



The Bay Times

Neutral Bay School News
Term 1 - Week 2 2019



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Monday 4 February	Junior Band Chess	7.55am 3.15pm
Tuesday 5 February	Senior Band Concert Band	8.00am 12.40pm
Wednesday 6 February	Chamber Group Orchestra Junior Band	7.00am 8.00am 11.50am
Thursday 7 February	Concert Band	7.55am
Friday 8 February	Senior Band	7.55am

Term 1 - Week 3 2019

Monday 11 February	Junior Band Senior Band Chess Year 4 Parent Night Year 5 Parent Night Year 2 Parent Night	7.55am 12.40pm 3.15pm 6.00pm 6.30pm 7.00pm
Tuesday 12 February	Senior Band Junior Choir (Year 4) Auditions Concert Band Year 3 Parent Night Year 6 Parent Night	8.00am 8.00am 12.40pm 6.00pm 6.30pm
Wednesday 13 February	Swimming Carnival Chamber Group Orchestra Dance auditions Junior Band Kindergarten Parent Night Year 1 Parent Night	7.00am 8.00am 8.00am 11.50am 6.00pm 6.30pm
Thursday 14 February	Concert Band	7.55am
Friday 15 February	Senior Band	7.55am

Term Dates

2019	TERM 1: Wednesday 30 January - Friday 12 April
	TERM 2: Tuesday 30 April - Friday 5 July
	TERM 3: Tuesday 23 July - Friday 27 September
	TERM 4: Monday 14 October - Friday 20 December



Principal's News

Welcome to our Year 5 OC Class

On Thursday, the Year 5 OC class commenced and I would like to congratulate our new students for their enthusiastic and positive attitude towards starting at their new school. Ms Alison Taylor is the Year 5 OC teacher this year.

Welcome Kindergarten 2019

126 new Kindergarten students commenced school on Monday following their Best Start assessments. We have 6 Kindergarten classes this year. Starting school is such an important milestone in the life of both children and parents. We look forward to sharing many exciting and rewarding years with all our new Kindergarten students and their families.

P&C Meeting

The first P & C Meeting for the year will be held on Wednesday 20 February at 7.30pm in the Music Room. I encourage parents to attend the meeting so that you can support your child/children by gaining information about what is going on at the school and meet other parents. Every small contribution you make to our school is highly valued by parents, staff and of course, the students. I look forward to meeting many parents at the first meeting.

Parent Information Nights

Parent Information Nights will be held next week to welcome you to the new school year and provide a range of information. The Information Nights will be held on the following evenings:

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| • Kindergarten | Wednesday 13 February 6.00pm |
| • Year 1 | Wednesday 13 February 6.30pm |
| • Year 2 | Monday 11 February 7.00pm |
| • Year 3 | Tuesday 12 February 6.00pm |
| • Year 4 | Monday 11 February 6.00pm |
| • Year 5 | Monday 11 February 6.30pm |
| • Year 6 | Tuesday 12 February 6.30pm |

Scripture and Ethics Classes

Scripture and Ethics classes will commence on Wednesday 20th February. Students will remain in the same classes they were allocated to in 2018. However, if you wish to change your child's Scripture or Ethics class please contact the office via email: neutralbay-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Dance Auditions

There is an audition for Year 5 and 6 students who wish to be considered for participation in dance this year. The audition will take place in the school hall on Wednesday 13 February at 7.30am. Please note this is also the day of the swimming carnival. A short dance will be shown at the audition and then the children will be evaluated on their ability to demonstrate this dance to the teachers.

Band Auditions and Rehearsals

Current and prospective band members can attend auditions this week on Wednesday 6 February at 12.30pm and Thursday 7 February at 8.50am. Rehearsal times are:

Junior Band - Wednesday 11.50am - 12.30pm
Concert Band - Thursday 7.55am - 8.50am

There is information on the Neutral Bay Public School website regarding what is expected at an audition. Go to: Learning at our school > Creative arts > Band

Choir

Junior choir (Years 3 and 4) have been accepted into the Primary Proms concert series. Senior Choir (Years 5 and 6) have been accepted into the Opera House concert series for 2019. Both choirs require students to be auditioned. For those who do not get a place in either of these choirs or do not wish to audition, there will be a choir called the 'Bay Choir' open to all interested students.

