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# UPCOMING EVENTS

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SEP 17: Principal's Award Ceremonies SEP 25: Pet Calendar entries close SEP 25: Last day of Term 3 OCT 12: First day for students Term 4 NOV 5: Kindergarten 2021 Parent Information Session

## TERM DATES

TERM 3 Friday 25 September: Last Day of Term 3

TERM 4 Monday 12 October to Wednesday 16 December

Thursday 17 and Friday 18 (Staff Development Days)

TERM 1 2021 Thursday 28 January: First day for students in years 1-6

Currently, parents and carers are not permitted on school grounds. If you are dropping off or picking up your child during school hours, please wait outside the gate and press the buzzer, or contact 9953 1798 to speak to one of our office staff.



Some of the Pom Pom Installation under the COLA.

# **Principal's News**

#### **Principal's Award Ceremonies**

This week, we celebrate the Bay Way values of being responsible, showing respect and doing your best. We recognise this by presenting a certificate and in some cases a badge, for children who have achieved certain Bay Way goals. This is called the Principal's Award Ceremony. Whether or not your child receives an award on Thursday, it is the values we celebrate, and hope our children will take these values with them as future citizens.

#### Virtual Open Day for Parents of Kindergarten 2021

The next Zoom session for parents of Kindergarten 2021 is Thursday 5 November at 10am and 7pm. Details will be sent by email. Please contact the school office if you have not received your invitation to join us.

#### **Pom Pom Installation and Lost Bird Found**

The Pom Pom installation has begun in the Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA). Children will also be making and hiding little birds around the playground for other children to find and keep. This is just one of the initiatives our creative arts committee has come up with to make the school a colourful, happy place for our children. I will have some photos for parents.

### The Bay Times

## Principal's News Continued

#### Planning for Classes in 2021

In Term 4, planning for classes in 2021 will commence. Accurate information regarding student enrolments next year greatly assists us in this process. If your child will not be returning to Neutral Bay PS in 2021, please complete the following form: <u>https://forms.</u> gle/orpdNB5DD76KiSKM9.

If you have information relating to your child's class placement in 2021 which you feel we need to be made aware, please advise the school by completing the following form: <u>https://forms.gle/</u> <u>iEUF56fxXQGu5tUW8</u>.

Please complete this form even if you have made these requests in previous years. Requests for teachers are unable to be considered. It should be noted that while we will take this information into consideration when forming classes, not all requests will be met, owing to the many factors that need to be considered when forming classes.

This link will remain live until Friday 27 November 2020, and be advertised in the newsletter until that date. Please kindly note that the school will not be able to consider 2021 class placement requests after that time.

#### **School Uniform**

School uniform is an important part of how we show pride in our school. We ask that children wear white socks. We are currently returning all lost property with names to classrooms, so there is no central place for lost property.

#### **Kindergarten 2021**

We commenced enrolment for Kindergarten 2021 last term. Unfortunately, we are not able to accept out-of area enrolments at this time.

To enrol, please book an enrolment appointment via www.schoolinterviews.com.au. Please note, due to social distancing regulations, all enrolment interviews will be conducted via telephone.

If you have any questions, please email the school office at <u>neutralbay-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au</u> or call us at 9953 1798. We look forward to welcoming your child to Neutral Bay Public School next year.

#### **Tell Them From Me Survey**

Thank you for the 125 completed surveys. It would be appreciated if you could please take 10 minutes to let us know your thoughts by completing the Tell Them From Me survey. The school is developing its plan for 2021-2024, and parent input will impact on our plan. The link to the survey is: <u>http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/nbps</u>.

#### **Covid 19 Department of Education Update**

The main points of the new COVID-19 guidelines are:

- Students are to stay within their cohort group (class, year group or stage) for all learning and extra-curricular activities, including sports, arts and physical activities.
- Additional limitations to interschool activities, including debating and sports organised or sponsored by the school.
- Group singing/chanting and playing of wind instruments in groups are no longer allowed.

NSW Health have established a <u>website</u> to inform the community of actions they should take if they have been in a location where there has been confirmed cases of COVID-19 within NSW. Staff and students must comply with public health advice, which includes the requirement to self-isolate for the required period, if they have been at any of the locations published on this website on the specified dates and times. Students will be supported to learn from home while they are self-isolating.

