From the P&C President...

On Wednesday, 29 May I was elected to the position of President of the P&C, a position I am very much looking forward to holding. I would firstly like to give my sincerest thanks to both Jac and Gay who were committed and excelled in their roles as President and Vice President during Term 1 and part of Term 2. I certainly have big shoes to fill but am looking forward to the challenge. I know from the recent meeting I attended in May that our P&C is made up of a vibrant and hardworking group of parents who like myself are all wanting to provide our children with the best possible resources, equipment and most importantly a quality learning environment!

Our main fundraiser for this term is our Walkathon on Tuesday, 25 June. Sponsorship forms will be coming home shortly and I would ask that we all work together as a school community to support this event both through sponsorship and parent volunteers. Thank you to those members of our community who have so generously donated to our Walkathon. I would also like to give my personal thanks to Rebecca Sharp who has worked tirelessly with other members of the P&C over the past few months on the Walkathon. It is guaranteed to be a great day on Tuesday, 25 June.

I would also like to make mention that we will be selling merchandise for Red Nose Day during the last week of term. It would be wonderful if we could all get together and support SIDS by purchasing a red nose or other item of merchandise. Thank you to Vanessa Tucker for all her work in organising this event and to all members of the P&C and Community for your support.

Can I also remind all parents that we warmly welcome and encourage your involvement in our Narrabeen North P&C. Your participation in P&C activities is a great way to meet other parents, teachers and keep in touch with what is happening at school. Our meetings are scheduled for the last Wednesday of each month @ 7.30pm and are held in the Domes. Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 26 June.

Finally, a very big thank you to all members of the P&C who have so warmly welcomed me as President. I look forward to working and being part of the Narrabeen School Community.

Regards,
Adrienne Scalese

From the Principal’s desk...

Principal’s Awards: Congratulations to Zara Amundsen KM; Jack Ryan 1O; Toby Macdonald 1O; Aingeal Sydenham 1AJ; Jake Allen 1AJ; Toby Smith 1AJ; Xanthea Dwyer 1/2M; J oel Connor 1/2M; Holly Merritt 2SG; Evie Wilson 2SG; Jude Shalls 2SG; Matthew Marcellino 2SG; Vince Monteleone 3M; Julius Krabbe 3M; Anika Haford 3M; Alec Rawson 3M; Aajuah Burton 3/4G; Jack Bannister 5M; Piper Stromquist 5M; Emily Berry 5S; Zach Couper 5S; Darcy Hoy 5S; Chloe Arathoon 6D; Marlee Hottes 6D; Zara McCrory 6D and Jamie-Lee Rooke 6W. Well done, everyone!

Road safety for all

At the staff meeting on Wednesday I asked all teachers to take some time and talk to their students about road safety, in all of its forms – at traffic lights, at a pedestrian crossing, at a driveway, at a children’s crossing, at an unmarked crossing etc. I ask all of our parents to also talk to their children about the importance of road safety and that they constantly demonstrate correct road safety behaviour and to avoid the safety ‘short cuts’ that we all do at times.

On bus duty last week I was surprised at the unsafe way in which a few students and parents crossed Namona Street as well as the way they were unaware of an active driveway near the bus stop. With our recent ‘Walk safely to school day’ it is certainly timely to reinforce the importance for all of road safety.

A new P&C president

I am sure that the entire school community will welcome our new P&C president, Mrs Adrienne Scalese (mother of Antonio in KA) following her unanimous election to the position at the P&C meeting on Wednesday night. Adrienne is new to NNPS this year and she is to be...
sincerely congratulated for agreeing to undertake this important role. We are also very fortunate that Mrs Jo Rix was re-elected as vice president and brings a wealth of experience and knowledge into the role. The P&C executive is now complete and is looking forward to working with the school community to further enhance the educational opportunities of our students.

A big birthday is coming up!
Next year, NNPS celebrates its 75th anniversary on 12 September. Seventy-five years is a diamond jubilee in the DEC and is a very important community occasion. The school is looking to form an organising committee made up of interested parents and staff to plan and run the major celebrations for the 75th. A first general information meeting to outline the event is planned for Thursday, 19 June at 2.30pm and all interested parents are invited. From this general meeting, a Diamond Jubilee Committee may be formed. If you are able to attend the meeting on 19 June, a sign-up sheet is located with Gail in the office. For further information, please contact me at school, especially anyone who is interested in assisting with the event but is unable to attend the general meeting. Many thanks.

Our sentences of the week program - guest class: 2SG
We have been looking at descriptions as part of learning how to write an information report and in grammar we are learning how to use commas.