Swimming Carnival

We look forward to our school Swimming Carnival to be held at North Sydney Pool next Wednesday 13 February. Information and permission notes have been sent home. The students may enter races in freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly. It is also a great opportunity to show our house spirit and support all the students. Novelty events will be held for students in Years 3-6 who are not able to swim 50m. Parents and friends are welcome to attend the carnival.

Skoolbag App

We are currently transitioning to a new school communication platform called 'Skoolbag'. This communication platform will take the place of 'Primary Parent Planner'. This week we will be organising the newsletter, calendars and forms to go on this platform. Please watch the newsletter for information on how to access Skoolbag'.

<https://moqproducts.com.au/skoolbag/installation-instructions/>

School Council Parent Representative Vacancy

The school council is looking to welcome another new parent representative to be elected at the next P&C Meeting. This will be held on Wednesday 20 February at 7.30pm in the Music Room.

The council has been very active in the past few years assisting the executive and the school across a range of issues, including road safety works near the school, transport issues and working with the NSW government and education department to consider the future needs of the school. The coming years should be interesting with the recent announcement by the NSW Government that Neutral Bay Public School will be prioritised for planning a school upgrade.

The council is a friendly, collegiate body that usually meets twice a term on a Wednesday before school.

If you are interested, please submit a [nomination form](#) to the Returning Officer, Victor Tan. To nominate, you need to be a member of the P&C and your nomination must be seconded by a member of the P&C. If you are not currently a member of the P&C, please contact Jenny Spillane on nbpsspandctreasurer@gmail.com to become a member. Nominations should be received by 19 February 2019.

In the event there is more than one nomination, nominees will be required to provide the Returning Officer with an outline of the reason for the nominee's interest and provide some background on their relevant skills and capabilities. This is to allow P&C members the opportunity to review and vote for their preferred nominee at the P&C meeting on 20 February 2019.

Road Safety Message

Thank you to North Sydney Council for providing information regarding parking offences around schools. Please read their message on page 7 of this newsletter.

Welcome Drinks

We look forward to the Parent Welcome Drinks which will be held on Friday 1 March at 6.00pm.

School Family Picnic

The School Family Picnic will be held on Friday 29 March from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. Please note this date in your diary.

Neutral Bay Public School Facebook

The Neutral Bay Facebook Closed Group is proving to be a fun and exciting avenue to share news with our school community. The 'likes' keep on coming in and we enjoy posting news out to you! If you would like to join this forum, then please follow the steps below:

1. Create a Facebook account or login in to an existing account
2. In the search bar at the top of your screen type in "Neutral Bay Public School"



3. Under the subheading of "Groups" request to "Join" our Group



4. Keep an eye on your messenger inbox as we will send you a verification message

We hope to see many more members this term!

Stage News

This year in most editions of our Newsletter information from each stage will be included. This section will provide you with valuable information on what is happening on your child's stage. Thank you to the teachers for providing this information.

Mobile Phones

We understand in some circumstances students will need to bring a mobile phone to school. As part of this, students during the day must keep the phone turned off and in their bag. During the school day, students are not permitted to make or take calls, send or receive texts or take photographs with the phone. If your child needs to contact you during the day, the class teacher will organise office staff to do this.

Judy Goodsell
Principal

Staff News

Congratulations to Mrs Alexis Mockford on the birth of her daughter. Edie Noelle Mockford was born on Wednesday 23 January, weighing 3.2kg. Wishing you all the very best, and we can't wait to meet her!





