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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

CENTRE STAGE



Students participating in our Performing Arts Concert this morning. See the full gallery on page 8.

By **KATE MACINNES** Neutral Bay Public School Principal (Relieving)

ART AUCTION

look forward to seeing many parents and carers at the P&C 'Colour My World' Art Auction this Saturday at 6:00pm. The artworks look amazing! I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you to our wonderful staff for the hours of work they have put into preparing these artworks.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SEP 19: Year 4 Forsyth Park
SEP 20: Principal Awards
Assemblies
SEP 22: National Day of Mourning
Public Holiday
SEP 23: Students' Final Day Term 3
OCT 10: Students' First Day Term 4



You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have. Maya Angelou

The biggest thanks must go to Ms East for her support of this project. She has truly gone above and beyond to share her creative talents with the staff at NBPS and support this project. This will be Ms East's final project with the school and so we want to thank her for her 9 years of service to the NBPS community. She will be sorely missed. We also extend our thanks to the P&C for their organisation of this event. We appreciate that events like this don't come together without hard work and a lot of dedication. Thank you Elizabeth Barnett, Liz Henry and Rachel Thompson.

PRINCIPAL AWARD ASSEMBLY

Please note that due to the National Day of Mourning Public Holiday on Thursday 22 September, there has been a change of date to the Term 3 Principal Award and Aussie of the Month Assemblies. Parents of student recipients have been individually emailed. These assemblies will now occur on Tuesday 20 September.

MULTICULTURAL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Congratulations to both Kabir (4HS) and Kabir (5K) for participating in the regional Multicultural Public Speaking Competition on Thursday 8 September. Both students represented the Bay Way as they did their personal best. Congratulations to Kabir (4HS) for making it through to the State Final in October! We wish you the best of luck. Please read on in the newsletter to see a recount from both boys about their experience in this competition.

SOCCER KNOCKOUT REGIONAL FINAL

On Thursday 8 September, Neutral Bay played against Warnervale Public School in the Soccer Knockout Regional Final. With a final score of 4 - 2 to NBPS, the boys are now the Champions of Sydney North! Congratulations, what an amazing achievement. The boys have written the following report:

Over the past few months, the Neutral Bay soccer knockout team has been competing in the knockout competition. After six games, the team was incredibly proud to have progressed to the regional finals, and we prepared to face Warnervale Public School.

As the Neutral Bay team strode onto the grassy pitch, we almost couldn't believe we were there. This far into the competition, we weren't playing for ourselves anymore. We were playing for each other. We were playing for the school. This was going to be the game of our lives.

As the referee blew his whistle to signal the start, you could feel the tension in the air. We were off! But with such a long drive and the nerves of the occasion, the team started with a degree of uncertainty. Warnervale came strongly at Neutral Bay, and we conceded a corner early on. The ball floated in and it seemed to hang in the air before falling onto the head of a Warnervale player. Neutral Bay was behind within five minutes. This seemed to spur the team into action and incredibly, within 10 minutes, we were up 2-1, with excellent goals from Mitchell C and Felix E. The game remained tense, but Neutral Bay was well disciplined and extended our lead with a superb team goal from Peter M.

In the second half, the game remained tight, but with 5 minutes to go, Wanervale found the back of the net, making for a tense finale. Neutral Bay dug deep and with seconds remaining on the clock, Justin C scored a stunning individual goal to secure the victory.

Next, this wonderful team is progressing to the State Final. They currently do not know who or where they will be playing, but we do know that they will give the next match everything. This group of individual players has worked together, supported one another and triumphed as a team.

Written by Lachlan C (6N) and Jack B (6N)



THE AUSTRALIAN INTERSCHOOLS SNOWSPORT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Last week, Alberto A (6C), representing Neutral Bay Public School, came first in his division in the cross country event held at the Australian Interschools at Perisher Valley. Alberto also came first in the Australian Cross Country Championship at Falls Creek. Alberto proved to be the best in Australia! This event requires endurance, strength, speed, skill and flexibility at different levels of intensity. He displayed a level of incredible fitness. What a wonderful representation of working towards your personal best!



