Welcome
We warmly welcome Benjamin L (1M) and Emilie L (3DC) to our school. We trust our new students and their family are made to feel welcome.

PBEL - Successful
Discuss with each member of your family their recent achievements at home, work or school. What goal did they achieve? What did they have to do to be successful in achieving their goal? How hard did they have to work to achieve this goal? Are they proud of their achievement? Why?

“Patience, persistence and perspiration make an unbeatable combination for success.” Napoleon Hill

Principal for the Day
Thank you and congratulations Claire G for an outstanding job as Principal for the day. She successfully performed many tasks, the highlight being her presentation of gold stickers to students who had displayed exemplary work or behaviour during the week. Thank you Principal Claire.

Hairspray Jr
Welcome to the sixties! Tonight will see the final sold out performance of Hairspray Jr performed by all our Year 3 and Year 4 students. The children have enjoyed the opportunity to perform on stage to an audience of over 800 people. They have enthusiastically danced, sung and acted their way through the 1960s. It is hard to believe that the average age of these students is only 9. Congratulations to all the students and staff and a very big thank you to our very talented team headed by Mr Gardiner our Director, Mrs Robertson our Musical Director and Miss Morrow and Miss Macdonald our Stage Managers.

Students of the Week:
Loki C (KB)
Enzo H (KL)
Georgia E (1L)
Takeru Y (5P)
Cammeraygal High School
As part of the School Catchment Boundary Review which was conducted in May of this year it was recommended that boundary changes be made for Killarney Heights High School and Cammeraygal High School. I can advise you that Northbridge now falls into the catchment area for Cammeraygal High School. Please go to the following site to view the new boundary changes for Cammeraygal High School.
http://mrfams5.marketst.det.nsw.edu.au/size/

NAPLAN
NAPLAN results will be sent home via pupil post tomorrow, Friday 21 August. These results were extremely pleasing with overall school achievement well above state average in all areas. Further details can be found in the 2015 Annual School Report which will be available on our website early next year.

Year 2 and Year 6 Dance Festival Group
Tomorrow morning at 8.45am all children in the Year 2 and Year 6 dance groups are to meet in 2J. The pre ordered group photographs taken at the festival will be handed out at this time and we will view the performances on the Smartboard.

Operation Art
Congratulations to the following students whose artworks have been selected for Operation Art 2015. The artworks are being exhibited at the Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park and the exhibition is open to anyone who would like to view the artworks. Alby B (KF), Lachlan I (2G), Bridgette D (4N), Bethany R (6S)

Year 5 and Year 6 Science Festival
On Wednesday 12 August, Years 5 and 6 visited the Australian Museum’s 2015 Science Festival. All classes participated in two different workshops including hands on chemistry activities, Australian frog identification and the effects of micro plastics in our marine environment. Students also had the opportunity to explore the Science Expo. From all accounts it was a fantastic day. ‘Today we had so much fun learning about the environment, doing AMAZING experiments and discovering interesting things! The Australian Museum, I think everyone should go! The things you learn are phenomenal! With students from Macquarie University, we conducted experiments such as making elephant toothpaste, turmeric messages and tested how strong our senses are. Afterwards we went to the park nearby and ate our recess. We then went to our next station to learn about marine biology and environmental safety. Our class separated micro plastics from sand found at Balmoral Beach. Our experiment leaders, Inke and Alana, made this station an educational experience. The Australian Museum was fantastic!’ Beth and Phoebe 6S

Kindy Excursion – Field of Mars
On Friday 14 August Kindergarten visited the Field of Mars Reserve for a teddy bears picnic themed day. We had an amazing day learning about the needs of living things and how to look after our environment. We played games, created habitats for animals to survive in, and went on a bushwalk. We also followed clues to find our “missing” teddy bears and joined them in the bush for a picnic lunch. It was an exciting and adventurous day. A big thank you to all the parent helpers who came along. Miss Bignell and Miss Lamb
**The Harvest Spoon Project**

Students involved in The Harvest Spoon Project have been learning to cook using produce growing in our school vegetable garden. They learned how to make a crunchy Asian salad using Chinese cabbage, herbs, cucumber, carrots and fried noodles. The following week, students mastered their chopping skills whilst making a chunky tomato salsa. Everyone is working hard to maintain our vegetable garden and we are delighted to see it growing so well. Students have started harvesting some lettuce, broccoli and cauliflower.

![Image of students preparing food](image1.jpg)

**Life Education – Parent Information Session**

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 1 September at 8.50am in the Life Education van (located behind the library).

