Welcome
A big welcome back to all students and staff after the winter holiday. We warmly welcome Kiera B (1AM), Noah R (1C), Ethan R (KP), Samuel E (3DR) and William E (1C). We trust that our new students and their families are made to feel welcome to our Northbridge community.

PBEL (Positive Behaviour Engaging Learners)
All classes have been revisiting our three school expectations (rules) during the first weeks of this term. Students have particularly enjoyed watching the iMovies and PowerPoint presentations that classes across the school created earlier this year. These engaging resources have helped students learn about:

- recycling containers and using good manners at eating time
- playing nicely in the playground
- using manners when purchasing food at the canteen
- moving around the school responsibly and respectfully
- being respectful of others in the bathrooms

SRC (Student Representative Council)
Congratulations to the newly elected members of our SRC. The SRC badge presentation assembly for our Semester 2 representatives will be held on Thursday 31 July in the school hall at 2.40pm.

SRC Executive:
President: Lucy F, Secretary: Spencer B, Treasurer: Alec H

SRC Class Representatives:
1AM Hugo H & Nick C
1B Oliver T & Eliza K
1C William B & Jessica C
1R Max D & Claudia B
2C Imogen B & Charlie C
2G Harper C & Declan H
2M Xanthe B & Chris M
2N Max M & Georgia O’S
3DR Claudia D & Miles O’G
3O Lachlan C & Kyle C
3P Harrison P & Sophie De K
3W Max B & Sam C
4N Darcy B & Patrick S
4O Amber H & Joe V
4T Nik B & Cate G
5F Marianna D & Aaron H
5H Lizzie M & Emma B
6M Lachlan M
6S Tetsu H

Reminder Permission Notes
A big thank you to those families who have returned their permission notes and Term 3 Excursion/Incursion payments. Could anyone who has still to return their permission note please do so as soon as possible. If you have misplaced your note a copy is available on the school website.
2015 Important Notification
If your child will not be attending Northbridge Public next year could you please inform your child's class teacher or the office asap in writing. The DEC (Department of Education and Communities) enrolment system needs the name of the school your child will be moving to. We are required to give enrolment numbers for 2015 to the DEC now for staffing and it is most important that we have accurate numbers.

Enrolment Applications 2015
If you have a child starting school in 2015 would you please come to the office and collect the appropriate paperwork. This includes new families and families whose children already attend the school. All enrolments for 2015 are due by Friday 1 August 2014. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Photo Days Monday 4 August and Friday 8 August
Advanced Life Photographers will be taking our school photographs this year. Envelopes were sent home yesterday 23 July and are due back to school on Tuesday 29 July. The photographer this year offers online ordering. All online ordering will close at midnight on Tuesday 29 July. All children are to be in full winter uniform on this day. For girls this is grey school tights or white ankle socks, not sports socks. For boys this is long grey pants or grey shorts with grey ankle socks. This is a good opportunity to check school shoes are polished too.

Monday 4 August - To facilitate a smooth running order, the photographs will start at 8.30 on Monday with the school captains and prefects, house captains and class 6S all taken before 9.10am. Individual and sibling photos, Year 6 Leadership, SRC, Seussical Jr. cast and Arts North Choir photos will also be taken on this day. Sibling photograph envelopes are available from the front office. If you would like sibling photographs please fill out an envelope and return to the office or complete an online order.

Friday 8 August - Please look at the schedule below and ensure that your child has all clothing requirements for this date (this includes black school shoes where necessary). The following teams and groups will have their photos taken on this day. Please take careful note of what your child needs to wear for the photos. Some students will need to have three outfits at school that day. Please make sure that all items needed are packed. Within approximately four weeks you will receive further information on how to order specialist and team photos.

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Kindy Open Morning
It was wonderful to meet so many new kindergarten 2015 parents yesterday at our Open Morning. I was most proud of our Year 6 leaders for their articulate presentations. Congratulations to our Kindergarten presenters too, thank you Ruby, Rupert, Hannah and Harry!
Education Week - Creating the Future - Thursday 31 July - Open Day NSW Public Schools

We are looking forward to welcoming parents, grandparents and friends to our Open Day next Thursday 31 July from 8.30am. Classrooms will be open from 8.30am - 9.10am followed by performances and displays representing just some of the outstanding programs that form part of our comprehensive curriculum at Northbridge. **Full winter uniform is to be worn by all students.**

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**Book Fair – Thursday 31 July**

As part of our Education Week open morning on Thursday July 31, we will be holding our annual Book Fair where books will be available for purchase to be donated to the library. Our library collection will be enhanced by these additions and every student will receive pleasure from reading these books, as they do from the already outstanding library collection, built up over many years. With all the renovations going on in the library over the next few weeks, please note these books will take time to be added to the library data base, given a barcode, covered and the donation label placed in the front of the book. The children who donate the books will be the first to borrow them as soon as they are ready. Thank you again for your wonderful support of your school library. *Mr George Glasson Teacher/ Librarian*