NORTHERN SUBURBS TENNIS ASSOCIATION PRIMARY SCHOOLS CHALLENGE

A number of NBPS students took part in the Term 3 Northern Suburbs Tennis Association Primary Schools Challenge on Saturday 10 September. Among these were Alfie (3G) and Harry (3C) who were runners up in their Orange Ball group (pictured on the left). Congratulations also goes to India (5I) and William (5K) who were runner-ups for the second term in a row (pictured on the right). Well done to all of the NBPS students who took part and represented our school so well.



JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

NBPS has 152 students registered on the Jump Rope for Heart portal. As a school community, we have already raised \$7983 of our target of \$12 000. Thank you to Ms Chandra for her organisation of this fantastic initiative. If you would like to sign up on the portal, it's not too late! The program will continue to run until 25 September 2022!

https://www.jumprope.org.au/parents

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have noticed that a number of students are wearing leggings as part of their uniform. This is a reminder that leggings are not part of the NBPS uniform. We thank you for your cooperation. For further information about the uniform expectations, please visit the school website:

https://neutralbay-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/community/uniform-shop.html

2023 SCHOOL PLANNING

In Term 4, planning for classes in 2023 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 2023, please complete the following form:

https://forms.gle/WCH2TsLbPRnK5wL97.

If you have special social considerations relating to your child's class placement in 2023 which you feel we need to be made aware, please advise the school by completing the following form:

https://forms.gle/jffSdnCruwGP21CS6.

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 11 November 2022 and be advertised in the newsletter until that date. Please kindly note that the school will not be able to consider 2023 class placement requests after that time.

SCHOOL NEWS



MULTICULTURAL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

The Regional public speaking competition was a very exciting experience, because I got to see the other amazing speakers. I am extremely happy that I got into the State competition and now I am off to see how I go against the other speakers.

Written by Kabir K (4HS)

On Thursday, I competed in the Multicultural Perspectives Speaking Competition. As I walked down the shady hallway to the room with my mum and dad, I was slightly nervous, but I was confident that I was prepared. Thankfully, my parents were with me! When the competition started, I relaxed as Tony, the director, was funny and humorous.

I was fifth in line. However, when the fourth speaker finished their speech, my muscles went tense. I got up to the stage, took a deep breath, and... spoke the best speech I could have! I was comfortable standing in front of the large crowd, the adjudicators were smiling, and I went down with a grin on my face! After the prepared speeches, we had a short break. I spoke to some of the competitors, ate a berry friand, and refreshed myself with a cup of orange juice. Then, a chill ran down my spine as the director called, "Alright, everyone, time for the impromptus!" I totally forgot about my speaking nemesis - the impromptu speech! Again, I was fifth in line, so I relaxed, and pushed the fear to the back of my head.

When it was my turn, I just forgot about all my fears and charged head into the helm. I looked at the topic. 'BAD LUCK' were the seven letters scrawled onto a sheet of paper. Crunching the data on how to write a great impromptu speech, I chose my examples to be my failure to win the speech competition last year, and Malala's shootout incident. As the timer called out, "Time's up", I walked into the room with a grin and started...

My point was, 'what doesn't kill me makes me stronger'. As I burned through my first minute, I thought about my next moves. 'I'll say this and that and this!'. As I finished my impromptu speech, proud of conquering my biggest speechifying nemesis, I skipped back down to my seat, proud of my result and waited for the winning speech announcement.

When the adjudication panel came in, my heart was racing. Listening to the feedback, I took it on board with dignity. Then the adjudicator said, "and the winner is..." My muscles were tense. I rarely blinked. I rested back in my chair, disappointed that I did not win. Was all my hard work for nothing? After my parents and I got home, and they had a chat with me, I felt much better! I was proud of myself for getting to the regional final, and the feedback I received will help me win the competition next year. After all, my impromptu topic was: What doesn't kill me makes me stronger!

