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#### FROM **THE PRINCIPAL**

### **SPORTS STARS**



Congratulation to all our students who received an award at our Sports Awards Assembly last term. Full gallery on page 12.

#### By SUSAN YOUNG

Neutral Bay Public School Principal (Relieving)

elcome to the start of Term 3. Hopefully you had a safe and enjoyable winter break together as families. On Monday, staff had a full day of professional development opportunities, including learning about DoE policy updates and deepening their understanding of the Positive Behaviour for Learning Framework.

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**JUL 21 - JUL 29:** 3-6 Athletics Carnival Field Events Trials

JUL 28: Year 4 OC Test

AUG 1 - AUG 5: Education Week

**AUG 3:** Grandfriends' Day

#### Acknowledgement of Country

We would like to acknowledge the Cammeraygal people of the Eora Nation, who are the traditional custodians of the land in the Neutral Bay area.

We pay our respects to the Elders, both past and present, for they hold the memories, the tradition, the cultures, and the hopes of Aboriginal Australia.

We must always remember that under the concrete and asphalt upon which Neutral Bay Public School is built, the land is, was and always will be traditional Aboriginal land.

Teachers collaborated in stage teams using the National Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progressions to refine teaching programs so as to have a positive impact upon student learning progress and achievement. Thank you to all of our hard-working teachers who are so passionate about making a positive difference every day for all of their students!

As advised yesterday via Skoolbag, Judy Goodsell will be relieving as Director, Educational Leadership for another week, so I will continue to relieve in the role of Principal at this wonderful school for one more week, until Friday 29 July.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OSCAR**

Congratulations to Oscar H (6N) who participated in the Sydney Eisteddfod in the winter school holidays and attained a highly commended award in the 12 year old Violin solo performance. This is such a fantastic achievement, Oscar!



#### **COVID UPDATE**

I want to give you an overview of how we are continuing to ensure our school remains COVID-safe throughout this term.

As we continue to prioritise student and staff learning and wellbeing while at school, our layered COVID-smart measures will continue for Term 3. These 'baseline measures' are aligned to the NSW Government's general community settings.

While we continue to face challenges, the wellbeing of our staff and students, and our students' education remains paramount. We will continue to implement our layered COVID-smart measures this term, which are aligned to the NSW Government's general community settings, including:

- Staying home and getting tested if unwell, and only attending school when symptom free.
- Strongly encouraging mask-wearing for all staff and students, particularly in the first 4 weeks of term
- Rapid antigen testing for symptomatic students and staff, and close contacts attending school to learn and work.
- Strongly encouraging COVID-19 vaccinations. for students, staff and their families, including a booster shot (when eligible).
- Strongly encouraging students, staff and their families to get a flu vaccination.
- Strict requirements for close contacts attending school.
- Good hygiene practices.

- Maximising natural ventilation.
- Boosted cleaning during the day, with particular attention given to high touch surface areas.
- Responding to local COVID-19 conditions when necessary, by working with the department's Health, Safety and Staff Wellbeing team.

Continuing these baseline COVID-smart measures allows us to prioritise student and staff wellbeing while giving our learners a consistent and productive learning environment this term.

#### **Masks**

Masks are an effective way of minimising the transmission of respiratory viruses and infections, and protecting our community, especially those who are at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 and flu. We strongly encourage all students and staff wear a mask for the first four weeks of Term 3, particularly in indoor settings or when distancing is not possible. The latest NSW Health advice also recommends wearing a mask for people who have recovered from COVID-19 and recently completed their 7-day isolation period for an additional three days (from days eight to ten after receiving a positive COVID-19 result).

Additionally, as outlined in the below section on close contacts, mask wearing is mandatory for staff and high school students returning to school as close contacts for five school days and strongly recommended for primary school students returning to school as close contacts for five school days. Students or staff identified as close contacts who are unable to wear a mask will be supported to learn or work remotely.

