied the points of their best four players to determine a score for the school. NBPS had provided the top 3 individual players in the competition and emerged victorious with 24 points! The players contributing to this score were

1. Aidan Odenthal  7 points
2. James Wang   6 points
3. Toby Huey  6 points
4. Ewan Odenthal  5 points

The next nearest schools were Sacred Heart Mosman and John Colet both on 19.5 points.

NBPS will now go on to compete in the semi-finals round represented by Ewan, Toby, James and myself.

Special thanks to all the mums: Alice Wei, Claudia Stephens, Raquel Billi Fargeat, Grace Ooi and Narelle McGeoch, who drove and supervised us on the day. **Aidan Odenthal**

Outstanding School Semester 1 Fees.

Overdue School Fees for Semester 1 have been handed out via pupil post to families. Please take note that those who are wishing to sit the ICAS Competition tests for Science, English and Maths payment is due otherwise students will not be able to sit these exams. Please make payment at the School Office as soon as you can.

Band Camp:

Just over a week until Band Camp and we are into the final stages of preparation for a weekend away with 150 keen budding musicians. Don’t forget to check the school website under the band link for the information sheet on band camp, which includes key details about arrival and departure times, what to pack and what to leave behind, and what the children will be doing over the weekend. (It’s not all pillow fights).

Reminder to Junior Band and other new band members - all students need to bring their own music stand to camp, if you do not have one already please buy one before next weekend. Music stands can be bought from any music shop such as In Tune Music or Zephyr at Crows Nest.

Once again thank you to our volunteers - all the parents who have put their name down on our roster for the weekend, the families who have kindly offered to transport equipment from school to camp and back again, the band co-ordinators who are helping us organise the camp (a significant undertaking) and all the NBPS teachers who are generously giving up time on their weekend to maintain a DET presence for the duration of the camp.

Final details and reminders will be published in next week’s newsletter.

**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 bands to perform in the NSW School Band Festival at the University of NSW

**Claudia Stephens, Liesel Wightwick and Karen Au**

**Overall Band Coordinators**
P & C NEWS

P&C Welcome Drinks
What a great night! Thanks to the 200 parents and 25 fabulous teachers who braved wild weather to attend the NBPS P&C Welcome Drinks last Friday night. There was plenty of good wine and food, lots of lively conversation and new friends made. We hope to see lots more of you at future school events! Thanks in particular to Ariane Kiel and her Year 5 parents, who worked so hard behind the scenes to make the party such a lovely occasion.

Thanks to Mr Shuster and the awesome teaching team for supporting our P&C event, especially Mr Tan and Miss Taylor, who have had a lot on their schedules this past week! The parents really enjoyed the opportunity to spend some “down time” with the teachers: thanks for spending your Friday night with us.

2015 P&C Raffle
Raffle booklet (one per family) will be sent home this week via pupil mail. $3 per ticket or $30 for the booklet. Thank you to our very generous local business donors, we have some wonderful prizes to be won:

- One Week Holiday Accommodation at Avalon Beach by Palm Beach Holiday Letting valued at $2,000
- Dental Treatment by Dr David Young and Associates, Chatswood, to the value of $650
- Gift Hamper by Ginger Flower, Kirribilli valued at $300
- Voucher for one pair of single vision glasses with complimentary antirefection coating from Specsavers Neutral Bay valued at $299
- 1 Month Membership plus 3 x 30 mins of Personal Training Session by Jetts Fitness Neutral Bay valued at $254
- A mixed case of 12 premium wines from Cellarmaster Wines valued at $250
- Carolyn Unwin natural hand-woven summer straw hat by Carolyn Unwin Collections valued at $250

Sharmila Soorian
P & C Secretary
Aritagou!

Firstly we would like to send a huge “arigatou gozaimashita” to our cheerful and friendly Japanese volunteers last week, one parent and 2 students. (There are so many ways of saying “thank you” in Japanese that we hope we got it right here!) It was fun having you in the canteen!

We send an equally huge thank you to all the other volunteers that helped out last week.

Anyone who has walked past the canteen at serving time would have seen how busy we get. The canteen cannot survive without our volunteers so we also express our gratitude to the new recruits who were coerced at the fun P&C party on Friday evening. We are looking forward to welcoming you very soon in the canteen!

As we approach the end of term, some of our stock levels are getting low and will not be re-ordered until the start of next term. We offer our apologies in case we do run out of certain items (e.g. we might run out of popcorn) and apologies also for not serving frozen foods because the canteen freezer is not working at the moment. We’ll temporarily stop serving moosie, juicie, curry puff, spinach & ricotta triangles, frozen fruits and frozen yoghurt. We shall remove them from Flexischools menu and we will advise once we can serve these items again. Thank you for your understanding.

The volunteer sign-up process is available online and is quick and simple to do. Please register at https://www.signupgenius.com/register or, if you prefer, send a quick email 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
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.

If you are wanting to order some winter uniform (especially with this recent cold and wet snap!) I have already received most of our winter uniform orders from our suppliers. Traditionally the change over date (when winter uniform becomes compulsory) is the day after the Queen's Birthday long weekend in early June. I have loads of fleece jumpers and fleece vests in sizes 4 - 16 on the shelves for these chillier mornings. I also have some size 14 sweatshirts available still.

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:
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 - normally takes no more than 30 minutes to pack the orders) please contact me at nbpsuniformshop@gmail.com

As you can see from the roster below, Liz & Kellie come in 3 times per week to help me out - I would love to be able to tell them they can have a day or 2 off!

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Thanks
Elizabeth and the Uniform Shop Team
COMMUNITY NEWS

FIRST DAY TERM 2, 2015 - SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY
BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE
Monday 20th April is a School Development Day.
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: $50 per child for the day CASH in advance
To Book: Please phone us on 9953 9366 or enrol on the form at the BSC/ASC front desk.

NSW Office of Sport and Recreation
School Holiday Camp
Entertain the kids these school holidays with a Sport and Recreation camp. Our popular Kids’ and Family Camps offer a range of exciting activities to keep even the biggest kid entertained.
dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps or phone 13 13 02

Paula Fletcher, mother of Angus Fletcher 3S, will be taking on a four day challenge trekking in Peru to raise vital funds for The Smith Family’s Learning for Life program. You can support Paula by making a tax deductible donation via the following link:
https://thesmithfamilymaccupicchu.everydayhero.com/au/paulaflletcher
Any queries please contact Paula directly at paulafletch@hotmail.com

ARE YOU A SINGLE PARENT?

Each week Single with Children provides fun and exciting social activities for single parents and their children.
(Many activities are subsidised or free)
It’s a great way to meet and get to know people in your area.
To find out more and get a FREE copy of our social calendar
Call 1300 300 496
or check out our web site: www.singlewithchildren.com.au