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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

# A VERY BIG WEEK



*Congratulations to our Premier's Debating Blue Team who took part in the World's Biggest Debate.*

By **JUDY GOODSSELL**  
Neutral Bay Public School  
Principal

### KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

**W**e shared two exciting mornings with our Kindergarten 2022 students during their first two orientation visits to Neutral Bay PS. The Orientation Program will involve one final visit to school, finishing with a teddy

bears' picnic on Thursday 2 December. Thank you to Mrs Kate MacInnes, Ms Jen Carew, the Kindergarten and support teachers who contributed to make this a very special morning for our new students.

### THANK YOU

I would like to thank our parents and carers for supporting the many restrictions we have implemented as we follow the COVID safety guidelines. While

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**DEC 2:** Principal's Award Assemblies

**DEC 2:** 2022 Kindy Orientation #3

## TERM DATES

**DEC 16:** Students' last day

**DEC 17:** Staff Development Day

**FEB 1-3:** Kindy Best Start

**FEB 1:** First Day for Years 1-6

**FEB 2:** First Day for Year 5OC

**FEB 4:** First Day for Kindergarten

there have been a number of changes, as well as grey areas to navigate, it is important to keep in mind that the intention is to maximise the health and safety of students, staff and essential visitors.

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I am very grateful for the wonderful efforts of the Neutral Bay PS school community.

A roadmap for parents and carers outlining the updated Level 3 settings until the end of Term 4 is available in 35 different languages from this link: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/translated-documents/term-4-roadmap?deliveryName=DM22185>.

## 2021 NEUTRAL BAY PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS SURVEY

The parent survey is part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys utilised by the school to provide feedback from staff, students and parents for the continual improvement of programs and support offered by the school. The parent survey helps to clarify and strengthen the important relationship between parent/carer and school. Participation in the parent survey is optional and anonymous.

Link to [parent survey](#)

Link to [further information](#)

I encourage all parents/carers to click the link and complete the survey. We value your feedback that will be used to assist our school planning for the 2022-2025 School Planning cycle.

## LAST DAY OF TERM 4

The last day of Term 4 for students is Thursday 16 December and all students are expected to attend. Staff will be at school on Friday 17 December for a school development day. This day will be used for staff professional development.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2022

- Staff Development Day Friday 28 January
- OC students and parents/carers school tour Friday 28 January 12.00pm
- Staff Development Day Monday 31 January
- Students Years 1 to 6 return- to school on Tuesday 1 February
- Year 5 Opportunity Class Orientation morning 9.45am
- Kindergarten Best Start Assessments - Tuesday 1 February, Wednesday 2 February and Thursday 3 February
- Year 5 Opportunity Class students commence Wednesday 2 February 9.45am
- Kindergarten first full day on Friday 4 February

## SCHOOL INVOICES

It would be appreciated if all outstanding 2021 school invoices could be paid promptly so that our office administrators can finalise accounts for the year. Thank you for your cooperation in this regard.

## STAFF GIFTS

As we approach the end of the school year and the festive season, some families like to give small gifts to their teachers. While this is a lovely gesture, it is certainly not expected. While cards with special messages and other small tokens of appreciation convey thoughtful appreciation, please be advised that Department of Education staff members are unable to accept gifts with a value greater than \$50 (unless it is a combined class gift valued at less than this amount per contributor). Staff members must declare and then politely decline gifts greater than this value, as well as any cash or cash vouchers (of any amount).

## NOT RETURNING TO NBPS IN 2022

If your child will not be returning to Neutral Bay Public School in 2022, please complete the following form <https://forms.gle/HMpF7Yb8uECg-PBgt6>.

# YEAR 6 EVENTS

As we quickly approach the end of the year, Year 6 are looking forward to some upcoming events including an excursion to Sydney Academy of Sport on Friday 26 November, a Mini Olympics at Forsyth Park on Monday 6 December and our Year 6 Farewell on Monday 13 December.

Additionally, Year 6 staff have planned a special High School transition day for Wednesday 1 December. More details on this will follow in the coming weeks.

# CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen is well and truly back into the full swing of things. Fun fact - we are going through 20kgs of rice every week, just in rice cups sold over the counter! Plus the hot cheese melts and garlic bread are selling like hot cakes, the kids are hungry!!!

Saying that, we would love to see some parent volunteers on Wednesdays through to Friday starting at 9am. Please send us an email at [nbp-scanteen@gmail.com](mailto:nbp-scanteen@gmail.com) if you would like to help out the school community and see how we feed the children - it's always fun! Looking forward to seeing some happy helpers.