#### Rapid antigen tests (RATs)

The department has sent another round of RATs to our school, these will be distributed to families before school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week at the Bydown Street gate - one multipack of five RAT kits per student. These RATs can be used as required for symptomatic testing, such as if your child is displaying even mild symptoms, and daily testing for close contacts returning to school. Once these department-supplied RATs are exhausted, please continue to access store-purchased RATs which are now readily available in the community or PCR tests.

Alternatively, let the school know that you need more and we will try and assist. Additionally, our school will be maintaining a reserve stock of RATs onsite to support symptomatic testing in the event of an outbreak in our school community. Please also remember that positive RAT results must be registered with Service NSW, and students who test positive to COVID-19 must not attend school until their isolation period ends and they are symptom free.

Students identified as close contacts remain able to attend school providing they are symptom free, notify the school and return a negative COVID-19 test result daily for five consecutive school days. Primary students, while not required, are strongly encouraged to wear a mask for five consecutive school days (except when eating/drinking or exercising). Please note that students identified as close contacts are still unable to attend overnight excursions, including camps. Visitors identified as close contacts who are engaging directly with students are required to return a negative COVID-19 test result before attending our school and wear a mask.

Reducing the risk of illness this winter

Finally, it is important to note NSW Health's advice to reduce our risk of not only COVID-19, but other illnesses that may affect our school at this time of year such as the flu and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), both of which can be serious in younger people. We can all protect our loved ones and our community by:

- Staying home and getting tested if unwell or displaying any symptoms.
- Keeping up to date with our vaccinations including the flu vaccine, which is available from your local GP, pharmacy or Aboriginal Medical Service now.
- Flu vaccines are free for all children aged 6 months to under five years, or for a small charge for those aged five years and older.
- Getting tested immediately for COVID-19 if you become symptomatic and isolating until you receive a negative result and are symptom free.
- Practicing good hand hygiene by washing regularly with soap and water.
- Taking a RAT before vising vulnerable loved ones or going to large gatherings and events.

# EDUCATION WEEK

Education Week is an annual celebration of NSW public education and the achievements of our schools, students and education system. This year, Education Week will be held from 1 to 5 August 2022 celebrating the theme: Creating Futures – Education Changes Lives.

Open Day and Grandfriends' Day will be held at Neutral Bay Public School on Wednesday 3 August from 9:20am-11:10am, which is an opportunity to celebrate the quality education provided and the opportunities available to everyone in NSW public education.

Parents and grandfriends are invited to come and visit the school to see their child's classroom, enjoy some morning tea, make a book donation, and watch the Years 3-6 performance groups.

ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION
Class Visits	9:20-9:50 am	Classrooms
Travelling Showcase	9:50 am -11:10 am	School Playground
Morning Tea	9:50 am - 11:10 am	School Hall & Playground
Book Fair	8:30 am-11:10 am	Senior Library

#### **Advice for Visitors**

This advice is based on the current departmental settings for Term 3. These settings continue to be developed and updated in close consultation with NSW Health.

**Masks:** Visitors are allowed on site regardless of their vaccination status in line with settings to the broader community. Masks and hand sanitiser will be made available upon arrival at school. All visitors are strongly encouraged to wear a mask on school grounds, particularly in indoor settings or when distancing is not possible, and when interacting directly with students.

