Northbridge Public School
Newsletter
- At Northbridge we are Responsible, Respectful and Successful -

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PBEL
Thursday afternoon assemblies are a very important part of our school week and parents are invited to attend. However, these assemblies are formal occasions. Students and parents are all expected to follow the school’s three expectations. Everyone can be RESPONSIBLE by arriving on time and having mobile phones set on silent. Being RESPECTFUL means not talking during presentations or the National Anthem and sitting very quietly. If toddlers become restless parents need to take them outside so that students are not distracted and they don’t interrupt the performance. Being SUCCESSFUL is acknowledging your own success and the success of others. In assemblies everyone is expected to clap sensibly. We reserve cheering, yelling out and high-5s for the sporting field. By setting a good example, parents can assist us in helping children meet these expectations.

Grandparents’ Concert – Friday 4 April 9.30 - 11.00am
A reminder that tomorrow Friday 4 April is our Grandparents’ Day Assembly and we warmly invite any grandparents and grandfriends to join us. Due to space restrictions we request that only special visitors attend this assembly that will feature all children K-2.

2014 FUNraiser – 7pm Saturday 24 May
AUCTION ITEMS ON SALE NOW - BID NOW AND WIN EARLY!!!

On offer are 3 fabulous items

1. One voucher for a whopping 5 metre head start in the Parents’ Race at the K-2 Athletics Carnival, held later in the year;
2. Four x front row reserved seating tickets to the Kindy Christmas Concert (bid for all 4 as one item); and
3. Four x front row reserved seating tickets to the Years 1-2 Christmas Concert (bid for all 4 as one item)

Conditions:
Bidding opens today Thursday 3 April and closes at 12 midday on Friday 11 April
The highest bid wins the item (as a guide, in 2013 the Xmas concert tickets sold for between $150-$200. The parents’ race head start is new but how much is that worth to you)?
If there are 2 or more equal bids, chance to rebid offered after auction closes.
Place your one off best offer bid via email at 2014northbridge@gmail.com stating which item, your contact name and phone number and the amount of your bid in AUD$

GOOD LUCK! MORE ITEMS NEXT NEWSLETTER

“When I grow up”
This week’s letter – A is for Astronaut, aerobics instructor, academic, accountant, actor, acrobat, acupuncturist, aircraft engineer, archaeologist, anthropologist, anaesthetist, architect, artist, athlette, auctioneer, Albert Einstein, Abraham Lincoln, Angelina Jolie, Astroboy or maybe that guy Ace from KISS?…..

Tickets are selling FAST….. $75pp
Tickets are available online at www.trybooking.com/80102
There will also be a stand at school on Friday 2 May from 3pm, where you can purchase tickets.

Old school Mini-Fete 3.10pm Friday 2 May
Watch for more information, but there will be a “When I Grow Up” mufti day for the kids and an old school mini fete on 2 May. There will be loads of fun and sweet treats to kick off the Fun-raising festivities…. think toffee apples, fairy floss, a second hand book and toy stall and a second hand dress up costumes stall. A perfect opportunity to rejuvenate your dress ups. Please donate your no longer needed (good condition) adult and children’s dress up costumes, books and toys to the school office ASAP!!

Years 1, 3, 4 and 5 – Themed auction baskets
Don’t forget to bring an item for your year’s auction basket located near the school office:
Year 1 – Indulgence (gourmet and pampering)
Year 3 – Knowledge (educational books, puzzles and games, novels)
Year 4 – Craft supplies
Year 5 – Gardening
Stranger Danger
As we regularly do at school, please take the time to talk to your children about safety when travelling to and from school particularly in regard to talking to people they do not know.

Election Day Cake Stall - Saturday 12 April
Election day is on Saturday 12 April. This is always a great fundraiser for the school but we need your help. We can sell as many cakes, biscuits, slices etc as you can bake. Cake boxes will be going home with each child next Monday 7 April. Please return cakes on Friday 11 April from 2.30-3.15pm to the staffroom or deliver to school by 8am on the Saturday morning.

