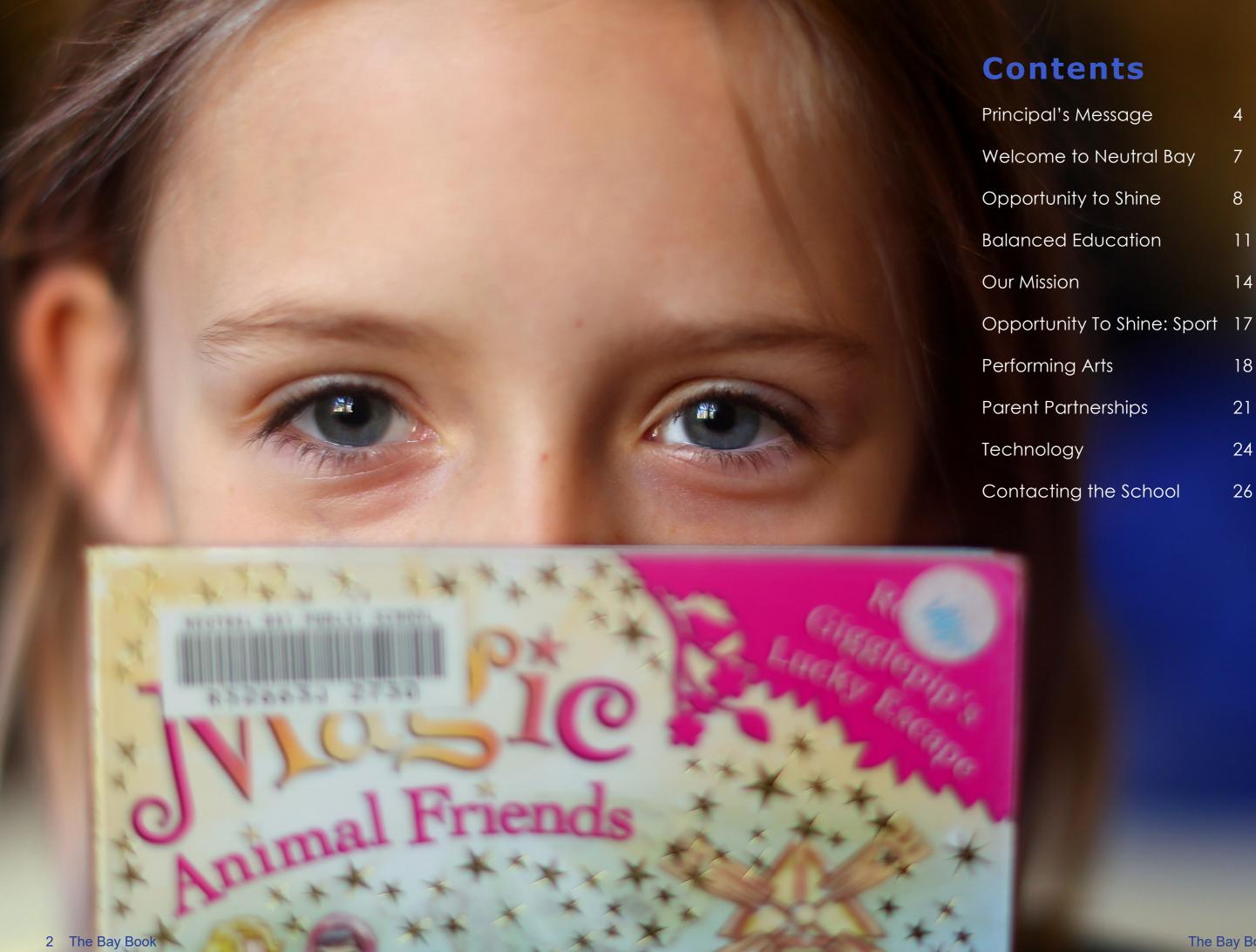


# NEUTRAL BAY PUBLIC SCHOOL THE BAY PUBLIC SCHOOL





# Principal's Message

Dear Parent/Prospective Parent,

Neutral Bay has a long and proud tradition of excellence, opportunity and care in all areas of primary education. We offer:

- Outstanding academic achievement
- Before and After School Care on site
- Proactive Student Representative Council modelling outstanding student leadership
- Experienced and dedicated staff offering strong pastoral care
- Japanese language lessons
- Exciting sport programs fitness, skills and recreational sports
- Opportunity classes for Years 5 and 6 and extension for students K-6
- A 3 school band program, orchestra, dance, choirs, chess and recorder groups
- Debating and public speaking
- A school-funded 1:1 iPad program across Grades 5 & 6. Pods of iPads and laptop computers are integrated into classrooms from Kinder to Year 4.
- Videoconferencing technology
- Interactive Whiteboards in each room
- Proactive School Council and Parents' & Citizens' Association

At Neutral Bay we stress the importance of a balanced education which encourages every child to reach his or her potential in their academic, social, physical and moral/spiritual development. Within a happy, caring environment, a culture of aspiring to achieve personal best at all times is promoted.

Values education and social skills programs are important parts of the school's curriculum. Values such as courtesy, respect, helpfulness, honesty and cooperation are fostered. Our Positive Behaviour for Learning program supports the academic and social needs of every student, allowing each child's true potential to shine.

We look forward to a very happy and productive relationship with you and your family.

Yours sincerely,

**Judy Goodsell** 

Principal





# **Welcome to Neutral Bay**

Founded in 1886, Neutral Bay Public School's history has long been linked with excellence, opportunity and caring. Our school has gained a reputation for offering outstanding opportunities supported by an experienced and dedicated team of professional educators.

#### **Tradition of Academic Excellence**

Neutral Bay Public School aspires to the school motto, 'Play the Game', our students graduating with confidence and maturity to embrace the challenges that lie beyond the school gates. We provide our students with a balanced education through extensive academic and co-curricular opportunities. Students are supported and encouraged to explore a wide range of programs as they develop their skills in an environment of dynamic, engaged learning

Opportunity classes for academically able students in Years 5 and 6 offer extension and enrichment programs.

## **High Quality Teaching**

At Neutral Bay Public School, we have a passionate and dedicated team of teachers who nurture a learning culture that celebrates creativity, engagement and critical thinking. Our professional standards are deeply embedded in best practice, and we actively seek to share our expertise and resources to create a vibrant educational community.

Staff look for occasions to establish deep understanding and make learning connections across all aspects of the curriculum—through an integrated approach and investigative opportunities.

Our teachers recognise that efforts to continually improve student learning must be supported by quality training and development for staff and strong, productive partnerships with parents. With this in mind, we aim to create a community in which teachers and parents work together to achieve the best possible outcome for students.

## **Consistently High Results**

Neutral Bay Public School students consistently achieve top results in national and state assessments. Year after year, Neutral Bay is one of the top performing state schools in New South Wales, with outstanding success both inside and outside the classroom.

# **Opportunity to Shine**

To ensure a firm foundation for future learning, students participate daily in English and Mathematics lessons, with additional support provided by our Learning Support team. More challenging activities engage students requiring extension and enrichment.

Specialist teachers plan and implement programs in physical education, music, science and languages. Learning is enhanced through the provision of an excellent range of co-curricular activities in public speaking, debating, drama, computer programming, choir, dance, computer programming, environmental awareness, sports and the arts.

## **Student Care and Support**

Students benefit from leadership opportunities and a closely linked wellbeing and academic program. The values of respect, responsibility and personal best are intrinsic to the Neutral Bay experience, and will become character traits that defines your child's time here.

Our Positive Behaviour for Learning program is comprehensive in scope, yet individual in its delivery. It is designed to provide students with the support they require at various stages of their school life. Ultimately, when our students leave Neutral Bay, they are socially and emotionally mature, with the knowledge and experience to make a successful and confident transition to the world beyond the school gates.

We welcome you to join our community as parents that will lead to your child forging a successful future—a partnership that will see your child's potential nurtured with experiences long remembered.