**Kindergarten Father’s Day Sport Carnival – Friday 4 September**

Kindergarten are looking forward to having an early celebration of Father’s Day on Friday 4th September at 2pm with a sports carnival. Further information to follow next week.

**Crossing at Roundabout**

Please remember that student safety is our prime concern. All students and parents should cross at the zebra crossing outside the school and NOT at the roundabout. It is extremely dangerous to cross at the intersection and it is important that parents model the correct behaviour by crossing with their children at the designated crossing.

**Maths Olympiad**

This week a select number of students in Years 5 and 6 sat the 4th Maths Olympiad paper. Congratulations to Max B for achieving our top result for this week. This paper was a very difficult one and really challenged the thinking of the students.

How many three-digit numbers will be in the list of numbers that continue this pattern: 77, 89, 101, 113, and so on? (Answer is somewhere in the newsletter).

**Spelling Bee**

In Week 5 representatives from the classes in Years 3-6 competed in the school finals of the Premier's Spelling Bee. They were tested on some very difficult words and performed exceptionally well. A special congratulations to Matthew W (3DC), Daniel I (4H), Alexander C (5W) and Kate M (5/6M) who were our Stage winners and will be representing Northbridge Public School at the Regional level of the competition later in the term. Thank you Miss Neville for your coordination of this.
Arts Alive Choir at Sydney Town Hall

The Arts Alive Choral Festival held at the Sydney Town Hall on Tuesday 11 August, has been the focus for our choir since we first formed in Term 1. We combined with the choirs from other schools from our region and performed to a full house at the Sydney Town Hall. With a choir of over 400 primary school students we sang songs that kept the crowd dancing in their seats as well as songs about the sadness of war and the longing for home.

The choir did a splendid job and were successful, respectful and responsible throughout the long day of rehearsals and into the night performance. They displayed a passion for singing and a willingness to do their very best in anything they attempted. Mrs Robertson was particularly proud of their commitment and dedication to choir all year.

Week of Tastes

Week 4 was very exciting for Year 4 as it was our Week of Tastes. We enjoyed many fun activities including tasting foods while blindfolded. We learned about the different tastes our tongue can recognise, tested whether food tastes differed when you hear loud noises or block your nose, and found out that your eyes can trick you when you are eating. Also during this week, Sue from the Cheesemaking Workshop came in and taught us about different cheeses. We tried many kinds and also made some ricotta. Everybody was very brave trying all the foods during this week and we found most of them delicious.

Genevieve M 4N

2015 Invention Competition

Miss Watson and I were absolutely amazed by the myriad of inventions submitted yesterday to the Upcycling Invention Competition. After much thought and deliberation the panel of judges decided upon the competition winners. You can see these inventions which are on display in the library. Congratulations to all the inventors who participated in the competition, you all did a superb job! Mrs Vali

Shanna M 2M
Lily F 2M
Ben L 3O
Robbie L 3O
Struan E 3T
Ender C 4O
Max N 4O
Brooklyn C 6S

Woolworths Earn and Learn 2015

Woolworths have begun running their Earn and Learn program again for this year. In previous years we have earned thousands of points and with these points we bought hundreds of dollars worth of equipment. This year you will receive stickers each time you spend $10 or more. The stickers need to be on a card. When the card is full please return it to school in the big purple box outside the office. You can fill as many cards as you can – the cards are available from Woolworths. So start collecting the stickers and we will see if we can get more than last time.

Library

NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

A reminder that students need to complete the Premiers Reading Challenge by tomorrow, Friday 21 August 2015. Keep reading!!. Please log any remaining books into your reading records so that the records can be validated.
Library Volunteers urgently needed
We are urgently looking for volunteers in the library on a Friday between 1.30-3.00pm. If you have any time to spare to help cover books it would be greatly appreciated. These are the books which were donated by the children on Education Day and the children are looking forward to borrowing the books. We still have a lot to cover and we would appreciate your help. Please let the office know if you are available to help.

Book Week Performance
Book Week will be celebrated next week with a variety of literary experiences for the children culminating in a performance entitled “Shine a Light” on Friday 28 August. The children will participate in this wonderful musical and literary experience which has been created to celebrate the 2015 CBC (Children’s Book Council) theme “Books Light up our World”. A selection of the 2015 CBC shortlisted books will come to life on stage, encouraging students to engage with reading in an active and energetic manner. We eagerly await the CBCA Book of the Year winners’ announcement to be made this Friday 21 August.