Annual Child Enrichment Levy 2014
Thank you to all those families who have paid the Enrichment levy. There are still around 90 families yet to make the contribution, and enable us to provide the additional tuition and facilities that help make Northbridge Public School so special and unique. Through this levy the school is able to offer weekly science and music lessons, reduced class sizes for numeracy and literacy, a dedicated computer classroom and many other opportunities. If you have lost your form (speaking from experience) please see the office and they can provide you with another. Remember it is just $250 per child and is tax deductible. If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to give me a call. My mobile number is below. So please, if you haven’t paid could you make your payment to the office by the end of this term. Thank you very much. David Michel, President, NPS P&C 0408 865 717

The Language of Friendship – Wednesday 7 May – 5.00-7.00pm – School Hall
GirlPower is a friendship program that inspires “Tween” girls (8 to 12 years old) to feel empowered, develop a strong sense of self, and love themselves while learning to manage the most important thing to them - their friendships.

Learn how to better understand your daughter’s emotions and offer her advice and support while she navigates the unpredictable world of female friendships. You will learn strategies to help her put out “Friendships Fires”, how to empower her to stand up for herself, the best ways to support her through unhealthy friendships, and how to help her gain confidence and love her true self. GirlPower will give you a new “language” for talking about friendship, helping you connect with your daughter and open up those lines of communication.

This program will be held in the school hall. Tickets are $35 per person and include the workshop, handouts, a GirlPower pencil and sticker, and a Q&A to answer any specific questions. To register, go to http://www.trybooking.com/CXWE. Please read the attached flyer for more details.

I realise this is on the evening following Interrelate, however this covers a different area of child development and I believe offers some excellent support for girls. Interestingly a similar program for boys will become available next year and we will make you aware of this at that time. This opportunity will be open to the general public and numbers are limited so if you are interested buy our tickets now and let your friends know too.

Term 2 Excursion and Incursion Permission Notes
On the first day of Term 2, Tuesday 29 April all students will receive their Term 2 Excursion and Incursion permission notes. Please return these signed permission notes with payment on or before Monday 5 May. We thank you for your prompt attention to this.

School Cross Country Carnival
Term 2 sees the move towards track and field at Northbridge Public School with the Cross Country Carnival being the first major event in the Term 2 calendar. The carnival will be held on Thursday 1st May (Week 1, Term 2) for all students in Years 3-6 (and those Year 2 students who can confidently run 2km). Students in Years 3 and 4 (and capable Year 2 students) will run a 2km course, with Years 5 and 6 challenged with a longer 3km course. Students are to wear their house T-shirt, hat and sports uniform on the day and bring a drink bottle to keep hydrated.

A Big Thank You – Kindy Working Bee
Thank you so much to all those who attended the Kindy Working Bee on Saturday 22 March, you were amazing. The buildings are glistening, and the gardens and grounds are looking perfectly manicured, all ready for Grandparents Day. It was a fabulous turn up and it was great to see the kids lending a hand, in between bopping on the dance floor and munching on ice creams and sausages. A special thank you to Mr Lowe, who was incredible at helping us with all the setup and logistics on the day and the whole working bee committee who did a fabulous job of organising the activities and treats for us. Thank you also to the Kelly family for kindly organising the donation of the delicious ice creams and of course thank you to the amazing cooking efforts of our BBQ king Mr Anthony Ryan. I hope you all had a fun time and had a chance to meet with other Kindy parents and families while making our school beautiful for our children and families.
Parent/Teacher Interviews
Thank you very much to all the parents who have/will attend parent/teacher interviews this week. It is an invaluable opportunity for teachers to work with parents to support the children in our care.

Interrelate
Thank you to all the families who have returned the form and payment for Interrelate. This program is now full.

Term 2 Calendar
Accompanying today’s newsletter is the Term 2 calendar outlining the main events planned so far for next term.

Learning Links: Mathematics
Show your children mathematics at work in their world.
Get your children used to discussing their mathematical thinking by parent modelling of “thinking out loud”. When you are solving problems or making calculations, talk through your process out loud with your children. Show them there are many ways to complete a given task and ask if they would have solved the problem differently. So many children enjoy seeing maths in the “real world”. Involve your child in some practical mathematics situations such as:
- Let them measure when you bake.
- Ask them to calculate the length of hose needed to reach from the tap at the side of the house to the garden.
- Let your child figure out the distance you’ll be driving on your next trip by using the information on a map.
- Sort cutlery by knives, forks, and spoons.
- Sort cards by suit or numbers.
- When you are washing the car, ask your child to estimate how many buckets of water you might need.

