



The Bay Times

Neutral Bay School News
Term 1 - Week 3 2019



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Monday 11 February	Junior Band Year 4 Parent Night Year 5 Parent Night Year 2 Parent Night	7.55am 6.00pm 6.30pm 7.00pm
Tuesday 12 February	Senior Band Junior Choir Auditions (Year 4) Year 3 Parent Night Year 6 Parent Night	7.55am 8.00am 6.00pm 6.30pm
Wednesday 13 February	Swimming Carnival Chamber Group Orchestra Dance auditions (Years 5 & 6) 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 1 - Week 4 2019

Monday 18 February	Junior Band	7.55am
Tuesday 19 February	Senior Band Concert Band	7.55am 12.40pm
Wednesday 20 February	Chamber Group Orchestra School Council Scripture lessons commence Junior Band Class/Grade Coordinator Meeting P&C Meeting	7.00am 8.00am 8.00am 9.10am 11.40am 6.30pm 7.30pm
Thursday 21 February	Concert Band Senior Choir Auditions in 5B Kindy Parent Reading Session	7.55am 8.00am 9.30am
Friday 22 February	Senior Band Senior Choir Auditions (music room)	7.55am 8.00am



Photo of the week: Milla C (1C) in class

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

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Principal's News

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all the swimmers who keenly competed in the swimming carnival today. It was delightful to see our students trying their hardest in the pool, and cheering for their friends and house. It was also wonderful to see so many parents helping, encouraging and supporting the teachers and students. Thank you to Mr Will MacInnes and Mr Rob Kessler for organising the carnival and to the teachers and parents for their assistance in making the day such a memorable one. A full report including the Swimming Carnival results will be included in next week's newsletter.

The North Shore Zone Swimming Carnival will be held at the Drummoyne Swimming Centre on Friday 15 March.

Parent Information Nights

It was wonderful to see so many parents at the Parent Information Nights held on Monday and Tuesday evening. I'm sure you enjoyed meeting your child's class teacher and appreciated receiving important information for the year. We always encourage open communication between parents and teachers. If you have any questions or queries, the classroom teacher should always be your first point of contact.

Thank you to our wonderful classroom teachers and Grade Leaders for working so hard to ensure the Parent Information evenings are valuable. We look forward to the Kindergarten and Year 1 Parent Information sessions being held in classrooms this evening at 6.00pm and 6.30pm respectively.

Kindy Parent Reading Sessions

There will be a Kindergarten Parent Reading Session held on Thursday 21 February at 9.30am in the School Hall. Information provided will assist parents during home reading time to make this a valuable activity.

Selective High School Information Morning

On Tuesday 26 February we will be holding a Selective High School Information Session in the School Hall commencing at 8.00am for parents who have a child in Year 5 this year and are considering applying for a selective high school in 2021.

As part of this session, we will provide information on the purpose of selective high schools, how selection is made and how our school provides ranking information.

House Captains and House Vice-Captains

Congratulations to the 2019 House Captains and Vice-Captains who were presented with their badges at Monday's 3-6 morning assembly. These positions are an important leadership role in the school and I am sure this year's Captains and Vice-Captains will lead their houses in an outstanding way. They are:

Boyd

Captains: Charlie C (6P) and Amelia C (6S)
Vice-Captains: Benji M (6P) and Sahara C (6S)

Gilmore

Captains: Lucas F (6F) and Dimantie E (6P)
Vice-Captains: Jackson S-G (6K) and Olivia D (6K)

Milson

Captains: Zavi G (6P) and Tilly G (6F)
Vice-Captains: Hamish U (6M) and Francoise B (6F)

Warung

Captains: Rylan N (6K) and Sabine S (6P)
Vice-Captains: Nim W (6S) and Anna W (6P)

Class/Grade Coordinator Meeting

Thank you to the parents who have offered to be class and grade coordinators this year. We will be holding a Class/Grade Coordinator meeting on Wednesday 20 February at 6.30pm in the Music Room to outline the coordinator's role.