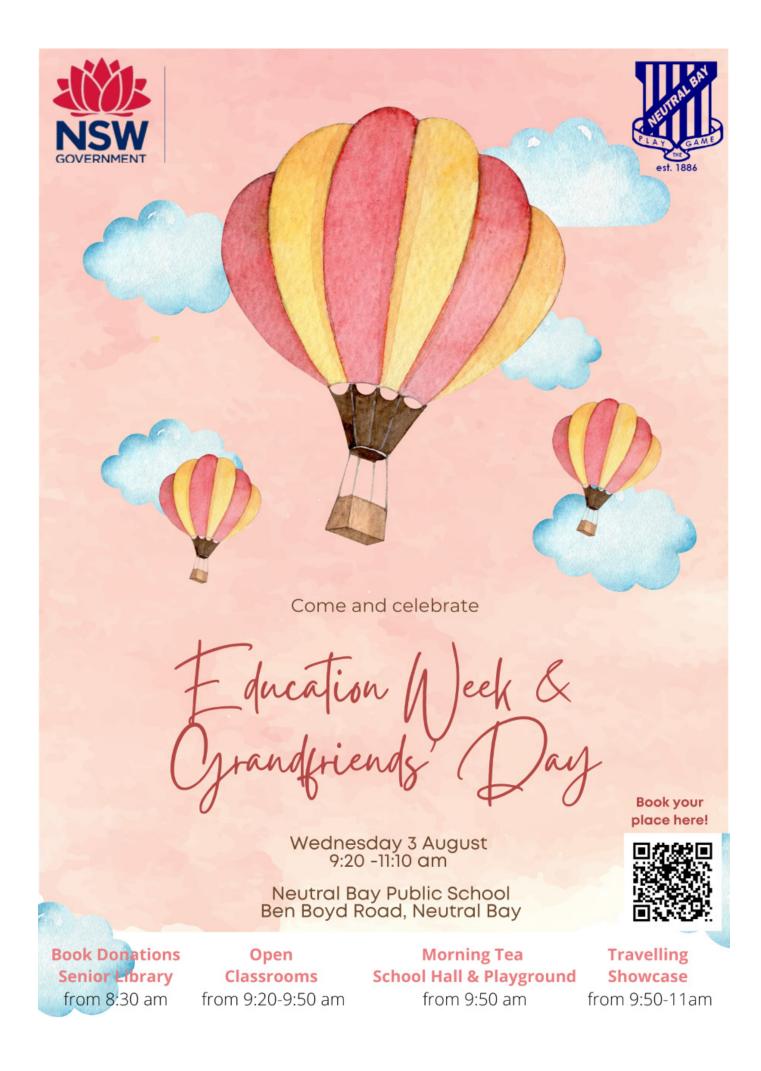
**Ventilation:** Heating will be used in conjunction with ventilation to ensure appropriate levels of ventilation. Outdoor spaces will be used wherever possible. Symptoms of COVID-19: Please do not attend if you are showing any symptoms of COVID-19, even if you have tested negative. Rapid antigen tests can produce false negative results and symptoms of other illnesses can also be similar to COVID-19, including flu, the common cold and stomach bugs. Health advice is that people who are sick should stay home to rest and recover and avoid putting other students, staff and visitors at risk.

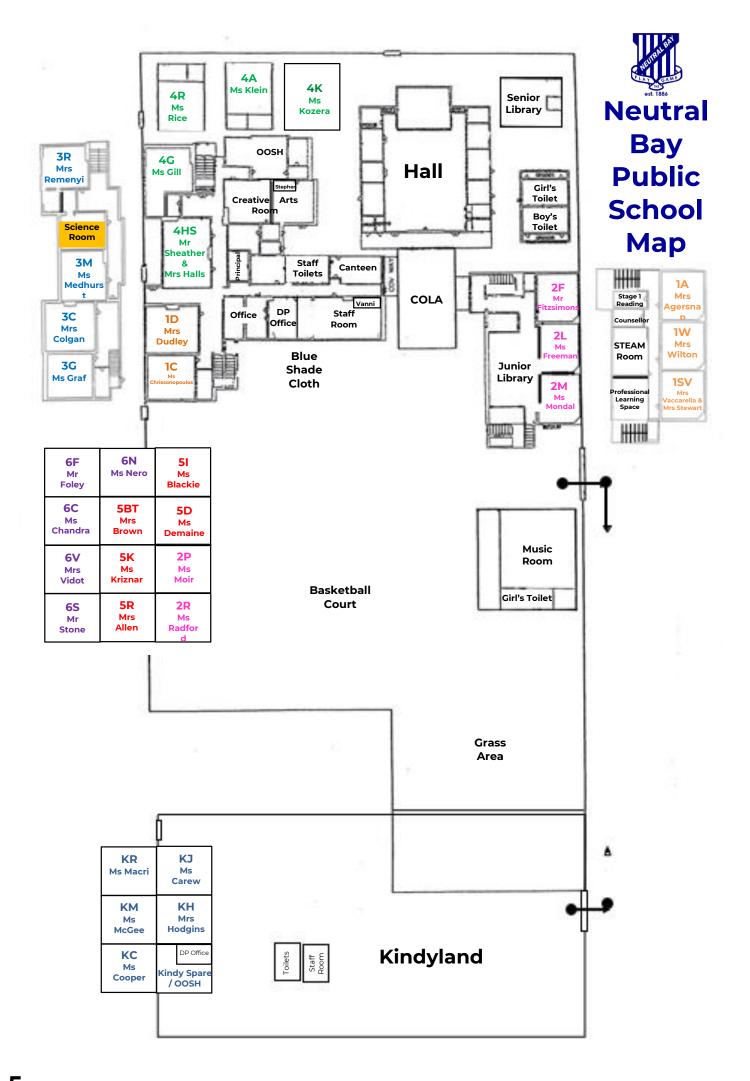
Close Contacts: Any visitor to a school site who is a close contact is required to advise the school that they are a close contact before they come on site. These visitors should conduct a Rapid Antigen Test and return a negative result before attending. They must also wear a mask indoors at all time