Neutral Bay Public School Calendar - Term 1, 2019

Excellence, Innovation and Opportunity

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
FEB 2	4 • Kindergarten commence school - A-K 9.30am, L-Z 10.00am	5	6	7	8
FEB 3	11 • Year 4 Parent Information Night 6.00pm • Year 5 Parent Information Night 6.30pm • Year 2 Parent Information Night 7.00pm	12 • Year 3 Parent Information Night 6.00pm • Year 6 Parent Information Night 6.30pm	13 • Swimming Carnival • Dance audition 7.30am • Kindergarten Parent Information Night 6.00pm • Year 1 Parent Information Night 6.30pm	14	15
FEB 4	18	19	20 • School Council AGM 8.00am • Scripture/Ethics commences • Class/Grade Coordinator Meeting 6.30pm • P&C Meeting 7.30pm	21 • Kindergarten Parent Reading Session 9.30am	22 • PSSA commences
FEB /MAR 5	25 • Wellbeing Week	26 • Selective High School Information Morning 8.00am	27	28	1 • Clean Up Schools Day • PSSA • Welcome Drinks 6.00pm-9.00pm
MAR 6	4	5	6	7 • School Photographs	8 • PSSA • Zone Swimming Carnival
MAR 7	11 • Family Photographs	12	13 • Cybersafety parent presentation 6.00-7.15pm • P&C 7.30pm	14 • Selective High Test • School Tour 10.00am	15 • PSSA
MAR 8	18	19	20 • Harmony Day	21	22 • PSSA
MAR 9	25 • Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held this week	26	27 • School Council 8.00am	28 • Regional Swimming	29 • PSSA • School Family Picnic 6.00-8.00pm
APR 10	1	2	3 • Year 5 Camp • K-2 Combined Assembly 2.20pm	4 • OC Information Session (Year 4 Parents) 8.00am	5 • PSSA • Year 5 Camp
APR 11	8 • 3-6 Combined Assembly 9.30am	9 • Year 3 Parent NAPLAN Meeting 8.00am • Winning House Day	10 • Kindergarten Letterland Day • State Swimming	11 • State Swimming • Grandfriends' Day	12 • PSSA • Years 1 & 2 Easter Hat Parade • ANZAC Service • Last day of Term 1

Term 2, 2018 – School resumes on Tuesday 30 April for students.

Stage News

Kindergarten News

We have had a fantastic start to our first week at school.

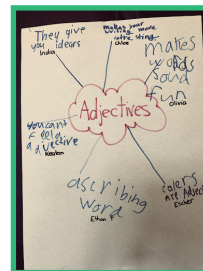
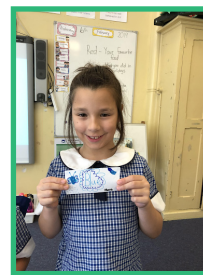
We are working hard at learning the rules and routines. Everyone is getting to know one another and many new friendships have been made already.

As this week also marks the beginning of the Year of the Pig in the Chinese zodiac, we made a work of art to celebrate.



Stage 1 News (Years 1 & 2)

This week, Year 2 began our unit on Descriptive Writing through the text 'Zog' by Julia Donaldson. We began by looking at adjectives and how we can use these words effectively in our writing. In 2R, we brainstormed all the things we know about adjectives and created a class anchor chart. We then used this knowledge to work with a team and sort some words into adjectives and nouns. Finally, we wrote and illustrated our own adjectives for our word wall. We can't wait to start using these in our writing in class!



Ms S. Cooper- KC Class Teacher

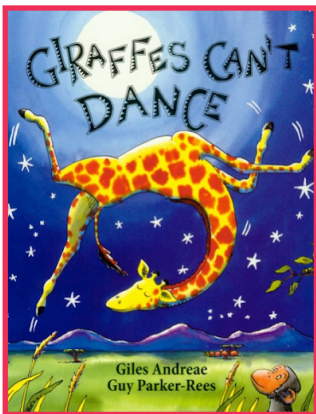
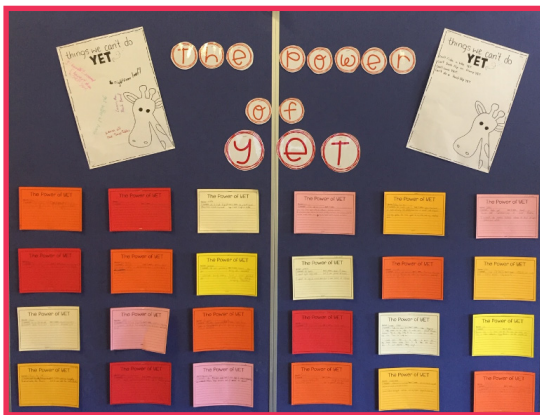
Miss B. Reid - 2R Class Teacher

