Staffing
Best wishes to Mrs Oatley, Assistant Principal, who is leaving us as her husband has been transferred to Dubai. Mrs Oatley has made outstanding contributions to Northbridge Public School over the last 5 years. I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Oatley all the best in her new venture. We welcome Miss Lucy Besson as class teacher on 40 for the rest of the year. Mrs Angela Dobbin and Miss Nicole Neville will be Relieving Assistant Principals on Stage 2.

PBEL (Positive Behaviour Engaging Learners)
Goal setting is an important skill that helps children to feel successful. It also helps them to be self-reflective and identify areas in which they need to improve. Students are encouraged to set themselves goals that is achievable over the holiday period. They may require help to plan what they will need to do to accomplish their goals. Students’ goals could be in an area of interest or in an area in which they want to improve. They could include being able to: tie shoelaces, play a new song on an instrument, spell a difficult word, do a difficult skipping move. Your child will feel proud of what they have achieved.

Grandparents’ Concert
The sun shone brilliantly as we welcomed grandparents and grandfriends to our concert last Friday. We had over 300 visitors including many travelling from overseas and interstate. Thank you to the Year 4 parent team for providing such a magnificent morning tea.

SAVE THE DATE – Walk the Red Carpet - Saturday 23 May
Tickets on sale NOW
Book your babysitter and start thinking about your costume. Tickets are $80 and can be purchased via www.school24.com.au. Logon and purchase tickets for the event of the year! Get in early to avoid disappointment as there are limited tickets available for sale.

Children’s Mufti Day Friday 24 April - Walk the Red Carpet
As part of the FUNraising activities children are encouraged to dress as their favourite television or movie character. Please bring a gold coin donation and enjoy having a guess at the number of Fantales in the jar.
**Term 2 Excursion and Incursion Permission Notes**
On the first day of Term 2, Tuesday 21 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 27 April. We thank you for your prompt attention to this.

**School Cross Country Carnival – Thursday 23 April – 11.30am-1.00pm**
The end of Term 1 sees the move towards track and field at Northbridge PS with the Cross Country Carnival being the first major event in the first week of the Term 2 calendar. The carnival will be held on Thursday 23 April (Term 2 Week 1) for students in Years 3-6 (and those Year 2 students who can confidently run 2km). Students who are 8, 9 and 10 years old will run a 2km course, with 11, 12 and 13 year old students challenged with a longer 3km course. Students are to wear their house shirt, hat and sports uniform for the day and bring a drink bottle to keep hydrated.

**Parent/Teacher Interviews**
Thank you very much to all the parents who have attended parent/teacher interviews over the last fortnight. It is an invaluable opportunity for teachers to work with parents to support the children.

**Parent Volunteer Training - Tuesday 5 May**
We have had a very positive response to our Parent Volunteer information sessions. We will hold a final session for this semester on Tuesday 5 May at 9.00am - 9.45am in the Library. Attendance at one of these sessions is mandatory if you would like to help in reading or maths groups in the classroom. Thank you to all the parents, carers and grandparents who have taken the time to attend.

**Working With Children (WWC) – VOLUNTEERING IN SCHOOLS**
A huge thank you to all the parents/caregivers who have sent in their WWC number. We have verified all that we have received so far. Please note that whenever you come into the school to volunteer you are requested to sign in at the office and collect a “Visitor” badge. You will then need to sign out once you leave the school.

If you have not yet applied for your WWC check I would encourage you to do this as soon as possible as we would like to have all our volunteer WWC checks completed. There is no cost involved and the certificate lasts 5 years. Please follow the steps below to apply for your WWC check.

**Step 1 – WWC – Application Number**
Start by going online to the Working With Children website:
Click on the blue box “Start Here”, then select “Apply for your check”. Complete your personal details following the prompts. When you press submit you will instantly receive your application number. It will also be sent to you by email.

**Step 2 – Service NSW (formerly RMS)**
Take your printed email with your Application Number to Service NSW – (formerly the RMS/RTA) The Chatswood office is open Mon-Fri 7.00am - 7.00pm and Sat 8.30am - 3.00pm. You must also take your passport and driver’s licence, or other forms of identification to ensure you meet 100 points of identification. The following link provides the RMS’s details of acceptable proof of identity:

**Step 3 – Certificate and Clearance**
Once your identity check is completed by Service NSW, you will be emailed a Working With Children Certificate (this can take anything from one day to four weeks). You must forward this email to the school – northbridge-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au for final clearance by Mrs Donlan. When forwarding the certificate to the school, please include your child’s name and class and your date of birth if this is not included on the certificate.