Written by Kabir K (5K)

CHANGE TO COVID-19 ISOLATION REQUIREMENTS

Last week, National Cabinet announced that the isolation period for positive COVID-19 cases would be reduced from seven days to five days from Friday 9 September, with the following caveats:

- This would apply to people with no symptoms at five days.
- Seven days of isolation would remain for workers in high-risk settings, including aged care, disability care and those providing care in the home.

In mainstream school settings, staff, students and visitors who have tested positive for COVID-19 must:

- Complete five days of isolation from the date they tested positive.
- Be symptom-free before returning to school. If symptoms remain after day five, they must continue following NSW Health guidelines to self-isolate and undertake a rapid antigen test (RAT).
- Complete a RAT and return a negative result before attending school on days six and seven after testing positive for COVID-19, and
- Wear a mask on days six and seven when attending school (for all staff and those students aged 12 years and older).

FIRE AND RESCUE NSW - SAFETY VISITS

- In an effort to reduce the number of fire fatalities across the state, Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) is encouraging residents across NSW to book in a fire safety visit to help protect them and their loved ones.
- Each year, approximately 20 people die in NSW from fires that could have been prevented. The risk of fatality in a house fire is halved if the home has a working smoke alarm.
- During safety visits, firefighters will check that you have working smoke alarms, that they are in good working condition, and are installed in suitable areas. If you do not have one, firefighters will install a long-life batterypowered smoke alarm, as well as replace existing smoke alarm batteries, all at no cost.
- Firefighters will be able to provide personalised fire safety information on issues such as kitchen fires, heaters and open fires, common electrical safety, barbeques and wheat bags.
- Firefighters can also help develop a home fire escape plan and tell you how and when to call Triple Zero (000) in the event of an emergency.
- To book a safety visit, visit www.fire.nsw.gov.au/visits or call Neutral Bay Fire Station on 9493 1053.



Neutral Bay Public School

OUTDOOR LEARNING SPACE

FROM THE P&C

By LIBBY BRENNAN P&C COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

UPDATES TO THE 'COLOUR MY WORLD' ART AUCTION - SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

We heard your feedback on a number of items related to the art auction, so have made a few changes.

- The evening will now start earlier at 6pm.
- Children can attend from 6pm-8pm. Tickets for children are \$10 and include finger food for children. Please note, there will be no orders taken for food on the night, so you will not be able to buy dinner there.
- We have been exploring options for those who can't attend but want to bid on the art. You can submit your best and final bid before the evening here: <u>https://www.32auctions.com/</u> <u>NBPSArtAuction2022</u>. Additional details will be sent in the email from your class coordinator.
- Tickets to the event are \$35 for adults and \$10 for children, which includes entry and canapes and are on sale now. It promises to be a fun evening and we look forward to seeing you there.

https://www.trybooking.com/CBWQO



UNIFORM SHOP - CLOSED FROM TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER - FRIDAY 7 OCTOBER

A reminder that the Uniform Shop will be closed while we complete our stocktake. We will reopen on Friday 7 October in time for Term 4 and summer uniform orders. Last week, we received the fabulous new outdoor learning furniture purchased by the P&C. It was put to use immediately by the students in 2P who loved that it was in our house colours!



