

Thursday, 5 November 2009

From the Principal

P & C AGM – Wednesday 11th November

Next Wednesday evening, the Annual General Meeting of our P & C will be held in the Hall at 7:45pm. All parents are invited to attend. Reports from the various P & C committees will be presented at the meeting. I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to all the P & C office bearers for their wonderful work in supporting our school. I would especially like to thank Mr Paul Fraser, the outgoing president, for his outstanding work in “steering” the P & C over the past three years. During this time, Paul has provided great leadership and has managed potentially difficult situations and “tricky” meetings in a most positive and productive manner. We are all grateful for his generous support of the school and his valuable contribution to the P & C.

Changes in 2010

As you know we will be undertaking a major building project next year. The new building will house twelve classrooms which will replace all the demountable classrooms and free up much-needed play space for the children. As the construction site required by Bovis Lend Lease will occupy a large part of our limited playground, we will need to relocate classes for safety reasons.

The Kinder classes will be moved to the Annexe next year. It will be great for our youngest children to spend their first year well away from the building site and the older children. They will have their own toilet facilities and play equipment in the Annexe.

The four OC classes will also be moved offsite for 2010. They will be located at North Sydney Boys High School. They will be accommodated in a separate area with a large grassed playing area and their own toilets. The Principal and Staff at the High School have been most enthusiastic about having our classes on site, and have offered

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access to their wonderful facilities, specialist teachers and programs. The OC children will retain links with our school through Band, and Dance, and will participate in Assemblies, Carnivals, Excursions, Library lessons, etc.

The Years 1 – 6 children will have much more playground space with Kindergarten and OC children off site next year. This will ensure that we can provide a safe and happy playground for the children.

P & C Black and White Trivia Night

I hope parents have purchased tickets for the end of year Black and White Trivia Night. It will be held on Saturday 14 November at 7:00pm in the Hall. It is very inexpensive - \$25.00 per person which covers finger food and a glass of bubbly! I hear the band is fantastic! Get some friends organised and join us for a fun, relaxed evening.

Selective High School Information Meeting – Year 5








Parents are invited to attend our Information Meeting to assist them with the Selective High School Application process. We usually have a number of parents seeking clarification of the school rankings, assessments, appeals etc. Interested parents are invited to a meeting on Tuesday 10 November at 8:30am.

OC 2010 Information Meeting

We will conduct an OC Information Meeting on Wednesday 11 November at 9:30 – 10:30am in the School Hall for children who have received offers, or have been placed on the Reserve List. The Principal of North Sydney Boys High School, Mrs Robyn Hughes, will attend to assist with any parent's questions or concerns.

Gai Collett, Principal

Stars of the Week

	Junior Band members who performed so beautifully for the Year 2 children yesterday. I know we now have many new keen prospective band members for next year.
	The Year 6 teachers who gave up their time this week to take children to the Great Aussie Bush Camp for three days. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children. Many thanks Year 6 teachers, Mr Mayne and Mrs Rabone.
	The Boys Relay Team who competed at the NSW State Athletics Championships at Homebush last week.
	George Condon [5R] who was featured in last week's Mosman Daily as one of the Junior Sports Stars for 2009. George is a talented cricketer who was named the inaugural Mosman Junior Cricketer of the year for both batting and bowling! Congratulations George!
	Angus Mawson, 1J, who has been selected again this year to be in Football NSW's elite U8 squad. He was selected from a group of 40 boys to form a squad of 15. Well done!
	Sam Rogers, 5KD, whose play was selected as one of four finalists in the Sydney Youth Writing Competition. The work of all finalists will be published in a book which is soon to be released. Great work Sam!
	Katie Healy, 5KD, and Alex Gearing, 5F, who are touring the South Coast with the Northern Sydney Schools Wind Orchestra this weekend.

Pedestrian Safety Around Our School

I was sorry to hear reports from a bus driver and a concerned parent about some very dangerous road crossing practices by a few of our children. We live and work in a very busy area and it is vital that our children know to wait for the 'green man' before crossing the road and that they walk sensibly and don't run. On the zebra crossings, it is important the children look first before stepping onto the road. The teachers discuss road safety with the children as part of Health & Personal Development curriculum, and I would appreciate you spending

the time to reinforce these road safety messages with your children.

Asthma Spring Warning

Pollen grains are released from certain grasses, weeds and trees. They are coated in proteins that can trigger allergic reactions - commonly asthma and hayfever. Spring and Summer can often be difficult times for people with allergic conditions. The height of grass pollen season is from late September to late December, and the highest amount of pollen can be found in the air between 6am and noon.

How is the pollen count determined?

Each day, researchers at the Department of Immunology and Allergy at Campbelltown Hospital in Sydney take samples of the air. These are analysed to gauge how much pollen is airborne and whether the level is considered high, moderate or low.

Low = less than 50/cubic metre of air

Medium = 50 to 100

High = over 100

The higher the pollen count, the greater the chance of symptoms presenting themselves. However, it is important to remember that the pollen count is a gauge only. Specific sensitivities to certain pollens may still be present, even if the overall count is low.

Monday - Friday from September to December, Asthma Foundation NSW displays the pollen count on its website. Make sure you check the pollen count daily to see when you need to take precautions. www.asthmasw.org.au

What if the pollen count is high?

If the count is estimated to be high, then it is important to be prepared. People with asthma should have reliever medication readily available at all times.

Owen Taylor, Deputy Principal



The Year 5 children had a lot of fun at Mosman High School yesterday

School Community News

CANTEEN ROSTER – Weeks 4 & 5

Monday 9 November	Rebecca Moore, Amanda Dee, Kim Wallace (2hrs)
Tuesday 10 November	Jeanette Adams, Marion Gies
Wednes 11 November	Jodie Frazer, Anna Widolf
Thursday 12 November	Alison MacFarlane, Lorraine Bogatez
Friday 13 November	Julian Wong, Corrie McLeod, Amanda Petrides
Monday 16 November	HELP NEEDED, HELP NEEDED, Linda Mather 2 hours
Tuesday 17 November	Michelle Celler, Kim Healy
Wednes 18 November	Zenna Hanna, Beatrice Munnich
Thursday 19 November	Jane Bush [Mum] Jane Bush
Friday 20 November	Henry Frieburg, Sara Winchester, Tracy Wardman

**IF YOU HAVE SPECIFIC DATES YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR – PLEASE
EMAIL lindapetrone@hotmail.com**

CANTEEN NEWS

The Canteen enjoyed a wonderful day on Friday with the highest ever number of lunch specials... 90+ on the day as well as all the regular hot and cold food – a very busy day for our volunteers Janet Hugh, Claudia Kennedy and Carolynne Marshall, on behalf of Linda and Coby. Well done ladies, couldn't have done it without you. All day Friday our day was filled with Halloween theme and our Halloween Pumpkin faced cup cakes sold out in minutes.



Thanks Canteen ladies!

BAND ROSTER – Week 4

CONCERT BAND 🎵	Tues 10 Nov	Welch Family	Fri 6 Nov	Stewart Family
SENIOR BAND 🎵	Tues 10 Nov	Naty Millar	Thur 12 Nov	Jan O'Malley
JUNIOR BAND 🎵	Mon 9 Nov	Kim Wallace	Wed 11 Nov	Sylvia Seah

Band News : Junior Band 2010

Ear Test, Wednesday 11th November: All Year 2

Blow Test, Wednesday 18th November: Anyone interested in joining band from Year 2 and up