### **Feedback**

Staff monitor each student's individual progress. Neutral Bay Public School strives to keep parents well informed through formal and informal reporting, twice-yearly reports, parent-teacher interviews, weekly newsletters, our school website, the Primary Parent Planner school appand eCommunications.





## **Balanced Education**

We proudly provide our students with a balanced education through extensive academic and co-curricular opportunities. Students are supported and encouraged to explore a wide variety of programs as they develop their skills in an environment of dynamic, engaged learning.

#### Α

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures
- Asia and Australia's engagement with Asia

#### C

- Civics and citizenship
- Creative Arts: Dance, Drama, Music
   & Visual Arts
- Critical & Creative thinking

## D

- Difference and diversity
- English: Speaking & Listening;
  Writing & Representing;
  Handwriting & Using Digital
  Technologies; Reading & Viewing;
  Spelling; Grammar; Punctuation
  & Vocabulary; Thinking
  Imaginatively; Creatively &
  Expressively; Expressing Themselves
  and Reflecting on Learning
- Ethical understanding

#### G

Geography

H

History

#### L

- Information and communication technology capability
- Intercultural understanding

#### M

 Mathematics: Number & Algebra, Measurement & Geometry and Statistics & Probability

#### P

- Personal Development,
   Health & Physical Education
   (PDHPE): Active Lifestyle,
   Dance, Gymnastics, Growth &
   Development, Games & Sports
   Interpersonal Relationships,
   Personal Health Choices & Safe
   Living
- Personal and social capability

#### S

Science: Working Scientifically,
Working Technologically,
Physical World, Earth & Space,
Living World, Material World,
Built Environments, Information &
Products



## **Our Mission**

We remain committed to providing a quality education for all students in a caring environment and preparing each student for an active, productive and meaningful participation in future society, work, leisure and learning. The work of this school is carried out in close partnership with parents

# Our Vision

Our vision is to develop each child's academic, social, creative, physical, cultural and citizenship ability.

Neutral Bay Public School's strategic vision reflects modern shifts in learning environments and technology. Neutral Bay strives to anticipate and lead these changes while nurturing our students to their potential.

## Our Values

# 'The Bay Way'

Three important values reflect our commitment to developing a passion for learning and scholarship, a strong sense of worth and the desire to contribute to the local and global community.

RESPECT
RESPONSIBILITY
PERSONAL BEST





# **Opportunity To Shine: Sport**

Your children may be the elite athlete of tomorrow, or they may not. Through their years at Neutral Bay Public School, they will develop a healthy confidence in their own self, a respect for maintaining a healthy lifestyle and an ability to care for mind and body.

Students new to our school quickly perceive the unique Neutral Bay spirit that envelopes the school community. At Neutral Bay, there are many opportunities for students to display their leadership skills, develop teamwork and achieve their personal best.

There are many opportunities for those who want to participate just for the joy of belonging to a team, right through to elite athletes who proudly represent at zone, state or even at national level in their chosen sport.

Children from Kindergarten to Year 2 at Neutral Bay take part in weekly sports lessons taught by specialist teachers.

Students from Years 3-6 participate on a rotating basis in an age-appropriate sporting program, learning fundamental skills and the following sports:

- Aerobics
- AFL
- Athletics
- Basketball
- Cricket
- Cross Country

- Dancing
- Fitness Classes
- Netball
- Newcombe Ball/ Volleyball
- Rugby League/Union

- Soccer
- Softball/Tee ball
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Taekwondo
- Yoga

Local community venues including Forsyth Park, Cammeray Oval, Primrose Park and Willoughby Leisure Centre are used. During summer and winter seasons, students are given the opportunity to participate in the local Primary Schools Sports Association (PSSA) in soccer, netball and tee ball. School-based Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country Carnivals are held annually in which all primary students participate. Successful competitors are selected to compete in zone and regional carnivals.

In every sport, teachers and coaches encourage the values of teamwork, sportsmanship and commitment-valuable character traits that will stand our students in good stead for the rest of their lives.