Elephants are big, enormous animals. They are wrinkly, smooth and grey.
Sienna Cobb

An elephant has big, flat, flappy, floppy ears and they use them to keep cool.
Jasper Tydeman

Elephants are grey. They have a long, wrinkly trunk, white tusks and a long tail.
Jake Robinson

Elephants are heavy and enormous. They have really tough skin and black eyes.
Finn Wilcock

Elephants are big and chubby. They are very wrinkly and their ears are floppy and wide.
Charlize Gilmour

Well done 1O! Next week our guest class will be 2H.

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. As of last count we have almost 10,000 points! Thanks for your support. The program ends this Sunday, 9 June.

Cyber safety
Our school has planned for a cyber-safety information session for our Year 5 and Year 6 students during terms 3 or 4 - the date has yet to be confirmed by the organisation. The sessions will be run by Cyber Smart and further information can be found at their website: www.cybersmart.gov.au. Issues with cyber safety for young children are becoming a very important part of modern life. In last week’s newsletter, Miss Dickson made some very valid points re this very issue. One very crucial point for parents to remember is that the terms and conditions of social media sites such Facebook and Instagram have a minimum age to activate an account of 13 years. As there are currently no students at NNPS 13 years old, I would expect that therefore there are no social media accounts linked to any of our students. I am sure that this will feature in the Cyber Smart presentations.

Robert Blanchfield

What a fantastic afternoon we had at the cake stall last week. The weather gods shone down and there was a fantastic buzz in the playground, as the kids were spoilt for choice deciding between the yummy cupcakes on offer. The band sounded wonderful showcasing some of their new tunes and then there was the amazing Angry Birds cake made by a mystery teacher (thank you very much) and won by Jacob Vanderlaan. Thank you also to Elise from ‘Dial a Book’ for donating a bunch of flowers that was won by Holly in Year 2.

Thank you to everyone who baked or donated goods, helped on the stall and bought cakes or raffle tickets. We raised a massive $1189.90 which will go towards the purchase of a sound and microphone system for use by the music and choir programs, as well as at school events, such as banner assemblies and presentation day.

It’s never too late to start learning an instrument! If you would like to start learning an instrument or join in the percussion group in Term 3 please contact nnps.music@gmail.com for further information.

Heidi Furber
NNPS Band and Music program chairperson
Beyond the Board with Miss Dickson...

'A classroom is four walls with tomorrow inside.'

Sydney North Dance Festival at Glen Street Theatre

This week we sent home the t-shirts for the Stage 3 dancers with instructions regarding the final touches you need to do at home (ironing on the letters). I just can’t thank Anna Heysmand enough for all her efforts and assistance with the t-shirts - I couldn’t have done it without you! A reminder to all stage 3 dancers (plus our wonderful Yr 1 and kinder team) that our dance session next week will be on Tuesday afternoon, instead of Thursday, due to the overnight excursion. Please bring your cap, gown, t-shirt, pants and shoes for an ‘at school dress rehearsal.’ If your entire costume can be on hangers in a suit bag and clearly labeled it would be fantastic. I have again listed below the important dates for the prestigious festival.

‘On Our Way’ Stage 3 Group

Dress Rehearsal:
- Tuesday, 25 June 1.00pm (we need to be at Glen Street by 12.45pm and will be relying on private transport)

Performance Dates:
- Tuesday, 25 June at 7.30pm (evening performance)
- Wednesday, 26 June at 5.00pm (twilight performance)
- Friday, 28 June at 11.30pm (matinee performance)

‘Pocketful of Dreams’ Stage 1 Group

Dress Rehearsal:
- Tuesday, 25 June 1.00pm (we need to be at Glen Street by 12.45pm and will be relying on private transport)

Performance Dates:
- Wednesday, 26 June at 7.30pm (evening performance)
- Thursday, 27 June at 5.00pm (twilight performance)
- Friday, 28 June at 11.30pm (matinee performance)

Tickets for all performances went on sale last Monday and all dancers have received the performance and ticketing information. Please return all permission notes, transport and code of conduct notes as soon as possible to either Miss Dickson or Mrs Williams. We have had many offers of transport assistance for our rehearsal on the Tuesday - sincere thanks for the support. We will send a confirmation note if you are needed at the beginning of week eight. A new note regarding transport help for our Friday matinee will also come out in week 9 so if you are not needed on the Tuesday, perhaps you can help out on the Friday.

Stage 2 and 3 Multicultural Speaking Competition

Last Friday the Stage 2 class representatives presented their speeches for the Multicultural Speaking Competition. Congratulations to all our finalists who spoke with such confidence. I was ever so proud of each and every one of you. I know the Stage 3 teachers, who judged, had a very difficult time deciding who should move forward to the regional finals. At this week’s assembly, the Stage 2 and 3 students to compete at Collaroy Plateau on Tuesday, 25 June, will be announced. All regional finalists will receive a note from me early next week. Our two Stage 2 representatives will compete in the morning session whilst the Stage 3 representatives will compete in the afternoon session. Whilst this may clash with the walkathon, like the dancers attending the dress rehearsal, please feel free to gain sponsors, support the P&C, and help our school raise money. We will organise a special walkathon for anyone with prior school commitments early next term.

