PBEL
Over the school holidays try to be successful through sensible risk taking. Children are encouraged to try something new. This could be a new food, sport or game. When it comes to sensible risk taking, Winston Churchill's quote is very fitting. Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.

Over The Bridge – Change
Over the Bridge is our school year book where each child’s work is represented. This year’s topic is ‘CHANGE”. Many parents have been disappointed when they miss out on ordering a copy of the year book. To assist you we have included the order form with our Term 4 Excursion/Incursion permission notes which you will receive on the first day of next term. Please look out for this. You are welcome to buy as many copies as you wish. Some people buy one per family, one per child and some even for grandparents. Please note that orders close Monday 13 October. No late orders can be accepted.

Permission Notes
Excursion/Incursion notes will be going home with students on Tuesday 7 October (the first day of Term 4) and will be due back by Monday 13 October.

K-2 Athletics Carnival – 9 October
The K-2 Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday 9 October from 9.15am-11.00am. All parents/caregivers with children in K-2 are welcome to attend and stay for morning tea with their children on the grass quad.

SAVE THE DATE – Book the babysitter now!
NPS 2014 End of Year Celebration. Thursday 27 November at 7.00pm. Time to celebrate the end of school year and an opportunity to thank the teachers, staff and all those who contribute to our wonderful school community. Come and enjoy a great night out (this is not a fundraising event). Full details to follow early in Term 4.

Important Dates
The calendar for Term 4 is attached to this newsletter. Below are some important dates for 2015.

Tuesday 27 January Staff return
Wednesday 28 January Years 1-6 return
Wednesday 28 – Friday 30 January Kindergarten Best Start Assessments
Monday 2 February Kindergarten start

Stewart House
For the past 75 years Stewart House has proudly provided education, health care, safety, compassion, understanding and most importantly, hope and ambition for over 100,000 NSW Public School children in need. Northbridge Public School is again supporting this drive and clothing bags have been distributed to all notetakers today. This is a good opportunity to spring clean your wardrobe over the holidays! Bags are to be returned by Thursday 9 October to the hall.

Book Club
Book club meetings have been a lively place for all members this term. There has been purposeful chatter and a mixture of opinions exchanged around the circles as members give feedback on their latest read. In order to take advantage of the next two weeks, any members who would like to take home a book for holiday reading are encouraged to touch base with Miss Fisk before the end of term. Book club will continue to run during Term 4 on Thursday mornings at 8.15am. We will start in week 1 and meet every odd week (1, 3, 5, 7, 9). Happy Reading! Miss Fisk
Play Equipment Renovation Works

The renovation works to the play equipment have now been completed. The sand has been replaced by softfall rubber and is surrounded by synthetic grass. The children are all enjoying playing on this newly refurbished equipment.

K-6 Japanese Incursion

On Tuesday 2 September, K-6 were treated to the amazing ‘sugoi’ Japanese performance O-Musubi-Kororin (The Rolling Riceball), performed by Anne Norman. Students had the chance to sing, dance and play musical instruments. They learned Japanese phrases and drew on their knowledge of the language. A great time was had by all students. We look forward to having Anne back next year for another entertaining performance when she will bring her Taiko partner for a musical extravaganza. Larner sensei

Year 4 Excursion to Gavana Friesian Dairy Farm

"On the 4 September Year 4 went on an exciting excursion to a special dairy farm. It was very interesting. We learned all about cows and the history of the farm. We also got to milk a cow, make butter and pat a calf. It was a great experience". Eliza 4O

"First we went into a big, old shed which smelled of cow manure. The man in charge talked about the timeline of the dairy industry. Then we talked about different types of cows. After that we went on to a viewing platform and saw a herd of cows. Gavin took a big dairy cow to the milking station. We all got to hand milk her and he showed us how the milking machine works. Then we went inside and made butter. The teachers put it on some biscuits and we got to eat it! Alex C 4O

The Darcy Bells

On Thursday 11 September Darcy B of 4N and Bella W of 4T performed for the first time as ‘The Darcy Bells’. The girls performed Song of Joy and Scarborough Fair to a delighted audience. We look forward to more tunes from the duo in the future. Larner sensei