Victor Tan

**Relieving Principal** 

#### **School Council Parent Nominations**

The Neutral Bay Public School Council provides a forum to discuss current school issues, projects and initiatives, determine school priorities, ratify school policies and work with the Principal on financial matters and budgeting. The Council comprises parent, staff representatives and community representatives.

There is one School Council Parent Member position to be filled. The term of office for elected members of the School Council is three years. If you are interested in nominating as a School Council Parent Member, please go to: <u>https://neutralbay-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/</u> <u>community/school-council.html</u>.

All nominations must be received by Mrs Strachan no later than 4.00pm on Tuesday 13 October 2020.

### The Bay Times

### **School News**

#### **SRC News**

Thank you to our school community for an amazing day supporting the Fight Cancer Footy Colours Day and National Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 11 September. We raised over \$1200 for the Fight Cancer Foundation, who support children with cancer.

Don't forget that Friday 18 September is the last day to bring in an artwork for Lansdowne Gardens. Remember we are spreading kindness, love and joy throughout our local community!

Well done NBPS and thank you to the SRC for your wonderful initiative.

The SRC & Miss Moir

## **P&C News**

We trust you are all well and enjoying the warmer weather and sunshine! Please see below an update from the P&C.

Next week is our final week for hot dogs! This has been a big hit with the students. Please ensure all orders are placed by 1pm, Tuesday 22 September via FlexiSchools.

**Trivia Night** dates have been booked and confirmed. Get your team together for a fun night at home! Booking details will be distributed early term 4.

The Trivia Night dates are:

- Saturday 10 Oct Year 5 & 6
- Saturday 24 Oct Year 3 & 4
- Saturday 7 Nov Kindergarten, Year 1 & 2
- Saturday 14 Nov GRAND FINAL

#### Save the Date: Halloween 31 October 2020

We are really pleased to announce something that CAN happen for Halloween this year. The Neutral Bay P&C "Halloween Fun Day" will be held on Saturday October 31 from 10.30am - 4pm.

Students, family and friends of NBPS are invited to spend Halloween Day at Luna Park with unlimited rides, laughs and screams all for a very special negotiated price. Discounted food vouchers will also be available to purchase prior to the day.

All attendees need to register their name and contact details. Everyone must purchase a ticket, unless you are under 2 years of age. Everyone will receive a special treat bag to mark the occasion and we will have special identifiers to ensure we can tell who is a NBPS guest. Booking details to follow. Please note this is **not** a school organised event, it is a P&C organised event. School staff will not be on duty at this event.

As always, thank you so much for supporting P&C Initiatives. If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact us at <u>nbpspandcpresident@gmail.com</u>.

#### The P&C Team

#### **Canteen News**

The P&C's Sausage in Bread and Hot Dog in Roll, currently alternating each Wednesday, is proving to be extremely popular. Last Wednesday, we had another 160 orders for the school. This week, we had Sausage in Bread, so next week we'll be providing the Hot Dog in Roll again. The cut off to order these items is 1pm the day before (Tuesday), so don't forget to get your orders in early on Flexischools.

Please note, the Canteen will run all the way until end of term, with Friday 25 being the last day for orders. As we approach the end of term, our suppliers will tend to run their stock levels down. This may occasionally affect availability of products via Flexischools. We appreciate your patience during this time and encourage you to contact the canteen if you have any concerns or your child has any dietary needs. We are contactable via <u>nbpscanteen@gmail.com</u>, or via the school office.

#### The Canteen Team



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### **Community News**



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Creativity and Teamwork Shine through in 'Write a Book in a Day' 2020

Monday 14 September, was a day like no other for the students of 5N and 6T, who took part in the in-school 'Write a Book in a Day' Competition.

The day started with the arrival of all 5N and 6T students at 8.50am, ready for the 9am release of the 'parameters' for each team. What are 'parameters' you might ask? Parameters are the list of two human and one non-human character, setting and an issue that must form the basis of their books. Each team also gets five random words that must be included in their story.

All nine teams then had 6 hours to plan, write, illustrate and put together a short story of around 1500-2500 words. These books will be given to Children's Hospitals in Sydney, so that children with cancer or other serious health issues have fun things to read whilst recuperating.

Both classrooms were a flurry of action, snacking and avid discussion throughout the day, and despite last minute panic surrounding printing issues, each team produced a book that they were exceptionally proud of.

Ms Alison Taylor and Miss Danielle Nero















