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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SOCCER STARS



Congratulations to our Boys' Soccer Knockout Team for making it all the way to the finals! Full story on page 3.

By **SUSAN YOUNG**

Neutral Bay Public School
Principal (relieving)

We welcomed some very tired but happy Year 6 students back to school on Friday afternoon, as they returned from an overnight adventure at Camp

Wolstoncroft. Students enjoyed outdoor activities such as sailing, BMX riding, orienteering and other fun games. Thank you very much to Mrs Chandra who managed the complex organisation of an overnight camp, and the school

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UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT 24-NOV 4: Year 2 Swim Scheme

NOV 3: Year 6 Mini Fete

NOV 3: Kindy 2023 Orientation #2

NOV 7: Wellbeing Week

NOV 10: Kindy 2023 Orientation #3

2022 TERM DATES

DEC 16: Students' Last Day Term 4

DEC 19: Staff Development Day

DEC 20: Staff Development 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.

Without the dark, we'd never see the stars. Stephanie Meyer

staff who gave up time with their own families to ensure a fabulous experience for our students: Mr Foley, Miss Nero, Mr Stone, Mrs Vidot, Ms Carnegie, Mr Sheather and Mrs Raymond. Overnight camps are such a wonderful growth opportunity for children as they problem solve and get along with others in an unfamiliar environment. I am grateful that our teachers made this possible for our students.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Kindergarten Orientation continues this week, and it was a pleasure to welcome next year's Kindergarten cohort and their families to school last Thursday. The Year 5 students were very proud to be the "big buddies" for our preschool visitors, and helped guide them into classrooms and supported them in their play session with a real sense of responsibility and pride in our school.

LATE ARRIVALS

If students arrive after the 9:10am morning bell, they will be marked as absent until they arrive. This creates a "partial absence", which must be explained by a parent/carer. Late students should be accompanied to the office by their caregiver to explain the absence. If you are dropping off your child at the school gate and driving away, you must phone the office at that time to explain the absence.

The school administration staff will send emails to parents this week asking for historical partial absences which were never explained. Please reply to the email to explain each absence for our records.

Moving forward, we are starting a new SMS service, which will send a text message in the morning if your child is absent or late. You can reply via text on your mobile phone, and that is accepted as an explanation for your child's absence or lateness. This new system should streamline the process for both parents and staff. Please let us know your feedback about this service when it starts.

EARLY ARRIVALS

Teacher supervision of students starts at 8:45am each school day. Before this time, teachers are planning lessons, preparing their classroom resources, meeting as teaching teams or meeting with parents.

Parents and carers may drop students off to the playground from 8:45am each morning. If you need to leave your children before this time, for supervision and safety reasons, they need to be booked into Before School Hours Care and signed into the OOSH staff's care. Please contact info@neutralbayoosh.com.au and their staff will book your child in for the morning, if there are vacancies.

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS - YEAR 7 2024

Selective high schools cater for academically gifted students with high potential who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their academic standard. Selective high schools help these students learn by grouping them with students of similar ability and using specialised teaching methods.

The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on **Thursday 4 May 2023**.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2024, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2024 open on **Tuesday 18 October 2022**. Applications will close on **Wednesday 16 November 2022**. The due date is strictly observed. Requests for late applications will be approved only under very specific and well-documented circumstances.

Detailed instructions on how to apply and the link to the online form can be found at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

Information for applicants for entry to selective high schools in Year 7 in 2024 can be found at: https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/media/Information_for_applicants-SHS_Year_7_Entry.pdf.

You must submit only ONE application for each student. The school cannot apply on your behalf.

The department's Equity Placement Model helps to make access fairer for high potential and gifted students who are currently under-represented in selective high schools. You can read about the Equity Placement Model at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/general-information/equity-placement-model>.

Note that school attendance is the best preparation for the Selective High School Placement Test. Schools have been asked to advise families that students with frequent and/or lengthy unjustified absences may be brought to the attention of the selective high school selection committee. Accordingly, parents who remove children from school for the purposes of preparing for the Selective High School Placement Test should be aware that the selection committee is reluctant to place students with a history of unjustified absences into a selective high school.

GENEVIEVE CARNEGIE
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (REL.)

SCHOOL NEWS

BOYS' STATE SOCCER KNOCKOUT FINAL

On Monday 31 October, the Soccer State Knockout boys' team travelled to Valentine Park in Glenwood to compete in the day matches. It was quite an occasion, with the boys' and girls' semi final games deciding the teams who would ultimately play in the State Finals.

