The P&C Newsletter from Narrabeen North Public School

From the P&C President...
As many of you will remember, in the last P&C newsletter item I talked about our upcoming October P&C meeting and how we would be looking at making a considerable donation to the school. Well it is with much excitement that I write this week’s newsletter to confirm that the P&C voted unanimously to make a $30,000 donation for the expansion of the wireless network to cover all learning spaces within the school. It must be said, that such a donation would not be able to happen without the support of our community who have so willingly contributed to all our fundraising initiatives. The expansion of the wireless network will enhance the quality public education that is already delivered by the fabulous teachers of our wonderful school and work towards ensuring our students are 21st century learners.

Our final P&C meeting for 2013 will be held on Wednesday, 27 November from 7.30am. At this P&C meeting, one of our agenda items will be to look at planning for 2014. Again, I welcome all members of the P&C and community to this meeting as it is a wonderful way to get involved in your child’s education and meet a wonderful team of fellow parents.

On behalf of the P&C thank you for your continued support.

Regards
Adrienne

From the Principal’s desk...
Principal awards for Week 4 - congratulations to:
KB: Duke W
KM: Zara A; Zean P
1AJ: Lucie H; Jack B; Sol P
1/2M: George K
1R: Jamie D; Clare P; Ethan G
2H: Holden K; Patrick F; Nyah W; Annabelle N; Aiden P; Izzy C; Dylan J; Teyen S
3L: Sam C; Liam G
3/4G: Zac D; Coen H; Aajuah B; Luka M; Breyton M-S; Darion M
4F: Joshua B; Erin B
4P: Kiara H; Lily C; James M
5M: Charlotte W; Jack B
6D: Ondine M; Gemma vL

Well done and great work all award winners!

Selective high school for 2015
Applications are now open for Year 5 students wishing to apply for a selective high school in 2015. The online application process is open until Monday, 18 November. The placement test is scheduled for Thursday, 13 March 2014. For more information please go to: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shs_placement Paper applications are also available on request from the school office. Please note that no late applications can be accepted.

Library helpers requested
Our school librarian, Mrs Karen Koprivec is currently on long service leave and while she is away, Miss Danielle Nero has been our casual teacher/librarian. Miss Nero is asking for assistance from any parent who could help with book covering so that she can surprise Mrs Koprivec with a big pile of covered books on her return. If you are able to help, please see Miss Nero in the library either before or after school for details. Thank you.

Term 4 invoices
Final payment of the Term 4 invoices was due last Friday. Sincere thanks to all those families who have settled their accounts so promptly. With a whole school financial audit coming up soon, our school SAM, Mrs Austin certainly appreciates your attention to this matter. For any concerns regarding the payment of the Term 4 invoice please contact me at school. Thank you.

Now - new sign on procedures for all visitors to NNPS
As I mentioned in last week’s newsletter, under WHS regulations, we have started a new procedure for visitors when signing-on at school. All first time visitors to NNPS must be ‘inducted’ to our WHS procedures and indicate in the sign-on book that they have been inducted and by whom. This procedure only needs to happen on the person’s first visit. After that, it is just the sign-on and sign-off as previously occurred. Please see me if you have any questions.

Dates to Remember - Term 4

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**Sentences of the week - guest class - KA**

When I grow up I want to be a tooth fairy because I would get to fly and give money to people. By Allegra N

When I grow up I want to be a black-belt in karate and teach other kids to beat other baddies up. By Antonio S

When I grow up I want to be a teacher because I will get lots of holidays. By Ethan W

**From the school’s good friend, Miss Hartman:**

The 5th Annual K-6 Photo Competition is on again!

With Mr Blanchfield’s agreement, I am again organising the Annual NNPS Photo Competition. In the past I have always insisted on the children using actual digital cameras but, as many families no longer have such a thing, I have now bowed to the march of technology and am encouraging the children to get clicking with any of the amazing photographic devices now available to them - iphones, ipads, cameras, etc! Today the youngest child in the school will receive a flyer about the competition outlining the conditions of entry and actual entry forms will be available from the office as of Monday, 4 Nov. There are 3 trophies for the winners up for grabs so please encourage your child or children to enter 5 photos by the closing date of Monday, 25 November! As a very keen photographer myself, I know what a wonderful hobby this can become as you record your travels and the lifetime events of your family, friends and community! I myself have thousands and thousands of wonderful photos documenting NN’s students, teachers, events and memories over my 35 years of teaching there! These will no doubt come in very handy when the school celebrates its 75th Anniversary next year!