**Step 4 – Final Step**
Northbridge Public School will finalise clearance and you will be advised by email that you can volunteer.
**Year 1 Wannabees Excursion**

As part of our HSIE Unit, ‘Workers in the Community’ Year 1 made a visit to the Wannabees Town. Students, through role play, explored different professions such as being a fire fighter, doctor, postal officer or even a TV star. Some comments from the students: ‘I loved the excursion because I learned how to deliver letters and parcels.’ *Max B (1M)*. ‘I liked it when we dressed up as a fire fighter and got to slide down the pole.’ *Marina (1L)*. ‘I really enjoyed the police station because you could choose to be a police person or a crook.’ *Miles (1N)*. "My favourite part was driving round in the very big pink car, as I was a builder." *Hannah M (1R)*

**National Young Leaders**

On Monday 23 March the School Captains, Vice Captains and Prefects headed off to the Qantas Credit Union Arena in the city to attend the Young Leaders Day. We all had a great time listening to speakers like Mike Baird, Bindi Irwin, Paper Plane Pilots and Mike Martin. It was such an honour listening to these brilliant role models. We all learnt how to be stronger leaders and how we should “get started” by being better for the people around us. Thank you to Mrs Michel for supervising us for the day. *Elizabeth M and Aaron H 5/6M*

**Cyber Safety**

On Wednesday 1 April Stage 3 welcomed Constable Simmons from Chatswood Police Station to talk to us about Cyber Safety. Lots of valuable lessons were learned and we realised there is a lot of important information that we did not know. Here are a few lessons we learned that we thought we should share with our school community:

- How to protect our safety on social media and how to lock our location settings.
- You need to be 13 and over to use most social media applications including Facebook and Instagram.
- Never share your personal information with ANYONE you don’t know.
- Have your parents as ‘friends’ on any social media.
- It’s a criminal offence to not report rude images sent to you and anyone sending rude messages could spend up to 10 years in jail.
- Stop GPS on photos.
- Don’t use your whole name as user names.
- Don’t give your password to anyone, except parents.
- If your parents wouldn’t like what you are doing online then don’t do it.
- Nothing can ever be entirely deleted from the internet.
- THINK: Talk - Help - Interesting - Nice and Know
- Safe websites begin with http://
- Support your peers when you see people being mean to them and private message the perpetrators to ask them to stop.
- Check your privacy settings and make sure you can’t be seen by everyone!
- Do not be friends with anyone on social media that you don’t know.
- People can quickly and easily find your private information by looking at your photos. They use school logo, posted photos etc. to trace you.
- Report rude things and anything that is offensive or scares you.
- Not everyone online is who they say they are.
- Read the Terms and Conditions and don’t lie about your age. *Elle F and Toby M 5/6M*
SRC and Mufti Day
SRC this term has been really great. We have had a fun time working on posters and discussing ideas. We also held a very successful fundraiser this term. We raised money for the Pyjama Foundation. They are a charity supporting foster children getting the right education they need. Everyone, including teachers, came in their pyjamas and we had a great time. We raised a total of $790.50. What an achievement! Thank you for bringing in your gold coins. It was a great start to the SRC for 2015. We have also heard some great ideas such as more charity events for next term. We have already taken some of the great ideas to Mrs Donlan and Miss Henness and so far we have had successful results from them both. Overall the whole SRC team has been really helpful, kind and have done a great job. We cannot wait to see what will happen next term! Tara W, SRC Chairperson

Waste Free Class Tally
The Environment Prefects have been collecting class tallies for those classes who bring in wrap-free lunches on Mondays and Wednesdays. We are very excited to announce 2G as this term’s winning class! Congratulations 2G, keep up the great effort!

School Noticeboard
Did you know the school has a Noticeboard near the hall? The noticeboard is updated regularly with interesting information regarding local community events and parenting courses that may be of interest. Please take time as you walk by and have a look at the board.

Election Day Cake Stall
Thank you to everyone who baked wonderful tasty goodies and for all donations to the Election Day cake stall and to the team of volunteers for running such a successful event and raising $3,498.90 towards school funds.

Band Celebrates Seniors Week
Residents of Pathways aged care on Sailors Bay Road, Northbridge, were delighted to be entertained by our Senior Band on 19 March 2015, as part of NSW Seniors Week. Thank you to Dors Strudwick for organising the event, along with Mr Scarborough and the Senior Band for delivering a special afternoon to our elderly neighbours.

Tennis
Congratulations to Charlie C and Max N who came first in their division of the NSTA Primary Schools Challenge on the 17 March. Well done.

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

On behalf of the staff we thank you for your support and wish you a very safe and happy holiday.

Mrs Amanda Donlan
Principal
Donate an auction item for the annual FUNraiser and support your local school community

Saturday 23 May will see us walking the red carpet to support our wonderful Northbridge school community for this year’s annual FUNraiser.

A fabulous auction is the main way funds are raised on the night. The auction has always been very successful thanks to the generosity of the school community.

While the night is all about having a great time we are also aiming to raise some really important funds to help enhance our school. In this context we will have prizes that can be bid upon during both a loud and a silent auction. Can you, your family, your friends or businesses you are associated with, help us gather items to be included in this way?

Your contribution towards the auction would be very much appreciated. Donations can be big or small. Here are some of the most popular items that are always snapped up:

- Holiday home’s near or far: always very popular on the night
- Sporting memorabilia – cricket bats, signed jerseys, signed balls
- Tickets to sporting events, family passes, special experiences
- A few special bottles of wine from your cellar, a Magnum or a case of wine
- Tickets to popular family attractions – the zoo, IMAX, movies
- Does your business have a product or service it can donate?

If you and your family would like to donate to the silent auction please email walktheredcarpet.nps@gmail.com

Donors will be named and thanked, unless you wish to remain anonymous.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND HOPE TO SEE YOU WALK THE RED CARPET ON THE NIGHT!