We played our first game at 9am against Coffs Harbour Public School. It was an exciting first half, with little separating the teams. A goal from Coffs Harbour started the scoring but this was cancelled out by an equaliser by Peter M (6V). 1-1 at halftime!

Second half was a master class from our Neutral Bay boys once they put away a Paddy H (6F) penalty, followed by a killer second goal from Peter M. This was a tremendous performance from the boys to reach the final in the first time in the school's history and our Zone's history.

At 12pm, the boys participated in the NSW State soccer final. After a year of matches across the state, out of nearly 1000 schools entering, only two were left! Neutral Bay took on multi-time winners of the trophy, Kings Park Public School. It was a tough mountain for us to climb - we'd come so far. The opposition was formidable! In the first half, despite Mitch C (6V) opening the scoring for NBPS, we were overrun by the skillful and talented opposition.

By halftime, we were down 3-1 despite a heroic performance from Evan J (6N), our amazing goal keeper. The second half was far more creditable for our boys. They played with pride and determination and they showed a "never say die" attitude, which says so much about the team and their spirit. The game finished in defeat for our boys, despite their gutsy second half "back-to-the-wall" performance, with only one goal conceded.

So, in a flash, the team's journey was over. They'd gone as far as they could, but fallen at the very last hurdle. What a journey it was that took them to the final of this formidable competition.

The team members were supported on the day by numerous family members, both old and young. It will be a day anyone involved will never forget.

Neutral Bay are so proud of this team! Boys, you should feel very proud too. Congratulations on your historic achievement for our school.



YEAR 6 MINI FETE

The 2022 Year 6 Mini Fete will be held at school on **Thursday 3 November**.

Money raised from this fete will go towards the traditional Year 6 present to the school. There will be over 25 stalls offering a range of activities and treats.

The Year 6 students are looking forward to putting on an enjoyable day for all children.

Date: Thursday 3 November

- Year K & 2: 10.10am - 10.40am (Year 5 buddies will assist Kindergarten with their purchases)
- Year 1: 11.00am - 11.40am
- Years 3 & 4: 11.50am - 12.30pm
- Years 5 & 6: 12.40pm - 1.30pm

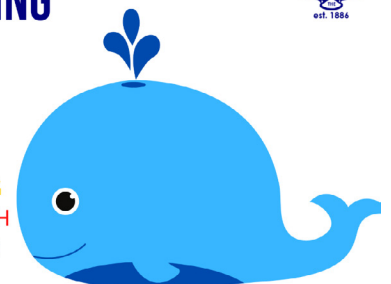
Where: Various locations around the school

Cost: Students are asked to bring no more than \$10.00 cash (gold coins preferred)

Note: Students may want to bring a small towel if participating in a water-based activity, such as sponge throwing or water dash.

TERM 4 WEEK 3
**CAUGHT YOU BEING
GOOD TOKEN
COUNT**

4TH PLACE - MILSON
3RD PLACE - WARUNG
2ND PLACE - WARATAH
1ST PLACE - GILMORE





Year 6 Mini Fete

Thursday 3 November
Neutral Bay Public School

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K & 2

10:10-10:40am

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11:00-11:40am

3-4

11:50-12:30pm

5-6

12:40-1:30pm

- Students are asked to bring no more than \$10.00 cash on the day (coins preferred)
- Students may want to bring a small towel if participating in a water-based activity.
- Please note that this event is weather dependent.

FROM THE P&C

By **LIBBY BRENNAN**
P&C COMMUNICATIONS
COORDINATOR

NEUTRAL BAY'S FASHION NIGHT OUT - TUESDAY 15 NOVEMBER, 7PM-9PM

We will be holding Neutral Bay's first Fashion Night Out on Tuesday 15 November from 7-9pm. Join us for a fun night of shopping for recycled women's fashion. Tickets are \$25 and include entry to the event and a glass of bubbly. The link to buy tickets will be shared later this week.

Donations will be taken before and after school most days next week, so please sort through your wardrobes and put aside those good quality clothes and accessories you no longer wear but know someone else would love.

Everyone who donates an item of clothing will receive a voucher to spend at the event. Put your name on a slip of paper with the items you donate, and we will have your voucher ready for you to collect at the door.

We will take donations of the following items (women's clothes only):

- Work wear
- All sizes of clothing
- Going out clothes
- Casual clothes (no t-shirts, shorts or activewear)
- Evening wear
- Designer labels are very welcome
- Accessories - bags, belts, scarves (no shoes)
- Coat hangers

We also need hanging racks. If you have one we could borrow, please let Libby Brennan know (nbpsandccommunications@gmail.com).

Any items left at the end of the night will be donated to Dress for Success or Lou's Place, depending on the item.

