From the Principal’s desk…

Our students want to help Aleksy

After the school community became aware of the sad news regarding the Reeves family last week, two students in class 5S came to see me wanting to offer some help and support to Aleksy. The students, Flynn and Zac, suggested a ‘gold coin’ donation event where all funds raised would go towards something special for Aleksy and his sister, Sally. Previously one of our parents had suggested the idea of purchasing a season’s pass to the new Wet ’n Wild waterpark opening this month in western Sydney. This is where the two thoughtful ideas came together. Flynn and Zac were very keen on the idea of the season’s pass so all money raised will go towards the pass. The gold coin day will be next Tuesday, 10 December and there will be NO MUFTI on the day. Thank you for your support of one of our students who is experiencing the pain of losing his mother so close to Christmas.

Cyber Smart information session

Many thanks to all who came along to the Cyber Smart parent information session on Tuesday evening. It was a very interesting session with lots of practical tips on how to manage your child’s access to technology in the modern world. The presenter, Mr Greg Gebhart, shared his experience of many years of work in the field of internet safety. He stressed the importance of parents setting the rules regarding the use of and access to the internet at home – and don’t believe the clichéd reason from many children for increased or easier access of, ‘everyone I know has access, but me!’

The Cyber Smart website (www.cybersmart.gov.au) has a wealth of information for parents with fact sheets on several of the most popular apps. Did you know that the popular app, ‘Kik’ that many of our Y6 students currently access, has a recommended age of 17(!) and has very limited privacy protection settings …it is basically an adult chat site. Is this the place for an 11 year old to be??

Our thank you breakfast

The weather on Wednesday morning was wonderful and the JHA the perfect setting for our 2013 Community Thankyou breakfast. This was the chance for the teachers to say ‘thank you’ to all of those parents and community members who have helped NNPS during the year. These people include our reading volunteers, our scripture teachers, our P&C executive and the wider P&C membership, our canteen helpers, our classroom parent helpers, our sport helpers, including our carnival time keepers, our band parents, our working bee parents, our big school sign team and our excursion assistants - my apologies if I have forgotten to mention any group!

Annual school report surveys

It is that time of the year again when parents are asked to contribute to the writing of the Annual School Report (ASR) via the school satisfaction survey and an evaluation of a key school program. This year we are evaluating the use of technology in teaching and learning at NNPS. Two surveys have been developed specifically for parents and the links are listed below. Similar surveys have also been written for staff and students. The parent surveys are now open and will be until Friday, 13 December. I would ask all parents to access the ‘Survey Monkey’ site and complete the survey, please. Paper copies of the surveys are available from the office for those families without internet access. Thank you.

School satisfaction survey for parents:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8RYW26K

Technology survey for parents:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7BBLHLG

Numbers for 2014

To help us in preparing an estimate of our student enrolment for next year, the school would appreciate it if you would let us know if you are planning on moving away from NNPS. Just let Gail in the office know … many thanks.

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Dance concert parking
It is not long now til our evening dance concerts on the Monday, 9 and Tuesday, 10 December. These events can cause neighbouring streets to become quite crowded and parking not always easy to come by. It is important to remind all members of our community that parking for evening school events is not available at the NBISC. The parking area at the NBISC is used for their own scheduled events and Monday and Tuesday nights are busy times at the Centre. Those parents and friends of NNPS attending the concerts will need to source other parking areas on those nights other than the NBISC.
Thank you.

NB: THE PRINCIPAL OF NARRABEEN SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL HAS ADVISED ME THAT PARKING IS NOT AVAILABLE ON EITHER MONDAY OR TUESDAY NIGHT IN THE HIGH SCHOOL CAR PARK DUE TO HIGH SCHOOL FUNCTIONS.

Banner assembly next week
Due to a very busy timetable, the Banner Assembly is now on Monday, 9 December at 10.30am in the JHA, weather permitting.

For the start of 2014...
As in previous years, when our Y1-Y6 students return for 2014 on the Wednesday, 29 January, they will be placed in ‘care classes’ for a week or so. This generally means that the students will remain in their 2013 class groups with their 2013 teachers until our enrolment numbers are confirmed. Once we are certain of our new kindergarten enrolment, then we can move into our 2014 classes.