Stage News

Stage 2 News (Years 3 & 4)

4C have had a wonderful time settling in to school this past week. Our focus for the start of the year has been about understanding “What makes a good learner?” and how we can demonstrate this. We read Giles Andreae and Guy Parker-Ree’s book ‘Giraffes Can’t Dance’ and discussed how Gerald adopted a Growth Mindset in order to overcome his perceived inability to dance. We then chatted about ways we at Neutral Bay Public School could adopt a similar persona and linked this to our two learning dispositions that have been introduced. We discussed how being resilient and persevering like Tank the Turtle is an important part of overcoming those obstacles when we are learning something new. We also discussed that we often need to be creative and think outside the box like Buddy the Octopus.

We continued our dialogue about Growth Mindset by establishing that it is okay not to be able to do something the first time. That is the purpose of taking the time to learn new skills. We decided that we were going to introduce the word YET into our vocabulary, as it is okay not to be able to do something YET and set some of our own personal Power of YET goals.



Miss A. Cohn - 4C Class Teacher

Stage 3 News (Years 5 & 6)

Battle of the Books

This year, 6M is participating in a reading competition called Battle of the Books. This is a competition that aims to:

- Encourage and share the love of reading
- Stimulate reading beyond student's individual choices
- Provide an opportunity to compete on a non-sports team
- Recognise and reward the value of teamwork and cooperation

Each student in 6M has been placed in a group of 5 students. Each student has chosen books to read from a provided list of 15 book titles, making sure that all books have been read by at least one student in their group.

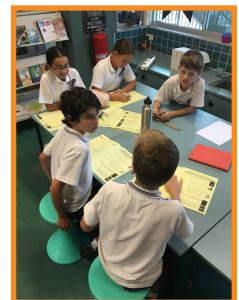
Each group is responsible for making sure that each group member reads the correct number of books and the correct titles by Monday, Week 11.

As students read each title, they need to write questions that their group can use to prepare for the class final.

All class teams will participate in the Battle of the Books final in Week 11. All teams are asked a question simultaneously. In Round One, teams have up to 20 seconds to huddle and consider their answer. When teams are ready to answer, they will enter their response using the app Kahoot! From Round Two onwards, teams will not be allowed to confer and students will take turns to individually answer questions on behalf of their team.

Every team member receives a certificate for participating in the competition. The winning team will win book prizes.

We are well underway with our reading and we are VERY motivated!



Miss K. Murray - 6M Class Teacher

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Before and After School Activities 2019

Room	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
HALL	Junior Band 7.45am-9am	Senior Band 7.45am-9am	Senior Dance 8am-9am	Concert Band 7.45-9am	Senior Band 7.45am-9am
		Concert Band 12.40pm-1.30pm	Junior Band 11.40am-12.30pm		
	OOSH 3.15pm-6pm	OOSH 3.15pm-6pm	OOSH 3.15pm-6pm	OOSH 3.15pm-6pm	OOSH 3.15pm-6pm
VARIOUS ROOMS	Chess (Jnr Lib, 4C, 4R) 3.15pm-4.15pm	Chinese School (1T) 3.30pm-5pm	Chinese School (1T) 3.30pm-5pm	French 8am-9am (6B)	Bay Choir 8am-9am
	Flute 2V 3.30-5.30pm	Guitar (Boardroom) 3.30pm-6.30pm	Flute (Boardroom) 3.30pm-5.30pm	Flute (Boardroom) 3.30pm-5.30pm	Flute (Boardroom) 3.30pm-5.30pm
	Percussion (Hall Annexe) 3.15pm-8pm	Percussion (Hall Annexe) 3.15pm-8pm		Brass (4A) 3.15pm-5.15pm	Code4fun (3S and 6F) 3.30pm-5.40pm
OOSH OFFICE	Ray Hampton 9am-12.30pm	Ray Hampton 9am-12.30pm	Ray Hampton 9am-12.30pm	Ray Hampton 9am-12.30pm	
MUSIC ROOM			Chamber Group 7am-8am	French 8am-9am	Senior Choir 8am-9am
			Orchestra 8am-9am		
	Kids Up Front 3.30pm-6.30pm	D Secombe String/Piano 3.30pm-5.30pm	D Secombe String / Piano 3.30pm-5.30pm	VIP Music 3.15pm-4.45pm	Kids Up Front 3.30pm-6.30pm
JUNIOR LIBRARY	Spanish 7.45am-8.45am	Junior Choir 8am-9am			Spanish 7.45am-8.45am
	Chess 3.15-4.15pm				