Manly, Warringah and Pittwater Combined Knockout Carnival

Friday, 14 June is the date of the Knockout Carnival. For this carnival we were able to enter the following teams:
- One open boys’ soccer team
- One open girls’ soccer team
- One senior and one junior netball team
- One senior and one junior rugby league team

All coaches have distributed notes to the selected players. Please ensure notes are returned to school with the $2 entry fee by next Tuesday otherwise your child’s position in the team may be compromised. We will also need lots of transport assistance (in most cases we ask you to organise your child’s own transport to and from the venue) and appreciate any offers of help to ensure teams can attend.

PSSA Sport

Just a reminder to all our wonderful players and parents:
- Please know, that we know, you only ever have your child’s and their teammates’ best interests and safety at heart.
- Please also remember that all players signed a code of conduct agreement that should be adhered to and that no player should ever question a referee or umpire’s decision.
- Please remember that as a spectator at PSSA sport you too must abide by the spectator’s code of conduct that was distributed with the initial permission notes.
- Please know that at NNPS we do not condone any poor behaviour by any adult, at any game, from any team. If any adult appears to be a cause of concern in regards to sportsmanship, behaviour, sideline coaching etc please refer the matter to the teacher/coach in charge of the team. All complaints and issues should be dealt with in an appropriate manner by the teachers.
- If any further action needs to be taken or you feel the need for an official complaint to the Pittwater PSSA Committee, please put it in writing and give it to me directly to table at the next meeting.
- Please remember that at NNPS we have a strong
tradition of teaching our students a love of sport, teamwork and sportsmanship. It is school sport, and we hope, and it should be an opportunity to model for students the very best values that can be apparent in the sporting arena. To play fairly, to give your best, to not resort to sledging and violence, to encourage your team mates, to win gallantly and lose graciously – this is the stuff that champions are made of! At Narrabeen North we breed champions!

Stage 3 South Coast Excursion
Stage 3 will be hit the road, headed for Minnamurra Rainforest and Old Mogo Town, next week. It is a long bus trip so please ensure your child has the appropriate medication or wrist bands should they suffer from travel sickness and that their class teacher is aware of this condition. A reminder also that the kitchen at our accommodation is not ‘nut free’, although they do promise all food preparation is completed with separate utensils, in a separate part of the kitchen.

The dinner menu is:
MAIN - Roast Chicken with Pan Gravy, Baked Chat Potatoes, Roast Pumpkin, Fresh Garden Peas, Fresh Bread with Butter/Margarine
DESSERT - Chocolate Mousse & Ice Cream

As already advised, if this is a cause of concern for you please pack and provide separate meals for your child and we will ensure they are heated and distributed.

My final reminder is in regards to technology. The note that went home this week said it all but basically I would once again appeal to every parent to ensure that no device with internet access is brought on the excursion. That means no smart phones or ipads or itouch devices with any internet connectivity. We are all aware of the need for cyber-safety and want to keep our children safe. We are all navigating this new world of technology and the good and the bad that it presents.

At school the DEC blocks any social media sites however, on an excursion with 130 students, the teachers cannot possibly monitor, 24 hours a day for 2 days, what students may or may not do on a device with access to the internet. That is why your support on this issue is appreciated. I realise that many students only have a camera via their device, I understand their desire for apps and games for a long bus trip but perhaps for a short while they could embrace the challenge of disconnecting. That said, as long as you the parent can verify in writing, there is no internet access available, then the ipod or itouch is ok. We appreciate your support though on the issue of smart phones - please do not let your child bring any form of smart phone! If you feel there could or would be any need for your child to have access to a phone please discuss this with your child’s teacher prior to the excursion.

Have a great long weekend everyone!

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

LAZY TOWN VISITS K-2
Last Thursday the students in K-2 attended a fun performance of Lazy Town. The performance reinforced the message of healthy eating and regular physical exercise as important for good health.

This program supported the introduction of our Crunch and Sip program as well as the Premier’s Sporting Challenge, which Year 2 are currently participating in. The students loved the show with Sportacus and Stephanie teaching them all about ‘sports candy’ (fruit and veg) and going outside to play and have fun being active.

Thank you to all the parents for supporting our Crunch and Sip program. It has been a huge success. Remember, your child only needs a small serve of cut up fruit or veg.

Student Excursion
2013 Sydney North Dance Festival Tickets!!!
Tickets to see the Stage 1 and Stage 3 dancers perform at Glen Street Theatre on the last day of term Friday, 28 June will be sold by Mrs Mulkeen.