# **Performing Arts**

At Neutral Bay, we recognise that well-rounded children have many cultural and artistic abilities that can be developed both inside and outside the classroom.

#### Music

Neutral Bay Public School's music program is first class and an integral part of life at our school.

Students from Grade 3 and above can participate in one of three bands— Junior, Senior and Concert. Each is graded to allow musicians to work together at the appropriate level of performance, allowing for differing levels of experience and competence.

Students can be involved in music through string ensembles, Junior and Senior choirs, and private instrument lessons. In addition, the school hosts a co-curricular Glee Club.

Our strong tradition in music is reflected in our school assemblies, concerts and annual participation in district and state performances. Class-based music programs, taught by specialist Music teachers, include instruction in dance, singing, recorder and percussion.

#### Drama

Our biennial school musical productions and yearly grade concerts are a dynamic tribute to the expertise and devotion to the Performing Arts within our school. These productions are invaluable opportunities to learn aspect of production, from auditioning and rehearsing to designing sets and stage management.

The professional level of these events are a source of great pride for the whole Neutral Bay Public School community.

#### **Dance**

All children at Neutral Bay take part in dance activities as part of the curriculum. Children are encouraged to join our co-curricular dance troupes for both girls and boys, where they learn, develop and refine their dance technique. We regularly compete in the Sydney North Dance Festival at the Glen Street Theatre. We also take part in the annual Schools Spectacular.





# **Parent Partnerships**

When your children start school at Neutral Bay, parents have the opportunity to join various support groups. At general meetings, parents are encouraged to take on an active role in school life.

#### **School Council**

The School Council plays an important role in bringing together members of the school and parent community.

Its charter is to collaborate with parents and staff in the formation of policy direction for the school. The School Council does not make decisions on short term, daily management issues. Rather, it focuses on significant school-wide issues and overall policies and educational directions.

The School Council meets twice each term and elections are held in March.

## Parents & Citizens Association (P&C)

All parents are welcome to be members of the P&C Association, which promotes networks of friendship and support within the school community.

It is a monthly forum for discussion of educational, social and welfare aspects of the school. The P&C also co-ordinate social functions and fundraising events, and support the organisation of official school events, such as the annual Welcome Party held at the beginning of the year. This event gives parents and staff members an opportunity to come together in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

P&C fundraising activities contribute significantly to the school's annual budget and are important community building initiatives. The success of the P&C depends on volunteer parent participation and we encourage all parents to become involved.

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month from 7:30pm in the Music Room. Elections are held annually in November.

#### **Class Coordinators**

Class coordinators organise social functions and other official communications that involve all of the parents relevant to their child's class. The P&C, in conjunction with the Principal, help oversee the class coordinators and help co-ordinate their activities.



# **Technology**

In our global environment, technology is inspiring significant changes in teaching and learning, and equipping students with new skills. Students need proficiency in digital literacy, while critical thinking and creative problem solving remain essential in cooperative and collaborative learning environments

Our aim at Neutral Bay Public School is to prepare students from Kindergarten to Year 6 for a global and digitally connected world, in which technology is an essential and part of daily life. Educational technology, thoughtfully and appropriately used, enhances the learning experiences of all students. Our teachers use technology to facilitate high quality teaching and learning and fully engage students.

Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 have access to a variety of new technologies. Classrooms are equipped with a bank of desktop computers, interactive SMART Boards, data projectors and secure wireless and internet access. Students from Kindergarten to Year 4 also enjoy access to iPads and dedicated laptops as part of their learning.

A school owned 1:1 device program is operated in Years 5–6. Students are allocated an iPad in Year 5 and keep this device until the end of Year 6. Specialist Lego robotics software is installed onto iPads in Year 6, as students design, build and program a Lego EV3 robot in class.

Technology at Neutral Bay Public School provides a wonderful opportunity for all students to enrich their learning from Kindergarten to Year 6.





Neutral Bay Public School conducts tours of the school and open days throughout the year.

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