So we have an idea of expected numbers, please book your place at this event by visiting <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/CBEYB">https://www.trybooking.com/CBEYB</a>, or by scanning the QR code.



#### TANYA PICKERING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL





## SCHOOL NEWS

#### **OPPORTUNITY CLASS PLACEMENT TEST**

The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held at Neutral Bay Public School on the morning of Thursday 28 July 2022 for Year 4 students who have previously applied.

Authorised students <u>must arrive at school by 9am</u>. Parents should have received an email with their child's 'Test authority' letter, which students are required to <u>bring as a printed copy</u> on the day of the test.

Students will be informed of their specific test room shortly.

We have included a link to the 'Test information for parents and students' bulletin which contains very important information about the test, including how to access the familiarisation test.

Alternatively, parents can go to bhttps://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5 to find the 'Test information for parents and students' bulletin. It is very important this bulletin is read carefully.

Wearing of masks and using hand sanitiser is permitted.

Please do not bring your child to the test if he or she is ill. If students are sick with signs of respiratory illness, they cannot be admitted to the test. Should your child test positive or develop COVID-19-like symptoms prior to the test, please follow current NSW Health advice at <a href="https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19">https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19</a> and observe any isolation and safety requirements.

If your child is unable to attend the placement test due to illness, you will be able to submit a request for consideration of <u>illness/misadventure</u>. There will be no make-up test.

Year 4 students not sitting the Opportunity Class Placement Test are to arrive at school at the normal time and will be supervised in a separate location for the morning session during the test.

#### **AUSSIE OF THE MONTH - AUGUST**

The Aussie of the Month program aims to increase student voice in our school and encourage a sense of community and service to others.

An Aussie of the Month award will be presented to two students (Years 1-3 and Years 4-6) who have demonstrated outstanding citizenship qualities. This award will be based on a particular value each month.

The Aussie of the Month value for August is courage.

Courage is the ability to push through fear, self-doubt and anxiety so you can do things that seem new, challenging or frightening. It's important that students understand that courage does not always feel like courage. It might look self-assured from the outside, but can feel scary or unpredictable on the inside. Courage might only be for a few seconds at a time - just long enough to be brave. This might look like being kind to the new student in class, trying something new, speaking up for something you believe in or disagreeing with a friend.

We are asking all classes from Years 1-6 to nominate one student by the end of Term 3, Week 5 who shows courage in class and in the playground. One student from Years 1-3 and Years 4-6 will be recognised for this attribute at a special assembly at the end of this term.

#### **Nomination Process**

Students will learn about this value in lessons and have an opportunity to nominate themselves or a classmate as Aussie of the Month based on that value. Student Representative Council representatives will collect class nominations. A Selection Committee will discuss shortlisted nominations, made up of the School Captains, Principal, Deputy Principal, P&C representative, and a non-classroom staff member.

