Hi from the P&C!

It’s been a crazy, busy week for the P&C as we come to the end of Term 1. Bring on the break!

Would you believe we are still interviewing for Emma’s replacement? Definitely hard shoes to fill! If you know anyone that has 12 months experience and willing to work these hours please get them to contact me so we can get someone in for Term 2. Annie and Jess have done a great job covering all the shifts so far.

The P&C purchased a big new TV and Blue ray for the centre last week and its installed and being enjoyed already. We also bought them a new blender and storage fridge to help cater for the larger numbers now using the service. A $1 increase to fees comes into effect on Wednesday, 1 May.

The Easter hat parade was so much fun, and brought back so many memories of my childhood. It was so great seeing the parents and grandparents that turned up to cheer the kids on. Grandparents and friends day was also a great success and the canteen was swamped with new customers that day, so thank you all for your support! Every little bit helps!

Before we had time to take a breath it was time for a quick cleaning bee and then the raffle draw, which was won by a Mona Vale resident so at least it stays in the community! Well done to Jared Bell from 4P for taking out top prize for most tickets sold. What a champ!

It’s Cross Country tomorrow - my whole family is attending to cheer the kids on and I’ve got a coffee van coming to sell hot drinks to all the parents doing drop off as well as those staying for the start of the carnival! They are kindly donating 50 cents a cup back to the P&C which is excellent so bring your money! As always I’ll appreciate your feedback after the event! Please come up and introduce yourself I’d love to meet more of you! If you are coming to the carnival consider going online TONIGHT and placing a recess or lunch order for your child and add your own food order to it! We would greatly appreciate the extra income and happily deliver down to the back field at lunch!

We have over 85 parents now on our private Facebook page NNPS Virtual P&C. Find the page here

https://www.facebook.com/groups/348146348639561/

It’s not open to the public, posts won’t appear on your friends’ timelines and I check all names applying are valid parents or relatives of the school before granting permission. Please come online and start or join in the conversations, keep up-to-date with reminders and events and see my daily waffles and photo posts! Then you don’t have to wait two weeks to hear from me! It’s been really successful so far and everyone has been really positive about creating a productive tight knit community for 2013. Please remember to abide by the code of conduct for social media and refrain from abuse or overly negative comments, as I know you all will! Let’s all be happy and work together!

The next meeting of the P&C will be a week late due to school holidays and will be on Wednesday, 1 May at 7pm. After that we revert back to the regular date of the last Wednesday of the month - 29 May. I hope to see lots of new members. It costs only $1 to join and have your say! Get involved!

Have a lovely and safe Easter break and beep if you see me out and about!

Jacqueline

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From the Principal’s desk...

**Principal Award recipients for Week 11** - Congratulations to: Eden Miller 6D; Thomas May 6D; Reese Lawson 6D; Ella Williamson 5/6B; David Hayman 5/6B; Maia Moffat 5/6B; Jed Hugill 5/6B; Will Taylor 4F; Monique Allan 3M; Kasey Simpson 3M; Julius Krabbe 3M; Monet Marks 3M; Gabriel Anderson 3M; Cooper McNeill 3M; Callum Chanak-Lister 3M; Connor Domanski 3M; Anna Monteleone 1/2M and Jack Lea 1AJ. Well done, everyone!

**Anzac Day commemoration at NNPS**

Our school held its Anzac Day service on Wednesday. It is a very moving ceremony, with our captains and prefects doing a wonderful job as hosts. We were delighted to welcome representatives of the National Servicemen’s Association (NSA) to join in our assembly as our official guests. The students from 3M presented a wonderful poem, our band played and ex-NNPS student, Brody S came back from high school to play the Last Post and did a fantastic job. Thank you, Brody. The floral tributes from each class were beautiful and many thanks to our parents for the generous donations of flowers. After the ceremony, I took the 21 wreaths up to the Anzac memorial at the War Veteran’s Home at Collaroy Plateau and they were most pleased to receive the colourful wreaths. Sincere thanks to Mr Fox for organising and coordinating this very special NNPS event.

**Year 6 writing competition**

The representatives from the National Servicemen’s Association invited our school earlier this year to take part in their annual Anzac Day writing competition. The school eagerly accepted the opportunity and our Year 6 teachers, students and librarian enthusiastically started research on the assigned topic of Australian Nurses in War. The range of entries was outstanding with writing in the form of poems, diaries, journals, news reports, narratives and factual recounts. Also, the creativity of the presentations was amazing with great care taken and clever ways of presenting the information evident.