Year 4 Colonial incursion
On Friday 21 March Year 4 dressed as convicts and soldiers and participated in Colonial Day. They spent the day being convicts and learning about how the First Fleet settled in Australia. "I think today was really exciting and fun. I liked when the Sargent was yelling at Claire. He had a very loud voice"! Alex C 4O

Year 6 Camp
Two weeks ago Year 6 ventured to Canberra and had an extraordinary experience. Firstly, we all went to the Australian War Memorial. We learnt a lot about Australia's men and women who went to war for our country. Year 6 enjoyed the Discovery Zone at the Memorial. We played on the old war helicopter, submarine and in a reconstructed, period house. Old Parliament House was very interesting because we all learnt about our past parliament. The Senate and House of Representatives were all different and interesting. Some lucky students were able to act out parliament. We went to Parliament House and watched question time. Tony Abbott debated the carbon tax and we learnt that you need to address the speaker of the House of Representatives as Madam Speaker. Bronwyn Bishop, the Speaker of the House, agreed to meet us for Afternoon Tea in her courtyard. She asked us questions and we did the same. We learnt about her job and saw Mr Hockey's helpers. Ms Bishop was a delight to meet. Year 6 also had the chance to go to the Australian Mint. Here we got to see the wonderful world of coins, how they are made and where they go. Inside we saw some interesting robots that have been programmed to do difficult jobs.

Year 6 also visited the A.I.S which was surprisingly interesting. We had a tour guide called Angus who was a long-jumper. We went to an indoor activity room with mini Olympic sport activities. Outside of the activities there were swimming pools, a gym, a volleyball court, and many other amazing sporting areas where many professional athletes train hard every day. Finally, Year 6 visited Questacon. Inside there were many hands-on exhibits including the Murray Darling Basin, and different organisations that have amazing and fun activities. In the last room there were some fun science games and slides. For example, the drop. This is a giant slide that falls two storeys down and is meant to feel like you are in space. Year 6 had a great time travelling around Canberra and loved every part of it!
Sophie W 6S and Caroline B 6M
Year 1 Wannabees Excursion
Last week Year 1 had a fabulous time at Wannabees Centre experiencing what it is like to be a worker in the community. We dressed up as police and firemen, served customers like waiters and even built towers on the mini construction site. Poppy W said ‘It was the best excursion ever!’. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to help on the excursion.

National Young Leaders
On Monday 31 of March the School Captains and Prefects went on an excursion to the National Young Leaders Day which was held in the city. During the day lots of inspirational people spoke. Bob Carr, the former NSW Premier spoke to us about his life story and the Premiers Reading Challenge. Coen Ashton told us about his amazing story and how he had survived a deadly disease. Andy Griffiths, children’s author, gave an awesome talk about creative writing. Last but not least Ita Buttrose, the 2013 Australian of the Year, spoke to us about her incredible life story. In between these inspirational talks there were great performances and a beach ball challenge. It was also very exciting when Andy Griffiths signed our books. Because of all these exciting events it made me want the day to never end. Antonia W 6M

SRC Mufti Day
At Northbridge we truly got the eye of the tiger, raising $858.45 for the RSPCA. In class, the students got to talk and learn how to take care of their pets and respect wild animals and their habitats. Northbridge teachers had a fun time looking after their class animals. Thank you everyone for your support and donations! Lucy, Alec and Spencer

Japanese News
During term 1 students in Years 3-6 have studied Hiragana, the Japanese alphabet. The following students have been very successful. Year 3 Hiragana Heroes are Noah C, Ethan M, Sophie D and Imogen M. Year 4 Hiragana Heroes are Gemma F, Katie M and Georgia V. The Year 5 Hiragana Hero is Tara W. Year 6 Hiragana Heroes are Paris E, Caitlin W, Katie K and William T. Congratulations Hiragana Heroes!

