From the Principal’s desk…

**Principal awards for Week 9** - Congratulations to: ....
Sam B 5M; William H 5S; Jorja S 5/6B; Emerson R 4F; Daniel W 3L; Matthew M 2/3G; Poppy T 1/2M; Kade B 1O; Liam W 1O; Tahlia B 1O; Nirvana G 1O; Nate J 1O; Esme R KM; Xavier T KM; Bodhi T KM and Eliza S. What a great effort, everyone!

**Please note:** To avoid the confusion caused re the presentation of the Principal Awards in a Banner Assembly week, no Principal Awards will be handed out in Week 10 (a Banner Assembly week). These awards will now be handed out in Week 1, Term 4.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY NNPS … 74 TODAY!!!**

**Enrolments for 2014**
Planning is underway for the 2014 school year. It is time for the school to firm up its enrolment numbers for next year and therefore we need to be aware of who is coming to NNPS and who is going from NNPS for 2014. If you are aware of neighbours or friends with a school aged child for 2014, please encourage them to get their enrolments for Kindy in as soon as possible. Also, if there are NNPS families who will be moving away, please let the school office know so that we can adjust our enrolment data accordingly. We will miss you!! Many thanks.

**School uniform for Term 4**
Our students should wear their summer uniforms for the start of Term 4. Please make sure that your child has the correct school hat as they will need it every day. If there is a cold spell for the start of the new term, there is no problem for your child to continue to wear the warmer winter uniform if necessary. They then can change to the summer uniform when they feel comfortable. The seasons and the weather do not always match up with our school calendar!

**Spelling Bee efforts**
Over the last few weeks, our Y3-Y6 students have participated in the Premier’s Spelling Challenge. An in-school competition was conducted to find our two junior and two senior representatives to take part in the zone finals. The zone finals were held at Frenchs Forest Public School on Wednesday and our wonderful representatives were: Max O and Angus C in the junior division and Carly A and Luke N in the senior division. All four students did a great job representing our school and they can certainly be proud of their efforts. Special congratulations go to Max for being placed equal third in the junior division and to Angus for earning sixth place. Well done everyone and keep up the fine spelling!

**A lockdown practice**
On Tuesday just before recess, we conducted an emergency lockdown practice drill. In this drill, on the sound of the alarms, students and staff remain ‘locked’ in their classrooms or other rooms until the calling of an ‘all clear’. Doors and windows are locked, blinds (if fitted) are drawn and teachers move students to the centre of the room. All went well and the procedure was concluded in about 10 minutes. When I was in the playground at recess, several thoughtful students asked me what would happen if a lockdown was called when we were in the playground and on the back field. That was a great question and one for the WHS committee to plan for next time we conduct a practice drill.

**Planning Week at NNPS**
Next week, all staff will be involved in a stage planning day. The planning time allows for each stage to discuss
important teaching and learning issues appropriate for the particular stage such as the end of year assessment tasks. Stage 2 teachers will have their day on Monday; our support staff will have their day on Tuesday; Stage 3 will plan on Wednesday; Stage 1 will plan on Thursday and our Early Stage 1 teachers will have Friday as their planning day. A group of casual teachers will be employed to release class teachers so that they can be involved in their planning day.

Our school’s 75th birthday
A date has been set for a meeting of all those interested in joining in the planning for our 75th birthday celebrations in 2014. The meeting is on Tuesday, 15 October at 6pm in the staffroom. You are welcome to attend.

Mobile phones at school
Times are certainly changing, but hopefully not to the extent that our students become burdened with too much too soon. If a parent, after much thought, decides that it absolutely crucial that their child needs a mobile phone while he/she is at school, the mobile phone must be signed in at the school office in the morning and out in the afternoon. Messages to a child from a parent while the child is at school need to come via the office so that the school is aware of any alterations to normal routines. Our phones are manned all through the day and our office staff are extremely professional and dedicated in the performance of their duties.

Our Woolies points order
Earlier in the year our school community collected Woolworth vouchers for NNPS in their Earn and Learn promotion. We collected nearly 30,000 points from the hard work of all in our community. This week we placed an order for a range of maths equipment based on suggestions from the leader of our maths team, Mr Perrin. In all the ordered items are valued at almost $1500! What a bonus for collecting vouchers. The items will be delivered in Term 1 next year. Many thanks to all for contributing.

