Welcome back to Term 2. I trust you and your family had an enjoyable holiday. This term we look forward to a number of exciting events that will complement the quality teaching/learning taking place in our classrooms. These events include our cross country carnival, excursions, ICAS competitions and eisteddfods. Information on all events occurring will be provided through the School Newsletter each week. To assist with information on activities occurring in the classroom each teacher will send home a Term Overview this week.

**Staffing**

We welcome back Mrs Pickering who will be teaching at our school on Monday and Tuesday each week. Congratulations to Miss Grimshaw who was married during the holidays and will now be known as Mrs Reid. We also congratulate Mrs Ayling on the birth of her son Louis.

**P&C**

The first meeting of the P&C Association will be held on Wednesday 6th May commencing at 7.30p.m. All parents are welcome to attend. Discussion topics include:

- Revised school boundaries which will commence in 2016
- Adjustments to student learning
- School App

**ANZAC Service**

On Friday (24th April) of this week at 10.50a.m. we will be holding a K-6 ANZAC Service at school.

**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**

Our School Development Day was worthwhile with the staff undertaking professional learning in mathematics and adjustments in student learning.

**Opportunity Class Parent Information Session & Applications**

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. The meeting will be held in 4C classroom. Applications for Opportunity Classes in 2016 open online as of Monday 27th April and close on Friday 15th May. A note will be sent home on Thursday of this week providing further information.
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Cross Country
Our school cross country will be held next week on Tuesday 28th April. 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

A revised note providing further details has been sent home and is also available in the notes section on the school website. The location for the cross country has been changed to Cammeray Park due to the ground conditions.

Winter Uniform
The students are requested to wear their winter uniforms as of Monday 18th May (Please note this is a change from the date was advertised at the end of Term 1). 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

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Wednesday 6th May
- Senior Chamber
- Senior Girls' Dance
- Junior Choir
- Orchestra
- Scripture
- Junior Band
- Zone Cross Country
- P&C Meeting
- P&C Raffle Tickets due back

7.00am
- 7.30am
- 8.00am
- 8.00am
- 11.10am
- 7.30am

Thursday 7th May
- Senior Boys’ Dance
- Year 5/6 Assembly (6T performing)

7.30am
- 2.20pm

Friday 8th May
- Mother’s Day Stall
- PSSA

12.10pm

Other events occurring this term are:
- NAPLAN (Years 3 and 5) Tuesday 12th-Thursday 14th May
- OC Applications close Friday 15th May
- Interrelate (Year 6) Wednesday 20th May
- ICAS Science Wednesday 3rd June
- Year 4 Incursion Thursday 18th June
- Semester 1 Student Reports Wednesday 24th June

Have a great term,

Regards

David Shuster
Principal

STAGE NEWS

Kindergarten News

It has been a wet and wild start to Term 2! However, the Kindergarten students have returned enthusiastically ready to continue learning more about numbers and reading and writing. We are all particularly excited to begin learning about animals and their habitats this term. KD did some writing about their holidays.

In the holidays I got a little Lego plane. **By Thomas**

In the holidays I stayed home and I played games with my Mum and we went to the shops and we bought two lights. **By Annabelle**

**By Sofia**

I went to Port Stephens. I made a sandcastle. I had fun.

**By Callum**

On the weekend I did soccer and we versed the Cheetahs. **By Callum**

On the weekend we had a soccer game and we were versing the Hawks and we won. We had snacks and oranges. **By Sarah**

Mrs M Dudley KD Class Teacher
**Stage 1 News (Years 1 & 2)**
Stage One was very excited to come back to school after the holidays. We have been reflecting on Easter and the Easter Hat Parade we participated in on the last day of term. Stage One used a range of decorations donated by our kind parents to create wonderful hats which we showed our peers. The Easter bunny even hopped by to see our creations and dance with us!

Mrs Alexis Mockford – 1A Teacher

**Stage 2 News (Years 3 & 4)**
Year 3 are currently looking at statistics and probability in Mathematics. We have been learning about collecting data, using the data to make a column graph and interpreting the data to answer questions.

There are many topics in which we can collect data. As a class we collected data about which meal of the day 3S students prefer and interpreted the information. As a result, it was obvious that dinner is the most popular meal of the day in 3S.

