



Northbridge Public School Newsletter

- Excellence and Innovation in a Caring Environment -

Week 4, Term 3
20 August 2009
Important Dates:

AUGUST
Friday 21

School Council Nominations due

Saturday 22

Aladdin Rehearsal 1.30-4.30

Monday 24

Book Week "Safari"
SRC Film – Ryan's Well

Tuesday 25

8.20am Parent Computer education session
Aladdin tickets on sale
Zone Field Events
Primary Proms Concert

Thursday 27

3W Assembly Item

Sunday 30

Tournament of Minds

Monday 31

Zone Track Events

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 1

K-6 Incursion – Aboriginal Education

Wednesday 2

Year 5&6 Excursion
"Chinese Whispers"

Thursday 3

Primary Chorals Rehearsal
KP Assembly Item

Students of the Week:

Rahul G - KW
Oliver T - KS
Zara D - 4T
Jordan R - 4M

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Bollywood!

"Out of this World", "Magical", "Truly Amazing", "Beyond all Expectation" are just some of the worthy superlatives describing Friday evening's fabulous Bollywood FUNraiser. I am sure everyone was blown away by the atmosphere, the friendship, laughter, fun and most importantly the sense of community that the night offered.

THANK YOU to all the year 2 team for the magnificent execution of an amazing vision. A special thank you to the coordinators Terri Anderson, Keri Chittenden, Michelle Dakin, Melanie Wappet and Lauraine Worthington ... you are an amazing team!

I would also like to acknowledge the dedication of the staff at NPS. To have over 20 staff attend this function is representative of the strong sense of community that makes NPS such a special place.



Aladdin Jr.

Aladdin Jr. is fast approaching and we are all getting very excited. Thank you so much to all those who have helped so far and to those Year 3 and 4 parents who have assisted us in having costumes here ready for checking. If your child has not yet brought their costume in please have them in by Monday 24 August.

TICKETS ARE ON SALE FROM TUESDAY 25 AUGUST

First round tickets will be on sale outside the hall at 8:30am Tuesday 25 August, Thursday 27 August and Friday 28 August. All families are entitled to **four** evening tickets in the first round.

Performance dates: Tuesday 15 Sept 7pm, Wednesday 16 Sept 10am and Thursday 17 Sept 7pm.

Ticket costs: Adults - \$10, School Children/ Seniors - \$5

If there are tickets left over from round 1 the second round of tickets will be sold on Tuesday 1 September, Thursday 3 September and Friday 4 September at 8.30am outside the hall.

Ticket sales are by **cash only**. We would appreciate it if you have correct money when purchasing tickets. If children are buying tickets please have the correct money in an envelope stating the exact number of tickets (adult/ children) and date required.

All students will see the show at the dress rehearsal or matinee on Wednesday 16 September.

Please be advised that tickets are **not** being sold at the office. Do not send money to the office or to class teachers. It is going to be a fantastic show. Don't miss out on tickets!

2010 Important Notification

If your child will not be attending Northbridge Public School next year could you please inform your child's class teacher or the office in writing now. The DET (Department of Education and Training) enrolment system needs the name of the school your child will be moving to. We are required to give enrolment numbers for 2010 to the DET for staffing now and it is most important that we have exact numbers.

Parent Computer Education Session

There will be an information session about social networking sites such as facebook and myspace presented at Northbridge Public School in the computer lab on Tuesday 25 August at 8.20am. All parents are welcome to attend. Please register your interest at the office, so that we have an idea of numbers. The session will be presented by Jack Tolnay (Computer Coordinator) and Carlie Plummer (Kindergarten Teacher). No knowledge or experience required!

Maths Olympiad #4

Congratulations to our top scorers in a tough Olympiad – Carlos W (6C), Nathan R (5/6M) and Arielle P (6C).

Here is a problem for you to solve:

Hannah gives clues about her six-digit secret number:

Clue 1: It is the same number if you read it from right to left.

Clue 2: The number is a multiple of 9.