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.

Robert Blanchfield

University of NSW Competitions
These students all competed in the University of New South Wales competitions and achieved some amazing results. Students who received a grade of Distinction are: Mia V (Writing), Jamie P (Writing, Computer Skills & Science), Jorja S (Writing), Carly A (Writing & Computer Skills), Angus C (Spelling), Max O (Science) and Zac D (Computer Skills). Congratulations!

Sophie Town

Miss Russell’s Wrap Up…

Kindergarten Orientation
It is that time of year again where we have our 2014 Kindergarten children come into school for their orientation days. A formal letter is due to go to our new students next week. Just for those families who would like to put the dates into your diaries here they are:

Orientation 1 – 2014 Students Only – Thursday, 21 November 9.15 to 10.30am
Orientation 2 – 2014 Students Only – Friday, 29 November 9.15 to 10.30am
Parent Orientation/ Information Night – Parents of incoming 2014 students only – Wednesday, 4 December - 6.30pm

Your formal letters will include more details on what happens on these days. It is encouraged that all children enrolled at NNPS for 2014 attend these two (2) sessions. These sessions are opportunities for us to get to know your child and they will also be introduced to their 2014 school buddy.

This is also a good opportunity to remind anyone who is still holding onto their enrolment form to please drop them off to the office as soon as possible. Thanks for your cooperation with this.

Holiday Wishes
With this being the last “Chalkboard” newsletter for this term I would like to take the opportunity to say to all our families at NNPS to have a relaxing and safe holiday. See you all back here for a very exciting and fun filled Term 4.

Tanya Russell
Non-Teaching Assistant Principal
Literacy, Welfare, Early Stage 1 Leader

Sophie Town

Beginner’s Chess Lessons
Next term, on Wednesday afternoons, we are hoping to restart a new beginner’s group of chess players. Our chess coach, Miro Novak, was unable to continue the group this term due to there being such a small number of regular participants. We would hate to lose Miro to another school on a Wednesday, so we need to secure at least seven beginners by the end of term to keep him at NNPS.

Chess is such a terrific skill for children’s learning and level of concentration. In fact, according to research, test scores improved by 17.3% for students regularly engaged in chess classes.

To enroll in this beginner’s class, please collect a note from the office or from me and complete and return no later Tuesday, 17 September (Week 10).

Thank you for your support,

Simon Brown
Chess Coordinator
Beyond the Board
with Miss Dickson...

‘A classroom is four walls with tomorrow inside.’

Attitude of Gratitude
As the term comes to its conclusion I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Stage 3 students who have given their personal best this term and ‘aspired and achieved’. Thank you to all the fabulous parents who have assisted us by providing transport to events, supporting children with homework and assignments, taken part in fundraising and helped with the many programs we have implemented. Thank you also to the wonderful teachers in Stage 3 for their dedication, professionalism and efforts in best meeting the needs of our students. Education is truly a three-way partnership and our 21st century learners are the beneficiaries of our teamwork.

CAPA Update
All classes have started working on their end of year dance performance. Remember this year, due to logistics, there will be two programs, (A and B). Each program will be performed twice with a matinee and evening performance. More details regarding specific times and the break up of classes across the concerts will be provided early next term. Your class teacher will provide information regarding costuming and your help with this is greatly appreciated.

Permission to Publish
This week a note went home to 6W, 6D and 5/6B regarding permission to publish photos and permission to be filmed. This is for the Year 6 Yearbook and also as Northern Beaches Gymnastics would like some footage of our students in action in gym lessons. Please make sure your note is returned by this Monday.

Enrichment Opportunities
This week our Year 5 debaters participated in their first ‘friendlies’ debate whilst our Stage 2 and Stage 3 Premier’s Spelling Bee finalists competed in the regional finals at Frenchs Forest. All students are to be commended on their outstanding efforts. The NSHS Wings program for selected Year 5 students culminates this week with students showcasing their work and achievements at an after school presentation on Thursday. Mr Blanchfield and I look forward to attending this event and celebrating the successes of our Stage 3 students.