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.

Scripture and Ethics Classes

Scripture and Ethics classes will commence on Wednesday 20 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

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 to 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 to allow P&C members the opportunity to review and vote for their preferred nominee at the P&C meeting on 20 March 2019.

The next School Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 February at 8.00am in the boardroom.

The School Council AGM will be held on Wednesday 20 March at 8.00pm

Air Conditioning for 12 Classrooms

Cooler Classrooms is a \$500 million, five-year NSW Government-funded program to provide new air conditioning systems for permanent learning spaces and libraries. Neutral Bay Public School has applied for the remaining 12 classrooms that are not air conditioned to have air conditioning installed under this program.

Neutral Bay Public School Traffic Survey

Yesterday a traffic study was undertaken at Neutral Bay Public School as part of the assessment for the building upgrade currently being prepared by School Infrastructure NSW.

The study area/traffic survey scope of works includes parents completing an online survey questionnaire.

The survey questionnaire will provide information regarding how students travelled to the school on Tuesday 12 February 2019 and what measures would encourage them to walk, cycle or bus to school (i.e rather than drive). The link will be active for 2 weeks and I encourage all parents to complete the survey by clicking on the link below.

Parents (on behalf of students): <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WYDSJ9T>

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://www.moqproducts.com.au/skoolbag/installation-instructions/>

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!

Welcome Drinks

We look forward to the P&C's Parent and Staff Welcome Evening, which will be held on Friday 1 March commencing 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.

From North Sydney Council - News

North Sydney Council has always had a progressive approach to creating a smoke-free environment for residents, workers and visitors.

Cigarettes are not only bad for smokers - cigarette butts litter our streets and the second hand smoke is detrimental to everyone's health. It is important that Council creates a safe environment for our community where everyone can enjoy our outdoor open spaces.

After the successful implementation of no smoking zones around the local government area, Council has resolved to continue these efforts and undertake public consultation to determine community support for making the whole of the North Sydney CBD smoke-free, therefore making North Sydney one of the first smoke-free CBDs in Australia. Note: the proposal does not relate to private property, it only relates to public domain that is owned/operated by North Sydney Council.

Brett Whiteley Place and Elizabeth Plaza, in the CBD, have both been self-regulated, smoke-free zones since July 2016 with great success. Ernest Place in the heart of Crows Nest has also been designated a no smoking zone.

This follows on from Council banning smoking in 2011 in several public sites around the LGA, including:

- within ten (10) metres of all children's playgrounds and equipment;
- within ten (10) metres of the boundaries of sportsfields and recreation facilities when sports are being played;
- in all outdoor dining areas on Council owned land; and
- in covered bus shelters and taxi ranks.

In July 2015, the NSW Government implemented a statewide ban on smoking in outdoor dining areas and within four (4) metres of a pedestrian access point to a building.

For further information read the Mayoral Minute (Council Paper) in the document library.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Feedback closes 5pm, 28 February 2019

Have your say online using the online feedback form (below) or alternatively, send submissions to:

Email - yoursay@northsydney.nsw.gov.au

Mail - General Manager
North Sydney Council
PO Box 12
NORTH SYDNEY NSW 2059

For more information, contact Gemma North, Community Engagement Coordinator on 9936 8100.

Judy Goodsell
Principal

Stage News

Kindergarten News

KB have had a very exciting and productive start to the school year. We have enjoyed making lots of new friends, learning about our Kindyland playground and settling into our classroom routines. This week we constructed our very own KB Class Promise display that outlines some of our rules we follow in our classroom and out on the playground.

We have also been participating in lots of fun literacy and numeracy activities using playdough, play foam, magnetic letters, blocks and whiteboards. KB are super excited for the term ahead.



Miss S. Butcher- KB Class Teacher

Stage 1 News (Years 1 & 2)

Buddies

Last week, 1C met their 2019 buddies from 6M. We enjoyed creating these puzzled face artworks with them. Can you recognise us?

