FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Semester 1 Student Reports
As part of our Reporting to Parents initiatives Semester 1 Student Progress Reports will be sent home on Wednesday (24th June) of next week. Following Department of Education and Communities guidelines, due to a new English Syllabus being introduced, the English section of the Report provides an overall grading. This grade is comprised of your child’s progress in Reading and Viewing, Speaking and Listening and Writing and Representing. Further information is contained in a letter that will be included with your child’s report.

Voluntary Contributions
Thank you for your support in providing funds as part of our voluntary contributions. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Currently 41% of our families have donated $70,000 towards our total of $200 000. Further information is on page 7 of this Newsletter.

Sydney North Dance Festival
We wish the Senior Dance Group and Boys’ Dance Group all the best for their performances at the Sydney North Dance Festival on the following days:
- Thursday  18th June  7.30p.m.
- Friday     19th June  5.00p.m.
- Wednesday 24th June  1.15p.m.

Jump Rope for Heart
We look forward to our Jump Rope for Heart jump off days to be held next week. Details are:
- Tuesday    23rd June Years Kindy, 5-6
- Wednesday 24th June Years 1-4

Environmental Education
At last week’s P&C Meeting we discussed a number of Environmental Education initiatives we will be commencing next term at our school. One of these initiatives is Waste Free Wednesday. I encourage you to support this practice. Further information is on page 6 of this Newsletter.

Kindergarten 2016
In Terms 3 and 4 of this year we will be providing a number of opportunities for children commencing school next year as part of our Kindergarten Transition Program. These include:
- School Tours (Thursday 3rd September)
- Information Night (Thursday 29th October) Please note change of date.
- Orientation visits (Tuesday 3rd, 10th, 17th November)
To assist in our planning it would be appreciated if enrolment forms for siblings of current students who are commencing school next year could be completed and forwarded to the school office by the end of this term. Further information is on page 6 of this Newsletter.
Years 3 & 4 Peter Pan Jr. Concert
This year the students of Years 3 and 4 are proud to present the musical Peter Pan Jr. Rehearsals are in full swing and everyone is very excited.
There will be four performances for friends and family on the following dates:
1. Tuesday 8th September - Matinee and Night Performance
2. Wednesday 9th September - Matinee and Night Performance
Please support our Year 3 and 4 students by saving these dates in your calendars! Times of performances will be announced early next term

Athletics Carnival
Next term we look forward to Athletic Carnivals for students in Years K-2 and Years 3-6. The carnivals will be held on the following dates:
- Years 3-6 Monday 17th August at Rotary Athletics Field, Lane Cove
- Years K-2 Thursday 17th September at Forsyth park
Further information will be sent home next term on both events.

Year 3 Excursion
The Year 3 excursion to St Leonard’s Park due to the anticipated weather conditions tomorrow (18th June) is cancelled. The students will undertake a modified program of activities at school such as mapping and sketching.

Year 4 Incursion
We wish the students in Year 4 an enjoyable and worthwhile History incursion on Thursday (18th June) of this week.

School Development Day
Our third School Development Day (SDD) for this year will be held on Friday 26th June (last day of this term) rather than Monday 13th July. The SDD will be held in conjunction with some of our neighbouring schools who are part of the Harbourside Learning Community (Mosman High, Cammeray P.S., Middle Harbour P.S., Beauty Point P.S.). On this day child care will be available at our school from 7.30am to 6.00pm through the Before and After School Care Centre.

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Have a great week,
Regards,
David Shuster, Principal

**STAGE NEWS**

**Kindergarten News**

Kindergarten had a fun day visiting Featherdale Wildlife Park on Friday. Here are some of our photos.

![Kindergarten Photos](image1)

Mrs K Reeve - KR Teacher
Stage 1 News (Years 1 & 2)

This term, Year 1 has been working hard to improve their skipping skills for next week’s Jump Off. The children are skipping every lunch and at every other chance they can. Year 1 has been very lucky to have help from their awesome Year 6 buddies. They have been learning to do criss-cross and backwards skipping.

Miss V Wondracz - 1W Class Teacher

Stage 2 News (Years 3 & 4)

This term Year 3 have been studying the states of Australia. Class 3EC has been focussed on South Australia. Over the term we have been turning parts of our classroom into parts of South Australia. This has included: Coober Pedy and the deserts, the wetlands of The Coorong, The Flinders Ranges and The Great Australian Bight.

Students have been involved in making opals, painting Sturt’s Desert Pea and making models of pelicans and great white sharks. Students have been learning about what is great and interesting about South Australia and practising their information report writing skills.

The pictures show some of the art making to transform our classroom into South Australia.

Mrs J Cant - 3EC Class Teacher
Stage 3 News (Years 5 & 6)

Throughout this term Year 5 has been looking at Australian history. We each created a show bag on a famous Australian from the 1800’s. 5R learnt how much time it takes to thoroughly research a character and complete tasks on that person. We felt that after our research we knew our famous person extremely well. We were able to experience what it was like for our character in Australia in the 1800's. We enjoyed sharing our show bags with other students in our class and finding out about their characters. 5R discovered how important history is in shaping our current lives. We learnt that our characters faced a lot of hardships and we learnt to appreciate the lives that we have, though we thought riding a pony to school would be fun. If our characters hadn't achieved what they achieved Australia wouldn't be the great place it is today.

