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TERM 4 WEEK 9

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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.



Congratulations to our new School Captains for 2021.

Principal's News

Presentation Days

Today we completed our seven Presentation Days. Photos will be posted of the Kindergarten to Year 4 presentation assemblies as well as the videos of the Year 5 and 6 presentation assemblies. The Year 5 & 6 assemblies were filmed 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. Congratulations to our new school captains Jack, Reuben, Juliet and Isla. The SRC will be announced in next week's newsletter. For privacy reasons, it is important that the images are not uploaded to social media. These images will be posted on the school learning hub at <https://neutralbaypshub.weebly.com/>. If you have forgotten your log-in or password please go to page 2 for more information.

Here is a section of my Principal's speech from the Presentation Days to share with you:

What is something you did this year that you would not have done in a normal year? What will you tell your children and grandchildren about what it was like during the COVID year of 2020? Many students have told me that they had to stay at home and learn from home. Your teachers had to learn to deliver your lessons and feedback without being in a classroom.

Other students told me they would not have achieved the following in a normal year: Passion Projects (a project on something you are passionate about), BMX bike riding, sailing, debating on Zoom, teaching a lesson to my teacher and classmates, writing a book in a day, school lunch time soccer and basketball competitions, listening to leadership speeches on Zoom and voting, learning short division, camping, running in a virtual cross country, gymnastics, a speech about history, creating a pom pom chandelier with my classmates, receiving my silver badge, two-by-two multiplication and 'I've never washed my hands so much'.

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Principal's News Continued

For me, I came to school one day with no children or teachers on site. The teaching staff grew from some 60 teachers to around 2000 teachers, as we suddenly found ourselves asking the parents to become teachers. Overnight, our students had to become independent, self-motivated learners. Well done to everyone for achieving this. Learning is so important and it must continue whatever the circumstances.

School Reports

At the end of this week, Friday 11 December, your child's report will be emailed to you. It is not possible to write a report that encapsulates your child and their learning. Please remember that a report is only a snapshot of your child's progress and should be read in conjunction with the other meetings you have had with your child's teacher this year. If you do not receive your child's report by email, please contact the school at neutralbay-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

Australian Chess Teams Championship

Last week, the girls' chess team of Chelsea, Sarah, Kylie, Katie and Jocelyn represented NSW at the Australian Chess Teams Championship. I would like to quietly, but proudly, announce that we have the fourth best Primary School Girls' chess team in Australia. Congratulations!

No lollies or candy canes please

At this time of year, children do like to give presents to their friends. Whilst giving is an important value, this is something I request children do with their friends and family outside of school. The school has a strict no lollies policy and this includes candy canes. Please do not send these items to school to be handed out.

Victor Tan

Relieving Principal

School News

Learning Hub Information

The Neutral Bay PS Learning Hub at <https://neutralbaypshub.weebly.com/> was set up in Term 1 to give parents and students a single place to access resources, photos, videos and grade resources.

There is a growing collection of resources available, which can only be accessed by logging in. An invitation to log-in was sent to all parents in Term 1.

Please note that this material is only available for the use of parents and students of Neutral Bay Public School. Families will be given access to the grade resource pages relevant to their child's year of learning.

If you would like to access this material, please follow the steps below.

1. Look through your inbox for an invitation from Weebly and click on the link enclosed
2. Set up your private login details
3. In the Learning Hub, click on 'Log In'. If you have forgotten your password, please click 'Reset your password' and enter your email to reset your password
4. Click 'My Account' to access the News page, Digital Resources K-6, or your child's grade resource page.

Please contact the school by email at neutralbay-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au if assistance or clarification is needed.

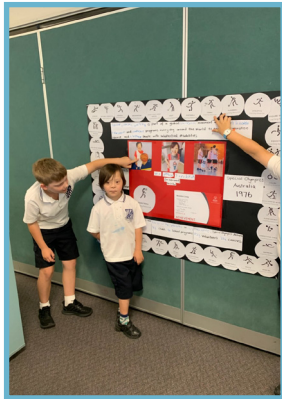
SRC News

This Friday, 11 December, the SRC have organised to support the Make-a-Wish Foundation. Students are invited to "wear what you wish" or "what you want to be when you grow up" and bring a gold coin donation. The donation will go to fulfilling a wish from a sick child supported by the Make-a-Wish Foundation. You wouldn't want to miss out!



World Disability Day - 3 December

Last Thursday, Brandon helped his class 3S to celebrate World Disability Day, by teaching them all about the Special Olympics. Brandon created a wonderful poster, showing which events are included in the Special Olympics and shared photographs of himself playing with his basketball team. Great work Brandon!



