School Holidays
We wish all families an enjoyable and safe Easter and Autumn vacation. The holidays commence on Friday (3rd April) of this week. The students return to school on Tuesday 21st April.

Staffing
Miss Morikawa will be finishing at our school this week. We wish her all the best and thank her for the excellent work she has done in teaching the students in 1M this term and students at our school for the previous three years. For the remainder of the year the students in 1M will be taught by Mrs Mel Mitchell.

NAPLAN (Year 3 & 5)
Students in Years 3 and 5 will sit for the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) on the following days next term:
- Tuesday 12th May       Writing and Language Conventions
- Wednesday 13th May     Reading
- Thursday 14th May      Numeracy

School Development Day
The school staff will be involved in a School Development Day on Monday 20th April. We will be undertaking professional learning in mathematics and adjustments in student learning.

Band Camp
Band Camp was a wonderful weekend for the students in the Junior, Senior and Concert Bands. Their hard work was shown in the final concert. Thank you to the parents and staff who volunteered their time to assist with supervision; also the Band Coordinators, Band Tutors, Band Conductors (Mr Hampton and Mr Madrid) and Claudia Stephens, Leisel Wightwick and Karen Au for their countless hours of work to ensure a successful weekend for the students.

Grandfriends’ Day
Thank you for your support of our Grandfriends’ Day. The concert, class visits and morning tea were a great success. Thank you to the teachers for preparing the students so well and to the generous parents who provided and helped with morning tea.

Cross Country
Our school cross country will be held next term on Tuesday 5th May at Forsyth Park, commencing at 11.00am. We encourage all of the students in Years 3-6 to be involved. The times and distances the students will run are:
- 8/9 Years 2000m
- 10 Years 2000m
- 11 Years 3000m
- 12/13 Years 3000m

Winter Uniform
The students are requested to wear their winter uniforms from Tuesday 9th June. If the weather turns cooler prior to this date your child is welcome to wear their winter uniform.

Parking
Of recent times a number of issues have come to our attention in regards to driving and parking around the school. Your continued cooperation by driving slowly in Bydown Street and Ben Boyd Road is appreciated. A reminder that it is illegal to U-turn across double lines and to double-park. Consideration of our neighbours by not parking in their driveways is also appreciated.
## Calendar

| Week 10  | Thursday 2\textsuperscript{nd} April | Senior Boys’ Dance
| Last day of Term 1 | 7.30am |
|----------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
|         | Friday 3\textsuperscript{rd} April  | Good Friday                     |                  |
| Term 2  | Monday 20\textsuperscript{th} April | School Development Day          |                  |
| Week 1  | Tuesday 21\textsuperscript{st} April | Students commence Term 2        |                  |
|         | Concert Band                        | 12.45pm                         |                  |
|         | Wednesday 22\textsuperscript{nd} April | Senior Chamber                 | 7.00am           |
|         | Senior Girls’ Dance                 | 7.30am                          |                  |
|         | School Council                      |                                 |                  |
|         | Junior Choir                        | 8.00am                          |                  |
|         | Orchestra                           | 8.00am                          |                  |
|         | Scripture                           |                                 |                  |
|         | Junior Band                         | 11.10am                         |                  |
|         | Thursday 23\textsuperscript{rd} April | Senior Boys’ Dance             | 7.30am           |
|         | OC Information Session for Year 4 Parents | 8.00am                      |                  |
|         | Friday 24\textsuperscript{th} April | School ANZAC Service           | 10.50am          |
| Week 2  | Monday 27\textsuperscript{th} April | Junior Band                    | 7.45am           |
|         | Senior Choir                        | 8.00am                          |                  |
|         | Senior Band                         | 12.40pm                         |                  |
|         | Chess                               | 3.15pm                          |                  |
|         | Tuesday 28\textsuperscript{th} April | School Cross Country Years 3-6  |                  |
|         | Wednesday 29\textsuperscript{th} April | Senior Chamber               | 7.00am           |
|         | Senior Girls’ Dance                 | 7.30am                          |                  |
|         | Junior Choir                        | 8.00am                          |                  |
|         | Orchestra                           | 8.00am                          |                  |
|         | Scripture                           |                                 |                  |
|         | Junior Band                         | 11.10am                         |                  |
|         | Thursday 30\textsuperscript{th} April | Senior Boys’ Dance          | 7.30am           |

Have a safe and happy Easter Break,

Regards

**David Shuster**  
Principal
Kindergarten News

What a busy end of Term it has been for Kindergarten children! The week began with a concert rehearsal for our parents followed by a wonderful Grand Friends concert on Tuesday morning. Kindergarten loved having their Grandparents and Grand Friends visiting and really enjoyed performing for them. Wednesday was also a very exciting day with all children enjoying Letter Land day. It was fabulous to see all the children dressing up and enjoying our alphabet activities. We finished the day with a wonderful picnic sharing some yummy alphabet treats with our friends.

