Week 10 Term 3
September 2015
Important Dates:

Friday 18
Last day of term
Sausage Sizzle
Mufti Day – touch of green

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Monday 5
Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 6
Staff and students return
Summer Uniform to be worn
Permission notes home

Thursday 8
Chess starts
Stewart House bags due back
Young Musicians Yrs 5&6 heats

Friday 9
Young Musicians Yrs 3&4 Heats

Monday 12
Term 4 Permission Notes due back
Canteen re-opens

Tuesday 13
P & C Meeting 7.00pm

Wednesday 14
Year 1 Excursion - MCA

Thursday 15
Young Musicians Final Assembly 2.00pm

Wednesday 21
Year 3 Excursion – Community Walk

Thursday 22
League Tag Gala

Friday 23
Talent Quest Year 6

Students of the Week:
Anabelle M (2C)
Mia C (3T)
Jesse D (4N)

Welcome
We warmly welcome Claudia G (1R), Isabella G (1L), Sophie L (1N) and Chloe L (4N) to our school. We trust our new students and their families are made to feel welcome.

PBEL - Responsible
As we move into the warmer months of the year it is important to be mindful of and teach your children about water safety. Visit the Royal Lifesaving Australia website for some helpful information for parents and fun activities for children. http://www.royallifesaving.com.au

Over The Bridge
Over the Bridge is our school year book where each child's work is represented. This year's topic is “LIGHT”. Many parents have previously been disappointed when they miss out on ordering a copy of the year book. To assist you we will include 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 12 October. No late orders can be accepted.

Term 4 Permission Notes
Excursion/Incursion notes will be going home with students on Tuesday 6 October (the first day of Term 4) and will be due back by Monday 12 October.

Parent Training – Volunteers
We have had a fantastic and very positive response to our Parent Volunteer information sessions. We will be holding a session on Friday 9 October at 9.15 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 already taken the time to attend. This session is for new parents or for anyone who missed out earlier in the year.

Young Musicians 2015
Please keep rehearsing for The Young Musicians Competition. The Senior Division Heats (Years 5 and 6) will be on Thursday 8 October and the Junior Division heats (Years 3 and 4) will be on Friday 9 October. Parents are invited to attend the Young Musicians Final on Thursday 15 October at 2:00pm.

Diary Date - K-2 Athletics Carnival – 5 November
The K-2 Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday 5 November 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. More information will be given early in Term 4.

Save the date – 26 November - Cocktail Party – book your babysitter.
NPS 2015 End of Year Celebration. Thursday 26 November at 7.00pm. It is nearly 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 2016.

Tuesday 26 January
Australia Day holiday

Wednesday 27 January
Staff return

Thursday 28 January
Years 1-6 return

Thursday 28 – Monday 1 Feb
Kindergarten Best Start Assessments

Tuesday 2 February
Kindergarten start
Individual Health Care Plan
If you have notified the school of any current medical condition for your child you will receive a letter today via pupil post, detailing requirements now specified by the Department of Education. As part of this departmental policy you will be required to complete an Individual Health Care Plan for your child and return it to school by Monday 12 October. Your support in completing this documentation by the due date will help the school provide the best care for your child.

Library
Please have a good look over the school holidays for any overdue library books. It is important that we have all books returned by the beginning of Term 4.

Year 3 Excursion – Old Schoolhouse Museum

On Thursday 3 September Year 3 ventured to the School House Museum at Ryde. Here the students were transported back in time and experienced for themselves what it was like being at school in the 1890s and in 1910. Students were wearing their aprons and pinafores when they danced about the May Pole. They enjoyed playing with hoops, coits and even played a game with just twigs and sticks known as ‘Fly’. Year 3 carefully went through the ‘Three Rs’, Reading, Writing and Arithmetic, making sure there were no mistakes so as to avoid the dreaded cane. In the 1910 room students showed off their mapping skills, made bracelets, cooked some toast on the fire and played with some of the timeless toys of yesteryear. It was a great day and the students were beautifully behaved....not even one lashing!

Maths Olympiad 5
Last week our Year 5 and Years 6 Maths Olympiad team sat the final Maths Olympiad paper for 2015. Congratulations to Aaron H, Jonas L and Victor L for achieving a perfect score. The students really enjoyed the challenge of these papers. Are you able to solve this question from the last paper? (Answer hidden elsewhere in the newsletter).