**NSW Premier's Reading Challenge**

We now have 375 competing in the PRC and 101 have completed the challenge up to date, but there are still 274 students who need to complete their challenge by Friday 22 August 2014. We congratulate all those children who have gone ahead and completed the challenge. Remember to try adding all the books you have been reading in class this year.
Primary Schools Chess Competition

Last term, Northbridge Public School had two teams competing in the Primary Schools Chess Competition. Northbridge A (Victor L, George W, Felix T and Max B) achieved great results, winning many of their matches. Northbridge B (Charlie W, Mary M, Daniel I and Luke M) also performed well, coming away with some wins against much older competition. All students represented their school proudly. They competed enthusiastically and showed great sportsmanship in their matches. A big thank you also to the parents who helped out with the competition, providing afternoon teas and driving the students to away games. Well done everyone! – Miss Neville and Mrs Parker

Debating

It has been all systems go for the debating club in recent weeks. The Year 6 students competing in the NSW Premier’s Debating Challenge have taken their debating skills to the next level. Water tight models and convincing arguments have lead the team to victory on their last two debates. Northbridge won the coin toss against Castle Cove and debated the affirmative “That Australian circuses should be banned from using animals” and against Forestville, “That we should have an extra afternoon of sport at school”. A series of ‘friendly’ debates have kicked off for students who have joined the debating club for the first time. The format for friendly debates is a little different in that both teams are given the topic one week ahead of time to allow them to prepare. Northbridge played host to Killarney Heights and debated the topic; “That schools should ban homework”. This was a fabulous experience for all students involved and although in friendly debates the adjudicator doesn’t award a winner on the day, Northbridge received some very encouraging feedback.

NPS Book Club

The renovation of the school library has commenced and from this a wonderful opportunity for Stage 3 students has presented itself. The teachers are interested to find out what the students think about a number of the class novels currently shelved in the library. Miss Fisk is asking for students in Years 5 and 6 to become members of the NPS Book Club. What is a book club you may ask and how does it work? Members will be put into small groups and given a copy of the same book to take home and read over a fortnight. Once the book is read, the group will get together at school to discuss and provide feedback on that book. Students will get the opportunity to talk about what they liked about the book, what they found challenging, which character they found most appealing, who they think would enjoy reading the book etc etc. Members will also have the opportunity to suggest new novels they have read at home recently that might be good for the school library to purchase in the future.

Sign up: Interested students need to visit 5F and write their details on the sign-up sheet posted on the classroom door.

Meetings: The meeting times will be flexible until PSSA sport finishes this term. After Week 6 the book club members will meet on Thursday mornings at 8am.

Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival

In between two sporting events, The World Cup and the Commonwealth Games was a more important sports tournament - Years 3-6 Northbridge Athletics Carnival. This exciting carnival was held on Thursday 17 July on a sunny winter’s day.

The House Captains led their respective houses with inspiring war chants to kick off the event. It was fantastic to see the enthusiasm and spirit in which the carnival was conducted. Students supported their houses and their peers in all the races. No matter where someone was coming in a race they were cheered on. It was great to see the amount of parent support for the event. After the carnival we focused on field events and have now completed all the events. By next week students will find out who will be attending the zone carnival. An athletics assembly will be held on Thursday 31 July to present ribbons to race place-getters and to announce our athletics champions and of course the winning house. Thank you Mr Tolnay, teachers and parents who made the day so successful.
Band Visit to St Paul’s Northbridge
On Tuesday 24 June some students from the school’s Concert Band visited St Paul’s Residential Aged Care facility in Northbridge. The students performed superbly and the audience thoroughly enjoyed listening to the variety of songs they played. The walk back to school was filled with stories from the students on the number of smiles from the ladies and gentlemen and also about how they were bopping along to the music. Having this opportunity to perform for such an audience is something that the students will remember for a long time. The finale song, Rock Around the Clock, had the audience out of their seats dancing, clapping and singing along. One lady in particular caught our attention as she was having a fantastic time dancing and she is 102 years old! Just as the students were preparing to leave, one of the ladies gave each student a hand knitted teddy bear as a token of appreciation for a lovely afternoon. The students should be immensely proud of themselves for being responsible and respectful throughout their visit.

The school received the following letter of thanks from St Paul’s. “The residents of St Paul’s Northbridge would like to send their thanks to your band leader David Scarborough and his band who came to play for us on June 24. Everyone enjoyed the variety of pieces they played. Music does lift the spirits. The students were excellent ambassadors for Northbridge Public School and we hope very much we may be able to welcome them again in the near future”. Anita Spragg

Dance Festival
The Year 2 and Year 6 dance groups enjoyed performing in front of sold out audiences at the Sydney North Schools Dance Festival, held at Glen Street Theatre at the end of Term 2. It was a very exciting opportunity for these students to represent our school and to perform the dances that they have spent so many hours rehearsing. Congratulations to all our dancers for behaving responsibly backstage and for their hugely successful performances.

