The P&C Newsletter from Narrabeen North Public School

From the Principal’s desk...

**Principal’s Awards:** Congratulations to Jamie-Lee Rooke 6W; Joja Searle 5/6B; Willow Boughton 5/6B; Sarah Roger 5/6B; Molly Alderton 5S; Kai Major 5M; Kaitlyn Emery-Kwo 4P; Zachary Marks 4P; Lily Crowther 4P; Jared Bell 4P; Jack Chapman 4P; Reuben Rigby-Curtis 4P; Dylan Coutts 4F; Erin Balkin 4F; Josh Bramble 4F; Declan Bradford 3/4G; Nyla Bellamy 3M; Emily Ryan 3M; Matthew Marcellino 2SG; Jade Gaul 2SG; Sabine O’Leary 2CJ; Sarah Palanagio 2CJ; Jayden Thomas 1/2M; Bree Walmsley 1/2M; Annika Sharp 1R; Taj Gleeson 1R; Finlay Park 1R; Jamie Dickason 1R; Hannah Bennett 1O; Joshua Gallant 1AJ; Darcy Wiggins 1AJ; Usha Arbabi KW and Tessie Hamilton KW. Well done, everyone!

P&C meeting next week

Next Wednesday is the May meeting of the NNPS P&C. This is an important meeting for the school community as we are looking to fill the positions of president and vice-president. It is crucial that our P&C has a president. Important community services such as before and after school care and the canteen cannot legally operate without a president. I am sure that members of our school community have been thinking seriously about nominating for either role. I look forward to speaking with anyone who would like more information about the roles open for nomination. Thank you.

It is time to enrol for 2014

How fast time flies! It is now time to start the enrolment process for our new kindergarten students for 2014. Our first Kindy 2014 information session is planned for Thursday, 30 May at 6.30pm in the library. Please let your friends, neighbours and relatives know about this session if they have a child who is starting school in 2014. Also, we are happy for prospective NNPS families to arrange for a private school tour if they are unable to attend any of the day or evening sessions in the coming months. Just contact the office to arrange a time. Thank you.

School uniforms

As the weather cools for winter, some of our students are wearing jackets and jumpers that are not part of the NNPS uniform. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform, either the regular uniform or the sports uniform every day. If you are looking for items of lost property, there are two racks of uniform items outside my office. Please come and look and claim what is yours. Thank you.

**NBISC Expo**

The annual Northern Beaches Expo is on this weekend, 25 and 26 of May. In preparation for the Expo the NBISC car park WILL BE CLOSED to school traffic on Friday, 24 May, all day. On that day you will need to make alternate arrangements for the morning drop-off and the afternoon pick-up. The car park may also be unavailable for school use on Monday, 27 May as part of the packing up process after the Expo.

With Friday being WALK TO SCHOOL DAY, the closing of the NBISC car park will encourage everyone to park a little further away and walk. Perfect timing!

**Our sentences of the week program - guest class: 1R**

1R have been learning that a question is a sentence asking you something. We have also been using the CUPS strategy in every sentence we write:

(C - capital letters; U - understanding; P - punctuation; S - spaces and spelling).

Who is your favourite character now Jaya? My favourite character is Finn in Adventure Time.

Tahmea Peacock

Who are you calling? I am calling your aunty.

Annika Sharp

Are we going to the football tonight? Yes, we are going to the football tonight.

Taj Gleeson

Who are you going with? I am going with you.

Tex Varney

Well done 1R! Next week our guest class will be 1O.

**Grounds maintenance**

This week our general assistant Mr Mario has been working to tidy up several areas of the school. Firstly he has worked...
in the garden beds outside the school office where he has done a large amount of replanting. Barrier tape had to be installed around these garden beds this week because several of our students and even some toddlers repeatedly walked through and over the plants, quashing several as they struggled to establish themselves. Please assist by reminding your little ones to stay off the garden beds. Thank you, Mr Mario has also been working in the area near the JHA. He has carried out some extensive pruning that will help in the management of ticks in the area. A huge amount of mulch was also removed from near the JHA seats. This will be an ongoing process and will result in a very pleasant natural environment at NNPS. Thank you to Mr Mario for his efforts.