Tickets go on sale on
Friday, 14 June and Monday, 17 June from 8.30am on the verandah outside Mr Brown’s room.

The cost of the ticket is $12 (bus fare included). They will be sold on a first come first served basis. Please bring money in a clearly labelled envelope with your child’s name and class written on it. Permission notes will be given out at the time of purchase.

Please hurry so you don’t miss out! We only have a limited number of tickets.

Mrs Mulkeen

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PD/H/PE, Student Leadership, Public Speaking and CAPA
Ms McKenzie going to Cambodia

The class of 3M are very proud to announce that Ms McKenzie will be going to Cambodia in the September school holidays as a volunteer Teacher with the SeeBeyondBorders project. To help her fundraise for this amazing experience 3M will be selling beautiful Cambodian scarves for $10 and $20 before and after school just outside Miss Bennett’s Office. (K block)

Or please visit www.everydayhero.com.au and go to Julie Ann McKenzie’s page and donate and leave an encouraging message on her wall. It would be great to see everyone from NNPS support this very special cause. For more info on what this project involves go to www.seebeyondborders.org

Thank you from 3M.

What is SeeBeyondBorders?

Ms McKenzie and Mrs Graham will be participating in the SeeBeyondBorders’ Teach the Teachers’ project in September this year. Read on to find out what this project is all about………

SeeBeyondBorders provides Cambodian children with access to quality teaching and learning at school. Their objective is to have more children complete their primary education and progress to lower secondary school.

SeeBeyondBorders train teachers, develop school infrastructure and support local families educating their children in Cambodia - a country that has been ravaged by war, genocide, repression and starvation.

They are registered as a charity in Australia and the United Kingdom and operate as a registered international non-government organisation in Cambodia. They have no religious or political affiliations.

Programs

1. Teach the Teacher - improves primary teachers’ professional knowledge and teaching practice
2. Better Schools - improves teaching and learning environments.
3. Getting to School - increases community commitment and school attendance

Vision

Cambodian children empowered by education.

Mission

To provide children in Cambodia with access to quality teaching and learning at school.

Values

• Generosity of spirit: by virtue of our wealth and privilege, we have a responsibility to those in need.
• Justice and Equity: honest and fair dealings with all people, regardless of similarities or differences, including but not restricted to gender, ability or disability, culture, or religious belief.
• Dignity and respect for difference: all people are of equal esteem. We learn from others and help others learn, including but not restricted to those who may be different due to gender, ability or disability, culture, or religious belief.
• Openness to all systems of belief that respect and nurture life, independent of religious or political affiliation.
• Authenticity and transparency: always searching for better ways to deliver effective programs with a responsibility to ensure openness in communications and accountability for our actions.
• Enduring legacies: through a commitment to local partnerships that lead to Cambodian autonomy.

They are committed to respecting and engaging with local communities to sustainably improve education standards in Cambodia and value the contributions of partners and volunteers.

Wednesday 19 June—2 Big Events

Canteen Red Day

Roll up, roll up, to this term’s fundraiser ‘red day’. We will be offering a morning tea and lunch MEAL DEAL; plus some tasty over the counter specials too. Your child will come home with an order form this week (as well as electronically attached). Please return by Friday, 14 June, either in the lunch order box or online.

Are you a BBQ King or Queen? We are also in need of helpers on red day to cook on our wonderful new BBQ (which was kindly donated by our previous Year 6 students) and we also need extra canteen helpers too. Please contact the canteen if you can help. This is a great way to meet new parents and see your children play at lunch!

SRC Fundraiser Term 2—Mufti day Gold coin donation

Our SRC students will run a school Mufti day to raise money and awareness for the See Beyond Borders Program. All money raised goes to Cambodia to help train teachers to teach adults basic skills in Maths and English, these are vital skills for life.

The See Beyond Borders program runs Teach the Teacher programs in Cambodia each year during the September school holidays and Mrs Graham and Mrs McKenzie will be taking part in these programs.

All children from K-6 are asked to wear the colours of the rainbow to show ‘equality for all’ and bring a gold coin donation.

Year 4 Gym—change

Due to the public holiday on Monday, Year 4 will be going to Gym on Tuesday, 11 June.
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 June if you are able to assist by emailing

Walkathon Co-Ordinator Rebecca Sharp at: becsharp@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.

“An evening at Dominie”

Where: 8 Cross Street
Brookvale
2100

When: Thursday 13th of June
From: 4pm - 7pm

15% Off all stock in store - Excluding Sale Items

Teachers, Parents, and Grandparents are all welcome!

Wide variety of Stickers, Homework and Student books, Readers, Picture books, Decoratives, Incentive Charts, Games, Teacher Resources, Art & Craft and much, much more!

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