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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

AWARD SEASON IS UPON US



Congratulations to Jack B (6N) for receiving the Neutral Bay Public School Service Medal.

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

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the
Neutral Bay Public
School Primary Girls

Chess Team of Alice W, Kylie R, Katie Z and Jocelyn F who came fifth at the Australian School's Chess Championships on the weekend. This is an exceptional achievement for the girls after winning the NSW Championship earlier this term.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- DEC 8:** Year 3 Presentation Day
- DEC 9:** Year 4 Presentation Day
- DEC 11:** End of Year Band Concert
- DEC 13:** Year 5 Presentation Day
- DEC 14:** Year 6 Presentation Day
- DEC 14:** Stage 2 Picnic Day
- DEC 14:** Year 6 Farewell
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- DEC 16:** Kindy & Stage 1 Picnic Day
- DEC 16:** Year 6 Farewell Arch

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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.

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.

It was wonderful to hear that Kylie received the Best Board 1 Trophy.



PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS ASSEMBLIES

Last week, I had the great honour of presenting the Term 4 Principal's Awards and Bayley Badges to our students, as well as the Aussie of the Month Awards. Congratulations to all students who received their awards, recognising their respectful, responsible behaviour, personal best actions and citizenship. A special congratulations to Jack B (6N), who was presented with the Neutral Bay Public School Service Medal for attaining a further Principal's Award after receiving his gold badge. The students awarded Aussie of the Month were:

Ryan E (1W)	Courage
Zachary B (2M)	Friendship
Emily D (3R)	Respect
Emma S (4HS)	Respect
Jock G (4K)	Courage
Gemma K (6S)	Courage
Toby G (6S)	Friendship

PRESENTATION ASSEMBLIES

The 2022 Presentation Assemblies continue through the next week of this term. Each grade will have a Presentation Assembly and the dates for the upcoming assemblies are below.

- 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

We enjoyed presenting graduation certificates to our Kindergarten students this week. We also presented the learning dispositions awards to our Year 1 and 2 students at their Presentation Day Assemblies. All Neutral Bay Public School Presentation Assemblies are very special and important events that celebrate student successes and highlight the wonderful work of our teachers and school leaders in ensuring our students are confident learners ready to progress to their new grades in 2023.

P&C ASSOCIATION TWILIGHT FAMILY PICNIC

The P&C will be holding a Twilight Family Picnic this Friday 9 December from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Further information is provided on page 4 of this week's newsletter.

2023 SRC ELECTIONS

The Student Representative Council (SRC) Elections were held on Monday and students in Years 4 and 5, as well as teachers, voted for the 2023 SRC and School Captains. The 31 students elected as SRC Leaders include the four School Captains. The students in the 2023 SRC will be presented with their badges at the Year 5 Presentation Day Assembly on Tuesday 13 December, commencing at 9:20am.

BAND CONCERT

The Reunion Band Concert is being held at Neutral Bay Public School Hall on Sunday 11 December. The Concert begins at 5:00pm, comprising the Concert Band and returning students. All parents and students are welcome to attend. This concert is a wonderful occasion and a fitting way to end a very successful year for the Band program. Thank you to Mr Ray Hampton, Dr Louis Madrid and Ms Emma Clain for conducting our students involved in the band program. Thank you also to the music tutors and wonderful parents who generously volunteer to coordinate the program:

- Tamia Gallego - Junior Band
- Danielle Brown - Senior Band
- Naomi de Vries - Concert Band
- Michaela Campbell - Band Treasurer
- Fumi Rice - NBPS Strings

LAST DAY OF TERM 4 2022

The last day of Term 4 for students is Friday 16 December and all students are expected to attend. Staff will be at school on Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 December 2022 for the staff professional learning days.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2023

- Staff Development Days - Friday 27 January and Monday 30 January
- Students in 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

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.

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>.