Year 4 Hinamatsuri Dolls

Year 6 Hinamatsuri Doll Festival Poster

Request for Rugby Boots (or Soccer Boots)
Thank you to those families who have brought in some boots, we are still collecting them until the last day of term. The boots can be dropped into the box located outside Mrs Donlan’s office.

Health and Safety Reminder
Dogs are not to be brought onto school grounds nor are they to be tied to the school fence. Not all children are confident around dogs and not all dogs are predictable in their behaviour.

Dedicated staff
We have some very talented and fit staff who value exercise and sport in their spare time. Two of our athletes have met with misadventure lately. Despite injuries they have both continued to come to school and put the needs of the children first. Thank you to Mr O’Brien and Mr Ogawa

Amanda Donlan, Principal
Parents and caregivers are warmly invited to our Scripture Easter Assembly on Tuesday, 8 April, 2014, in the school hall. Catholic, Greek Orthodox & Protestant Scripture classes celebrate Easter together at this assembly.

Infants (K-2) 9.10 – 9.40 am
Primary (Yrs 3-6) 9.40 –10.10 am

**Uniform News**

The shop is fully stocked with winter uniforms.

All girls must be in full winter uniform as of Monday 19 May (week 4)
Boys can wear summer or winter all year.

We are pleased to announce that the mail order system will be upgraded to Munch Monitor online ordering commencing Day 1 of Term 2. There will be no transition period. Last mail orders under the existing system will be processed on Tuesday 8 April. This will also be the last day of the shop for Term 1. The shop will be closed Thursday 10 April. Munch Monitor will be up and running during the holidays should you wish to place an order, however, orders will not be processed until school resumes in Term 2. The Uniform shop will sit under the “School Shop” category. For those familiar with the website it will hopefully be straightforward. If you have not yet used Munch Monitor, please go to the school website to view registration instructions. If you process your order properly through to the final stage you will receive an email confirming your order. If you do not receive an email then you have not completed all required steps. As always orders will be delivered to your child’s classroom. If you do not wish to use the Munch Monitor service you will need to purchase the uniform from the shop, before school on Tuesday 8.45-9.45am and after school on Thursday 2.45-3.45pm. As of Monday 19 May (Week 4) girls should be wearing their winter dress or winter pants (they wear summer or winter uniforms for the first 3 weeks of Term 2). Boys have the choice of wearing long or short pants in Terms 2 and 3.

**End of Term Sausage Sizzle – Friday 11 April**

The end of term approaches and you know what that means? ...it’s time to get sizzling sausages again!!!!! . The kids order online via Munch Monitor and it’s all so easy. If you are not registered with Munch Monitor you can still order by asking a friendly NPS family to add your child to their MM profile (and reimburse them). It doesn’t cost the other family any extra! Order now as last orders on Munch Monitor are next Tuesday 8 April at 4.00pm.

**Entertainment Book**

Friday 11th April 2014
SAUSAGE SIZZLE SPECIAL
$6 or $9

MUNCH MONITOR ORDERING ONLY
Term 1 – Week 11

** Band Fundraising Event **

It’s time to order a sausage sizzle lunch for Term 1

“$6 snag meal deal” buys:
• One freshly barbequed gluten free sausage in a roll
• Fruit juice
• Frozen fruit ice stick

“$9 snag meal deal” buys:
• Two BBQ’ed sausages in two rolls.
• Fruit juice
• Frozen fruit ice stick

Place your order by 4pm Tuesday 8th April on the MUNCH MONITOR “School Shop.” No late/cash orders will be accepted.

HOW TO ORDER: Please note you can only order via Munch Monitor (MM).

1. Log onto MM as usual (or please refer to instructions in newsletter or office to set up a new MM account)
2. Choose the “School shop” option (not “Canteen” option)
3. Select your Student (child’s name)
4. Select Category “Band sausage sizzle”.
5. Select $6 or $9 snag meal deal
6. Select “Add to Cart”.
7. If you have more than one child, click “Add more items” and repeat steps 3-6
8. Click on “Checkout” and then select “Purchase”. The sausage order is not processed until you select Purchase. You will receive a confirmation email. If you do not receive the email you have NOT ordered.

The Northbridge Public School Bands appreciate your support…Thank You