Mrs K Lockhart - KL Class Teacher

Stage 1 News (Years 1 & 2)

Year One students have worked hard to prepare for Grandfriend's Day. Everyone enjoyed having our grandfriends visit on Tuesday and delighted in performing our special songs and poem. Each class wrote wonderful descriptions of the grandfriends.

Below is an example from Avalon Fay in 1E:

“My grandmother’s name is Elan. She is kind and beautiful. She has brown, short, straight hair and soft cuddly skin. She likes to play Connect Four with me. My favourite thing about my grandma is how she loves to garden.”

Edwina Lancaster - 1E Teacher
Stage 2 News (Years 3 & 4)

Every week in year three we unpack texts and practice different ways to understand them better in reading groups. These comprehension skills are split into six categories including sequencing which 3D has been studying most recently. We have been ordering information in texts and also replicating procedures in sequenced stages. 3D created a master list of words that help signal the order of events such as initially, after, to conclude and 3D’s ‘Master List of Signal Words’ has been used throughout to help guide their learning.

For our final task, I asked students to think of a topic with multiple stages that they could sequence using the correct vocabulary. After writing their script, students then created a short film which they narrated and supported with photographs of them doing the task in order using the app Adobe Voice. Student topics included the following: how to do vertical subtraction, how salt crystals are made, how to do double digit multiplication, how to choreograph a dance, how to make paper aeroplanes, how to play Minecraft, how to draw a pokeball, how to play 44 home, how to do karate, the story of The Hobbit, how to do the perfect splits and how to make the perfect origami butterfly. Student engagement was high and the results were fabulous!

We all watched the movies and it proved to be a fun and collaborative way to conclude our unit. Our parent helper Rob Summers was an invaluable member of 3D that morning. Here are some pictures of students putting their task together.

How to do vertical subtraction
How to make an origami butterfly

Mrs Devine - 3D Class Teacher

Stage 3 News (Years 5 & 6)

Directed Drawing

In 5M this term we read Storm Boy by Colin Thiele. One of the main characters from the book is a pelican named Mr Percival. Using the drawing method of reference points, we completed directed drawings of a pelican.

To draw the pelican we first began by drawing two horizontal parallel lines, crossed with two vertical parallel lines. We used these lines as references to draw the parts of the pelican. Using charcoal, we drew the 17 lines that made up the pelican's body, making sure the lines didn’t touch.
Science News

The children in Year 4 have been busy this term, building “Water Towers” out of straws. They had to support a heavy weight (and handle a minor ‘earthquake’!). Testing day was an exciting time.

Kevin Mayne - Science Teacher
Neutral Bay Public School

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 has been extended to Thursday 2nd April. Students will not be able to sit these exams if payment is not received by this date. Please make payment at the School Office as soon as you can.

BAND NEWS

Congratulations to everyone for a very successful Band Camp at the Sydney Academy of Sports and Recreation, Narrabeen. The children should be proud of themselves - not only did they work incredibly hard over the weekend, achieving almost a term's worth of work over two days, but they were also beautifully behaved throughout the weekend. This was the first night away from home for many of our junior band members, some of whom are only 8, and their maturity and stamina was truly impressive. The staff at the Sports Academy made a special point of complimenting us on the children's excellent behaviour, saying that of all the schools that held band camps at the facility our school stood out.

We were very pleased with our new venue at Narrabeen, offering large performance and rehearsal spaces and great opportunities for recreational activities including swimming which the children all thoroughly enjoyed. Our musicians also rated the food very highly, and the highlight of the camp (apart from the end of camp concert) was the magic show with Magic Craig on Saturday night.