AWARD RECIPIENTS

Kindergarten

Annia C	KC
Piper C	KC
Morgan J	KC
Tristan L	KC
Freddie O	KH

Year 1

Alindra A	1A
Teo F	1A
Jasmine F	1A
Oscar L	1A
Riley C	1C
Beatrix H	1C
Sophia H	1C
Beau L	1C
Abbie M	1C
Accera S	1C
Ricki T	1C
Max v	1C
Jaydn Z	1C
Nathalia B	1D
David C	1D
Willow M	1D
Emily O	1D
Isabelle B	1SV
Benji G	1SV
Reuben S	1SV
Genevieve S	1SV
Gussy S	1SV
Jalen W	1SV
Michael Z	1SV
Coco L	1W
Louella O	1W
Elizabeth O	1W
Arthur P	1W
Chloe R	1W
Alexa S	1W
Aria-Rose V	1W

Year 2

Janet L	2F
Maya M	2F
Sean O	2F
Sophie B	2L
Ava M	2L
Jayden Z	2L
Buzzy A	2M
Isaac C	2M
Clementine F	2M
Jessica P	2M
Roberto A	2P
Isabella R	2P
Charlotte U	2P
Ellie C	2R
Zora D	2R
India H	2R

Tegan H	2R
Chantelle L	2R
Carl O	2R
Tara P	2R

Year 3

Angus D	3C
Harrison M	3C
Noah V	3C
Josh G	3G
Annabelle H	3G
Matilda M	3G
Amelia R	3G
Alice T	3G
Scarlett H	3R
Madison K	3R
Morrison K	3R
Charlie S	3R

Year 4

Charlie B	4A
Aramesh V	4HS
Annabelle D	4K
Zachary E	4K
Zoe J	4K
Marcus L	4K
Isabelle L	4K
Farrah P	4K
Adam S	4K
Leon C	4R
Orion D	4R
Scott K	4R
Leo P	4R

Year 5

Madison D	5D
William O	5D
Lydia V	5D
James Z	5D
Esther K	5I
India O	5I
Charlotte R	5I
Alanna F	5K
Georgie S	5K
Elana S	5K
Katie Z	5K
Zoe C	5R
Leo L	5R
Henry S	5R
Isabelle v	5R

Year 6

Jessica H	6C
Tyler C	6F
Celine W	6F
Yoon C	6N

Avalon L	6N
Madison T	6N
Alice X	6N
Jacky Z	6N
Alexander B	6V
Justin C	6V
Willow C	6V
Derin K	6V
Jack K	6V
Koume N	6V
Zach P	6V

Bronze Awards

Hamish M	2F
James R	2F
Sam V	2F
Annika M	2L
Aliya Q	3C
Cleo L	3G
Winter B	3M
Carmel F	3M
Gordon G	3M
Easton G	3M
Penelope P	3M
Emmeline G	3R
Natalie H	3R
Hugo J	3R
Eva L	3R
Lola M	3R
Ivy C	4A
Fynnbar M	4A
Gracie R	4A
Mark M	4G
Jakub M	4G
Aiden S	4G
Elsbeth T	4G
Alexander G	4HS
Kabir K	4HS
Tara M	4HS
James N	4HS
Elsie S	4HS
Patrick C	4K
Lara D	4K
Jock G	4K
Megan L	4K
Anna W	4K
Kaitlin G	4R
Ilya H	4R
Jamieson M	4R
Noah O	4R
James A	5BT
Michael A	5BT
Kevin C	5BT
Anika D	5BT
Olive H	5BT
Jesse H	5BT
Sam H	5BT

Duru K	5BT
Gabby L	5BT
Esther L	5BT
Jeffrey L	5BT
Ulysses L	5BT
Charlotte N	5BT
Rahul P	5BT
Radha P	5BT
Isobel V	5BT
Alex W	5BT
Lucas W	5BT
Alice W	5BT
Sophie W	5BT
Ella W	5BT
Ian W	5BT
Pao Pao Y	5BT
William B	5D
Julian H	5D
Markus K	5D
Juss S	5D
Anderw Z	5I
Jay E	5K
Austin W	5K
Sasilia G	5R
Alberto A	6C
Jessica H	6C
Alexandros B	6F
Aiden K	6F
James S	6S
Kacey V	6V

Silver Awards

Harriette O	4HS
Rhea P	4K
Anoushka P	4K
Audrey S	5D
Nate D	5I
Hilary Z	5I
Thomas P	5R
Lizzie S	5R
Kai C	6F
Pyper C	6F
Frankie F	6F
Dwaraka S	6N
Xavier O	6S
Matteo A	6V

