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UPCOMING EVENTS



SCHOOL

11 DEC: Student Reports emailed to parents

14 DEC: Year 6 Farewell Event

16 DEC: Last day for students



TERM DATES

Thursday 17 and Friday 18
Staff Development Days (staff only)

TERM 1 2021

Wednesday 27 January: Staff Development Day (staff only)

Thursday 28 January: Staff Development Day (staff only)

Friday 29 January: First day for students in years 1-6

Monday 1 February: First day for 5OC 2021

Wednesday 3 February: First day for Kindergarten 2021

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.



Year 6 students at the Great Aussie Bush Camp. See more photos inside!

Principal's News

Wellbeing

At Neutral Bay Public School, we measure wellbeing in different ways. One way the Department of Education measures wellbeing is through the Tell Them From Me survey. This is a survey of students, teachers and parents. Wellbeing is made up of a **sense of belonging, expectations of success and advocacy** in the Tell Them From Me survey. In relation to these three areas, **students reported:**

87% - Expectations for success (at state average)

78% - Sense of belonging (below state average)

78% - Advocacy (by teachers for students) at school (above state average)

In relation to wellbeing, **students also reported:**

89% - Positive wellbeing, which has increased from 85% in 2019.

93% - Positive behaviour at school (above state average)

84% - Positive teacher-student relationships is (at state average)

In relation to wellbeing, **parents reported:**

85% - My child is clear about rules for school behaviour (state average)

84% - My child feels safe going to and from school (above state average)

70% - Teachers help students develop positive friendships (above state average)

Principal's News Continued

School Band

On Monday, we began the large task of helping Year 2 students choose band instruments for the Junior Band program in 2021. This process involves listening exercises, rhythm exercises, and holding and playing instruments. If your child is in Years 3-5 and would like to try out of band in 2021, please send an email to neutralbay-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au with the title: Attention Ray Hampton (Band Director). Those who are already in band will be given an audition at the beginning of Term 1 in 2021. The details of what children need to prepare is on the school website at <https://neutralbay-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/learning-at-our-school/creative-arts/band.html>.

Jump Rope for Heart

Last week, we completed Jump Rope for Heart with all grades skipping at some point. Our school raised \$12,013.90 for the Heart Foundation and logged a total of 189 hours of skipping. The top three fundraisers were Winter - \$1,671.78, Annabelle - \$546.51 and Thomas - \$509.76. The top three skipping times were Levi – 20 hours, Marcus – 10 hours 20 minutes, and Izzy & Ava – 10 hours 9 minutes

Presentation Days

Our Presentation Days will look different to previous years. Unfortunately, parents will not be permitted to attend. However, parents will be informed that their child is receiving an award and photos will be taken to share with parents. The Year 5 & Year 6 assemblies will be filmed and shared with the parents. This is because the Year 5 assembly involves the announcement of the school captains and SRC. The Year 6 assembly involves the school's major awards and a graduation ceremony for every Year 6 student. Below are the proposed dates we intend to hold short assemblies to recognise our students' achievements this year.

Kindergarten – Thursday 3 December
Year 1 – Wednesday 2 December
Year 2 – Thursday 3 December
Year 3 – Wednesday 9 December
Year 4 – Wednesday 9 December
Year 5 – Monday 7 December
Year 6 – Monday 7 December

Victor Tan

Relieving Principal

School News

Library News

The library will close this Friday, 27 November for the annual stocktake. All borrowed books are due to be returned by this date. Loan reports will be issued to students to assist with the return of borrowed books. Your assistance with the return of any outstanding books would be greatly appreciated.

Canteen News

Thank you to our special parents who have come into the canteen to help us out over the past two weeks. We also appreciate those who have put their hand up to volunteer for the remainder of the year. Our calendar is now full, which is an amazing effort.

We continue to be very busy as we head towards the end of year. As you may be aware, our suppliers begin to run their stock levels down as we approach school holidays and, although we do our best to fulfil every order, occasionally a product won't be available. On most occasions, we are able to block the particular item on Flexischools so the item can't be ordered, but we do ask for your patience in the event there needs to be a last minute change to a child's order.

