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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL SPECTACULAR STUDENTS



Congratulations to all our students who performed in the Schools Spectacular last week.

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

#### CONGRATULATIONS

was privileged to attend the Schools Spectacular Concert last Friday evening. I was incredibly proud to watch the performances of Georgie S (5K) and the Senior Choir. Georgie played the character of Jane from Mary Poppins and was outstanding in her individual role. The Senior Choir sang 'Sogno Di Volare' as part of

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

NOV 30: P&C Meeting DEC 1: Years 3-6 Principal's Awards Assembly DEC 5: Kindy Presentation Day DEC 6: Year 1 Presentation Day DEC 7: Year 2 Presentation Day DEC 8: Year 3 Presentation Day DEC 9: Year 4 Presentation Day DEC 13: Year 5 Presentation Day DEC 14: Year 6 Presentation Day

a larger School Spectacular Choir. Schools Spectacular will be televised on Saturday 17 December 2022.

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#### 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. /e 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.

It always seems impossible until it is done. Nelson Mandela

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#### PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY

I was honoured to work alongside Joshua R (1SV) on Monday, who was Principal for the Day. Joshua made announcements in classrooms about our Classroom Door Christmas Decoration Competition and presented awards at the Year 1 Assembly. Joshua was a very conscientious and capable Principal and impressed all students who he addressed.

#### CHRISTMAS BUS DECORATION

SRC members (Student **Representative Council**) had the honour of decorating a Keolis Downer Bus from the Neutral Bay Bus Depot with Christmas decorations today. Our students were very impressive with their enthusiasm and creativity. You may see the bus driving around the streets of Neutral Bay



during the festive period.

#### **PRESENTATION ASSEMBLIES**

The 2022 Presentation Assemblies continue through the next few weeks of this term.

Kindergarten Graduation - Monday 5 December at 9.20am

- Year 1 Tuesday 6 December at 9.20am
- Year 2 Wednesday 7 December 9.20am
- Year 3 Thursday 8 December 9.20am
- Year 4 Friday 9 December 9.20am
- Year 5 Tuesday 13 December 9.20am
- Year 6 Wednesday 14 December 9.20am

Families of students in Years 1-6 who are receiving awards or speaking at the assemblies have been contacted by email. Parents and friends are very welcome to attend these assemblies. All students should wear full school uniform with black shoes.

#### **2023 SRC ELECTIONS**

The SRC (Student Representative Council) Elections will be held on Monday 5 December, and students in Years 4 and 5, as well as teachers, will vote for our 2023 SRC Leaders and School Captains. The 31 students elected as SRC Leaders, including the 4 School Captains, will be announced and presented with their badges at the Year 5 Presentation Day Assembly on Tuesday 13 December, commencing at 9.20am on the outdoor stage (weather permitting).

#### SCHOOL INVOICES

It would be appreciated if all outstanding 2022 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.

#### AUSSIE OF THE MONTH AND PRINCIPAL'S **AWARDS**

Today and tomorrow, I have the great honour of presenting the Term 4 Principal's Awards, Bronze, Silver and Gold Badges to our students. One Year 6 student will be awarded the Neutral Bay Service Medal. The medal is presented to students who have already attained a Gold Badge and have been awarded another 20 Bay Way Stickers. I will also be presenting the Aussie of the Month Awards for courage, friendship, and respect.

Congratulations to all our award recipients, recognising their respectful, responsible behaviour and personal best actions. The names of the students presented with Principal's Awards and Aussie of the Month recipients will be published in next week's newsletter.

#### LAST DAY OF TERM 4 2022 FOR STUDENTS

The last day of Term 4 for students is Friday 16 December and all students are expected to attend.

Please note, Monday 19 December and Tuesday 20 December are Staff Professional Development Days. This year, teachers are focusing on the planning and implementation of the new Curriculum for English and Mathematics.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2023**

- Staff Development Day Friday 27 January and Monday 30 January
- Years 1 to 6 students return to school Tuesday 31 January
- Kindergarten Best Start Assessments Tuesday 31 January, Wednesday 1 February and Thursday 2 February
- Year 5 Opportunity Class students commence -Wednesday 1 February at 9.45am
- Kindergarten first full day Friday 3 February

#### **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).

#### **P&C MEETING**

The P&C Meeting will be held in the hall tonight, commencing at 7.00pm. We look forward to parents and carers joining us at the meeting.

#### NOT RETURNING TO NBPS IN 2023

If your child will not be returning to Neutral Bay PS in 2023, please complete the following form: https://forms.gle/WCH2TsLbPRnK5wL97.

# SCHOOL NEWS



#### SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

After a two-year hiatus, Schools Spectacular showcased the talent of over 5000 public school children with four incredible shows over the weekend. We are so proud of Georgie S (5K), who was a featured artist, as well as all the Year 5 and 6 choir students! The students did a wonderful job of representing Neutral Bay Public School with their amazing commitment, talent and passion. Year 5 were also able to attend one of the shows as a cohort on Friday, and loved supporting their friends.