Activity	Name/Company	Phone Number	Email	Room
OOSH	OOSH	9953 9366	info@nbcag.com.au	OOSH/Hall
BRASS	Angus Gomm	0490791377	angusgomm@gmail.com	4A
CHESS	Sydney Academy of Chess (Brett Tindal)	9745 1170	admin.sydneyacademy@gmail.com	Junior Library 4C & 4R
CHINESE	Chinese Cultural School (Bin Lin)	0403 598 635	binl99@gmail.com	1T
CODING	Code4fun (Grigory Punanov) (Lena)	0452 525 453 0452 525 756	info@code4fun.com.au	3S & 6F
CONDUCTORS	Ray Hampton (Concert & Junior) Luis Madrid (Senior) Rachel Miller (Orchestra /Senior Chamber)	0430 155 722 0468 326 477 0429 882 066	rnr108@yahoo.com.au luisfernandomadrid@gmail.com millersmusicstudio@live.com	Hall Music Room OOSH Office Ray Hampton
DRAMA	Kids Up Front (Karin Clifford)	0417 432 002	Karin@kidsupfront.com.au	Music
FLUTE	Alex Castle	0415 842 141	alexandra.b.castle@gmail.com	Boardroom/2V
FRENCH	Le French (Delphine Banse)	0420 242 974	delphine.banse@lefrench.com.au	6B Music
GUITAR	Joseph Zarb	0404 367 608	josephzarb@hotmail.com	Boardroom
KEYBOARDS	VIP Music Keyboard (Ursula Koh)	9411 3122	vipmusic@iinet.net.au	Music Room
PERCUSSION	Patricia Borrell	0420 421 764	patriciaborrell@gmail.com	Hall Annexe
SPANISH	Maria Fernanda Lugo	0416 866 214	spanishschool@gmail.com	Junior Library
STRING /PIANO	Dorothy Sercombe	0418 216 278	dorothysercombe@aol.com	Music Room

PARKING OFFENCES AROUND SCHOOLS

Our community wants children to be safe around schools and the management of parking plays a significant role in achieving that safety goal. To help create a safe environment for children North Sydney Council officers will patrol all school zones as often as possible and will take enforcement action against any driver who is seen not complying with the rules applicable to parking. In 2016, North Sydney Council Rangers and Parking Officers issued more than 1,130 penalty notices to vehicles that were illegally parked in school zones. In 2017 this figure was 700.

The four main parking offences seen around schools in the North Sydney area by Council Rangers and Parking Officers are:

(1) Stop on or near a pedestrian crossing in a school zone.

Penalty: \$440.00 PLUS 2 demerit points.

- A vehicle must not stop on or near a pedestrian crossing unless there is a person about to cross or on the crossing or the moving traffic ahead prevents the vehicle from moving forward.
- It is not an excuse to be waiting for a place at a kerb as this can cause drivers behind to overtake.
- This practice is extremely dangerous to pedestrians using the crossing as they are hidden by the illegally parked car and other drivers cannot see them.

(2) Double Park in a school zone.

Penalty: \$337.00 PLUS 2 demerit points.

A vehicle must not stop on a road beside another vehicle parked on that road unless prevented by traffic ahead.

