From the Principal’s Desk....

Welcome Back
Welcome back to all our families for 2016. I hope you all had a relaxing holiday break and enjoyed time with family and friends. A very special welcome to the new students and their families who are joining the Narrabeen North community.

Our Kindergarten students will be starting next Tuesday. This is always a very exciting time - a new adventure and hopefully a love of school and learning.

I'm looking forward to another successful year of learning for our students. Through the many opportunities they will participate in, I'm sure they will be engaged and motivated to aspire and achieve.

Class Organisation
Today the children moved into their new classes for 2016. It's important for parents to be aware that the school confirms its enrolments with the Department of Education on Wednesday, 10 February.

Therefore, classes for 2016 will not be confirmed until this time. This is to allow new enrolments to be placed and any students who have left the school to be confirmed. Consequently there may be some changes to classes before they are finalised.

Any changes to classes will be based on numbers, so therefore parent requests for class moves can’t be considered to ensure stability for all students.

School Staff
This year we will have 25 classes, an increase of one from last year.

As the school increases in size we welcome new staff to the school in permanent and temporary teaching roles. Permanent positions at the school can be either appointed by the Department of Education or filled through a merit selection process.

At the end of 2015 Mr Jared Cook, who has been at the school for a couple of years, was appointed to a permanent position through the merit selection process. Congratulations Mr Cook!

Also joining us as permanent teachers will be Mrs Shauna Humphries (1H) and Mr Ben Eyles (4E). In temporary teaching roles, I'd like to welcome Mrs Katie-Louise Clinton (1C) and Miss Jemma Kerr (1K). I welcome them all to our school community, and I'm sure they will enjoy working with our great students and parents.

In Term 1, Mr Simon Brown will be on leave and his class will be taken by Miss Hannah Willmott.

Miss Tippett worked last year in a temporary role and has taken 2016 off to travel. We wish her well on her trip.

This year it’s nice to welcome back Ms Tamar Stewart for three days a week. She will be working in various classes across the school and providing support for teachers and students. An important part of Ms Stewart’s role will be implementing enrichment programs for students.

At the end of last year Mrs Cora Bolton gained a service transfer to Bilgola Plateau. I would like to thank her for the many contributions she made to the learning of students at NNPS. She showed a passion and love for teaching, which was coupled with boundless energy which the children loved. I wish her all the best at Bilgola Plateau.

To let the community know, early in the term, I have been selected by the Asian Football Confederation to referee overseas Jan 27-29, and the Oceania Futsal World Cup Qualifiers from Feb 3-12. Miss Russell will relieve at these times in my absence.

Ryan Shepheard
Principal

Changes to School Bus Numbers
711(am) is now 742—North Avalon to NNPS
757(pm) is now 630—NNPS to Mater Maria School then continues as before
760(am) is now 738—Dee Why (Sth Creek Rd & Pittwater Rd) to NNPS
781(pm) is now 744—NNPS to Mona Vale Junction via Mona Vale hospital
760 (pm) is now 673—NNPS to Collaroy Plateau
788(pm) is now 666—NSHS to Wymyard (City)
790(pm) is now 667—NSHS to Palm Beach

Dates to Remember - Term 1

Fri 29 Jan
PSSA Try outs
Wed 3 Feb
Dance auditions
Thu 4 Feb
Swimming Carnival @ Manly Boy Charlton Pool. Arrive at school at 8.45am.
Welcome back everyone. It was great to see all our Namabeen North students back with big smiling faces ready for their new classes and a new year. I hope you have had a fantastic break and are ready for 2016.

Students were placed into their classes this morning. Your child will be able to show you their classroom and where they will be (as long as our numbers are confirmed) for this year. Please make sure that you label your child’s belongings and maybe leave the class off until we have confirmation after 10 February.

Car Park
As you are all probably aware there are temporary closures to some of the NBSC car park while they are renovating. Please make sure you are careful and slow down whilst in the car park area. Please note that the staff car park is not open to the community for pick up, drop off or general parking.

Text Books
Thank you to all our families that purchased their text books via the Kookaburra website in the holidays. If you happen to have missed the cut off date please come and complete a payment envelope at the office as soon as possible so that textbooks can be distributed to the children.

I am looking forward to another fantastic year at Namabeen North and working with you all.

Tanya Russell
Reliving Principal

Welcome back everyone. We are looking forward to a wonderful and challenging term working together with our students and families.

The school swimming carnival will be held on Thursday, 4 February 2016 at Andrew Boy Charlton - Manly Swim Centre. All children in year 3-6 (2016) will be attending the day. All 3-6 students attending who can swim 50m are encouraged to participate in at least one race. Students who are unable to swim 50m will not be able to enter any events and must wear a wrist band supplied by the school on the day.

Year 2 students turning 8 years old (2016) who can swim 50 metres confidently, and are willing to enter two events may also attend the carnival.

By entering any event at the school carnival, students and parents need to understand that the expectation is that if successful they will compete in this event at the Pittwater Zone Carnival to be held at the Warringah Aquatic Centre on Monday, 7 March. If a child is not willing to represent the school in an event at the Pittwater Zone Carnival, they should not enter it at the school carnival.

A permission note with all other details has been sent home this week. Please return it to school completed and with payment if necessary by Monday, 1 February so we can finalise organisation of the carnival. Your help on the day is vital and always appreciated. Please note the carnival will go ahead even if it is raining.

This semester there will be two performance dance groups that will audition to perform in the Sydney North Dance Festival at Glen Street theatre to be held at the end of Term 2. The groups will meet at lunchtimes to learn and perfect their routine so selected dancers will be required to give up their playtime for one lunch per week. Auditions will begin on Wednesday in Week 2. Students from Years 1 to 6 will be invited to audition.

PSSA and school Sport 2016
PSSA Sport begins on the Friday of Week 5, 26 February. Trials for the PSSA sports are being held over the next few weeks. The PSSA Sports are:

Summer Sports
Seniors
Cricket - Boys play on the pitch
Cricket - Girls - Super 10 Milo Cup format
Softball - Boys and Girls
Pittwater Tag - Boys and Girls
Juniors
Cricket - Boys - Super 10 Milo Cup format
Cricket - Girls - Super 10 Milo Cup format
T Ball - Boys and Girls
Pittwater Tag - Boys and Girls

The gymnastics program is also open for students in Years 3 and 5 at an additional cost as it is limited to 40 positions. A note for gym as a Friday sport will be sent home to those grades next week. If your child is interested in taking part in gym for sport, please realise they will not be eligible for PSSA. Please return the payment and note promptly as positions in the program are allocated on a first in first served basis.

Year 7 Academic Placement Test Intake for Mackellar Girls, Cromer and Balgowlah Boys High Schools
Placement in the Year 7 Academic classes at NBSC Balgowlah Boys, NBSC Cromer Campus and NBSC Mackellar Girls Campus is based on supporting evidence of eligibility including the results achieved in the NBSC Academic Placement Test.

Application forms can be downloaded from The Northern Beaches Secondary College website.

http://www.nbsc.schools.nsw.edu.au/curriculum-opportunities/year-7-academic-placements1

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