Miss Rosie-Jane Stone 3S Teacher

Students worked in groups to collect and represent data based on hair colour.

Here is the graph we made as a class to represent which meal 3S preferred.
The airplane stays up because it doesn’t have the time to fall.’ Orville Wright

The Wright brothers, Orville and Wilbur, were aviation pioneers who made the first controlled, powered and sustained human flight.

However, you don’t have to be one of the Wright brothers to make your own high-performance airplane. All you need is a piece of paper, lots of imagination and a little know how— as 6C recently discovered thanks to very special visit to Neutral Bay Public School from the Paper Plane Pilots—James Norton and Dylan Parker.

James and Dylan both have considerable expertise in paper plane flying. James has competed in the World Championships for Paper Plane Gilders and Dylan has competed in the World Championships for Darts.

First of all, James and Dylan taught 6C to make glider planes. They taught us about the principles of aerodynamics and the different folds you can make to sustain the plane’s flight, specifically manipulating weight so the front of the plane lurches up into the air. After we mastered the glider, James and Dylan next taught us how to throw a dart. A dart, in case you’re wondering, is a longer, thinner plane that looks more like a jet. We next split up into two teams and competed in mini competitions to test which plane flew the greatest distance. Finally, we went out into the playground to look at James’ winning glider in flight, as well as to test our own plane designs.

In the end, 6C had a fantastic time meeting James and Dylan. We learned so much about the art of paper plane folding, and how one tiny fold can impact your plane’s entire flight.

Lucy Rathbone, 6C
Junior Choir News

On the last day of Term 1, the Junior Choir brought great joy at Easter time to the residents of Lansdowne Gardens. The choir sang *Consider Yourself*, *Give Me a Kite* and *Edelweiss*. The residents particularly enjoyed listening to and singing along to *Edelweiss*.

Miss Rosie-Jane Stone Choir Conductor Photos courtesy of Nicole Bailey (Y 3 parent)

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.

Andy Danis (6C) – Raffle Tickets

Last term, I was selling raffle tickets in front of the hall to raise money to go to the State Tennis Carnival. I am proud to say that I sold 131 tickets ($262). The Carnival will be held next week (27 to 30 April).

Thank you for all your support and I hope our school will have some winning tickets.
P&C MEETING
The next P&C Meeting is on Wednesday 6 May at 7:30 pm at the School hall. All parents are welcome to attend.

2015 P&C RAFFLE

All families have been given a booklet of raffle tickets, $3 per ticket or $30 for the booklet, to sell to families, friends and neighbours. Please do not send your children to sell the tickets unaccompanied by an adult. Please return all monies, stubs and unsold tickets to the School office by Wednesday 6 May 2015. All payments for the tickets are to be in cash and handed in to the Raffle box outside the School office. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 8 May 2015 and the winners will be announced via the School's newsletter on Wednesday 13 May 2015 and will be notified by telephone.

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

NBPS ORCHESTRA

Neutral Bay Public School Orchestra meets on Wednesdays from 8-9 am at the School Multipurpose Room. Any student who has started private tutoring for at least 6 months in violin, viola, cello or double bass can join the Orchestra. The Orchestra accepts K-6 students.

NBPS SYDNEY INTERSCHOOL SNOWSPORTS CHAMPIONSHIP

Interested in downhill skiing, snowboarding or cross-country skiing? NBPS is looking to put a snowsports team together to compete in the Sydney Region Interschools Snowsports Championship during the second term school holidays from Wednesday 8 to Friday 10 July at Thredbo, NSW. Registration will open in May. If you are interested in representing NBPS, please contact Sharmila Soorian on 0408 281828 or sharmila.soorian@ihug.com.au for the costs and information on discounted accommodation.

The Best Grand Friends Day Ever!

A great big thank you to Melinda Hayes (year coordinator) and Year One parents for putting on the most wonderful Grand Friends Day for our special guests. More than 400 Grand Friends enjoyed a wonderful concert, visited proud students in their classrooms and returned to the hall where a warm welcome from parents and a lavishly-decked morning tea table greeted them. One Grand friend, a veteran of five Grandfriends Days, said it was "the best one I've been to."