#### **Focus: Courage**

Classes will learn about the monthly value in lessons. To help families support this process, we have created a monthly calendar so that students can practice courage. There is an optional idea every day for students to complete in a few minutes or less.

This calendar is featured in this week's newsletter on page 7 and can be downloaded from the Neutral Bay PS Learning Hub.

#### **ICAS ASSESSMENTS - YEARS 3-6**

Neutral Bay Public School will participate in the ICAS Assessments again this year.

ICAS Assessments are online, designed to recognise academic excellence and are rigorous in nature. Students are assessed on their ability to apply classroom learning to new contexts using higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics and Science.

The cost per test is \$19.25, including GST. Entry is optional.

If you would like your child to participate in any or all of the competitions, please visit the online Parent Payment System at <a href="https://shop.icasassess-ments.com/pages/pps">https://shop.icasassess-ments.com/pages/pps</a> to make a direct payment. You will need the school's unique access code, which is **NWS991**.

The last day for payment is **Monday, 1 August**. After this date, the parent payment portal will close.

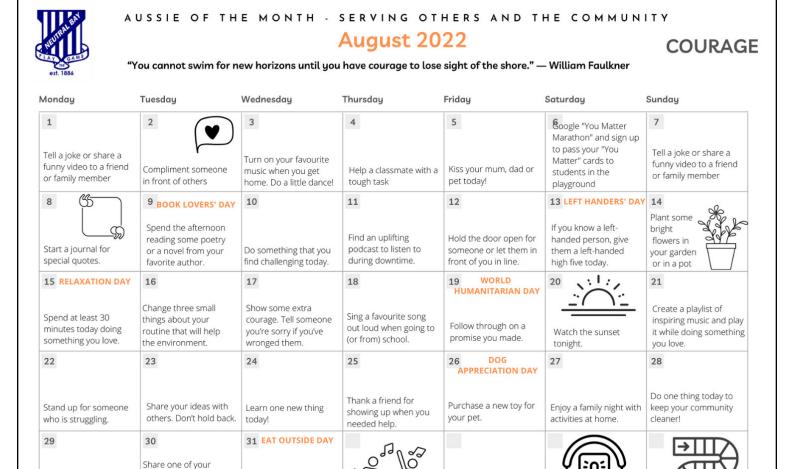
Please enter your child's name accurately into the System as it will appear on their ICAS certificate.

If you would like more information, please visit <a href="https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas/">https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas/</a> or contact Ms Carnegie.



#### GENEVIEVE CARNEGIE

**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL** 



Thank someone you

know is a hard worker

favourite memories with a friend. Ask about

their favourite memory.

Eat outside this evening

with friends and family

## FROM THE P&C

By LIBBY BRENNAN
P&C COMMUNICATIONS
COORDINATOR

#### **FUNDRAISING TARGET**

As we kick off Term 3, we are just over half way towards our fundraising commitment to the school for 2022. There are some great opportunities to get involved over this term. We kick off with Grandfriends' Day in Week 3, followed by the online auction in August and an Art Auction to round out the term.

#### NEARLY NEW UNIFORM SALE -TUESDAY 26 JULY

The winter weather is here to stay, so come grab a uniform bargain and ensure your kids stay warm in Term 3. Volunteers are welcome!

### **GRANDFRIENDS' DAY - WEDNESDAY 3 AUGUST**

Grandfriends' Day is back in 2022 and we are looking forward to seeing many grandfriends for morning tea after they have visited the classrooms.

Families from Kindergarten to Year 2 will be catering morning tea. We ask that sweet and savoury items be brought to school 'ready to go' (individual portions or cut up and ready to serve).

We also welcome volunteers from any year to help set up and serve morning tea. Sign up sheets are available from your class coordinators.

#### **UMBRELLAS IN THE UNIFORM SHOP**

We have a limited number of NBPS-branded golf umbrellas, which are perfect for the downpour that inevitably happens right on school pick up time!