**JOC, NAOKO, JEN AND HANITA**  
The Canteen Team

# SCHOOL NEWS

## WORLD'S BIGGEST DEBATE

In Week 6, our Premier's Debating Blue Team took part in The World's Biggest Debate: an alternative debating competition in lieu of the Premier's Debating Challenge this year. The World's Biggest Debate allowed one of our talented speakers to take part in a 'round-robin' debate against 50 other primary schools – a unique and fun experience!

**MRS BROWN & MISS KRIZNAR**

Debating Teachers

## MOBILE PHONES AND COMMUNICATION DEVICES

We have noticed an increase in the number of children bringing communication devices to school. We understand in some circumstances, students will need to bring a communication device to school to be used after school. If your child owns a mobile phone or watch capable of taking or making calls, or sending or receiving messages, we ask that the device is left at home.

If students do bring a communication device to school, the school requires this device to be 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 device. If your child needs to contact you during the day, their class teacher will organise office staff to do this. In addition, any device or personal property brought into school is at the owner's risk. The school does not cover loss or damage to personal property of students or their parents.

## ANAPHYLAXIS - NUTS AND NUT PRODUCTS ARE NOT PERMITTED

We strive to create a safe environment for all students. A number of students in our school have severe allergies or are anaphylactic to nuts. Those students can suffer life-threatening consequences if they come into contact with a product containing nuts, or even a student who has consumed nuts. For this reason, nuts and nut products are not to be sent to school. As part of our school and Department of Education Anaphylaxis Policy, we thank you for your assistance by providing recess and lunch for your child that does not involve nuts or nut products. This includes products such as Peanut Butter, Nutella and Muesli Bars biscuits, cakes and chocolates if they contain nuts or nut products. If you require further information, please contact the school.

# FROM THE P&C

By **MARIE KOSHY**  
P&C COMMUNICATIONS  
COORDINATOR

## ELECTION BBQ AND CAKE STALL

Urgent request for volunteers to assist with the last fundraising event of 2021! The money raised from the council election BBQ will go towards much needed equipment for the school canteen. Please see attached flyer.

The roster is based on previous election BBQs and you will see that we require a huge amount of support on the day to help us run this event smoothly and raise funds for our School.

Calling all bakers - we would love to receive baked goods, ready to serve from 7am on Saturday 4 December 2021 - or bring them with you when you vote.

This will be a great day for our Community so please sign up for an hour or two below: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1OT7yTOn- wye\\_3IRc7AmVD86nHRfmAPmirs29r2fVixUI/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1OT7yTOn- wye_3IRc7AmVD86nHRfmAPmirs29r2fVixUI/edit?usp=sharing).

## TWILIGHT PICNIC

Please save the date of Friday 10 December 2021, for a get together on the school grounds, prior to the close of the school year. Sausage sizzle, sushi and pizza will be available.

## P&C ROLES - FINANCE AND VICE PRESIDENT

We are seeking nominations for the role of Finance and an additional Vice President (we currently have one of the two VP roles filled by Elizabeth Barnett). Please contact Liz on [nbpspandcpresident@gmail.com](mailto:nbpspandcpresident@gmail.com) if you would like any further information or are interested in applying for either of the roles.

## CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS - YEAR 6 PARENTS ONLY

We are pleased to announce that we can now have fully vaccinated volunteers back in the canteen. As there are only a few weeks left, we would like to invite any **Year 6 parents** to come help out on a Wednesday through to Friday from this week until the end of term. Please email [nbpscanteen@gmail.com](mailto:nbpscanteen@gmail.com) if interested.

Please note the following:

- Proof of double vaccination will be required
- Sign in at the office
- Mask to be worn at all times.

# Neutral Bay Public School upgrade

## Works notification

24 November 2021

Dear parents, carers and neighbours,

We are planning the upgrade of Neutral Bay Public School to deliver fit-for-purpose learning spaces and core facilities to meet enrolment growth.

As part of this project, the existing structures at 16 Bydown Street Neutral Bay will be demolished to provide additional play space for the school until the main works construction starts. To make this space suitable for use, we will also install new fencing and turf.

These works will take place from Saturday 27 November 2021 and continue throughout the summer school holidays.

### Asbestos removal works

Prior investigations have indicated that the property at 16 Bydown Street contains asbestos containing material. This material will be removed prior to demolition work starting.

The material is scheduled to be removed on Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 November 2021 in accordance with the Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan and SafeWork NSW regulations. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors, and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines.