Amanda Donlan,
Principal

PSSA Netball
Week 4 saw the Northbridge Flames play Willoughby in a very competitive game. The girls played fiercely and won with a final score 10 – 2. The Flames played a hard game against Castle Cove during Week 5 of competition. Unfortunately the girls were beaten with a final score of 5 - 18.
The Northbridge Emeralds played Willoughby in Week 4. The tried hard and worked well as a team but unfortunately Willoughby defeated the girls with a final score of 5 - 11. The Emeralds played a very exciting game of netball against Cammeray during Week 5 of competition. The final score was 10 - 10 with the girls levelling the score just before full time.
The Northbridge Stars played a great game against North Sydney. The girls played a very spirited game but unfortunately they lost 4 - 2. The Stars played an amazing game during Week 5. They came up against Artarmon and won with a whooping score of 12 - 5.
The Northbridge Sapphires came up against Castle Cove in Week 4. The played a great game and the final score was even at 8 – 8. The Sapphires played Mowbray in Week 5 of the competition. The girls played a brilliant game and won 7 - 1.

Answer: 75

PSSA Soccer
Round 12 of the PSSA soccer competition saw the heat turn up on the Northbridge teams who both were away to excellent and strong looking leads. The Bs held tight when they were ambushed by the Castle Cove Bs and through strong defensive plays and trusting one another to hold their ground came away with 1-1 draw. The As were not so lucky, with what is looking like an ever improving Castle Cove side, Northbridge looked like they were unbeatable with an early goal and some near misses. Castle Cove drove them back and put their heads down to come out victors in one of the toughest matches of the season. The final round will be played against Castle Cove at Castle Cove Park and both teams are looking to bounce back and claim a victory they can remember for the entire summer.

Round 13 of the PSSA soccer competition was an exciting one to be part of for all teams involved. Northbridge Bs were very valiant in a high scoring match. Losing 3-0 at half time the Bs rallied together to show some attacking skills and score three of their own. Unfortunately, so did Lane Cove West and the final score was Lane Cove West Bs 6, Northbridge Bs 3. The Northbridge As were also part of many goals in their match. In a match that showed grit and determination Northbridge came out on top with a 5-3 win over Lane Cove West As. A special mention to the goal of the season so far! Aaron H beating the bulk of the defence to pass down the flank to Ayden R who had a magical cross to Mitchell ‘The Magnet’ B, who used his head to slot the ball into the back of the net. Mr O’Brien (Soccer Coach)
PSSA AFL

On Friday 7 August Northbridge 1 played Willoughby 4 and Willoughby 2 and Northbridge 2 played Willoughby 3 and Willoughby 1. Willoughby 3 comprehensively defeated Northbridge 2 37-2. Northbridge 2 never gave up but struggled to move the ball into their attacking third. In their next game Northbridge 2 defeated Willoughby 1 in a close game 33-16. Northbridge improved their teamwork and movement off the ball. Northbridge 1 had a close encounter with Willoughby 4 pulling off a 3 point win 18-15. Goals were hard to come by and the ball was often contested in the middle third. Northbridge 1 defeated Willoughby 4 29-14 in another close game.

On Friday 14 August Northbridge 1 and 2 played each other. Northbridge 1 played Beauty Point 2 and Northbridge 2 played Beauty Point 1. The first game between the two Northbridge teams was an extremely close encounter with both teams swapping the lead during the game. In the end Northbridge 1 were victorious by 3 points 16-13. Northbridge 1 went on to comprehensively defeat Beauty Point 2 with a 67-2 victory. The score was similar in Northbridge 2 vs Beauty Point 1. Northbridge two won 89-0. Mr Tolnay (AFL coach)

Save the date - Band Disco – Twinkle Twinkle Rock Star — Friday 11 September

Calling all superstars, Northbridge Public School is going STAR crazy at the annual Band Disco. What type of star are you? You might be a sports star, rock star, movie star, superstar, a twinkling star or simply star struck. Be the brightest, shiniest, boldest you can be!

Friday 11 September in the Hall. Star times: K - 2 is 2.00pm - 3.00pm and Years 3 - 6 is 4.30-6.00pm. Tickets will be $10 each.

Show your shining support for our school bands!

Uniform News

The uniform shop has finally received the long awaited delivery of scarves! Despite the absence of cold weather during the middle of the day you can keep your son or daughter snug in the morning with a NPS crested blue polar fleece scarf for $15. Stock is limited!

Summer uniform will be back on sale as of Tuesday 25 August.

On Thursday 3 September the shop will be closed due to a second hand sale in the top quad under the COLA. Come along to get some uniform bargains or beat the crowds and come into the shop before then to see the great range of quality second hand uniforms we have available. Uniform Committee

Canteen

Important reminder: Canteen is open on Mondays for lunch orders ONLY – there is no recess available on a Monday.