Order now for \$45 on Flexischools.

## CANTEEN NEWS

By **JOC, NAOKO AND JEN**THE CANTEEN TEAM

Volunteers are essential to getting all our lunches out on time. We look forward to seeing you in the canteen this term!

Week 1 - 4A Week 4 - 4K Week 2 - 4G Week 5 - 4R

Week 3 - 4HS

Please find the link for SignUp Genius for the rest of the year: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4CACAE23A4FF2-nb">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4CACAE23A4FF2-nb</a>.

The Canteen Team.

## **COVID-smart measures** for schools

#### Information for parents, carers and students



We know that being together in the classroom is the best thing for our students' learning, growth and welfare. This term we will continue to implement several measures to allow us to prioritise both the wellbeing of our students and a consistent and productive learning environment.



#### Stay home if unwell

- If your child is unwell, you must keep them at home. If they are displaying even mild COVID-19 symptoms, they should take a COVID test (PCR or RAT) and isolate.
- Your child should only return to school once they have returned a negative test and they are symptom free.



#### **Vaccinations**

- Vaccinations for COVID-19 and flu are the best way of protecting yourself, your family and the
  community. Vaccination is a safe and effective way to give your immune system a helping hand against
  viral illnesses.
- All eligible staff and students are strongly encouraged to keep up to date with their vaccinations to protect their health.



#### **Close contacts**

- Students identified as close contacts can attend school providing the school is informed, they return a negative COVID-19 test result and wear a mask, except when eating/drinking or exercising (if in Year 7 and above) for 5 consecutive school days, and they do not attend high risk settings.
- Students in schools for specific purposes and support units cannot attend school as a close contact and will be supported to learn remotely during their self-isolation.



#### Rapid antigen testing

- Rapid antigen tests (RATs) should be used if your child is displaying even mild COVID-19 symptoms, or daily if they are attending school as a close contact.
- If your child tests positive for COVID-19, they must not attend school until their isolation period finishes and they are symptom free. Positive rapid antigen test results must be registered with Service NSW.
- If your child tests negative but is still showing symptoms they should not attend school until
  symptom free
- Staff and students will be provided with 1 multipack of 5 RAT kits by their school in early Term 3.
- Schools will maintain a reserve stock of rapid antigen tests onsite for surveillance testing purposes in the event of an outbreak.



#### Hygiene and cleaning

- Students are encouraged to regularly wash their hands with soap and water, and to use personal protective equipment as required.
- Boosted day cleaning of schools will focus on high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways and movement areas.





#### Ventilation

- Fresh air is the most effective form of ventilation to minimise the risk of transmission.
- During the colder months, heating will be used in conjunction with ventilation methods to balance thermal comfort.
- All learning spaces in public schools have been checked to ensure appropriate levels of ventilation and air purifiers have been provided where needed.
- · Using outdoor spaces will continue to be encouraged where possible.



#### Masks

- Mask-wearing is strongly encouraged where possible for all staff and students, particularly in indoor spaces and other instances where ventilation and distancing is not possible.
- Mask-wearing is strongly encouraged for visitors, particularly when they are interacting directly with students, and is required when interacting with students who are at greater risk of serious illness should they contract COVID-19.
- Masks are required when indoors for students attending school as a close contact in Year 7 and above and are strongly encouraged for younger students.
- Mask-wearing is strongly encouraged for all students for the 3 days following their recovery from COVID-19.



#### **Visitors**

- Visitors can attend school sites regardless of their vaccination status.
- Visitors who are engaging directly with students in certain higher-risk settings for school operations and curriculum delivery and allied health partners for the wellbeing of students, may be required to wear masks.
- Visitors who attend school as a close contact are required to inform the school and follow certain guidelines, including wearing a mask when indoors.



#### Activities

- Health and safety risk assessments will be integrated into planning activities, including excursions and
  overnight camps.
- Parents and carers will be made aware of the risk of exposure and will need to give permission for certain activities.



