Week 8 Term 4
November 2015
Important Dates:

Friday 27
SRC Fundraiser Mufti Day
(wear something blue)
Talent Quest Year 1
(starting 1.00pm)
Special Assembly –
2.00pm

Mon 30 Nov –
Thurs 10 Dec
Swim school starts

Friday 4
Kindy Talent Quest

Tuesday 8
P & C Meeting – 6.00pm
NPS Band Carol Night –
7.00-8.00pm

Wednesday 9
Yrs 5 & 6 matinee
performance – 10.00am
Yrs 5 & 6 evening
performance – 7.30pm

Thursday 10
Last day of chess

Friday 11
Presentation Day –
1.30pm

Monday 14
Reports go home
Year 6 Graduation Dinner

Tuesday 15
K-2 Picnic day at school
Yrs 3 & 4 Picnic day -
Willoughby Leisure Centre
Yrs 5 & 6 Surf Fun and
Safety day - Freshwater

Wednesday 16
Last day of school
Talent Quest showcase –
11.30am

Students of the Week
Maisie L (1M)
Joshua H (4O)
Charlie C (3O)

PBEL - Successful – Goal Setting
Goal setting is an important skill when striving to be your best.
Being willing to identify and accept weaknesses as well as
strengths can help to set future goals. We encourage children to
think about what areas they want to focus on improving next year,
social, academic or sporting and set some realistic goals they would
like to achieve.

Kindy and Years 1 & 2 Concerts – The 80’s
Despite the warmth of the day the vibrance of the 80’s shone at Northbridge
today. Our younger students danced and sang their way through a great variety
of memorable tunes from the 80’s. Thank you to Mrs Robertson our Music
teacher and all the class teachers for their enthusiasm in making this concert
possible. Thank you to the parents who have supported the children and
teachers with costume preparation.

SRC Fundraiser Mufti Day for Stewart House – Friday 27 Nov.
Tomorrow Friday 27 November the SRC will be holding their final fundraiser for
the year to raise much needed funds for Stewart House which offers support to
students and families in need. The students are encouraged to wear something
blue and bring a gold coin donation.

Special Assembly
Tomorrow at 2.00pm we will hold our end of year special assembly. Both of our
skipping teams will be performing. You don’t want to miss these talented
athletes. We will also be presenting trophies for the school tennis competition
as well as certificates to students who have participated in Tournament
of Minds, Maths Olympiad, Chess and the Premier’s Reading Challenge. All
welcome.
Donations to our Giving Tree
This is just a reminder that we will be having a Giving Tree at our Carol Concert Night on Tuesday 8 December. Students are invited to bring an **UNWRAPPED NEW** gift which will be donated to the Salvation Army. These gifts are then distributed to those in need. Suggestions are: gifts for teenage boys and girls (such as toiletries, stationery, sports clothes/equipment), games for all ages and non-perishable food stuffs. If you are unable to come on the night and would still like to make a donation, these can be dropped off at the office beforehand. Thank you for your generosity.

Classes 2016
At this time of year there is often a lot of speculation around staffing and classes for next year. As always an enormous amount of time and effort goes into the organisation of classes for the following year with children’s academic, social and emotional needs taken into consideration. As always classes will be announced in the first week of Term 1 next year.

Library
Just a reminder that all library books are due back tomorrow, Friday 27 November.

Final Scripture and Thank You Morning Tea
It was wonderful to see so many of our parent helpers, scripture teachers, PALs (Program to Aid Literacy) and community volunteers at our morning tea. If you were not able to make the morning tea, please accept our sincere thanks for all that you do for our school.

Year 6 Excursion – Broken Bay
On Wednesday the 18 November, Year 6 went to Broken Bay Sport and Recreational Camp. Over the three days that we were there we did so many exciting activities including free time in the pool, orienteering, which is finding different things throughout the camp grounds using a map, and then figuring out the riddle, a high ropes course which was so much fun with different challenges along the way, raft building where we all had a hilarious time, along with so many other fun activities. Everyone enjoyed camp so much nobody wanted to leave. A big thank you to Miss Smith and Miss Neville who took us to Camp. *By Sophie I and Ella G*

Year 5 Sushi Incursion
On Wednesday 25th November Year 5 were treated to an amazing culinary experience with a sushi workshop hosted by the renowned Japanese chef, Mr Hideo Dekura. Dekura sensei has published 19 cooking books and he showed students how to make a sushi roll and a mini inside out roll.
Year 4 Nagomi Pastel Art Incursion

In Week 8 Year 4 enjoyed a Nagomi Pastel Art workshop demonstrated by Ms Maki Shinkai. Students loved creating the landscape illustration with an origami crane stand. This type of art has recently become popular in Japan as nagomi means harmony. Thank you very much to all the mothers who assisted with the running of both incursions. Larner sensei.

