Band Camp
We wish all the students from Years 3-6 attending Band Camp this weekend an enjoyable and productive time at Narrabeen Sport and Recreation Camp. The concert finale will commence on Sunday at 2:00pm for those attending. Further information is on page 6 of the Newsletter.

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

It would be appreciated if all students could wear their normal school uniform (not sports uniform) on this day.

National DataCollection-School Students with a Disability
As discussed at our recent 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 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 very wide 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. Also included in this data collection are those students with medical conditions e.g. anaphylaxis, diabetes, asthma. The data collection will have no direct impact on your child and he/she will not be involved in any testing process. The data will be provided in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified.

If you require further information you are welcome to contact me or visit the website: http://education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability

Combined Easter Scripture Services
Parents are welcome to attend the Combined Easter Scripture Services in the hall on Wednesday 1st April. The services will be held at the following times:

- Years K-2 9.30-10.00am
- Years 3-6 10.15-10.45am

If your child attends non-scripture and you would like him/her to attend this service please send a note to your child’s teacher.
Kindergarten Letter Land Day
On Wednesday (1st April) of next week the students in Kindergarten will have the opportunity to participate in Letter Land Day which involves such activities as dressing up to represent a letter of the alphabet. A note will be sent home later this week providing further details.

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.

Staffing
I am pleased to inform you that last week (due to a change in my circumstances) I accepted the position of principal at our school. To work at a great school with terrific students, parents and staff is a wonderful opportunity for me. I look forward to continuing to work with you on the initiatives we have commenced.

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Have a great week,
Regards
David Shuster
Principal
Congratulations to Penelope Girdis (40) who competed in the State Championships for High Jump last weekend. She came 11th out of 24. Great result Penelope!

Congratulations to Tom Roberts (4P), Finn Robinson (4I) and Roi Yitzak (40) who have been selected to represent Northern Suburbs in the NSW Football Competition this season. Last weekend they all played in the Football NSW Gala Day competition. Well done Boys!

Congratulations to Andy Danis (6C) who has been selected to represent at the State Tennis Championships. If you would like to buy a raffle ticket to support Andy further information is in Sports News.

Kindergarten News

Kindergarten children are looking forward to entertaining their Grandparents and Grandfriends next Tuesday. We have a concert planned and we are excited about showing off our classrooms. In Literacy, we have been learning the sounds 'k', 'v' and 'g' and some of us have made beautiful kites and painted portraits of our Grandfriends. In Mathematics, we have had lots of fun investigating ‘volume’ and ‘graphs’ and we are continuing to learn all about numbers.

Mrs K Reeve
KR Class Teacher
Stage 1 News (Years 1 & 2)
This term, Year 2 have been investigating 'Minibeasts' as a part of their Science topic. 2K have been looking after their own minibeasts, known as phasmids. Each week a zookeeper has been assigned the task of ensuring the phasmids have water, a clean enclosure and some yummy eucalyptus leaves to eat! They have done such a wonderful job learning about and caring for these fascinating creatures.

Miss Keighran
2K Class Teacher

Stage 2 News (Years 3 & 4)

Now that we are nearing the end of Term 1, we reflected on what have been our favourite parts of Year 4 so far. There has been so much to choose from! Common themes included our friends, beautiful classrooms, various different subjects, Golden Time, playing tee-ball, and learning about different natural and man-made disasters. We learnt how to use the app 'Pic Collage' to create these photo collages. We can't wait to see what's in store for us next term!

Miss Ong
4O Class Teacher
5R has a fantastic time at camp. We enjoyed walking through the bush looking at the variety of trees and bushes and climbing over logs and other obstacles. In class we tried to capture the density and richness of the rainforest using colour, texture and pattern in our paintings of the rainforest.