#### Responding to local situations

- Schools will work with the department's Health, Safety and Staff Wellbeing case management team to respond appropriately to local situations, including outbreaks of viral illness.
- In some cases, schools may temporarily introduce additional measures as a 'circuit breaker', including requiring mask-wearing, postponing or limiting non-essential activities and directing cohorts to learn remotely.



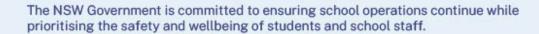
#### Learning remotely

 The department continues to develop digital learning resources to support students who need to learn remotely.

#### For more info, visit education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families

#### Telephone interpreter service

If you need further information please call your school principal. If you need an interpreter to assist you with your enquiry please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. Tell the operator the phone number you want to call, and the operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with the conversation. You will not be charged for this service.





#### **BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES 2022 TERM 3**

Room	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
HALL	Junior Band 7.55am-9am	Senior Band 7.55am-9am Concert Band 12.40pm-1.30pm	Senior Dance 8am-9am Junior Band 11.40am-12.30pm	Concert Band 7.55am-9am	Senior Band 7.55am-9am	
	OOSH 7.30am- 9am 3.15pm-6pm	OOSH 7.30am-9am 3.15pm-6pm	OOSH 7.30am-9am 3.15pm-6pm	OOSH 7.30am-9am 3.15pm-6pm	OOSH 7.30am-9am 3.15pm-6pm	
VARIOUS ROOMS	Spanish (Junior Library) 7.45am-8.45am	Eye Heart Science (Science Room) 7.45am- 8.45am		French (Visual Arts Room) 8am-9am	Brass (Francis) (Visual Arts Room) 3.15pm-6.15pm	
	Ray Hampton (OOSH Office) 9.30am-12.40pm	Ray Hampton (OOSH Office) 9.30am-12.40pm		Ray Hampton (OOSH Office) 9.30am-12.40pm	Code4fun (5I and 5D) 3.30pm-5.40pm	
	Chess (1C, 1D) 3.15pm-4.15pm		Junior Engineers (2P, 2R) 3.15pm- 4.30pm	Brass (Francis) (Visual Arts Room) 3.15pm-6.15pm	Chinese	
	Flute (Boardroom) 3.30pm-5:00pm	Percussion (Hall Annexe) 3.15pm-8pm	Flute (Boardroom)	Flute (Boardroom)	4G and 4HS 3:30pm – 5:00pm	
	Percussion (Hall Annexe) 3.15pm-8pm		4.00pm-7:00pm	3.30pm – 5:00pm		
MUSIC ROOM	Kids Up Front Violin, Viola /Piano	Chamber Group 7am-8am	Senior Choir 8:30am – 9:00am 3:20pm - 4:50pm Kids Up Front			
	3.30pm–6.30pm 3.30pm-5pm				Orchestra 8am-9am	
			Violin, Viola/Piano 3.30pm-5pm		3.30pm-6.30pm	

#### CONTACT DETAILS

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				OOSH Office
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KEYBOARDS	VIP Music Keyboard (Ursula Koh)	9411 3122	vipmusic@iinet.net.au	Music Room
PERCUSSION	Patricia Borrell	0420 421 764	patriciagborrell@gmail.com	Hall Annexe
SCIENCE	Eye Heart Science (Alana Wylie)	0413 186 330	info@eyeheartscience.com.au	Science Room
SPANISH	Maria Moreno	0406 988 497	spanishschoolau@gmail.com	Junior Library
VIOLIN, VIOLA /PIANO	Dorothy Sercombe (Individual tutoring)	0418 216 278	dorothy1sercombe@gmail.com	Music Room



NEUTRAL BAY PUBLIC SCHOOL



## INCLUDING:

Swimming
Cross Country
& Chess















See our website for more photos from the day:

> NBPB Website **Gallery**











# KINDY ALPHABET

We had a great dress up day as the culmination of learning all our sounds and letters. The children formed letters of the alphabet. More letters next week!













Neutral Bay Public School

Term Two