**Earn and learn points**
Thank you to everyone for collecting the ‘Earn and Learn’ stickers from Woolworths. We look forward to having as many stickers as we did last year when we purchased a large amount of much needed musical instruments. You receive one sticker for every $10 spent at Woolies. There is a collection box in the school office area as well as NNPS boxes at the Woolworths at Narrabeen and at Centro. Thanks for your support!

Robert Blanchfield

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**Beyond the Board with Miss Dickson...**

**Stage 3 News**
It is with great pleasure that Mrs Wineberg, Mr Brown, Mr Bowden and I welcome back Miss Sophie Town to the Stage 3 team. 5S are an extremely lucky class to have Sophie as their teacher and the transition has been extremely smooth. We were also delighted this week to learn of the arrival of gorgeous Hannah and send our best wishes and love to Tamar Stewart and her husband Rob.

At present all Stage 3 classes are completing assessments, so please try to be at school every day. It would also be of great assistance if you could stock up again on necessary equipment like glue sticks and pens so children can best utilise learning time.

**PSSA Sport**
Congratulations to the students who have been selected to play in the PSSA Winter Competition. The winter sports are:
- Senior Boys Soccer – with Mr Brown
- Senior Girls Soccer – with Mr Bowden and Miss Owens
- Junior Girls Netball – with Miss Town
- Senior Girls Netball – with Mrs Murphy
- Rugby League – with Mr Perrin

A draw is available on the website. Games begin each Friday at 1.00pm and students should be wearing the correct school uniform, including hat and have their own sunscreen and water bottle. Training will be each Friday morning before school. Rugby League commences this week against Wheeler Heights at Lake Park. All other PSSA sports begin in week 3.

Please support your child with any disappointment they may be feeling if they did not make a team. All coaches do their very best, with limited time and large student numbers, to select teams. As our school continues to grow and with such limited numbers being able to participate in PSSA, it means more and more students are facing such disappointment. Please encourage them to continue to build their skills during home sport and outside school and to have a go next time.

**Pittwater Zone News**
Congratulations to the following students who have excelled in the following zone events:
- Jamie Lea Nik was a running superstar and will represent Pittwater Zone at the Regional Cross Country on Thursday, 13 June.
- Ethan Raper successfully made the Pittwater Zone Touch Team.
- Rory Kissane successfully made the Pittwater Zone Rugby Union Team.
- Jamie Lee Rooke will represent Pittwater at the Regional softball trials.

**Win tickets to State of Origin 1 as well as 2 signed NSW Jerseys**

NNPS are taking part in the Premier’s Sporting Challenge and so I thought some families may like to take advantage of this opportunity. Sorry for the late notice but I only received the email today. The NSW Premier’s Sporting Challenge Principal Sponsor, NRL’s One Community is offering all participants in the 2013 Challenge the chance to win a family pass (four category 2 tickets) to attend State of Origin 1, as well as two jerseys signed by the NSW team, one for the student and one for the school.

The NSW Blues take on the QLD Maroons on Wednesday, 5 June at ANZ Stadium.

For the chance to win, tell us in 100 words or less about the commitment it takes to become a NSW sporting team representative. Entries should be emailed to psc@det.nsw.edu.au by 5pm, Friday, 24 May. To be eligible to win, all entries must include full name, year and school and the school must have registered in the NSW Premier’s Primary or Secondary School Sport Challenge.

**Stage 3 Student Leadership**
Our student leadership team continue to do fabulous job running our assemblies and being role models for fellow students. Next Tuesday twelve students from Years 5 and 6 will accompany Mr Brown to Narrabeen Sports High to participate in the Premiers Sporting Challenge Leadership Day. Fifteen of our leaders will take part in the PCS Leadership Hub Days at Macquarie University next Tuesday.

**Multi-cultural Speaking Competition**
This term stage 3 students have been building on their public speaking skills. Students have been given the choice of doing a persuasive speech for non-competitive class presentations or should they wish the opportunity to enter the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition. The Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition was introduced in 1996. It aims to heighten the awareness of multicultural issues among NSW primary school students while developing their interest in public speaking and improving their confidence and speech-writing skills. For their prepared speech, contestants must choose a topic from the list of multicultural topics provided by the Arts Unit. The prepared speech must have multicultural content. Should children go to the regional finals they also need to do an impromptu speech as chosen by the adjudicator on the day, and this will be on a general, non-multicultural theme.
Contestants will have 5 minutes to write their impromptu speeches. The Stage 3 Finals will be held at this week’s assembly on Friday at 11.30am in the Dome. The stage 3 teachers have been most impressed with the quality of speeches from all students. It has also been a fabulous opportunity to put the new Australian English Curriculum outcomes into action.