What did you like about your new buddy?

Harry: "He helped me out!"

Rex: "I like that we got a new buddy and got to make new friends."

Lilac: "I like that I knew my buddy from last year because she took me to Scripture."

Billi: "I like that she got to know me and liked hanging out with me."

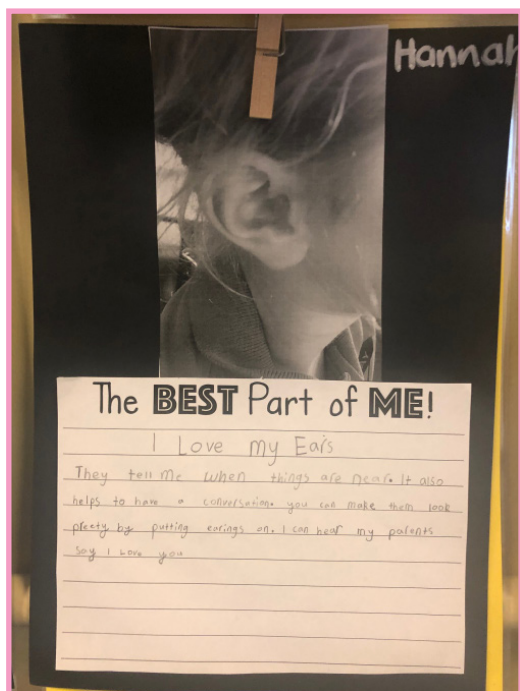


Mrs L. Chapman - 1C Class Teacher

Stage News

Stage 2 News (Years 3 & 4)

This week, 3C have been discussing the best part of them. They listened to the story, 'The Best Part of Me' by Wendy Ewald and then talked about their favourite parts of themselves and why they like them so much. They had lots of different parts that they appreciated about themselves, like their eyes, arms, hands, mouths, legs and feet. They wrote them down and included a photo.



Miss S. Chapple - 3C Class Teacher

Stage 3 News (Years 5 & 6)

5K's Literacy Study - 'Storm Boy' by Colin Thiele

Since Day 1 of the new school year, 5K students have been transfixed by our class literacy study book, "Storm Boy" by Colin Thiele.

The descriptive language is outstanding, as it describes the Coorong and the life Storm boy leads in graphic detail. The characters are very real and you soon grow to love and care for them as the story unfolds. The story takes you on a roller coaster ride of emotions, that pull you in, every time you pick up the book.

The children of 5K have already produced some excellent character studies and some vivid art work. They have also produced spectacular descriptions themselves of the region Storm Boy lives in and researched information about this small section of South Australia.

Their favourite activity has been writing a conversation between Mr Percival and Storm Boy since they had to use their creativity to conjure up the dialogue for a chat that might have been between the two close friends.

Next week, the class are really looking forward to watching the original movie of 'Storm Boy'. Many are also keen to see the new movie remake that has just been released to compare the two. This Australian classic will live forever.

If you get a chance, give it a read. I'm sure you will love it as much as 5K has.



Mr R. Kessler - 5K Class Teacher

P&C News

P&C Roles

Thank you to those people who have put their hand up to be part of the P&C for 2019.

We are still looking to fill the following positions:

- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Assistant Treasurer
- Canteen Coordinator
- Band coordinators

If you think this might be you, or just want to know more, please read through the following role descriptions and/or contact our P&C President, Sharmila Soorian at nbpspandcpresident@gmail.com. Our first P&C meeting is on Wednesday 20 February at 7:30pm at the music room. Please come along and meet some of the other P&C members.

Roles and Responsibilities

President & Vice-President

Contact: nbpspandcpresident@gmail.com

The President is responsible for:

- The successful functioning of the NBPS P&C Association meetings;
- The attainment of the NBPS P&C Association's objectives and consistently following the constitution;
- Ensuring that the NBPS P&C Association takes part in decision-making processes in the School and maintaining lines of communication with the Principal;
- Fostering fair participation of all members; welcoming new members and supporting volunteers;
- Acting as the P&C Association's spokesperson when public statements or actions are needed;
- Being signatory on the NBPS P&C Association's bank accounts.