#### **IMOGEN BLACKIE & KATE RADFORD** SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR COORDINATORS

#### **NEUTRAL BAY STRINGS GROUP**

Neutral Bay Public School Strings Group is for students who love playing string instruments (violin or cello). These students come together and showcase their talent on Wednesday morning. The group plays at various school functions and is taught by our specialist strings conductor.

For those who have learnt a string instrument from a specialist teacher for more than 1.5 years, are still playing, and will be in Year 3 or above in 2023, you are welcome to register your interest in auditioning. We are a small but diverse team with various talents (music lovers, sports lovers and many more).

If you would like to have a fun Wednesday morning, playing together and forming a great friendship with like-minded people, please register your interest at <u>nbpsstring@gmail.com</u> with the details below.

- Name of student/s
- Parent/carer name and contact details (mobile phone number and email address)
- Number of years taught by a specialist teacher
- AMEB grade or Suzuki grade (an equivalent)

We will send you 2023 information session details shortly. We look forward to hearing from you!

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STRINGS COORDINATOR



# FROM THE P&C

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

#### **P&C MEETING - 7PM TONIGHT IN THE HALL**

Join us for the final P&C meeting of the year at 7pm in the school hall .

#### END OF YEAR TWILIGHT PICNIC -FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER AT 6PM

We will hold a family picnic on school grounds on Friday 9 December from 6pm. It will be a great chance to catch up with other families before the end of the year. We will be cooking sausages and holding a cake stall, or you can bring your own picnic.

#### Attendees

If you are planning on attending, please register <u>HERE</u> so we know how many sausages to cook.

#### Bakers

We will be holding a cake stall as well as the BBQ. Please bring your best cupcakes, cookies and cakes to the stand when you come to the picnic.

#### Servers / Barbequers

We will also need volunteers to help set up, cook on the BBQ and serve food (please!). This will be your last chance to volunteer at a P&C event for 2022. Sign up HERE.

#### **UNIFORM SHOP**

The last day to place orders from the Uniform Shop for delivery this year will be Friday 9 December. Orders placed after this date will be filled next year.

#### VOLUNTEER THANK YOU DRINKS -WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER AT 5.30PM

The P&C would like to thank all our 2022 volunteers. Volunteers play a critical role at NBPS. Every week, our class coordinators update families, we couldn't host any of our events without people giving up their time to help out, and our canteen relies on volunteers every single day to get lunches out. We would like to say thank you to everyone who has volunteered this year. Please join us for drinks at the Neutral Bay Club from 5.30pm on Wednesday 7 December. Please register <u>HERE</u>.



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

There are no new updates from the canteen team this week, except for a plea for help! We are short a team member for the last two weeks of term, so we would love the help of some volunteers.

If you have any free time at all, please sign up <u>HERE</u> and come to help us out (particularly on a Thursday or Friday).





#### You can HELP TODAY

Guidelines:

- If possible, gift cards for supermarkets would be helpful.
- Try and bring food that is special for families to have as a Christmas treat
- Bring non-perishable items
- Bring make sure all items are new/unopened

PLEASE BRING ITEMS TO THE BOX IN YOUR CLASSROOM



# **COMMUNITY NEWS**



## supporting young people in school holidays: practical tips for parents and carers

headspace National are hosting education sessions for parents and carers across NSW who are supporting young people during school holidays.

- These sessions aim to:
- Identify challenges and opportunities of the school holiday period
- Offer practical ideas for parents and carers
  Provide information about additional support
- services

  Highlight the importance of self-care

#### Where:

Online webinars.

#### When:

We will be offering this session multiple times around the school holiday period. Sessions will be held at 12 - 1pm AEDT or 6 - 7pm AEDT.

Session dates will be listed on Eventbrite.

#### How do I register?

Click the link to register for a session via Eventbrite: <u>bit.ly/3UVkYQM</u>, or copy the URL into your web browser. Alternatively you can scan the QR code:



After registering, you'll receive a confirmation email which will include the Zoom webinar link.

You will receive a digital information pack after the session that includes key messages and links to resources and support services.

Need more information? Email us: programsupport@headspace.org.au.

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## *'Learning Together'* is a free online toolkit for students of any age.



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#### CAMMERAYGAL NETBALL CLUB

Girls aged 12 or 13 and entering YC 7 of Commercingal HS or any private or public school, are invited to attend on information and training scassing <u>SATUROPX JD SECONDER Trans</u> <u>8.20am</u> (Registration) <u>Hill IOam</u> at the Sport's Hall at Commercingal Senior Comput at West St, Crons Next. Entering the school and the school and the Saturation of the Saturation Section Sectio

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