Tournament of Minds State Finals
On Sunday 13 September, two teams from Northbridge Public School represented the Sydney North region at the Tournament of Minds State Final which was held at the University of NSW. This was a very tough competition and our teams in both Maths Engineering and Language Literature worked really hard throughout the morning to prepare a 10 minute dramatic response. They also had to complete a spontaneous challenge in the 3 hour preparation time. Both teams performed exceptionally well with teachers and parents all very proud of their efforts. Neither team won their discipline however all students commented on the amazing experience of reaching a State Final and being able to compete in such a tough competition. They are to be commended on their dedication to this tournament as they invested a huge amount of time and effort into it throughout Terms 2 and 3. We wish to congratulate all students who competed in this tournament as they represented our school beautifully. Mrs McMillan-Bush, Miss Pyke and Miss Williams

Area Athletics
Congratulations to Aaron H who came third in his 800m race at Area Athletics. He will be competing in the State 800m finals in October at Homebush. Good luck Aaron.
Year 1 Global Cardboard Challenge
This week Year 1 participated in our very first Global Cardboard Challenge, a worldwide celebration of child creativity inspired by the short film, “Caine’s Arcade.” Through the Cardboard Challenge students engage and learn real life mathematical skills, engineering, design thinking, creative problem solving, sustainability, social entrepreneurship and teamwork. On Wednesday 16 September, students designed and built their own shops, products and money from cardboard, recycled materials and their imaginations. Parents were then invited to visit classrooms and each visitor was provided with play money to interact and purchase products from the class shops. To learn more about the Imagination Foundation and the Global Cardboard Challenge, watch Caine’s Arcade [http://cainesarcade.com](http://cainesarcade.com)

Year 4 Excursion to Gavana Friesian Dairy Farm
On Wednesday 16 September Year 4 went on an excursion to Gavana Friesians Dairy Farm in Camden. First off we had a history lesson of the farm and how people milked cows. Next we learnt a lot of facts about cows. Did you know that a dairy cow eats up to 75kg of food and drinks approximately 140L of water every day? When that was finished, we went into the milking shed and got to milk a cow by hand. Then we watched as she was milked by a milking machine. After lunch we all made butter out of 6 bottles of cream. None of us wanted to taste the butter on its own, so we had it on biscuits. We then patted the adorable calf that was in the paddock next door, hopped on the bus and headed back to school. Matilda W 4H

Band Information Night
The Band Information night was extremely successful and places are filling fast for our 2016 Training Band. Should any parents require a copy of the Band Handbook it can be found on the desk outside sickbay.

Disco
Last Friday the hall was transformed into a glittery wonderland filled with rockstars! The disco was a fabulous success and we would like to thank the teachers who attended and the parents who organised the disco. A special thanks to DJ Court and DJ Williams who ran the fun.

Art Extension Camps
On Thursday 3 and Friday 4 September, 12 students from Years 5 and 6 attended the Creative Expression Art Extension Camp at the IfULike Art Studio in Brookvale. They were given the opportunity to appreciate the art works of other people as well as fine tune their own artistic abilities by participating in workshops in painting, drawing, sculpture and mixed media.
Lost Property – Glasses
We have had a number of pairs of adults and children’s glasses handed into the office. If anyone has lost a pair of glasses please call at the office to have a look at what has been handed in. Any unclaimed glasses will be donated to charity.

Earn and Learn
A very big thank you to all families and community members who supported our school through the Woolworths Earn and Learn campaign, which has now closed. Our sticker sheets have now been sent away and we look forward to using our points to purchase new resources for the children at NPS.

Band Tour
Our school’s Senior Band went to Canberra on the Band Tour for 2015. There were 42 students, 4 parents and 2 teachers that went along. On the first day we played at Floriade, Canberra’s flower festival. We played 10 pieces to an audience gathered to watch. We then went to the Australian National Museum, in K Space, where students (and some teachers) made a robot on a big screen, added their face into it, and played adventure games while controlling the robot. We then travelled to our accommodation at Gold Creek Resort. The next day we played at Floriade again, and then went to the Crescent School to play. The Crescent School is a school for children with special needs. While we played, many of us were thinking of the differences and similarities between ourselves and these children. It was a truly eye opening experience for all. Chloe E and Ayden R

Stewart House Clothing Appeal
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 8 October to the hall. Answer: 30 minutes

Happy Holiday
On behalf of the staff of NPS I wish you all a happy and restful holiday. Students and staff return to school on Tuesday 6 October 2015.

Amanda Donlan
Principal

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

Important reminder for Kindy 2016 families. If you have a sibling starting Kindy who is not of the same gender of your currently enrolled child you MUST make an appointment for any uniform requirements. The shop is unpredictably busy and unable to provide the time and attention required for fittings and extensive purchases during regular shop hours. Please email npsuniform.appointment@gmail.com to make an appointment.