Vice Presidents are responsible for:

- Assisting the President in the tasks listed above;
- Chairing meetings in the absence of the President.

President & Vice-President

Secretary Contact: nbpspandcsecretary@gmail.com

The Secretary is responsible for:

- Carrying out the administrative tasks related to meeting resolutions;
- Preparing, in consultation with the President, all meeting agendas;
- Attending P&C Association meetings and taking notes of the discussions; producing and distributing Minutes to members for receipt, possible amendment and adoption at the following meeting;
- Receiving and tabling all correspondence, and writing and sending outgoing correspondence as required;
- Issuing notice of all meetings and maintaining official records of the NBPS P&C Association (i.e.: constitution, by-laws, rules of subcommittees, Incorporation Certificate, ABN details, list of financial (voting) members, Minutes, Attendance book).

Assistant Treasurer (Canteen)

Contact: nbpspandctreasurer@gmail.com

The Assistant Treasurer (Canteen) is responsible for:

- Keeping all financial records of the canteen in Quickbooks Online up to date.
- Collecting invoices and dockets from the "spike" in the Canteen weekly.
- Entering Cash Sales and Payments from the Cash Book (or Redbook). This is currently a ledger book but will be moved to Google sheets by the end of the 2018 School Year
- Entering Invoices and dockets in Quickbooks
- Organising all invoice payments for the canteen after checking invoices. Must be co-signed and authorised by the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer.
- Reconciling Flexischool sales with Quickbooks and bank statements
- Working closely with the canteen coordinator and manager to make sure there are no invoice issues.
- Preparing invoices to school for providing food for some of the staff events (may be delegated to the coordinator, but the CT must have a copy of any of the invoices)
- Reconciling monthly bank statements
- Prepare files for auditing
- Reporting quarterly to the Treasurer

P&C News

Canteen Coordinator

Contact: nbpscanteen@gmail.com

The Canteen Coordinator is responsible for:

- Ensuring liaison between the Canteen Manager and the P&C;
- Managing volunteer parent helpers;
- Organising and chairing Canteen sub-committee meetings (approximately two meetings per term);
- Plus: stocktaking; promo on of special days; promo on of healthy canteen policy.

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 Drinks (parents & staff only)
- Friday 29 March, 6-8pm – P&C Family Welcome Picnic (whole family)

Year/Class Coordinator Information Session

Wednesday 20 February 2019

Time: 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.

P&C Meeting

Wednesday 20 February 2019

Time: 7.30pm - 8.30pm in the school Music Room

This is the first meeting of the year. Please join us for nibbles and drinks and to meet the P&C Executive, our Principal, Ms Judy Goodsell and Deputy Principals, Mr Victor Tan and Ms Kelly Lockhart.

Parents & Staff Drinks

Friday 1 March 2019

Time: 6pm – 9.30pm

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. Bookings at Before and After School Care via trybooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/BASFD>

P&C Family Welcome Picnic

Friday 29 March 2019

Time: 6pm-8pm

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

2019 P&C Raffle

End of this term, we will be running a P&C raffle. Do you have anything you would like to donate? Perhaps you have a business or know someone who would like to donate to the raffles. The raffle tickets are printed with the item and the donor's business name. Raffle tickets are distributed to all families at Neutral Bay Public School (over 700 families in Neutral Bay and surrounding areas) to sell. It is a great way to market and acknowledge your contribution. Some examples of raffle items would be restaurants or spa experience vouchers, gifts, holiday accommodation and gym membership. Please email sharmila.soorian@ihug.com.au if you have any items you would like to donate.

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 - 9.30pm
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 via the booking link

<https://www.trivonline.com/NBPSD>





spanish classes



Buenos Dias!!