Gold Awards

Tyler C	5R
Aurelia S	6F
Noah V	6S
Alisa S	6V
Christopher S	6V

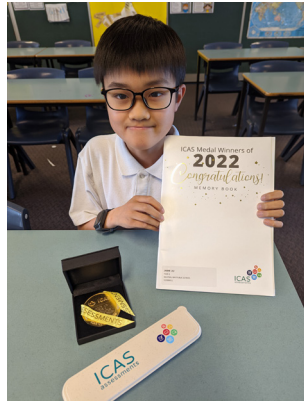
Service Medal

Jack B	6N
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SCHOOL NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS, JAMIE!

Jamie L (6C) is an extremely talented mathematician. He recently completed the Australian Mathematics Problem Solving Olympiad. The Olympiad papers each have five complex problem-solving questions to be worked out using logic and mathematical skills. Across the year, there are five papers in total. Jamie attained a perfect score in the Olympiad answering 25 out of a possible 25 questions correctly.



Jamie also elected to sit the ICAS Mathematics assessment this year. The ICAS assessments are quite challenging, with questions increasing in complexity as the student progresses further in the test. Jamie answered 40 out of a possible 40 questions correctly, giving him another perfect score. He received an engraved medal, an ICAS stationery set and his name was published in the ICAS Medal Winners of 2022 Memory Book. Jamie was invited to participate in the filming of a video about how it feels to achieve a perfect score in ICAS. When asked about how he felt about his perfect score, Jamie said he was 'pretty excited.'

MICHELLE CHANDRA
YEAR 6 GRADE LEADER

TERM 4 WEEK 8

CAUGHT YOU BEING GOOD TOKEN COUNT



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

NSW EDUCATION PARENT APP

The Department of Education has launched an exciting new digital communication tool, the NSW Education Parent App, to help support good school-home communication.

The app already has 180,000 users and is a convenient way our school can keep you up to date with latest news, school updates, newsletters, school operational status and upcoming events which you can add to your personal calendar.

You can choose to receive instant notifications when there is an update from the school and access the same content that's on our school website in an accessible way when you are on the go.

The app has advanced privacy and security features, and it won't store any identifying data. It is free and available for iOS and Android users so you can download the NSW Education Parent App in the [Apple Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

Once you download the app, you will need to complete the onboarding process in the Parent App to select the school(s) you'd like to follow and enable your push notifications in your phone's settings and in the app's School Settings to make sure you never miss an important update.

For more information, refer to [NSW Education Parent App](#). If you need support with using the app, check out our how-to guides for [Android](#) or [iOS](#) or contact the Parent App team via parentapp@detcorpcomms.zendesk.com.

FROM THE P&C

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

VOLUNTEER THANK YOU DRINKS - TONIGHT 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, tonight Wednesday 7 December.

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

We look forward to seeing you at the family picnic on school grounds, this Friday 9 December from 6pm. It's a great chance to catch up with friends before the end of the year. We will have sausage sandwiches, slices of pizza, cold drinks and a cake stall, or you can bring your own picnic.

Attendees

If you are planning on attending, please register [HERE](#) 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 serve and sell the food and drinks. If you can spare half an hour on the evening to help out, please sign up [HERE](#).



UNIFORM SHOP - LAST DAY IS THIS FRIDAY

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.

CANTEEN NEWS

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

Hotdog day - Tuesday 13 December

This is our last call for volunteers for the canteen for 2022! We need helpers every day until the end of term, but would really appreciate help on hotdog day. Last hotdog day saw over 300 hotdogs sold, as well as normal lunches. If you can spare a few hours that day we would love the help!

Sign up here if you have some free time between 9am - 1pm: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f-0c4caca23a4ff2-nbps2>.

HOTDOG DAY!

Tuesday 13th December

Only \$4 for a freshly made hot dog delivered for your lunch!

Order via Flexi Schools by 4pm on Monday 12th December





Compulsory school attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my Legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The Importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.

My child won't go to school what should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The NSW Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



More information

Further Information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's Policy Library AND The Department's Attendance Matters Website

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's Wellbeing and Learning website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on **131 450**. You will not be charged for this service.



TERM 4 PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS ASSEMBLIES