Quotes About Camp
The giant swing was my favourite activity because we stepped out of our comfort zone and had the most fun we possible could have had. **Katie 5R**
My favourite activity was the giant swing because you feel like you are really flying in the air. **Emma 5R**
The Great Aussie Bush Camp is a great way to face your fears while having fun. **Isabel 5R**
One of the last activities we did at camp was the Lost Island (Mud World). This was a fun activity and I really enjoyed it but my clothes got really muddy afterwards. **Ksenia 5R**

Mrs Remenyi
5R Class Teacher

**SPORTS NEWS**

Zone Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to the Swimming Area Representatives who represented on Tuesday 24th March
Toby Willington – 50m freestyle, 50m backstroke, 50m butterfly
Conner Maggs - 50m freestyle, 50m butterfly, 200m individual medley
Junior Relay – Otto Jandera, Hugo Willington, Conner Maggs, Fraser Wait
Conner Maggs has progressed to the State Swimming Championships for 50m freestyle and 200m individual medley on Wednesday 25th March and Thursday 26th March.

Victor Tan
Deputy Principal

T Ball News
Year 6
The year 6 Red T-Ball team defeated Middle Harbour 28 to 2 on Friday. The whole team worked well together, presenting themselves as a triple threat with great teamwork, batting and fielding. Although they do want to improve on their accuracy of throwing the ball on the field. Player of match was awarded to Jamie Caddick of 6T. The team was captained by Billy Minnet (6B).
The Black team played a close game against Cammeray but unfortunately lost 10 to 24. Whilst the team cheered each other on well they are working on improving their batting and fielding skills. Player of the match goes to Luke Garrett of 6T for his consistent effort. The team was captained by Serena Wong of 6C.

Year 5
The year 5 white team defeated Beauty Point 30 to 4 last Friday. It was a fantastic game with both teams displaying great sportsmanship and judgment. The whole team batted beautifully! Players of the match went to Harry Wilcock (5K) and Ryan Wang (5T).
The year 5 green team conquered Middle Harbour 28 to 14 in only three innings. The game flowed nicely and everyone batted well. The team were impressed with not only theirs, but also the other teams sportsmanship. Player of the match went to Mesake Tualaweiaho of 5T.

**Miss Taylor and Miss Chapple**
(T-Ball Coaches)
State Tennis Raffle

If you would like to purchase a raffle ticket for $2 to support Andy Danis (6C) at the State Tennis Championships he will be selling tickets in front of the hall on the following days from 8:45 – 9:10am

- Monday 30th March
- Tuesday 31st March
- Wednesday 1st April

Prizes for the raffle are: 1st Prize: Notebook Laptop  
2nd Prize: Ipad Mini  
3rd Prize: Coffee Machine  
4th Prize: Television

Prizes will be drawn on Friday 11th December 2015.

SCHOOL NEWS

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 by Friday 27th March otherwise students will not be able to sit these exams. Please make payment at the School Office as soon as you can.

BAND NEWS

BAND CAMP 27-29 MARCH 2015 SYDNEY ACADEMY OF SPORT AND RECREATION NARRABEEN

Only two big sleeps until band camp - very exciting! We hope your children enjoy their experience at camp - especially all the Year 3s who will be joining us for the first time. Some general reminders:

All important camp information is on the school website under the band link in the "Notes and Information" section. Please read the note carefully with your child, particularly what to pack, what not to bring and the camp rules. Label everything.

Senior and Concert Bands: please leave your bags, instruments and stands at the back of the hall on Friday morning (Senior Band rehearse as usual early Friday morning, Concert Band please leave bags and instruments between 8.50am - 9.10am to avoid interrupting the rehearsal). Please do not pack your instrument, music satchel or stand in your overnight bags as these will be needed as soon as you get off the coach at Narrabeen. Don't forget to pack a snack for the children for afternoon tea while we are taking the roll in the hall - the next opportunity to eat will be dinner at 6pm.

Junior Band please ensure your children are at Narrabeen no later than 8am on Saturday morning with two changes of clothes, overnight gear, instruments, music and music stands - all marked clearly with names.

Supervising parents, please remember to check the roster and ensure that you arrive a little early for your shift to enable time to sign in and find the tutorial room. Please also ensure that you have arranged for siblings to be cared for elsewhere during your rostered time.