- If there is no available parking, a driver must not stop beside other parked cars to let people get in or out of their vehicle.
- This action may provide shelter for the person getting in or out of the vehicle but significantly increases the risk to other drivers who need to overtake the double parked car and to pedestrians trying to cross a road with their line of sight blocked by the illegally parked vehicle.

(3) Disobey "No Stopping" sign in a school zone.

Penalty: \$337.00 PLUS 2 demerit points.

- A driver must not stop in a No Stopping zone for any reason. No Stopping zones are in place to allow lines of sight for drivers and pedestrians and stopping in these places around schools can hide children from driver's view and also hide moving vehicles from the view of children crossing the road.
- It is extremely dangerous to stop in a No Stopping zone.

(4) Disobey "No Parking" sign in a school zone.

Penalty: \$187.00 PLUS 2 demerit points.

- A driver must not stop their vehicle in a "No Parking" zone unless they are dropping off or picking up passengers or goods within the "required time" and must not leave their vehicle unattended.
- A vehicle is unattended if the driver is more than three (3) meters from the vehicle.
- The "required time" is two (2) minutes. If a driver holds and displays a mobility parking scheme permit, then the "required time" is extended to five minutes [5].
- After the expiry of the required time the vehicle must leave the zone or risk being infringed.
- These zones are usually in place to allow fast pick up and drop off of passengers – particularly in school zones. Vehicles that exceed the "No Parking" restrictions have a significant knock-on effect of causing other vehicles arriving to double park and stop on crossings whilst trying to pick up their child because they have to queue behind illegally parked cars.
- The action of parking for longer than permitted in these pick up and set down zones is the root cause of all other issues that place significant risk on the safety of children around schools.
- If a driver does not see the child waiting on the footpath they wish to pick up they should consider other drivers and not park at the kerb until their child is seen to be ready to be picked up.

Other offences to be aware of around school zones are:

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| ▪ Stop in a bus zone in a school zone: | Penalty \$337.00 PLUS 2 demerit points |
| ▪ Stop on the footpath or strip in a school zone: | Penalty \$337.00 PLUS 2 demerit points |
| ▪ Stop on or across driveway in a school zone: | Penalty \$337.00 PLUS 2 demerit points. |

These penalties are imposed by the NSW Government.

A driver committing just two offences in a school zone each term for the first three terms may lose their license before the start of the fourth term.

When parking in school zones please remember,

"Safety for everyone before convenience for you".

P&C News

A message from the P&C President, Sharmila Soorian

Happy New Year to all the new & old families and a very warm welcome to a new exciting year at Neutral Bay Public School. The NBPS P&C Association has another busy and eventful year planned to support our School and the children. Perhaps you are able to assist in one of the many activities? The P&C runs the Canteen, Uniform Shop, Band & Orchestra, P&C Events and coordinates many fundraising activities, which directly benefit the School.

What is a P&C Association?

A P&C Association is a school-based organisation consisting of parents, teachers and citizens residing within the School drawing enrolment area. P&C Associations are established to:

- promote the interest of the School by bringing parents, citizens, students and teaching staff into close co-operation;
- assist in providing facilities and equipment for the School and promoting the recreation and welfare of the students at the School;
- encourage parent and community participation in curriculum and other education issues in schools; and
- assist and co-operate with teaching staff at public functions associated with the School.

What we do

Over the years the P&C, together with the School, have been able to raise enough funds to see the implementation of Smart Boards and air conditioners to classrooms. We have assisted in the development and finishing touches to the Hall. We most recently helped to update student computers throughout the School, and helped fund the refurbishment of the Library.

We have an annual financial commitment to the School which includes supporting the Music and Science programs, teaching aids and materials.

The P&C hosts the Kindergarten Orientation and Open Day mornings, as well as an Evening Drinks to welcome new parents. Some of our yearly events are the Raffle, Discos, Mother's Day Stall, Carnivals and Father's Day Breakfast to name a few.

The Uniform Shop and Second Hand Uniform Shop are staffed by volunteers who work to ensure we can supply the students with a full range of uniforms in the one convenient location.

How can you help?