Years 1 & 2 Happy Hearts Public Speaking

The culmination of the Years 1 and 2 Happy Hearts Public Speaking program was on Friday 12 September with two representatives from each class presenting their speech in front of their peers in the hall. The standard of speeches was very impressive. We would like to thank all students for the time and effort they put into their speech and congratulate the finalists who presented on Friday. It has certainly developed their interest and skills in public speaking and improved confidence when presenting a speech in front of an audience. Mr Glasson & Mrs Barbarich
Tournament of Minds State Final – Awarded Honours

On Sunday 14 September Northbridge Public School’s Social Science team performed at the Tournament of Minds State Final held at University of New South Wales. The team was required to complete a 3 hour challenge as well as a spontaneous challenge in the morning before performing to a packed auditorium in the afternoon. The team developed a very complex and ingenious response to the challenge question. They worked collaboratively to present a dramatic performance of their challenge solution and are to be commended on their exemplary behaviour and attitude throughout the day. We are very excited to report that the Social Science team was awarded State Final Honours in their discipline. A huge congratulations to the team – Lucy F, Caroline B, Antonia W, Alec H, Jasmine T, Elizabeth M, Jerica R. Miss McMillian and Mr Gardiner.

Year 2 Excursion – 26 Storey Tree House

On Tuesday 16 September Year 2 had a fantastic trip to The Concourse Theatre in Chatswood, to watch Andy Griffiths’ story ‘The 26-Storey Treehouse’ come alive. The show required a treehouse, a sick shark, self-inflating underpants, an ice-cream dispensing robot, a pirate ship, Gorgonzola the man-eating fish, a cannon and a Maze of Doom. Oh, and ten unlucky pirates! The children (and teachers) had a wonderful time.

Year 3 Excursion – Old Schoolhouse Museum

"When we went to the Old School House Museum we learned about how they used pen and ink. What we found interesting was how the school was in the same classroom. They used to use jelly to photocopy pictures. The jelly would last a long time. We danced around the Maypole. While we danced around the Maypole all the girls wore pinafores and the boys wore sailor collars. Some games that children used to play were: fly, rolling hoops and quoits. We all enjoyed going on the excursion to learn about how life was back in the 1880's". By Greta D and Sophia C.

On the 18 September, Year 3 continued their late 1800’s experience. Students dressed in the spirit of the day and participated in a range of activities including handwriting, etiquette and the three Rs. Students learnt how difficult it must have been to attend school in this time. We are sure they much prefer the schooling experiences they have in 2014. Year 3 teachers.
Spelling Bee
Last week Maya W, Katie K, Baxter H and Claudia D represented Northbridge Public School in the zone round of the Premier’s Spelling Bee. Congratulations to all students. You should be very proud of your achievements.

Debating
As winners of their zone in the Premier’s Debating Challenge, the Northbridge Blues (Katie K, Emily M, Antonia W and Daniel B) participated in the regional finals held on Tuesday 16 September. They won their first debate against Cromer Public School and progressed into the quarter finals. Their next opponents, Manly West proved to be tough competition and they were unsuccessful in this round. Both Mrs Pegolo and I wish to congratulate the team on their wonderful efforts throughout the season and hope they continue to involve themselves in debating once they reach high school. Miss Fisk

Young Musicians 2014
Please keep rehearsing for The Young Musicians Competition. The Senior Division Heats will be on Thursday 9 October and the Junior Division heats will be on Friday 10 October. Parents are invited to attend the Young Musicians Final on Thursday 16 October at 2:00pm.

Happy Holiday
On behalf of the staff of NPS I wish you all a happy and restful holiday break. Students and staff return to school on Tuesday 7 October 2014.

Kasey Henness
Relieving Principal

Area Athletics
Congratulations to Joe Vodden who came 2nd in the 200m at Area Athletics. Joe will now compete at the State finals and we wish him the best of luck.

Uniform News
A reminder that summer uniform should be worn from day 1, Term 4.

Guitar Lessons at school in Term 4
Places are available for guitar lessons before or after school in Term 4, 2014. Students learn how to read chord charts, TAB and music notation. Assistance can be given regarding the purchase of a suitable guitar. Please contact Mr Larner at matthew.larner@det.nsw.edu.au for details.