**Possible Ethics classes at NNPS**

There is the possibility of our school offering special education in ethics classes during scripture time in 2014. A note went home recently with all students currently enrolled in non-scripture as an expression of interest for next year. Responses are still coming in and once all the EOIs are in, the school will be able to determine an action plan for 2014. According to government policy, ethics classes are only available to students enrolled in the non-scripture group. If classes are run at NNPS, they are done so by volunteers trained by the Primary Ethics, an organisation established by the St James Ethics Centre. Go to the website: www.primaryethics.com.au for more information about the program.

**Cyber Smart**

The Cyber Smart information session for all parents has been booked for TUESDAY, 3 DECEMBER starting at 5.30pm in the school library. For all parents who have children accessing the internet from home this information session is crucial. Please mark the date in red on your calendars. A note detailing the session has been sent home to all NNPS families today. Thank you to all of those parents who have indicated that they will be attending this important information session.

Robert Blanchfield
Beyond the Board with Miss Dickson...

A classroom is four walls with tomorrow inside!
It is hard to believe that it is Week 4, Term 4; time flies when you are having fun! Stage 3 students are presently revising concepts and completing common assessment tasks. It would be great if students could be at school on time every day over the next weeks whilst completing these assessments. Next week we also look forward to an incursion with Chris Olsen, to support our study of Antarctica.

Dance Concert Preparations
All classes are also toe tapping in preparation for our annual dance concert where we will perform from the ‘Beaches to Broadway and Beyond!’ We appreciate your assistance with costumes as per the note sent out by your class teacher. Our dance concert will be held at Narrabeen Sports High this year and information regarding online ticket purchasing will be sent home soon. This year there will be two different programs—an A and B performance with half the classes in the school being involved in each show. Students will enjoy being able to sit in the hall during the matinees to watch their fellow performers. Stay tuned for further details.

Sydney North Dance Festival 2014
Over the last two weeks we have been holding auditions for students in Stage 1 and Stage 3 in 2014 for our performances dance groups. Only twenty four positions are available in each group. If your child is selected he/she will receive a note, within the next week, outlining details and costs.

Effective Communicators Competition
All students in Years 3 to 6 are currently taking part in this program. Stage 3 class finals are being held this week. Our two class representatives, from Years 5 and 6 will compete in the grade finals to be held during Week 5. The Effective Communicator for each grade will be announced on Presentation Day.

Leadership Programs
Our Year 5 School Leader Candidates are embracing their program and proving themselves to possess many great leadership skills. Next Monday students who have completed the course will be able to nominate for leadership roles. A note to all involved regarding the nomination and election process will be sent home at the end of this week. Our Year 6 leaders are also embracing opportunities. Next Friday, 8 November, our school captains, Carly and Ethan, will accompany me and their parents to a leadership session at Parliament House hosted by our local member, Mr Rob Stokes. Student Leadership is thriving at NNPS!

High School Transition Program
Over the last few weeks, Year 6 students have also been participating in high school transition activities as part of our PD/HPE Program. The aim of these sessions is to better prepare our students for their transition by giving them a taste of high school life whilst discussing how to deal with change, new experiences and new challenges. Included in this newsletter is a checklist for your use at home to also help prepare your child for the exciting move to high school.

Year 6 Camp
Early next week notes for our three-day camp at the Great Aussie Bush Camp will be sent home. Please return the permission note and medical form by the due date as Mrs Wineberg, Mr Brown and I need to finalise numbers, medical and dietary summaries and accommodation arrangements by Monday, 11 November. If your child is away or somehow misplaces the notes please remember they are available via the website, office or class teachers.

Year 6 Fundraising, ‘The Bizarre Bazaar’
In Week 9 of this term Year 6 will be running their mini fete in order to leave the school with a gift to remember them by. Of course we will be running a trash and treasure stall so if you have any toys, books or ‘bric a brac’ in good condition please send it in to us (6D classroom). Start saving your coins everyone for a day of fun games, great treats and yummy food!

Year 4/5 Debating Workshop
Our in-house debating workshop for students from Years 4 and 5 was held on Tuesday. Key presenters from Masters Academy shared their expertise which was invaluable to our future debaters and persuasive writers.

Sporting News
An update regarding our school swimming carnival for next year; in 2014 our school swimming carnival will be on Friday, 31 January (Week 1)! Please understand that this is not by our choice but the date allocated to us by the Manly Swim Centre in their ballot. Notes and further information will be sent home soon so please stay tuned and return any notes as soon as possible. We will need all permission notes prior to the end of year.