If you are interested in joining the P&C or just assisting with any of our events, you are welcome to come along to a meeting – the dates are advertised in the weekly school newsletter, or you can contact the Secretary or President with any enquiries. New members to the P&C are always welcome and encouraged. We hope to attract a cross-section of the School community, with the idea that different people are able to contribute in different ways. Please know that P&C Members are not expected to turn up to every meeting nor assist with every activity.

All of the P&C office bearers and parents who help out at the School (except the employees of the Canteen and Uniform Shop) are all volunteers. There is a Code of Conduct (copy available on the P&C Website) which was resolved and implemented by the P&C in 2012 which applies to all volunteers, members and employees of the P&C Association. The Code of Conduct is based on the following fundamental ethical principles:

- tolerance of the views held by others which are different from your own
- courtesy and responsiveness in dealing with others
- not discriminating on grounds such as gender, sexual orientation, race, ability, cultural background, religious status, marital status, age or political conviction
- an awareness and respect for cultural difference
- engaging in rational debate allowing for alternative points of view to be expressed
- not engaging in behaviour that might reasonably be perceived as harassment, bullying or intimidation

The following is the parent contact list for our P&C Committee members. Note, there are still a number of positions vacant for which we would love to welcome new volunteers. If you are interested in any of the vacant roles, please contact our P&C President at the email address below.

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Position	Name	Email Address
President	Sharmila Soorian	nbpspandcpresident@gmail.com
Vice President	Tim Hawes	nbpspandvicepresident@gmail.com
Vice President	VACANT	
Secretary	VACANT	nbpspandcsecretary@gmail.com
Treasurer	Jenny Spillane	nbpspandctreasurer@gmail.com
Assistant Treasurer	VACANT	nbpsassttreasurer@gmail.com
Canteen Coordinator	VACANT	nbpscanteen@gmail.com
Uniform Shop Coordinator	Sarah Wilson-Brown	nbpsuniformshop@gmail.com
Fundraising and Events	Jane Stevens	nbpspandcevents@gmail.com
Communications	Rebecca Anderson	nbpspandccommunications.com
Band Coordinator	VACANT	nbpspandcband@gmail.com
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Save the dates!

The following are some planned events over the next few weeks (more details provided below)

- Wednesday 20 February, 6:30-7:30pm – Year and Class Coordinator Info Session (Music Room)
- Wednesday 20 February, 7:30pm – P&C Meeting (Music Room)
- Friday 1 March, 6-9pm – Parent & Staff Welcome Drinks (parents & staff only)
- Friday 29 March, 6-8pm – School Family Picnic (whole family)

Year/Class Coordinator Information Session

Wednesday 20 February 2019

6.30pm - 7.30pm in the school music room

This introductory meeting is for anyone who has volunteered for or is interested in learning more about the roles of Year Coordinator and Class Coordinator in 2019.

Parent & Staff Welcome Drinks

Friday 1 March 2019

Time: 6pm – 9pm

Please join us for an evening at the School Hall to welcome new and old parents/carers to a new year at Neutral Bay Public. This is a free event hosted by the P&C.

Please RSVP before Friday 22 February by using the following link: <https://goo.gl/PrB4eS>

Child minding is also available on the night from 6-9pm. Children over the age of 4 are all welcome and must be toilet trained. Cost is \$15 per child for the whole time. Please click on this link to book and pay for the babysitting only. <https://www.trybooking.com/BASFD>

School Family Picnic

Friday 29 March 2019

6pm-8pm

Disco, Sausage Sizzle, bring a rug, a picnic dinner (if you like), and catch up with old friends and new!

P&C Meeting dates for 2019

We also invite everyone to join us at the P&C meetings throughout the year. This is a great opportunity to have a glass of wine and some nibbles while you hear updates from Ms Goodsell about the school, and from the P&C committee about planned events. It's also a chance for you to voice your own thoughts.

Meetings take place from 7:30pm in the school Music Room. Below are the planned P&C meeting dates for the year.