Soccer Boots
To all those families who sent in soccer and rugby boots last term you might like to read the email we received recently from Samoa. “THANK YOU for the boots. They have been given to children in a development program. I’ve just requested profiles of the kids from different villages and after school program so we can send them through. I delivered the container during their Saturday program and you should have seen their eyes open wider. Such an awesome feeling, I am grateful to the school children who donated them. The children know its from a school in Australia and they can’t stop saying thank you, they say it to me but I know they mean you! Appreciating the service, kindness and amazing colours of the boots, I think that’s where the wide eyes come in. Bless you, the children and the parents.
Sincerely Priscilla Davidson-Betham

Our Local Wildlife - Short Story Competition Winners
On Thursday 5 June our three Year 5 students, Felix 5F, Bethany 5F and Jonas 5H were presented with toy whales, certificates and copies of their published work by Mayor Councillor Gail Giles-Gidney at Chatswood Library. It was a wonderful afternoon and both the students and their families should be very proud. Keep up the great writing! Mrs Pegolo Coordinator of Northbridge Writers Club
**Kindy Marvellous Maths**

On Monday the 16 June Kindergarten Students participated in a Marvellous Maths Day. In KP the children created a graph about their favourite ice-cream flavours. In KM they learned about the differences between 2D shapes and 3D objects. The students enjoyed learning about position in KR and about Measurement in KF. It was an exciting experience for the children to get to visit all of the Kindergarten classrooms and a very special treat to be taught by all of the Kindergarten teachers in the one day!

**C.A.R.E.S**

On the 25 June Year 5 went on an excursion to C.A.R.E.S at St Ives where we learnt all about bike and road safety. When we got there we learnt what the Australian National Standard sticker looks like and checked that our helmets fitted and had the sticker. After that, we split into classes. 5H got to practice all their bike skills and learn all the rules such as: how to signal, stopping, turning and riding in a straight line. Meanwhile 5F watched videos on how everybody must have a helmet when riding a bike and how to ride safely around roundabouts and busy roads. Then the classes swapped over and did the other activity. The last part of the day was the best! Everybody had a 13 point bike licence and rode around the mini road course using the road rules that they learnt earlier. The course was great fun with everyone riding around, stopping at traffic lights and giving way at roundabouts. *Kate M 5H*

**Coastal Environment**

On Wednesday 25 June, Year 1 had a fabulous time travelling to Narrabeen as part of their HSIE study of Wet and Dry Environments. We were greeted by Sally and her team of dedicated guides who showed us the fascinating, natural beauty of the area. We learned a lot about sealife and how to protect the environment.

**Life Education – Healthy Harold**

The Life Education Program is designed to educate students about health and safety. Some of the topics they cover include healthy food choices, emergency and safety procedures, the way the body works, environmental health issues and peer pressure. The Life Education facilitator runs an information session for any parents who wish to attend. This session will be held Tuesday 12 August at 8.50am the Life Education van (located behind the library).

**Arts North Primary Choral Concert**

Tickets are now available from the City Recital Hall Box Office. Ticket prices are as follows:
- Adults: $30, Concession/Students/Seniors: $15, Child under 15: $15, Family (2Ad 2Ch): $80. For phone, internet bookings: $6.50 per transaction, no fee if purchased directly from the box office. **Tickets cannot be purchased through the school.** Payment is accepted by cash, cheque, money order or Eftpos. Credit Card payment is accepted by VISA and MASTERCARD.

Please Note that the City Recital Hall will need to know:
- Name of Concert: Arts North Primary Choral Concert, Sydney Town Hall
- Date: Tuesday 19 August 2014 7pm

All seats are allocated on a first in, first serve basis. THERE IS NO QUOTA. The City Recital Hall assigns seats as they are booked and it is general seating.
**Seussical Performance – 26, 27 and 28 August**

Our production of Seussical Jnr is fast approaching and we are all getting very excited. If your child has not yet brought in their costume money please have them do so by Friday 1 August.

**TICKETS ARE ON SALE FROM MONDAY 11TH AUGUST**

First round tickets will be on sale outside the hall on **Monday 11 August** and **Tuesday 12 August** (Week 5) from 8:15-9:00am.

Second round tickets will be on sale outside the hall on **Friday 15 August** from 8:30-9:00am.

Please note: During the first round sales, families are entitled to a maximum of four tickets for the evening performances but an unlimited number of tickets for the Wednesday matinee. Families may purchase more tickets for the evening performances during the second round sales.