The winners of the competition were:
- 1st place – Carly Abbott
- 2nd place – Brittany Vince
- 3rd place – Sebastian Bradley

Congratulations on your writing talents!

**Woolworths Earn and Learn is back**

Last year, our school community participated in the Earn and Learn program at Woolworths. It was a great success and the points collected were used to buy a wonderful range of musical instruments. The 2013 event has now started and I hope you will support us again in collecting as many points as possible. The project opened on **MONDAY, 8 APRIL** and will close on **SUNDAY, 9 JUNE**. One point is earned for every $10 spent at Woolworths. Points are collected on the ‘points sheet’ as was the case last year and once the sheet is filled, it is placed in the collection box at school. It will be time to start collecting next week! Point sheets are available online, from a Woolworths store or from the school office upon request.

**Term 2 starting date**

Students return for Term 2 on Wednesday, 1 May. The state government has added one extra school development day on Tuesday, 30 April to assist with the implementation of the new Australian Curriculum’s English syllabus. Our school’s athletics carnival is on that Wednesday and Y2-Y6 students will be travelling by bus to the Sports Academy on Wakehurst Parkway. Fingers crossed for great weather. However, due to the difficulty in rescheduling to another date in the event of bad weather, the carnival is on rain or shine!

**Year 6 interviews**

Thank you to everyone who participated in our recent parent/teacher interview sessions. The teachers have told me how much they valued the sessions and how pleased they were to meet so many parents. We were especially very proud of our senior students whose interviews took the form of a ‘student led conference’. This method for older students encourages the students to take responsibility for their own learning and to actively engage in the learning process. The Stage 3 teachers were thrilled with the way their students undertook the interviews and responded so positively to the experience. Thank you to the teachers for giving their time so generously to make the interviews a reality.

**A special trial …**

Following several requests we are going to permit students to ride scooters to school from the beginning of Term 2 for a trial period of nine weeks. Students will need to wear a helmet, just as our bike riders do for safety reasons. Scooters will be stored during the day near the bike storage area and must be wheeled in and out of the playground. In the interests of student safety, it is probably our older students who will be most involved.

Robert Blanchfield
**Beyond the board with Miss Dickson...**

What a busy term this has shaped up to be! Thank you to everyone for all your hard work and support of Stage 3 and our primary programs this term. To make it all happen is a team effort and we can’t provide the wealth of opportunities and quality teaching programs without the efforts and cooperation of our fabulous students, committed teachers and sensational parents. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the lovely Tamar Stewart for being as always such a valuable member of my team this term. We wish her every happiness and joy and we all can’t wait to meet the new addition to her family. Tamar we will miss you. I am, however, very thrilled to be welcoming Sophie Town back to NNPS and specifically Stage 3. Sophie, like Tamar, is one of the calmest, professional and collaborative teachers one could hope to work with. Lucky us to have her back, and lucky 5S to have two fabulous teachers, within one year.

**Student Led Conferences**

It was just fantastic to have so many parents attend the Student Led Conferences this week! Thank you parents for your support and attendance. As class teachers, we were ever so proud of our students in regards to their preparation and talking and listening skills, as they walked their parents through a term in Stage 3. It proved to be very informative and valuable to all parties involved. Many conferences went beyond the 25 minutes allocated because students and parents were enjoying the sharing of work samples and students were so proud of their Term 1 achievements. Research has proven that best practice to assist students to reach their potential is to enhance engagement, provide meaningful feedback and to share positive relationships and communication amongst all stakeholders - parent, student and teacher. Our students are moving forward in the right direction and together we will help them ever aim high.

**School Cross Country**

Our school Cross Country Carnival is the last day of term and we look forward to fine weather and a fantastic sporting experience. The K-2 carnival begins at 9.45am. The Primary section of the carnival will be held straight after recess. Students are encouraged to wear some touches of their house colour (ribbons in the hair, coloured zinc etc) and to bring signs of support for their house. Points will be awarded for the best house behaviour and cheers. Zone qualifying events begin with the under 9’s race and the first 6 finishers of each subsequent race will receive ribbons and qualify to attend the Zone Carnival next term. We are still looking for parent helpers to assist at the carnival. We need approximately 10 helpers, at least, to supervise at different points on the course to ensure safety. If you can help please visit us at the recording tables prior to the commencement of the primary carnival. Thank you to the P & C for organising a coffee van for the event. Perhaps it could also be present at the Zone Carnival that will be held in week 3 on our school grounds.