Thank you in particular to the boys and girls of the SRC, who walked platters so beautifully and shook the hand of every Grand Friend as they walked in the door and welcomed them! Unfortunately, one of our special guests took a fall and needed medical help - we wish you a speedy recovery and send our best wishes to you and your family.
Election BBQ raised over $4000!

Well done to all involved in the Election Day barbecue last Saturday. Thanks to all of you, we managed to raise approximately $4400, which is a nice bite out our target this year of $120,000. First of all, thank you to the incredibly hard-working Year 6 Coordinator Jennifer Cains, and the Year 6 parents; 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 McNichol 2S, Alex McNichol 6B) of Katies 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 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.

Belle Jackson, Anna Gibson and Dana Casimaty

BAND NEWS

Welcome back to all our young musicians - we hope you have all had a relaxing, enjoyable holiday, and are ready to throw yourself into music-making to beat the winter blues.

Things will be getting underway quickly this term with our band workshop a little more than a week away on the afternoon of Sunday 3 May. Please keep an eye out for emails from your band co-ordinators including links to the information sheet and parent roster to cover tutorials and band rehearsals. These should be available by the end of the week.

Also, it is not long until our Concert and Senior bands have the chance to perform alongside other primary school bands in the Sydney Eisteddfod at the beginning of Week 7 (exact dates and times to be confirmed by the Eisteddfod organisers). This is an exciting opportunity for the children to demonstrate all that they have achieved to an audience outside the school community. As incredible as they sounded at the end of band camp, these coming weeks of polishing their pieces really help the bands to raise the standard even higher. Do encourage the children to keep practising!

Key dates

• 3 May 2015, 12.15pm to 4.30pm - Band Workshop, Neutral Bay Public School
• June 2015 - Concert and Senior Bands to compete in the Sydney Eisteddfod (dates to be confirmed by the organisers)
• 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
Canteen News

A warm welcome back to everyone. Thank you to those volunteers who have already signed up online. We are looking forward to seeing you again in the canteen again to prepare our fresh, delicious kids lunches.

We encourage more parents and carers to join us. The sign-up process is back online and it is quick and easy to do. For those who would like to fill in a spot, below is the step-by-step procedure using our online roster.

1.) Register once online at www.signupgenius.com

2.) Login using your details

3.) On the sign-up page, click Help dropdown button and click find a signup

4.) Find the canteen roster using the option “Search by email” and use nbpscanteenroster@gmail.com and this will take you to the NBPS Canteen Volunteer Roster logo. Click the logo, choose your desired date and click submit and sign up.

Next week’s special is nachos.

For general canteen enquiries, please email nbpscanteen@gmail.com

Michelle Alejo – Canteen Coordinator

Uniform Shop

Hello from the Uniform Shop team and welcome back to Term 2!

With the cooler weather on the way, a reminder that we stock 2 different fleece tops - the sleeveless fleece vest with a full-zip and the long-sleeved fleece jumper with half-zip. We also have some size 14 sweatshirts still available.

The official changeover date for winter uniform has been brought forward this year to Week 5 - week commencing Monday 18th May. That is when the children will need to start wearing their winter uniform full-time. This is either the winter tunic or the cargo pants with the long-sleeved white polo with school logo for non-sports days. For sports days, we offer long-sleeved versions of the house colour polo tops as well as fleecy trackpants. We also stock a bootleg-style trackpant which some girls prefer. A reminder that the trackpants (both styles) are only for sports days, not for everyday uniform.

A reminder about shop opening times: The Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday in term-time, from 8.30am-9.30am.

All Flexischools orders placed during the school holidays will be packed and sent to your child's classroom during this first week of Term 2. Daily packing and delivery of orders will recommence ASAP.

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

Elizabeth and the Uniform Shop Team

Community News

The Naremburn Family Centre is running two course in Term 2 2015.
The first course is Circle of Security – an 8 week program for parents of children aged 0-5 cost of $30
The second course is Tuning into Teens – a 6 week course for parents of teens aged 10-18 years cost of $60.
Please register as soon as possible. Contact them on 8425 8700

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.