Dates are as follows:

- **Tuesday 26 August – 7pm**
- **Wednesday 27 August – 10am**
- **Thursday 28 August – 7pm**

**Ticket costs**

- Adults - $10
- School Children/ Seniors - $5

Ticket sales are by **cash only**. We would appreciate it if you have the correct money when purchasing tickets. If children are buying tickets please have the correct money in an envelope stating the exact number of tickets (adult/children) and date required.

All Northbridge students will see Seussical during school time. You only need to purchase a ticket for your child if they are attending an evening performance. Students in Years 3 and 4 do NOT need a ticket.

Please be advised that tickets are not being sold at the office. Do not send money to the office or to class teachers. It is going to be a fantastic show. Don’t miss out on tickets. Drama Club Co-ordinators, **Mr Gardner, Mrs Robertson, Miss Morrow, Mr Burke**

**Japanese News**

During Term 2, Year 5 was busy creating their Japanese Cultural Investigation projects which you may have seen displayed at school. Shown below are two examples, Bonsai and a traditional house. Also in Term 2, Years 3-6 studied Hiragana intensely with the following students being classed as Hiragana Heroes. Congratulations (omodetou gozaimasu) on their hard work!

- Yr 4: Lily W, Leo Y, Evelyn B, Gabriel I.

**Amanda Donlan, Principal**

**Sausage Sizzle**

Thank you to everyone who supported the band’s fundraiser last term and to all our parent volunteers for their hard work. It was a great success.
PSSA Netball
Netball girls have returned from the holidays with plenty of enthusiasm and it showed on the courts last Friday. Despite the cold and blustery conditions, Northbridge came away with our best result of the season so far. Four wins from four games!

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PSSA Soccer – 20 June - Northbridge vs Castle Cove on Northbridge Oval
A’s – Northbridge 8 defeated Castle Cove 1
The A’s played a terrific game against Castle Cove. Liam W with his debut in the A’s scored our first two goals. Then Zac K found the back of the net off a brilliant corner by Aaron H. A few minutes later Dillon H put another goal past the keeper off another corner by Aaron. Then Aaron took a free kick and scored another goal over the keeper’s head. Overall we had a brilliant game winning 8-1. Tom M

B’s – Castle Cove 3 defeated Northbridge 1
The B’s played Castle Cove at home. Unfortunately we lost 3-1, but we all enjoyed the tight game. Will G was given man of the match, where he played brilliantly at Centre Back. He saved lots of goals. It was our first loss for the season, though we look forward to challenging them again in Term 3. Arleigh E

PSSA Soccer – 18 July - Northbridge vs Lane Cove West at Blackman Park
A’s – Northbridge 1 Lane Cove West 1
The A’s played an excellent game this week drawing 1-1 with Lane Cove West. We started the game in their half for the first 15 minutes and then a loose pass was made where they took advantage by a player running through and scoring. Near the end of the game a player from Lane Cove West handballed, this gave us a free kick. Zac took the free kick and scored. That is how it ended at 1 all. A special mention must be made to Will M who defended well as a right back and was awarded man of the match. Charley L

B’s – Northbridge 4 defeated Lane Cove West 0
Northbridge B’s played against Lane Cove West. The finishing score was an amazing 4 – 0 our way with Ayden scoring 2 goals, Will B and Harvey scoring one each. We played the game in a new positional layout with 4 defenders in a row, which obviously worked well for us. Mitchell B

PSSA AFL
In Week 1 of Term 3 AFL kicked off for the final term. Northbridge A’s played Mowbray 2 and then the two Northbridge teams faced off against each other. In the first game Northbridge A’s pulled off a huge win defeating Mowbray 2 90-15. The team played well together with great sportsmanship being shown. Players encouraged each other and delivered the ball with skill.

In game 2 the two Northbridge teams played each other with the Northbridge Noodles ending up winners 39-16. The game was closer than the scores suggest with both teams having ample opportunities to score. Once again the AFL teams displayed sportsmanship on and off the field and were able to practise skills while they were not playing a game. Mr Tolnay, AFL coach

What Willoughby Wants Survey
We have received the following information from Willoughby Council which you may find of interest. “Willoughby Council wants to make sure that the programs and events we provide are what our community wants. That’s why we’d like to invite you to share your thoughts and experiences to help us design our future community programs and make them a success. Together we can create the tools and tips to help us all improve the way we live in Willoughby”. To tell us what you want, please fill out the Willoughby You Want survey at: http://haveyoursaywilloughby.com.au/the-willoughby-you-want

and you will go into the draw to win one of five double movie tickets (terms and conditions apply. See ‘Have Your Say’ for details).

Focus Groups
Council is also looking for parents of young children to participate in focus groups. All participants will be rewarded with a free movie ticket. Registration is easy, just follow the link where you’ll also find information about dates and times. Willoughby you Want - Focus Groups. at http://haveyoursaywilloughby.com.au/the-willoughby-you-want