Robert Blanchfield

Bandanas and Swimming Caps
Can now be ORDERED
The P&C is now taking orders for BANDANAS and SWIMMING CAPS in your HOUSE colour. These items are entirely optional for those who would like to use them at the upcoming sports carnivals.
Bandanas are 100% cotton, 54cm x 54cm.
Swimming Caps are latex, EYELINE brand.
Only $4.00 each.

TO ORDER.....
• On an envelope write the student’s name and class
• The quantity and colour of each item. ($4.00 each)
• The amount enclosed
• Place it in the specific box with Gail in the school office
Your order will get delivered to the classrooms with the class teacher within about 2 weeks.
P&C Uniform Committee.

Chess News
Last Sunday the NNPS chess team of Justin, Hannah, Max O and James W, put on their sports uniform to go and represent the school at the NSW Junior Chess League Teams State Finals.
They started strongly with 6 points out of a possible 6, but then the opposition gradually got tougher and there was a bit of a lull, before resurgence at the end. They finished up on 8.5 points and 46th (out of 57) teams — an awesome result at this level, so well done to those involved and particularly giving up their Sunday!
They had won their place in the final by a strong performance at the Mona Vale regional tournament the previous week. Encouragingly our B (Sam M, Mia V, Hadley Y) and C (James V, Bradley, Dylan C) teams finished only 1/2 a point behind which is great for the future of chess at NNPS. Keep playing over the holidays!!

Dance Concert Tickets
As you would be aware the two evening dance concerts are sold out. There is however still some parents who did not obtain seats. If you now find you have any seats at either concert that you no longer need could you please contact the office and we will pass them on to these families. A huge thank you to those parents who have already contacted us with their spare seats.
ON-LINE ORDERING OF STUDENT WORKBOOKS FOR 2014

You will be receiving home today information sheets explaining how to order your child’s workbooks for 2014. Please ask your child for these important instructions.

Here are some points to remember when placing/paying for your child’s books:

1. Remember that you are ordering for your child, books for the year they will be in, in 2014.
2. Please assist by ordering by 18 December 2013.
3. You have 2 other options of ordering if not paying on-line.
4. You must order for each child individually whether you are paying on-line or with the other options (not like for eg trybooking, when you can order for one concert and then add a second concert and pay one amount)
5. To assist we have added a link on the school’s website which will take you straight to Kookaburra Educational site.
6. Keep in mind books will be delivered to the school not to your home.

If you are having difficulty you can call Kookaburra on 1300 766 997 and they will walk you through it.

The costs for the workbooks are as follows:

- Kinder: $71.51
- Year 1: $40.50
- Year 2: $56.89
- Year 3: $60.87
- Year 4: $62.01
- Year 5: $49.86
- Year 6: $51.29

Thank you for supporting the school with this initiative.
SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMP
Venue: North Narrabeen Community and Tennis Centre
2-10 Woorarrra Ave North Narrabeen
Date: 13th-17th January 2014

Program:
Instruction on all strokes
Singles and doubles (Round Robin format)
- Final Day:
  McDonald's Lunch provided &
  Presentation of awards

What to bring:
  Racquet (if you have one)
  Hat and sunscreen

Food:
  Recess, lunch and drinks

Fees: (Incl GST)
  Full Day camp (9am-3pm) $180
  Half Day camp (9am-12:30pm) $140
  Daily Rate – Full Day $45  Half Day $35

Bookings
Essential!!
9913 9003 /
0407 958 669

Enrolment Form:

Pupils Name: .................................................. D.O.B: ..........................
Parents Name: ........................................... Phone: ..........................
Address: ..........................................................
Email Address: .................................................
Playing experience: .......................... Right Handed □
Amount Enclosed: .............................. Left Handed □

I, The undersigned, being parent or legal guardian of the above-named, hereby take full responsibility whilst attending this camp and understand that Goodwin’s Tennis Academy will do the utmost for their care.

Signed: ..........................................................

PLEASE NOTE: Whilst every attempt is made to verify bonafide advertisers, the school does not accept responsibility therefore parents should use their own discretion.