Concert: Everyone is welcome to join us for the final concert on Sunday afternoon in the Dining Hall at 2pm. It is always inspiring to see what the bands have achieved over the intensive weekend. Band members will be free to go after the concert once they have been signed out with band co-ordinators. After the concert, please take care and remain patient, as many cars and tired young pedestrians with luggage will be leaving the venue at the same time. Any last minute questions, please get in touch with your individual band coordinators. We are looking forward to a successful camp which, among other things, will ensure the children are well prepared for all the band competitions to follow!
Key dates

- 27-29th March 2015 - Band Camp at Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation, Narrabeen (two nights for Senior and Concert Bands, one night for Junior Band)
- 3rd 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 New South Wales

Claudia Stephens, Liesel Wightwick and Karen Au
Overall Band Coordinators

P & C NEWS

Grandfriend’s Day

Kindy, Years 1&2 will be welcoming their Grandfriends to the school on Tuesday 31 March for a concert, followed by class visits and morning tea. A big thank you to Year 1 Coordinator Melinda Hayes and the Year 1 parents for providing morning tea treats for our special guests

BBQ for the State Election

NSW will be holding a State Election on Saturday, March 28 and, once again Neutral Bay Public School will be a polling station.
While you’re queueing up to vote, why not grab a coffee and cupcake, or a sausage sizzle, piece of fruit and bottle of water - from the P&C Fundraising BBQ and Cake Stalls. NBPS parent and professional cake maker Katie Strahan is baking us 150 gourmet cupcakes to sell, and there will be a coffee cart going from 8am, while the sausage sizzle will be cooking from 10.30am. Special thanks to Year 6 coordinator Jennifer Cains and Year 6 parents for getting this event off the ground and running smoothly.
So come along and support your school while you vote – and see if we can hit our first fundraising target of the year of $5000! Money raised through this event will go towards our fantastic school music and science programs.

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 antireflection 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
Apologies for not serving frozen foods
The canteen continues to receive phone calls from parents asking why frozen products are unavailable on Flexischools. We would like to inform everyone again that we have temporarily stopped serving frozen foods because the canteen freezer is not working. Our apologies for not serving moosies, juicies, curry puffs, spinach & ricotta triangles, frozen fruits and frozen yoghurt whilst we are waiting for the freezer problem to be solved. We hope to resolve the issue soon and in the meantime, we are serving ice cream at the counter (which we purchase externally immediately before serving) during recess.
We also offer our apologies in case we run out of certain items such as popcorn, rice crackers etc because our stock levels are getting low and will not be re-ordered until the start of next term. Thank you for your understanding.
Next week our special will be the very popular hip-hot doggie.
We send a huge thank you to all the other volunteers that helped out last week. You were all fantastic!
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 nbpscanteenroster@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

UNIFORM SHOP

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. The shop will be open on the last Tuesday of term 1 (31st March) and I plan to be open on the first day of term 2 (21st April).

The last date to place Flexischools orders for delivery before the holidays is 3pm Monday 30th March. Any orders placed after this time will be packed and sent to your child's classroom during the first week of Term 2.

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:
A big thank you to my trusty volunteers Liz & Kellie who have been such a big help this term. Thank you also to Philippa, Anoosh and Kayo who have recently started helping with the orders - I really appreciate it.
I wish everyone a happy and relaxed holiday!

Elizabeth and the Uniform Shop Team
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

Lifeline Book Fairs for 2015
Please put a note in your diaries for these up and coming book fairs.
1-3 May at Balgowlah Boys’ Campus
20-22 November at Balgowlah Boys’ Campus

North Sydney Brother Junior Rugby League Football Club
We are looking for additional players aged 5, 6, 7 & 8 years old to play rugby League for our Club in 2015 for FREE. We have great coaches & provide excellent training skills. **Each player will receive FREE of Charge socks, shorts, jersey & player insurance, End of Season Trophy & a 2015 NRL Pass to all Club Games.** If you would like to join a great family orientated club & have lots of fun, please register by calling Annette Hema on: 0404 610 048 or email: nsbros@hotmail.com or visit our website: www.nsbrothers.com.au

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