We hope all the children are continuing to enjoy the Celebration Buckets. These buckets are available for \$20 via flexischools and the children will come to the canteen to collect them immediately after lunch. Enough sugar-free Zooper Doopers are provided for each child in the class. If you have a Kindy child ordering a celebration bucket, this will be delivered to them down at Kindyland. This is an optional replacement for students and parents, who are unable to bring in a celebration snack for birthdays etc.

The Tuesday Juicy fairies for Kindyland will also continue until the end of the year. If you would like your child to be able to purchase a Juicy on Tuesdays, please send \$1 along to school with them so they can enjoy this refreshing ice block treat (exact change requested please).

Just a friendly reminder that the cut off to order on Flexischools each day is 8.30am. If you have any concerns or problems with Flexischools or your order, please don't hesitate to contact us via the school office (ph: 99531798) and we'll be more than happy to help. Email is best reserved for contacting us for non urgent matters, as they are checked intermittently throughout the day, depending on how busy we are.

The Canteen Team - Kath, Joclyn and Naoko

nbpscanteen@gmail.com

P&C News

We are three weeks away from the end of the year break! We want to thank you all for the support of the P&C initiatives.

We have a few things running at the moment that I believe will make things a bit easier in the lead up to Christmas! We have some amazing items available on our online auction, including items such as Oroton handbags, a term of classes at the Mosman Martial Arts Academy and lawn bowls at Neutral Bay Club. All the prizes will be delivered to the Students class too – so no need to worry about running around collecting them all! <https://www.32auctions.com/nbps2020> Auction closes 30 November.

Our **2021 NBPS Pet Calendar** is for sale too, and is a perfect gift for your neighbours, grandparents or even at home. It outlines school holidays (something to make planning for the year a bit easier!) There are also great offers in the calendar each month. The calendars are \$20 each or 3 for \$55. Orders to be placed on Flexischools before 9pm on 2 December.

Christmas Cookies! The baker extraordinaire Jacqueline, from Celebrate Like a Mama, is offering all NBPS Families the chance to order a box of cookies and support the P&C at the same time. **'Decorate your own Gingerbread Christmas Ornaments \$25** are available in a set of 10, and includes ribbon for hanging and an icing bag.

Order should be placed via FlexiSchools by 4 December for delivery the week commencing 7 December.

We are always on the look out for helpers who can assist with sorting through donations for the nearly new uniform cupboard. If you are in the process of clearing out the wardrobe, please bring in donated items to the school office.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Thank you



2021 PET CALENDAR

PLACE YOUR ORDER NOW ON FLEXISCHOOLS \$20 EACH



CELEBRATE LIKE A MAMA

CHRISTMAS NBPS P&C EXCLUSIVE DECORATE YOUR OWN GINGERBREAD ORNAMENTS \$25 PER BOX

10% OF ALL SALES GOES TO NBPS P&C ASSOCIATION

EACH BOX INCLUDES

- 10 NAKED GINGERBREAD SHAPES (RANDOM ASSORTMENT)
- 1 X ICING BAG
- 1 RIBBON FOR HANGING

PLACE YOUR ORDER ON FLEXISCHOOLS BY 4TH DECEMBER

DELIVERED TO CLASS WEEK OF 7TH DECEMBER

Community News



PLAY RUGBY UNION

Norths Pirates is the perfect place to have fun and make friends while getting fit, learning rugby skills and a passion for team work.

Rugby is a game for all shapes & sizes. We welcome boys & girls aged 6-16, with new players joining each age group every season.

CALLING FUTURE PIRATES

FOCUS ON SAFETY & SKILLS

- * u6-7 Foundation skills NO TACKLING
- * u8-9 Learn to tackle Introduced and taught by accredited coaches
- * u10-11 Graded 12-a-side
- * u12-16 Graded 15-a-side

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