Years 2 & 3 Intensive Swim School
Swim school starts on Monday next week! Please note that all children in Years 2 & 3 need to bring their recess and lunch as no canteen orders will be available for swimmers during the two weeks of Swim School. Children need to bring all their swimming gear to school in a small bag. All students must have:

- Goggles
- A swimming cap (available at office if you want to buy one - $5).
- A pair of thongs, clogs or sandals to wear to the pool.
- A towel
- Swimming costume

Please make sure all your child’s belongings are clearly labelled with their name. If you have any questions about the lessons please see your child’s class teacher. We look forward to a successful swim school.

Years 5 & 6 NPS Academy Awards
There will be two performances of the Years 5 and 6 concert, NPS Academy Awards. The matinee will be on Wednesday 9 December, at 10.00am and the evening show will be on the same day at 7.30pm. Our senior students, supported by their class teachers, have been excitedly preparing for their concert. You do not need to purchase tickets for this performance.

Reminder - Presentation Day Invitation – Years 3 - 6
Our students have much to celebrate. On Friday 11 December at 1.30pm we will recognise and acknowledge the commitment and achievement of our Years 3 - 6 students. We warmly invite parents to attend this occasion. If your child is receiving an award, you will be notified on Wednesday 9 December by pupil post. We request no little ones or strollers – thank you.

Reminder - Student Reports
Teachers are currently working on Semester 2 school reports. These will be sent home on Monday 14 December by pupil post. If you will not be here on that day please deliver an A4 stamped self addressed envelope to the office so that the report can be posted. Reports cannot be given to other students. Any uncollected reports can be collected from the office at the beginning of the 2016 school year.

K-2 Picnic Day
K-2 picnic day will be held on Tuesday 15 December. Parents and caregivers are invited to join their K-2 children for a picnic lunch on the grass quad outside the Year 4 classrooms. Bring a picnic rug and join us between 12.30pm and 1.30pm. Children wear play clothes on this day. If it is wet we are sorry but we will not be able to accommodate parents.

Opal Cards for Students 2016
The School Opal card has officially launched its new online application for relevant parents and students travelling in the Opal transport region. Just like current paper travel passes, the School Opal card gives eligible students free travel to and from school on school days. However, the School Opal card makes travel simpler, because now students don’t need multiple application forms and passes if they use different transport operators within the Opal network. Students with school travel passes this year will not need to apply for a School Opal card unless they are changing schools, campus, their home address or moving from Year 2 to 3 or Year 6 to 7. Those students who do not need to apply will have a School Opal card sent to their school for the beginning of the first term in 2016. For further information please go to the following website http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students or alternatively pick up a leaflet from the school office.
**Message from the Office**
Please collect ALL medications and EpiPens from the office before the end of term. We request that you bring your child's 2016 medication to the office on the first day back (Wednesday 28 January). A gentle reminder that it is the parents’ responsibility to track the expiry dates of medication and EpiPens. We will dispose of any unclaimed out of date medication and EpiPens on the last day of term. Thank you in advance for your help in this important matter.

**League Tag Finals**
Northbridge Public was lucky enough to send two zone champion teams through to the North Sydney Area League Tag Finals Gala Day on Tuesday 17 November. It was a very hot day at Foxglove Oval, Mount Colah. The junior boys played admirably and with their hearts on their sleeves. The boys really looked great when they started to throw the ball around. They came away with a win, two draws and two losses. The junior girls were relentless with their defence and the positive communication on the field was outstanding. The girls also finished the day with a win, two draws and a loss.

Thank you to Mr Tolnay and Mr O’Brien for their hard work and commitment with the teams.

**Tennis Competition News**
During Terms 3 and 4 the Junior and Senior Tennis competitions were held at school. They were all hard-fought contests, especially the Senior Boys with a record twenty plus entrants. Congratulations to all the winners.

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**Band Carol Night and Giving Tree – Tuesday 8 December – 7.00pm**
It's Christmas Carols time! Get your singing voices ready for our annual NPS Band Christmas Carols on Tuesday 8 December from 7pm – 8pm featuring: our School Bands, Young Musician Soloists and Salvation Army Giving Tree. School families are warmly invited to enjoy the carols in the hall. Please see invitation attached. Join in the spirit of sharing with our 2015 Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. Please bring your new unwrapped gift or food (tins) to our Christmas Carol night. If you wish to bring something beforehand please place it in the basket in Sick Bay. These gifts will be donated to disadvantaged individuals and families across NSW.

**Amanda Donlan**
Principal

**Canteen**
There will be a canteen meeting in the school staffroom next Tuesday 1 December at 9.15am. This meeting is to welcome those people that have volunteered to run the canteen in 2016. If you will be a Year 1 parent in 2016 and would like to assist with the running of the canteen then please come along to the meeting or email northbridgecanteen@gmail.com. There are a variety of roles that can be suited to your availability. The last day of canteen for this year will be Friday 4 December.

**Your Canteen Needs You!**
We are losing many great volunteers this year and desperately need new parent volunteers to help keep the canteen running in 2016. It is a great way to meet other parents and the children love to see their parents at school. Even if you can only help out one day per year, please email canteenroster@gmail.com.