Enrolment is now open for Term 1 2019. It is Spanish Course starting second week with morning lessons;

- Tuesday 8 am to 9 am in the class room B

Learn Spanish!

Spanish is the world's second most spoken language. It is more widely spoken than English and it is the official language in over 20 countries.

Interested?

Please email spanishschoolau@gmail.com to register your interest. Regards

Maria Fernanda Lugo - 0416 866 214



Year 7 Talented Academic Placement Test - 2020 Intake

Placement in the Year 7 Talented Academic classes for Year 7, 2020 at NBSC Balgowlah Boys, NBSC Cromer Campus and NBSC Maclellan Girls Campus is based on supporting evidence of eligibility including the results achieved in the ACER Academic Placement Test. Details are available as follows:

Application Forms

Application forms can be downloaded from the Northern Beaches Secondary College website: www.nbcollege.nsw.sch.au/8002/nbsc.nsw.edu.au then go to Curriculum Opportunities/Y7 7 Academic Placement

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS

NBSC Maclellan Girls Campus

Friday 22nd February, 2019 by 4.00pm

NBSC Balgowlah Boys Campus and NBSC Cromer Campus

Thursday 28th February, 2019 by 4.00pm

Students must sit the test at the campus they wish to attend in 2020:

- NBSC Balgowlah Boys Campus – 27 Marettimo St, Balgowlah
- NBSC Cromer Campus – 120 South Creek Rd, Cromer
- NBSC Maclellan Girls Campus – 11 Campbell Pde, Manly Vale

Test Date: Thursday 21st March 2019 at 9.00am

For further clarification regarding the Academic Placement Test, please contact:

Sandra Bonello – Phone: 9939 7348
NBSC Administration Centre

Other Talented Year 7 Programs

For information regarding other talented programs, visit the relevant campus websites:

NBSC Balgowlah Boys Campus www.nbcbaleth-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

(Talented Music Program)

NBSC Cromer Campus www.nbccromer-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

(Talented Music Program)

NBSC Maclellan Girls Campus www.nbcmclan-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

(Talented Music, Dance, Music and Visual Art Programs)

NEUTRAL BAY PS P&C

The P&C want new laptops in your child's classroom!

& our new P&C Partner - ACI
can make this happen...

Parents & Staff ... this is easy

ACI will sponsor NBPS P&C without any sponsorship levy being attached to your premium - every policy, every year

3 Easy Steps

1. Obligation Free Quotes - Vast range of leading insurers
2. Purchase insurance policy - no sponsorship levy
3. ACI Sponsors NBPS P&C - every policy, every year



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Lifeline Northern Beaches Giant Book Fair: 22nd to 24th February 2019

Venue: Ted Blackwood Hall
Cnr Jacksons & Boondale Rds
Warriville

Dates/Times: Friday 22nd February 12pm – 8pm
Saturday 23rd February 9am – 5pm
Sunday 24th February 9am – 2pm

Please note we accept Visa & Mastercard and also have EFTPOS facility available

(Entry by gold coin donation very much appreciated)

At the Book Fair there will be thousands of good quality books, at bargain prices, in many categories, including a wide range of children's books, suited to all ages.

For the enthusiast/collector we have a large number of award winning and collectible books.

In addition to all the books we also have a wide selection of puzzles, jigsaws, games, CD, DVDs, vinyls etc so there's something for everyone!

All funds raised support the activities of Lifeline Northern Beaches which, in addition to the crisis line (13 11 14) with a focus on suicide prevention, provides a lot of other services to our community, including 24 hour counselling, bereavement support, anger management and problem gambling to name but a few.

Your support for our Book Fairs goes a long way in generating the funds required to continue providing these services to our community

This is our first Book Fair for 2019 and with the holidays behind us it's a great opportunity to pick up a bargain.

You can also catch us on Facebook at: Lifeline Northern Beaches – book life