Performance Dance Groups
The Stage 1 and Stage 3 group attended their audition for the Sydney North Dance Festival last week. Oh our dancers were sensational! Thank you so much to Mrs Heysmand who is helping with costuming and all the wonderful parents who assisted with transport. As soon as we hear about performance dates we will let you know. Could all Stage 3 dance parents please attach black elastic to secure caps and soon t-shirts will come home with instructions for ironing on letters (ask you child for more details). Our PCS Kinder group are also getting ready for their audition next week and we know they will dazzle the panel. Good luck to the kinder Happy Feet Group.

Just Like You Program
Over the next two weeks our Year 5 classes will be participating in a wonderful program aimed at raising awareness and understanding of people with disabilities. This is the third year that we will be implementing this program run by the Cerebral Palsy Alliance. The presenters will be Fiona King and Venessa Craig. Venessa has Cerebral Palsy and is in a wheelchair.

Year 6 Yearbook
Thank you to parents who offered to assist with the Year 6 Yearbook compilation. At present we need one parent from each Year 6 class to volunteer to collect a starting school / first day of school photo of each child. If you are able to take on this task please let your class teacher know.

If everyone could begin looking for this photo it would be of great help. We would prefer if it was an email version or on USB (scan and send if possible). We would also like some additional photos of students at special school based events over the years e.g. PSSA football team, dance group, regional carnivals, relay teams, debating teams, Go Green Day etc. All photos would then go to the one class parent who would check we had every student included fairly. The teachers will be collecting photos of our students at special events of this year. Let’s start now before time escapes us!

More information will be provided in coming weeks as will information about the Year 6 tile project.

Carpe Diem
Michelle Dickson
Assistant Principal (Teaching)
PD/H/PE, Student Leadership, CAPA and Stage 3 Team Leader

Uniform shop open
This Friday, 24 May 8:45-9:15am
We have some left over winter stock to sell $10 each and also second hand items $5 each, so pop in to have a look.

Thanks Rachel.
**Pittwater Zone Cross Country**

Last Friday the **best runners from NNPS** ran in the **Pittwater Zone Cross Country**. It was a tough and gruelling event which tested all our athletes. The students were superb whilst running and also supporting other runners. NNPS behaviour on the day was excellent. We had some unfortunate incidents and some students still running even though not feeling 100 per cent which affected some of the results. No more than **Zach Marks**, as he was just about to make his move around **Progress Park** to catch the leader he tragically had a nasty fall and cruelly was unable to finish the race. Chin up Zach! I am sure he will bounce back next year! We had several top ten finishes.

- **Caitlin Hickey** and **Lily Yeomen** both came in 7th position. (Just one away from making the regionals)
- **Jack Chapman** and **William Hall** both came in 8th position.
- **Oliver Gordon** came in 10th position.
- **Reece Lawson** and **Jasmine Nix** both came in 13th position.

Great running!

Finally to our star runner **Jamie-Lea Nix**! What a runner! She came in at 5th position, outstanding! She is our lonesome NNPS competitor at the Regionals. She was unlucky not to get 4th in a tight finish. With the first place in her sights and with an improved start she will be hard to stop in the regionals.

**Good Luck Jamie-Lea!**

Thank you to all parents who helped during the day either supporting or with a job it was very much appreciated.

**Mr Perrin and Mr Brown**

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**We are looking for prize donations for our annual NNPS Walkathon!!**

If you are able to donate any prizes so that we can reward the students with top sponsor collections, it would be greatly appreciated and it gives the kids a great incentive!

The Walkathon is our biggest fundraiser of the year and the kids really enjoy it!

Please let us know by 17 May if you are able to assist by emailing

Walkathon Co-Ordinator Rebecca Sharp at:

becjsharp@hotmail.com

If you know a business that would donate, but needs a letter from the school please just let us know and we can email you one!

Thanks in advance, NNPS P&C Committee