**School Athletics Carnival**

Our School Athletics Carnival for students from Yr 2-6 will be held on the first day of Term 2, Wednesday, 1 May. Buses will leave school for the Sydney Academy of Sport at 9.15 and the carnival will commence by 10.00 am. Children will sit in the stands in houses. Parents are encouraged to sit with their children in the allocated stand and support their house. Zone qualifying events begin with the under 8’s races. Children run in the race for the age they are turning this year. Long jump and high jump are by pre-entry that was due this week. No late entries on the day to these events will be accepted. Thank you to all parents who have offered to assist. You should have received a confirmation and thank you note on Wednesday. Please meet Mr Brown and I at the recording tables at 9.45am to be assigned your role. Roles include timekeeping, judging, assistance at long jump and high jump. Please understand that the carnival will go ahead despite rain. The carnival will only be cancelled on advice from the Academy in case of electrical storms.

**Sporting Spirit and Pride**

Thank you to the wonderful Nicole Amundsen who has been researching ways to assist in building house spirit and recognition. Bandanas in house colours and the resurrection of cloth badges in house colours have been discussed this week with house captains and at house meetings. The bandanas received the absolute approval and go ahead from the student body, as have the patches. Many of my Year 6 students commented on how they had loved the patches when starting school and had them on their first uniforms. We all agree it would be a welcomed comeback to see them once again on sports shirts.

**ANZAC Day and National Servicemen’s ‘Australian Nurses at War’ Competition.**

Stage 3 was thrilled to be selected by the National Servicemen to partake in the ‘Australian Nurses at War’ Competition. We were honoured to meet Joan Fisher, one of the last surviving nurses, who dedicated her life and love to service on a hospital ship and other AGHs in World War II. Her talk, together with Pam Bayfield, inspired the fantastic written assignments that adorned the amphitheatre at our ANZAC Day Service. Congratulations to all our Yr 6 students and especially to our winners - Carly Abbott, Brittany Vince and Sebastian Bradley. The quality of all the assignments made it extremely difficult for our head judge, Mr Blanchfield. Oh and a big thank you to parents who assisted in getting the wreaths together within a limited time frame – we love you Mrs Abbott and Mrs Gaul!

**Student Leadership**

Our Stage 3 student leaders are always impressive and are constantly putting their skills to use for the benefit of our school. Recently a group of fifteen Yr 6 students participated in the PCS Leadership Hub Day at Narrabeen Lakes PS and were sensational ambassadors of our school. Today our captains and vice captains have made a digital presentation to a wide audience to conclude their 6 week PCS Leadership Program. The topic that they needed to address in their presentation...
CAR RAFFLE RESULTS!!!!
The Raffle was drawn at Narrabeen North Surf Club on Monday night 8 April by the Rotary Club. Representing the school at the draw was Gail and Geoff Bateman and Jacqueline and Brent Mannell. The winner was local resident Roger Baber - a relative of a 2C student at Mona Vale Public School! Well done to all NNPS students for selling over $7500 in tickets. As a community of local schools and clubs we raised $77,000, with Rotary’s help that stays on the peninsula to help with vital resources. We should all be very proud! :) Bring on next year! :)

Sydney North Dance Rehearsal
Miss White, Mrs Williams and I have all been thrilled with the progress made by our Stage 1 and Stage 3 Performance Dance Groups this term. We are very confident and excited about our audition for the Sydney North Dance Festival. Our audition will be held at Newport Public School on Wednesday, 15 May at 12 noon. More information and notes concerning assistance in regards to transport, costumes and makeup will be coming your way Week 1 next term so please stay tuned. We appreciate all the help we can get to give our students this very special experience.

Woolies Points and Music
Last year our school community did an astounding job in collecting points from this program. The end result was that Mrs Hamilton and I were able to purchase $8000 worth of percussion instruments to enhance the teaching of music in classrooms at Narrabeen North. Those instruments arrived this term and thanks to some very amazing and supportive band parents (led by Heidi, mother of Max - thank you all, times a million) those instruments are now ready to be utilized in classrooms. I sincerely hope the NNPS community can get behind this program again in 2013 to help us improve the CAPA resources and perhaps assist in discovering the next ‘Voice’!!