This week I was also thrilled to receive a letter from the Sydney North Golf Convener commending our school representative, Sam Bowgett who represented the region at the NSW PSSA Golf Championships. To quote, ‘I would like to personally thank Sam for the way he conducted himself at the championships. The manners and respect he showed for the teachers and officials was exceptional, as was the level of sportsmanship he demonstrated on the course with fellow competitors.’ Congratulations Sam for being such a fantastic representative of our school community and the Sydney North School PSSA. We are extremely proud of you.

On a final note, Manly may have sadly lost the grand final but their supporters stay loyal and hopeful for 2014 as shown by this photo. It made me smile!

Carpe Diem
Michelle Dickson
Assistant Principal Stage 3 (teaching)
PD/HPE and CAPA Team Leader
NNPS CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT 2013

On Monday, 28 October 30 keen young NN chess players arrived at the library with drenched shoes and socks just after the severe storm had passed and got to work fiercely competing to become NNPS's Senior and Junior Chess Champions for 2013. The senior and junior champions will be presented with trophies at the Participation Presentation Assembly later this term but all 30 participants will receive a Stage Gold for their skill and good chessmanship!

Because there was such a good response to the invitation to participate in this year's in-school tournament (and I didn't want to leave any of the more experienced players out) Mr Blanchfield and I decided to spread the two concurrent round-robin tournaments (senior and junior sections) over two days instead of one. It's only possible for me to get through a maximum of 10 matches per child in one day. The 18 senior players completed eight matches each with nine more matches to be played in three weeks time on Monday, 18 November. Could the 30 players' parents please note this extra date down in your diaries so you can remind your child or children about it? The twelve junior players (under 10s) completed six matches with five more matches to go on November 18th. Special thanks to Patrick and Teyen from 2H who joined us to fill in gaps for students who were absent due to sickness and to parents Rebecca Walsh and Megan Catterall for all your help. A special mention too of the three keen young Year 1 beginners who would have liked to participate - they will be on the top of the list for next year's tournament when they've had a bit more match practice.

The tournament is only about half way through but, at the moment, Max, Lachlan, Zac and Rio (from KB) are leading the Juniors and Justin, David, Luke, James, Hannah and Jye are leading the seniors - but of course these positions may well change when we complete the tournament on Monday, 18 November.

I was especially pleased and proud on Monday to see the children displaying such good chessmanship and look forward to the next rounds soon.

Elaine Hartman
(Volunteer Tournament Coordinator)
Ready for high school checklist
Tick each item when it has been done (not all tasks will apply to you).

This year

- Allergies, medical condition or special needs? Talk to the high school principal early.
- Encourage your child to participate in any transition to high school program offered to them.
- Watch videos about high school at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/highschool

AT HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION
Find out about:
- school uniforms (including sports uniform), where and when to buy them
- map of school
- school start and finish times
- transport to and from school – forms for travel pass or subsidy if applicable
- programs offered in the school
- book packs and school supplies lists
- ways to become involved in the school
- the name of the Year 7 adviser.

Next year

JANUARY

- Buy school uniforms, books, stationery, school bag, drink bottle, house key, etc.
- Label everything.
- Break in school shoes to make them more comfortable.
- Practise travelling to and from school with your child using the transport they will use. Let your child buy travel tickets, if applicable.
- Teach your child how to read the timetable for the bus, train or ferry as appropriate.

AT HOME

- Talk positively to your child about the move to high school.
- Ask them what’s exciting about high school. Does anything worry them?
- Make sure your child has a quiet work area and extra stationery supplies.
- Organise personal hygiene items in school bags.
- Decide what your child will do before and after school, and what time they need to be home.
- Discuss emergency and safety issues with your child.

Tips for the first week of high school

- Photocopy school timetables for school diaries, the inside of locker doors and on the fridge.
- Remind your child to note all assignments, homework and events in their diary.
- Check through the timetable each night while your child packs their bag – including sports uniform. Encourage your teen to eat healthy food and get a good night’s sleep.
- Give the school your current contact details.

THE FIRST DAY

- Help set your child’s alarm. Encourage them to get themselves ready on time.
- Provide your child with money in case of emergencies and your contact numbers.
- Make sure you have the school’s phone number with you.

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**Ted Blackwood**

Community Centre
Jackson Rd, Warriedwood
Saturday, 9th November
11:30am-4pm

Fundraising sausage sizzle and cupcake sale for The Rural Fire Service

There will be a drop off point for Christmas Presents for those affected by the recent Bush Fires

Children’s Craft Activities, Baby Sensory Mini Taster sessions, Face Painting, Camel & Pony Rides and Crocodile Encounters

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