Safety measures and monitoring will be in place to ensure there is no risk to students, staff or the local community. As the health and safety of the community is our highest priority, temporary fencing will be installed around the site to secure the area and prevent public access.

Testing will be completed to ensure the area has been fully remediated. A clearance certificate will be issued before the demolition work will start. We will keep you informed if further material is found which requires removal.

Please be assured that the removal of this material will not pose a risk to the local community.

### Working hours

Works will take place between 7 am and 6 pm from Monday to Sunday. This may include work on public holidays.

These work hours are enabled under the NSW Government legislation the *Environmental Planning and Assessment (COVID-19 Development-Construction Work Days) Order (No 3) 2021*. This legislation was granted to protect the health, safety and welfare of construction workers and our community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Work completed on Sundays and public holidays is restricted to certain activities to minimise noise and impact to the community. The site also has a comprehensive COVID-19 Safety Plan in place and our contractor is enforcing strict compliance. Our construction sites are also following all current health guidelines.

The health, safety and well-being of students, staff, neighbours and community is our highest priority. For any queries relating to this work, please contact School Infrastructure NSW using the contact details below.

Thank you for your patience while we deliver this important school infrastructure project.

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### For more information contact:

School Infrastructure NSW  
Email: [schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au)  
Phone: 1300 482 651  
[www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au](http://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au)





# COMMUNITY NEWS



## BERRY ARTSPACE

PROFESSIONAL VISUAL ARTS LESSONS

### SummerBerry Kids Art Adventures January

The Enchanted Forest, Berry Dreaming, Wild Art, Street Art, Arriety's bedroom, Totoro Tree, Steam Punk Flying Ships, Les Fauves, Master Class, Mushroom Forests, Pop Art Selfies, Pirates Den, Alice in Wonderland.  
9-3pm

### Afterschool Kids Visual Arts Classes Term 1

Enthral your child in the exciting world of Visual arts making, studying, and outside creative play. Students create en plein air, as well as in the BerryArtSpace studio directly overlooking Beautiful Berrys Bay  
3-6pm



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**McMahons Point**  
Melinda Kennedy  
Bachelor of Education K-12 Visual Arts




## BE AMBITIOUS

### Study English at TAFE NSW St Leonards Campus

# \*at NO cost to you

### Beginner to Advanced Courses

**Courses we offer:**

- Certificate I to Certificate IV
- Full time and part time courses
- Day time and evening
- English for casual conversation, work, everyday life

**We provide:**

- Qualified teachers
- Friendly staff
- TAFE facilities including libraries, computers, Internet
- Learner support
- Career counselling

**Our Information Days**

**10am – 4pm**

on

**07/12/2021**

**08/12/2021**

Level 4, Building P  
213 Pacific Highway  
St Leonards NSW 2065

Easy access via

- Train: St Leonards station
- Bus: search for TAFE St Leonards
- Car: Parking available

**2022 classes start:**  
31/01/2022

**Contact us via:**

9942 0981 (English)  
9942 0722 (Mandarin 中文)  
[esolstleonards@tafensw.edu.au](mailto:esolstleonards@tafensw.edu.au)

or

scan the QR code



**CONTACT US 131 601 tafensw.edu.au**


**NSW TAFE NSW**

Cost: \*This training is subsidized by the NSW Government for permanent residents and citizens - eligibility criteria applies

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## P&C Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall

### Saturday 4th December




### VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED!

NBPS gets 6,000 voters through the school gates during a typical election. Running a BBQ and cake stall on Election Day is a time-honoured and efficient fundraising opportunity for our school, but we need parent-power to make it happen.

- Before or after you vote spend an hour on the cake stall or BBQ
- Early risers: help set up
- Busy in the morning? Then how about giving us a hand to clean up at the end 🙏

It's easy: just click on the roster link below and add your name in the timeslot(s) of your choice. Turn up on the day with an apron and a smile.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up! Can't manage the link? Email Jane [nbpsspandcevents@gmail.com](mailto:nbpsspandcevents@gmail.com), tell us when you can help and we will slot you in.

### MASTERCHEF IN THE MAKING?

If you can't volunteer on the day then please bake something for the cake stall (whole cakes, slices, cupcakes or biscuits) and drop it off on Saturday morning for us to sell!

We are a nut free school please, though if you would like to make a gluten free treat and need to add nuts please have it clearly labelled.

Cake boxes will be available at the school gate at pick up time in the week prior.

Remember that every dollar we raise benefits all our children. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!