For now, sort through your wardrobe, ask your friends for their donations and we look forward to seeing you on the night.

CANTEEN NEWS

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

The sun has been shining and the juicies have been flying out of the service window! Please remember that frozen treats are now available from the canteen as the weather warms up.

A big call out to Year 6 parents please - 6F were truly amazing at filling the roster, but we had no volunteers at all from last week's rostered Year 6 class. This week is looking almost the same, with only one volunteer signed up so far! Please sign up for Thursday and Friday, 6S, we'd love to see you and I'm sure the students would too.

6V are next week and there are just a couple of empty spots. Thank you 6V! <https://www.signupgeenius.com/go/20f0c4cacae23a4ff2-nbps2>.

COMMUNITY NEWS

NORTH SYDNEY COMMUNITY AWARDS

Each year, the North Sydney Community Awards provide the perfect opportunity to acknowledge local people who make a difference in our community and the North Sydney LGA.

Nominations are now OPEN and will close on Saturday 10 December.

Council's Arts & Culture team have created new award names and refreshed its promotional campaign to reinvigorate the Awards and inspire a greater cross-section of the community to nominate.

We encourage everyone to nominate a person or group who you believe deserves an accolade, for work often done behind the scenes.

The new award categories are:

1. Community Builder: This person or group is the glue that makes the North Sydney community stronger, together.
2. Next Generation: This young person or group of young people have made an outstanding contribution to the North Sydney community and are an inspiration to others (nominees must be 24 years and under).
3. Eco Warrior: This person or group has made an outstanding contribution to making North Sydney cleaner and greener.
4. Trailblazer: This person or group of people are bold innovators, driving positive impact within the North Sydney community.
5. Living Legend: This person has served the North Sydney community for more than 20 years and is an inspiration to others.

The North Sydney Community Awards will be presented to winning individuals and groups at a special awards ceremony on Friday 24 March 2023 at the North Sydney Oval.

Nominations can be made online via Council's website [here](#).

COMMUNITY NEWS



ETHICS TEACHERS NEEDED

Can you spare a half-hour a week? We are seeking new volunteers for 2023 so that Ethics classes can continue. We are short on volunteer teachers and without volunteers we cannot offer enough classes.

Lesson plans for Ethics classes are provided by Primary Ethics, so you don't need to create your own lessons. Ethics teachers receive full training through online modules and a comprehensive training workshop. Previous teaching experience is not required.

Each week the children discuss a topic from the approved Primary Ethics curriculum. Ethics classes are thought-provoking and give children a chance to practise skills like disagreeing respectfully with others. They will be encouraged to try to find answers to the questions posed by giving reasons, finding evidence and building on each other's ideas.

We rely on parents, grandparents and community-minded people to become volunteer Ethics teachers in their local primary school. It is a rewarding way to be involved in your local community, learn new things and help children develop skills for life. The role requires a half-hour each Wednesday morning during the school term and is a rewarding way to engage with the school community.

If you are looking for an opportunity to make a valuable contribution to our school and would be interested in applying for this role, please visit www.primaryethics.com.au to apply or for more information.


Presented by Dr Jenny Brown

Jenny has been working in the field of child and family mental health since the early 1980s. Her most recent research and clinical focus is on how parents can be the best resource for building their children's resilience.

This presentation is relevant to parents with children of all ages.

Note - it is being filmed to be used as a future parenting resource.

For more on our speaker: <https://www.parentproject.com.au/about-jenny-brown/>
For more on the approach to parenting: <https://www.parentproject.com.au/about-us/>





Light refreshments provided

Dr Jenny Brown's books available for purchase

\$10/ticket

<https://www.trybooking.com/CDQKN>


Is your child aged 8-12?

Are they nervous about doing school talks or speeches?

The Centre for Emotional Health is recruiting for an exciting project to discover the best ways to reduce fear of public speaking in children and teenagers aged 8-12.

FIND OUT MORE

If you are interested in learning more, please email the research team at publicspeakingfears@mq.edu.au or call on (02) 9850 8596.

HERE ARE SOME OF THE BENEFITS OF BEING INVOLVED IN THIS RESEARCH:

- A free 2 hour treatment session for your child's fear of public speaking
- Your family will be reimbursed \$50 for your time.






JUSTFOOTBALL IN THE LOWER NORTH SHORE

SUNDAY | 5:30 - 7:00PM
FRIDAY | 4:30 - 6:00PM

Beginner to Elite Classes Available
For more info: justfootballacademy.com.au/lowernorthshore/
For Enquiries

New participants receive a FREE trial session



SWIM SCHEME

YEAR 2