NNPS Sporting Representatives
On Monday the Pittwater Zone Track and Field team headed to Homebush to compete in the Sydney North Regional Athletics Carnival. Narrabeen North Public School was well represented in the team and all our students were fabulous ambassadors for their school and zone.

In an exceptional effort, Max O came second in his heat and was a finalist in the 9 year old 100m’s. Congratulations Max as this was an awesome achievement. Our junior girls relay team also deserves accolades. After a fabulous, but dramatic run in their heat, the girls qualified 9th for the final. They then ran the race of their lives to place fifth in that hotly contested final. Well done Aajuah B, Ulani W, Lily C and Alex B. We are ever so proud of you all and love that you gave it your all, running not only with speed, but with heart!

A special mention must also go to our golfing sensation, Sam B, who this week is representing Sydney North Region in Port Macquarie at the state golfing championships. Sam played some amazing rounds of golf to finish second in the state for the net score. He was a most worthy medal recipient and this is an incredible achievement. Kudos to you Sam - WHATA CHAMPION!

PSSA UPDATE
Hopefully all students who have been selected in PSSA teams have returned their permission note and signed ‘Sports Code of Conduct’ as, without the notes, you will be unable to attend. Please also remember to be in correct school uniform including a school hat. Please bring your sunscreen, water bottle and any prescribed medications such as your asthma puffer or epi-pen to each and every game. Remember you are representing Narrabeen North so be great ambassadors in regards to playing the game with sportsmanship, respecting umpires decisions, supporting teammates and of course showing exemplary behavior to all.

Have a wonderful, well-deserved holiday everyone and we look forward to seeing you in Term 4.

Go the mighty Manly Sea Eagles!

Michelle Dickson
Assistant Principal Stage 3 (teaching)
PD/H/PE and CAPA Team Leader
Well we have had a busy Term 3. Term 4 will bring many exciting opportunities for our band students. Invited music students who have been involved in our music programmes will have a very exciting time at Taronga Zoo on Tuesday, 8 October. Thank you to Mrs Libby Vanderlaan for organising this event for our students.

On Friday, 25 October, The Police Band will arrive at our school and work with our senior band on a number of pieces and put on a spectacular performance for our school community. A workshop will be run from 9:45am till 10:15am and then a whole school concert from 10:15am till 11:00am. This performance will be held at the NBISC. Parents are welcome.

Also, auditions are being held for students to be part of the Northern Sydney Primary Band for 2014 and NSSWE. For NSSWE potentials, students need to be at least in Year 4 by 2014 and have been part of the Senior band in 2013. Visit www.nsswe.org.au for details or contact the NSSWE Manager on 0481 303 803 or email manager@nsswe.org.au. This would be a wonderful opportunity for students who have been in the Senior band for some time. Auditions will be held for NSSWE sometime during November.

The Northern Sydney Primary Schools Band program is very competitive, with students capable of playing at least at AMEB Grade 3 level. Auditions will be held Saturday, 7 December 2013 at Belrose Public School. Contact Jennifer Gregory (Arts Coordinator) at jennifer.gregory2@det.nsw.edu.au or visit the website at www.regionalband.weebly.com for more details.

Applications are opened for students in Years 5-12 to be part of the Northern Sydney Combined Schools choir in 2014. Students need to choose which choir they are intending to join. Killarney NSR Choir: Annie Woods from Beacon Hill Public School email: ann.m.edwards@det.nsw.edu.au or Pennant Hills NSR Choir email Gemma Brown from North Ryde Public School on gemma.brown16@det.nsw.edu.au.

The Regional choirs rehearse weekly at two locations: On a Monday: Pennant Hills Public School 4:30pm to 6:00 pm or Killarney Heights High School each Wednesday 4.00 pm - 5:30 pm. For further info contact Jennifer Gregory, Arts Coordinator on jennifer.gregory2@det.nsw.edu.au. Auditions will be held during Term 4.
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Camp 2:
Mon 30th Sept, Tues 1st & Thurs 3rd October 2013

3 DAY CAMP $140
1 DAY $55
Times: 10am to 4pm

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