CANTEEN NEWS

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

I know we're always thanking you for volunteering, but Year 5 has been doing a stellar job so far! In Term 4, it's up to Year 6 to show us how it's done. It will be the final chance to see your Year 6 children at primary school, so put it in your diary!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4cacae-23a4ff2-nbps2

Week 9 - 5K Week 10 - 5R

Term 4 Week 1 - 6C Week 2 - 6F Week 3 - 6N Week 4 - 6S Week 5 - 6V

The Canteen Team

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



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COMMUNITY NEWS



LANE COVE COUNCIL PRESENTS

Small Fish, Big Pond

HOW TO BEST MANAGE THE TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL

Free Event for Parents, Children Welcome

WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER <u>OR</u> THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER 6:30PM-7:30PM

Registrations essential ! necove.nsw.gov.au/events to register w.lan

Key takeaways include:

Learn the most **common reasons** young people are presenting **for counselling** right now **Discover strategies** to best **support** them in these areas • Find out the **top questions** kids most want answered about entering high school • How to shift from "nervous" to "excited" • **The most effective** ways to keep **old friendships** and create **new friendships** • How best **ito caplain "resilience"** to a young person and equip them with the right skills • Discover how the circles of "**control, influence and concern**" can really help your child



Established in 1911, Sydney Technical High School, located in Bexley and close to several major transport links, is an academically selective secondary school for gifted and high achieving boys. Many of our proud alumni are currently



leaders in their field and our strong connection with them allows for authentic networking opportunities. Our staff are experts in delivering highly engaging and challenging curriculum for

our diverse learners with strong links to the UNSW's GERRIC faculty.



The STHS Performing Ensembles music program has over one hundred student participants playing over thirty different instruments and receive mentoring and specialised tuition.

We are highly successful members of the St George Sport Association with weekly grade competition each Wednesday afternoon in disciplines such as basketball, soccer, Oztag,

cricket, volleyball, table tennis and tennis. This is complemented by our

recreational sport program and includes fencing, fitness, ten pin bowling and beach walking.

Our extra curricular program offers outstanding opportunities for every student to connect and thrive in our school's high expectations culture in many fields including public speaking, debating, chess, the Duke of Edinburgh Award, digital media, Latin, entreprenuerism, coding and much more.



Our Open Morning is 9:15am on Tuesday 11 October 2022



Students seeking entrance into Year 7 must participate in selection procedures organised by the Department of Education. For further information contact the High Performing Students Team on 1300 880 367 or email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au

SYDNEY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

An Academically Selective School for Boys Enquiries to the School: 8566 2600 686 Forest Road Bexley 2207 www.sydneytech-h.schools.nsw.gov.au

Format for the North Shore Christmas Card Competition

Overview

Each year, Felicity Wilson holds a Christmas card competition for K-2 students with the winning entry becoming the face of Ms Wilson's Christmas cards.

How the competition will work

The theme for this year's artwork is "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas". We hope the students will use this as a starting point to reflect the diverse ways they celebrate the festive season

Students are to complete their artwork on the template provided. Please ask students to keep their artwork inside the boxed area. They can use any utensil of their choosing including pens, pencils, crayons or paint. The student's full name, age, school year, and name of the school should be included on the bottom of the page where indicated. Please ensure the names are correct and also entered into the excel spreadsheet attached, so we can ensure we give every student a certificate.

Please note that winning and runner up art work with the student's names, ages and school will be published on the Christmas card and possibly used in social media and/or website posts. Please ensure that parent's permission to publish is obtained and mark the box on the artwork template to confirm that this has been done

The closing dates for entries is 23 September 2022. Please collect all entries and mail them or drop them off together to Ms Felicity Wilson MP, Suite 3/40 Yeo Street, Neutral Bay, NSW 2089. We will vote on the winning entry and schools will be notified in the last week of November.

Ms Wilson will also visit the winning school before the holiday period to make a presentation to the winning entrant.

We look forward to your school's contribution. The quality of entries from participating schools last year was very high and I know we will once again be faced with a very difficult decision in choosing the winning entry.

If you have any questions regarding the competition please contact my office on 9909 2594, or email northshore@parliament.nsw.gov.au



PERFORMING ARTS

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Wednesday 14 September 9:30am to 11:00am Main campus

Term Three

Neutral Bay Public School









Please do your artwork inside the area below. "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas"