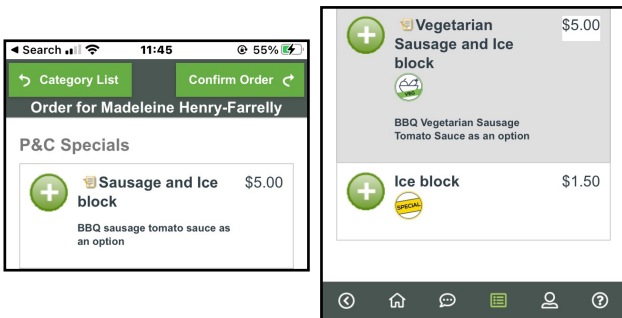
P&C News

On the home stretch now - THANK YOU for all the support this year. We had a wonderful response to the online auction! We have a few things planned for next week!

Our **2021 Pet Calendar** is now with the printers and we are taking final orders on FlexiSchools before 5pm on 9 December. \$20 each or three for \$55. A perfect present for neighbours or a stocking filler for the grandparents and relatives! We are also selling them at the school gate on Tuesday 15 December. To avoid missing out, please order on Flexischools.

Next week, the school is having a **Fun Party Day** on Tuesday 15 December. The P&C will be offering a \$5 sausage sizzle and ice block deal. Orders can be placed on Flexischools until 12pm MONDAY 14 December. Please note the canteen is not open for normal service on this day. Orders will be distributed to students wherever they are (including Forsyth Park and St Leonards Park). We also have a special surprise fun activity which will be set up on the oval. All students will be able to participate throughout the day, and we couldn't let the 2020 school year end without the chance to dunk your teacher.

We will also need volunteers to help on this day for preparing and delivering orders. Please contact Liz Henry at nbpspandcpresident@gmail.com.



Savour It' NBPS CookBook

Love to cook, design a dinner party menu, or have exceptional project management skills? We are looking for volunteers for our Cookbook subcommittee! There will be minimal work this side of the year, with some online meetings in the new year (and the occasional face to face).

Remember to start thinking of some recipes and ideas for our NBPS 'Savour It' Cookbook, launching on Harmony Day 2021. With the festive season kicking off, take note of those dishes (sweet or savoury) that are a hit with family and friends. Any questions, or to register your interest in being a member of the committee, please let us know at nbpscookbook@gmail.com.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact the P&C team.

Kind regards,
The P&C

Canteen News

A friendly reminder the Canteen's last day of service for Term 4 in 2020 will be Monday 14 December. 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. Please also note in your diaries that the Canteen will reopen on the first day of school and orders can be placed from Friday 29 January.

The Celebration Buckets continue to be available for \$20 and can be ordered direct via flexischools. Enough sugar-free Zooper Doopers are provided for each child in the class. This is an optional replacement for students and parents, who are unable to bring in a celebration snack for birthdays etc.

We are very appreciative to all the parents and P&C Members who have assisted us recently and throughout the year. Without your help we would not have been able to fulfil our large amount of orders or specials such as hot dogs throughout the year. We thank you for your valuable time and patience helping us out. We wish you all, along with all students, staff and parents, a safe, healthy and restful holiday break.

The Canteen Team - Kath, Joc and Naoko
nbpscanteen@gmail.com

Community News

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Lifeline Saving Lives
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**GIANT
BOOK FAIR**

Brookvale

St Augustine's College
Federal Parade

December 10-13

Thursday 11-7, Friday 9-7,
Saturday 9-5, Sunday 9-3



PLAY NETBALL IN 2021

**JOIN
NORTHBRIDGE
NETBALL CLUB
IN 2021**

Bring along some friends or
make new ones at our friendly
community club.

JOIN US IN 2021 AND ENJOY:

- Accredited coaching included in fees.
- Opportunity to make new friends outside of school.
- Learn life long team and leadership skills.
- Umpiring opportunities - support & education
- Opportunities to pursue coaching with support & courses
- Pre, during and post-season social events.
- Play Friday afternoon (10-12yrs), Saturdays (12yrs+) and Sunday mornings (7-9yr olds)
- Ages 7+ and above, boys and girls, all abilities.



**COME AND TRY
STAY TO BELONG**

Join us for some FREE holiday fun on
FRIDAY 15 JANUARY
9:30am-11:30am
BI-Centennial Reserve, Small Street
Willoughby, NSW

Make friends, learn some new skills and
enjoy match play! Visit our website to register.

Some of our junior
players are currently
playing Premier
League, NSW U19s
and Australian U21s



For further details, visit us at
<http://northbridgenc.nsw.netball.com.au/>

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MUSIC ROOM
Mondays and Fridays

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Kindy to Year 2 3:30 to 4:30 pm
Years 3 & 4 4:30 to 5:30 pm
Years 5 & 6 5:30 to 6:30 pm
Mondays and Fridays

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