Mrs N Remenyi - 5R Class Teacher

SCHOOL NEWS

Stars of the Week

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<td>Congratulations to Mei Yamada (4I) who achieved 1st place U/10 Open Ballet &amp; Lyrical at the Ultimate Dance Challenge. Mei’s Lyrical received 99 marks out of 100. Great News Mei!</td>
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<td>Congratulations to Alisha Choi (4P) who recently attended the AMEB Violin Grade 1 exam and achieved an A+ High Distinction. Well done Alisha!</td>
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Neutral Bay Public School

**Waste Free Wednesdays are coming to Neutral Bay Public School**

Starting next term, we ask that every Wednesday your child brings their lunch to school in non-disposable containers. Waste Free Wednesdays are an initiative of the Environmental Education Committee of our school. By participating, students will have a better understanding of where their waste ends up, and how they can reduce the amount of waste they generate. Choosing products that have less packaging results in less waste that needs to be disposed of. It not only makes good environmental sense but it makes good economic sense too. Waste free lunches are often cheaper and in most cases a lot healthier too!

Thank you for your support!

**Netball Report**

The **B Team**, captained by Jessica Gies-Coutts (6T), were defeated by Mowbray Public 16 to 8. They were proud of their attacking and defending skills, but next week will focus on passing and sticking with their player. Congratulations to player of the match, Laura Campbell (6C).

**C#1** Team, captained by Serena Wong (6C), skilfully passed the ball using bounce passes and came out on top, winning 8-4 against Lane Cove Public#1. They think they will perform even better next week if they can work on spreading out. Well done to Lucy Rathbun (6C) for taking out player of the match.

**C#2**, captained by Mia Guo (5T), played against Lane Cove West#1. When they had possession of the ball in the goal circle they successfully shot for goal, but were defeated 8-3. They used a lot of bounce passes and next week they will focus more on sticking with their player. Congratulations to Bronteney Wang (5T) for being awarded player of the match.

**C#3** had a bye.

It was a close game for the **D Team** against Mowbray Public #1, resulting in a draw 7 to 7. They managed to take possession of the ball from their centre pass each time. They want to improve on spreading out and sticking with their player for their game next week. Well done to Cassandra Ng (5R) for winning player of the match.

**The Boys Team**, captained by Andrew Xue (6S), certainly met their match when they came up against Willoughby Public #1. They played a very enjoyable game, but unfortunately lost 21 to 1. They made some fantastic intercepts and will attempt to incorporate more bounce passes next week. Congratulations to player of the match, Etienne Roumanoff (6C).

**Miss M Magney Netball Coordinator**

**Notices from School Office**

**Outstanding School Fees.**

It would be appreciated if all outstanding school fees for Semester 1 and extra curriculum sports/dance fees please be paid at the school office.

**Time to enrol for Kindergarten 2016.**

It would be appreciated if enrolment forms for siblings of current students who will be attending Kindergarten in 2016 could be forwarded to the office by the end of this term. Please include original documentation of Medicare Immunisation Statement, proof of address and your child’s birth certificate or passport.
The P&C would like to thank all the parents who have already paid the Voluntary Contribution ahead of the deadline which is this coming Friday 19 June. We have now received $70,000 or 41% of our families. We know that a lot of parents have pencilled their Voluntary contribution payment for Friday and we thank you in advance. Some parents have also made donations (beyond the voluntary contribution) and both the Principal and the P&C are very appreciative.

The flow of Voluntary Contribution to date has allowed us to make a first transfer to the school last week. We gave a first $60,000 cheque to Mr Shuster at our recent P&C meeting. As you all know the school is requesting $200,000 this year and we are at around $125,000 of fund raising ($70,000 VC, $40,000 uniform shop, $15,000 by diverse events year to date). We need another $75,000 to meet the school budget and a further $15,000 to cover the P&C expenses such as student insurance, general insurance (for the canteen, the officers) and audit. So all Voluntary Contributions count!

**Sydney and North Sydney Entertainment Books**

Each family has been given an entertainment book to look at. If you are interested in purchasing the book, simply order online and you may keep the book. If you are not interested in purchasing the book, please return it to class. PLEASE RETURN ALL THE UNSOLD BOOKS TO THE OFFICE.

To order online please go to: [https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/20401s5](https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/20401s5)

Our supporters get amazing discounts at their local cafes and restaurants and Neutral Bay Public School attracts $14 with each membership and book sold. This year the book will cover Sydney and North Sydney region (up to and including Palm Beach). A book cost $70. So far, we have sold 115 books and that is a total of $1610 donated to the P&C. Please support this fundraising to part fund the Music & Science programs at the School by purchasing a book today!