	P&C Meeting Dates
1.	20 February 2019
2.	13 March 2019
3.	15 May 2019
4.	12 June 2019
5.	7 August 2019
6.	11 September 2019
7.	16 October 2019
8.	20 November 2019
9.	11 December 2019 (reserve)

Volunteers - We Need You in 2019

There are so many places you can help at our school. Whether once a week or once a year, everyone's contribution is valuable and welcome! Here's a quick guide to some volunteering roles – if you'd like to help out in any capacity in 2019, please go to the link below and tick the relevant boxes. We'll be in touch to let you know what to do next. <https://bit.ly/2DUtyKE>

Year and Class Coordinator

Year coordinators are the main contact between the P&C and the parent body (via class coordinators) for school events. Each Year coordinator is responsible for working with the P&C Events Officer to organise one event during the year (e.g. Grandfriends Day or Mother's Day Breakfast). These are well-supported roles that suit good communicators with regular access to email.

Class coordinator is a fun, easy role that suits anyone with an email.

Class coordinators work with their Year coordinator and class teacher, helping to pull together social and fundraising events via class contact lists. They assist their teacher in contacting parents if help is needed in the classroom or on excursions, pass on information from the P&C, and maintain class contact lists. This is a role that suits good communicators with regular access to email. We'd ask that all coordinators try to attend P&C meetings a couple of times a year.

Canteen

Our canteen turns out up to 450 healthy, fresh, home-made lunches a day, with 2 paid staff member and a team of 3-4 volunteer helpers each day. It's fun, well run, and there's no better place to find out what's happening in the school. (And you get a free lunch.) Each class is allocated one week a year – you can find your week allocated in the coming weeks.

Canteen Contact: nbpscanteen@gmail.com

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is a vital fundraiser for the school as we are able to transfer all profits to school programs. The shop is always looking for more helpers, particularly to help fill daily Flexi-Schools orders. Even one shift a term makes a difference.

Uniform Shop Contact: nbpsuniformshop@gmail.com

Events and Fundraising Team

Every year, the P&C raises money for the school to fund Music and Science programs, as well as requested items such as literacy materials, playground equipment and computers. Funding comes from Voluntary Contribution payments, Uniform Shop proceeds and events throughout the school year. All contributions of time and energy are gratefully received.

Events and Fundraising Contact: nbpsandcevents@gmail.com

Band and Orchestra Programs

Neutral Bay Public School offers three bands (Junior, Senior and Concert Band, from Year 3), each conducted by a professional bandmaster. There are also two string orchestras (NBPS Orchestra and Senior Chamber), open to children K-6. Both programs are co-ordinated by parent volunteers.

Band Contact: nbpsbands@gmail.com

Orchestra & Strings Contact: Sharmila Soorian
sharmila.soorian@ihug.com.au

Sydney Interschool Snowsports

Interested in skiing, snowboarding or cross-country and to represent NBPS? This year the Sydney region will be competing at Thredbo in the second week of the July holidays (16-19 July). If you are interested or wanting to know about discounted Thredbo accommodation, please contact Sharmila Soorian on sharmila.soorian@ihug.com.au

Uniform Shop News

We've been busy this week in the Uniform Shop and have run out of medium hats. A new order is expected within a fortnight. Any recent orders of medium hats will be delivered to the child's classroom as usual once the hats are back in stock. Alternatively, we have small, large and extra large in store now. If you'd like to one of these instead, please email the uniform shop at nbpsuniformshop@gmail.com

Sarah

Uniform Shop Coordinator

Parents, Carers and Teachers please join us for...



2019 Welcome Drinks & Nibbles!

This is a great opportunity to mingle with teachers and fellow parents in a relaxed setting.

Date:	Friday 1 March 2019
Time:	6.00pm - 9.00pm
Location:	The School Hall
Dress:	Come as you are

Enjoy complimentary beer, wine and soft drink, as well as light finger food at this free event paid for by the NBPS Parents & Citizens (P&C).

RSVP's are essential, by Friday 22 February

Please use the following link:

<https://goo.gl/PrB4eS>

Thanks to our Year 6 parent volunteers for their contribution and the P & C committee for organising this event. Child minding is available at Before and After School Care. Please book and pay at Before and After School Care by Friday 22 February 2019.