Have a well deserved and relaxing holiday everyone.
Carpe Diem and Go Manly!

Michelle Dickson
NNPS Assistant Principal (Teaching)
Stage 3 Leader and Yr 6 teacher
PD/H/PE and CAPA Team Leader

was ‘BE ACTIVE, BE HAPPY’! What I love most about their final PowerPoint is that they can proudly say it is their own work. They worked as a team and they did it. Whilst some assistance came from their greatest supporters (us-parents and teachers) that assistance was only in holding cameras, keeping them focused and providing time. The interview skills, the negotiations, the editing, the presentations all belong to them. Go our Leadership Team - you are great role models for us all!!!
Well done to the Senior band on their performances at Grandfriends day and the Anzac ceremony. Great to see their first outings under the direction of Mr Fox.

What a fabulous turnout at the blow tests that were held this Monday. The Senior band members did a great job demonstrating their instruments and there were over 50 excited kids who got to try their instrument (or instruments) of choice.

There are limited places to start in Term 2 on flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet or trombone. The instrument is hired from school and then we supply you with a list of tutors to organise a lesson at a convenient time and price. After a term of private lessons they would then join the training band.

In addition if anyone is already learning an instrument (or previously played an instrument and would like to restart) they may be able to start in the training band next term.

Learning music is a great skill to acquire, you are part of a team, get the opportunity to perform at school, as well as at outside venues like the University of NSW and Pittwater High School. So come and join the fun!

Please contact Heidi Furber on 0412 317 179 for more details on the beginner program or to arrange a blow test if you missed out this Monday and are keen to join in.

Percussion groups for Year 2 will start Week 2 next term during Tuesday lunchtime. Places are limited so please fill in the attached registration form and hand in to the office. Costs are $50 per term.

Guitar groups are going strongly and Cameron and Jose are very popular with their students - we look forward to hearing them at the CAPA concert.

The Music Bus is giving many more kids a taste of music and drumming ensembles start with Stuart Henderson at 8 am Wednesday, week 2, next term as well.

Wow - what a fabulous amount of music is happening at NNPS!

Heidi Furber

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**Ryan Long makes Sydney North Rugby League Team!**

Yesterday I took a group of the very best players from the Manly zone to participate in the Sydney North Rugby League regional trials held at Wyong. All the very best players from Central Coast, Ryde-Balmain and Manly zones were involved.

Narrabeen North’s Ryan Long was one of the players. He played four games in very hot, humid conditions in the toughest game of them all and was successful in making the Sydney North team.

This is an outstanding achievement and he joins a great list of players who have made this team including Anthony Watmough and Mitchell Pearce who now currently play in the NRL. Narrabeen North is very proud of him and wishes Ryan all the best in the State Competition. Run hard and tackle hard Ryan! Good luck!

Mr Perrin

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**Cybersafety Youth Advisory Group (YAG)**

Our school has registered to participate in the Youth Advisory Group on Cybersafety (YAG) administered by the Australian Government.

Year 6 students have been given the opportunity to represent our school by participating in the online consultations from Wednesday, 8 May - Friday, 17 May. The students will have access to the YAG website and can participate in discussions about cyber safety with students from other schools in New South Wales, Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory.

Parents also have an opportunity to participate in a cyber-safety forum by providing advice to government on the issues affecting youth online. If you are interested, please register at www.dbcde.gov.au/yag.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Michelle Wineberg

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**Volunteers Needed!**

Volunteers are needed to set up, man and dismantle a canteen stall on our backfield during the Zone Cross Country Carnival on Friday, 17 May. The stall will sell drinks, snacks and lunch.

Any amount of time you can give during that day would be appreciated so please volunteer as many hands make light work.
Crunch and Sip
Begins
Week 2, Term 2 on Monday, 6 May.

Guringai Writing Competition
Years 5 and 6
For entry forms please see the electronic attachment or pick up a hard copy from the school office.

Rostering Coordinator School Hours!!
8 or 9am till 3pm Monday to Friday.
Do you have rostering experience, a positive attitude, exceptional organisational skills and the ability to cope with change? The successful applicant will be responsible for the relief roster of a very busy northern beaches organisation. Duties include keeping relief rosters up to date, being the point of contact between managers, supervisors and team leaders. You will also ensure sick leave is documented and rosters are communicated properly. If you are interested please call DCL Recruitment on 9905 3566 or email your resume to dcl@dclrecruitment.com.au

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