**P&C Seminar**

The P&C is pleased to announce that seminar has been organised through the Child and Adolescent Parenting. The PPP (Power of Positive Parenting) will be held at the School on Tuesday 4 August from 7pm to 9pm. All parents are welcome to attend.
TRIPLE P SEMINAR – THE POWER OF POSITIVE PARENTING

FREE Seminar fully sponsored by P & C.
Presented by Vivienne Hughes, Parenting Coordinator and Psychologist, Child and Adolescent Parenting, Northern Sydney Local Health District

The Triple P Seminar Series is part of the well-known evidence based and internationally recognised Triple P Programs from the University of Queensland. The seminars are designed for parents/carers of 3-12 year olds interested in learning about positive ways of promoting their children's development.

The POWER OF POSITIVE PARENTING Seminar introduces parents to the 5 core principles underlying the Positive Parenting approach:

1. Creating a safe, interesting environment
2. Having a positive learning environment
3. Using assertive discipline
4. Having realistic expectations
5. Taking care of yourself

VENUE: Neutral Bay Public School Hall

DATE:  Tuesday 4th August 2015
TIME:  7.00pm – 9.00pm

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL. Please contact Sharmila Soorian at nbpsspandcsecretary@gmail.com

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PARENTING

We would like to inform everyone that our suppliers have increased their prices and there are two items that require a price increase: Plain Yoghurt is now $1.50 per cup and seaweed is now $0.30 cents. Thank you for your understanding.

A big thank-you again to all the volunteers. We have new volunteers coming in from time to time and we thank our existing volunteers for welcoming them and making them feel comfortable. We encourage more parents, especially dads and grandparents to help at the canteen.

We apologise to our volunteers who have already signed up online to help at the canteen on the 26th. The canteen is closed as it is School Development Day. We need your help on the 23rd, 24th and 25th June and we hope that you can help in one of those days.

Next week’s special: Hip Hot Doggie

Week 10 roster is below. If you cannot make your rostered spot, it would be very helpful if you could find a replacement before phoning 0426 226235 or emailing nbpscanteenroster@gmail.com well in advance.

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Michelle Alejo – Canteen Coordinator

After a very busy term young musicians are showing signs of being ready for a holiday - we hope all band families have a relaxing and enjoyable break. Just a couple of things to note about rehearsals next week. Mr Hampton will be away for the last week of term, so:

- NO rehearsals for Concert Band in Week 10
- NO rehearsals for Junior Band in Week 10
- Senior Band as normal on Monday of Week 10 but not Friday as it is a School Development Day
- Term 3 starts straight away with Junior Band rehearsal at 7.55am on Monday 13 July

Key dates for Term 3

- Sunday 26th July 2015 - all bands to perform in the NSW School Band Festival at the University of New South Wales - parent transport
- Tuesday 28 July 2015 - all bands to perform at the full school Assembly for Education Week
- Sunday 26th July 2015 - all bands to perform in the NSW School Band Festival at the University of New South Wales - parent transport (Based on current advice by the organisers, Junior Band to arrive at 12.50pm, Senior Band to arrive at 1.50pm and Concert Band to arrive at 3.50pm, more information to follow closer to the date).

Claudia Stephens, Liesel Wightwick and Karen Au - Overall Band Coordinators
Hello from the Uniform Shop team

The Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday in term-time, from 8.30am-9.30am.

Flexischools orders are packed and sent to your child's classroom every day. We aim to have them delivered the day after you order them but occasionally delays will occur - apologies in advance if this happens.

The last date for deliveries this term will be Wednesday 24th June (orders must be placed by 3.50pm on Tuesday 23rd June). Any orders placed after this time will be packed and delivered to your child's classroom during week 1 of the new term.

Price Increase - backpacks

As advised in week 7's newsletter: from 1st July 2015, the price of the school backpacks will increase. The small/junior back pack will become $55 and the large/senior one will become $60.

Returns policy:

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. If a refund is required, the funds will be refunded back to your Flexischools account 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 it may take a few days for me to action exchanges/refunds. Notifying me by email is a good way to give me a heads up!

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.

If you would like to purchase a second hand item, please come along during normal opening hours (Tuesday 8.30-9.30am)

Thanks,
Elizabeth & the Uniform Shop team
COMMUNITY NEWS

Anyone who has lost jewellery recently at Neutral Bay Public School please contact Sergeant Larsson from North Sydney Police Station on 9956 3199.

Winter Holiday Camps with NSW Sports & Recreation

Our popular Winter Kids’ and Family Holiday Camps are filling fast. Find out what’s on including our popular ski/snowboard camps at Jindabyne. Led by qualified instructors, you can rest easy knowing your kids are in safe hands. Our Kids’ Camps are suitable for kids aged 7 to 16 years and range from 1 to 7 days. Contact dsr.nsw.gov.au/camps or phone 13 13 02

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

LAST DAY TERM 2, 2015

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY - Friday 26th June

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.

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
Inviting Kindy to Year 2
Free Trial Drama Class in the Multipurpose Room
Friday afternoons 3:30 – 4:30 pm
Kids Up Front offers a fun and creative drama program every Friday afternoon. Children work around a different theme and perform for each other each week. The classes are designed to develop Confidence, Creativity and Communication Skills.
To register for a free trial class please go to www.kidsupfront.com.au or phone 9953 4040 for further details

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