We were lucky to have a very talented group of tutors to complement our bandmaster, Mr Ray Hampton, and Mr Luis Madrid, our new Senior Band conductor who joined us for his first band camp. Special thanks must go to all the band co-ordinators who gave up their weekends to ensure that the camp ran smoothly, all the teachers of NBPS who kindly gave up their time over the weekend (especially Miss Taylor who stayed both nights) and to our librarian, Michaela Campbell who organised all the music before the camp. Thanks, too, to all the supportive parents band parents who helped transport equipment and supervise tutorials and rehearsals over the weekend - it is an effort to come down to Narrabeen, and we couldn't have done it without you. Also, the children loved seeing you there!

It was very rewarding for the children to have such a large, enthusiastic audience for their final concert and for Junior Band to have the opportunity to hear Senior Band and Concert Band. The sound that each band was able to create, with pieces which (in some cases) had only been handed out that weekend, and the fun and enjoyment of 149 children, were inspirational.

Wishing everyone a very happy Easter break, the children have certainly earnt it!

Claudia Stephens, Liesel Wightwick and Karen Au
Overall Band Coordinators

P & C NEWS

Election BBQ raised over $4000!

Well done to all involved in the Election Day barbecue: thanks to all of you, we managed to raise more than $4000, which is a nice bite out our target this year of $200,000.

First of all, thank you to the incredibly hard-working Year 6 Coordinator Jennifer Cains (Ashley Firth 6S), and her Year 6 parent team; as well as the P&C team and Mr Shuster, who worked hard to make sure the event ran smoothly and fun was had by all.
Thank you to Westpac Neutral Bay, for donating cash and providing cheerful volunteers who slaved over the hot barbecue all day! Thank you Marika, George, Peterson, Megan and Scott: we couldn’t have done it without you!

Thank you also to the wonderful Katie Strahan (Benji McNicol 2S, Charlotte McNicol 4I, Alex McNicol 6B) of Katie’s Cakes and Cookies, who baked us 144 delicious cupcakes. We sold every last one of them, raising more than $550! And a shout out to our coffee van man Alex Gough from Early Bird Coffee, who kindly donated 20% of his total takings on the day (and kept us all nicely topped up with caffeine).

Special thanks to Woolworths Neutral Bay Village for providing the bread and giving the school 18 boxes of luscious fresh fruit – we sold plenty of it on Saturday and to parents after school on Monday afternoon! Finally thanks to Castlecrag Meats, for providing the sausages at a very generous rate – we had plenty of repeat visits to the barbecue!

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

CANTEEN NEWS

A special thank you to all canteen volunteers this term

A special thank you to our great volunteers for their time and huge contribution in running the canteen smoothly in Term 1. Thank you to our former and to our new volunteer parents, grandparents. It was good to see a few more and Dads this term!

We also thank the class coordinators who have been helping to boost the number of volunteers and the same appreciation goes to Anna Gibson and Belinda Jackson for their team effort, ideas and huge help. Well done both of you!

We shall send you the invitation for the Term 2 canteen roster and we’ll also provide you with step-by-step process on how to use the system. For first time user, we need to send you the invitation and you can register and sign up, cancel, change easily.

You can email us at nbpscanteenroster@gmail.com so we can add your details to our volunteer online database. For general canteen enquiries, please email nbpscanteen@gmail.com

There is no roster in our Newsletter this week as it’s the last week of term!

We wish you a great Easter holidays and we’ll see you in Term 2 with additional new winter menu.

Happy Easter to all!

Michelle Alejo, Maree Phillis, Jocelyn Greig and Margarita Carrion
UNIFORM SHOP

Hello from the Uniform Shop team!

The Uniform Shop will be open on the first day of term 2 (Tuesday 21st April) and will continue to be open every Tuesday in term-time, from 8.30am-9.30am. The shop does need to close promptly at 9.30am so please arrive in plenty of time.

Any Flexischools orders placed during the school holidays 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

Thanks, and Happy Easter!

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

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

Players Wanted!
Under 12 Girls Football- North Sydney United
No experience required. Players Must be born from 2002-2003.
Games commence from 19 April (Location is to be announced, but in Northern Sydney Area)
Training has started at 4-5pm Thursday in Anderson Park, North Sydney.
If you are interested, please contact Colin Lynch on 0414 276 315 or lynch@acm.org.

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.