Clue 3: Cross off the first and last digits. The only prime factor of the remaining four-digit number is 11.

What is Hannah's six-digit number?

Answer later in newsletter.

School Council - Reminder

Nominations to be submitted by Friday 21 August.

Year 4 Excursion- The Rocks

On Monday 17 August, Year 4 went to the Rocks. We learned about its history and the way things have changed over the years. During the excursion our guides told us all about the people who used to live in the area before British Colonisation. We learned about what they used to wear and the shelters that they used to have. We also visited a wealthy merchant's house and learned about the cold, uncomfortable and tiring lives that the servants used to lead. On the flip side, we also learned about the happy, carefree and comfortable lives of the merchant's children. We looked at the servant's bedrooms and noticed how rough the carpets were. There were seventy-nine steps that the servants had to climb every night simply to go to bed! Then we looked at the large comfortable rooms of the merchant's families. We realised how hard times were back then and how lucky we are today. Finally, we got to play with the toys that the merchant's children would have played with. The perfect ending for a perfect day.

Emily K, 4M



Year 1 Excursion- NSW Art Gallery & Royal Botanic Gardens

Last week all of Year 1 went on the Yiribana Tour at the NSW Art Gallery. They also went to the Royal Botanic Gardens as part of their HSIE Unit on Wet & Dry Environments.

At the Botanic Gardens we went into the cactus garden. Then we went bug catching. I caught seventeen spiders. After that we went fishing for tadpoles and we saw so many bats. We also went into a hot and wet rainforest and heard bird sounds. I had a lot of fun. -Janine 1W

At the Art Gallery we were put into small groups. First we saw lovely Aboriginal Art and then we played music to the artworks. After that we made some amazing art. -Lauren 1W

The most exciting part of our excursion was bug hunting. We found a stink bug, a cockroach and a praying mantis. -Oliver 1GR

The most exciting part of our excursion was when we learned about bats. They sleep during the day and they find a new spot to be in the night. I loved seeing the bats sleep. -Emma 1GR

Police visit – Cyber Bullying

Last Monday students from years 5 and 6 had a visit from Constable Michelle Hurly, who is the Youth Liaison Officer for Chatswood Police. She gave a PowerPoint presentation on cyber safety and informed the children about the laws relating to all forms of bullying. The children learned about the dangers of internet chat rooms and talking to strangers online. Many children were surprised by the amount of bullying that takes place online and the majority of children said that they had experienced some form of bullying through emails or just having negative comments made on their social networking page. Parents are encouraged to educate themselves on the latest trends in cyberspace and to carefully monitor their children's online activities in order to protect them from harm.

Surf Smart Presentation

Last Thursday students from Year 1 to Year 6 attended a Surf Smart Education Presentation. They learned about rips, swimming between the flags and general beach safety. I hope they all remember some of these important safety issues as summer approaches.

A word from "Dr Dolittle"

The Rubbish Free Lunch Challenge during Green Day last term proved to be a huge success. As a whole school we reduced our daily waste by more than 19kg. Although the rubbish free lunch is over, students and parents alike should still be thinking carefully about what goes into the lunch box and ways to reduce the amount of waste produced. Answer: 513315.

PSSA - Netball

Week 2 - Round 10

Happy Feet had an astonishing win against Artarmon. They were down by one point at half time and forged ahead to achieve a great win. The Pivot Ponies played a tough game against Mowbray Road. An outstanding effort was put in by the whole team with the Players of the Week Award going to Lily and Astrid. The Super Shooters played against Lane Cove West and lost 10-3. It was a really good game with improved defence.

Week 3 - Round 11

Last week in the brilliant sunshine Happy Feet took the court with Neutral Bay. It was a tight, fast match requiring the girls to utilise all the court. Catie and Amy defended well and Alivia and Amelia were unstoppable in the goal circle. The girls took out the match 14-1.

The Pivot Ponies achieved a wonderful win over Mosman 13-3. Madison was once again on fire, utilising every opportunity she got.

The Super Shooters with perseverance and determination tried everything to break through the defence of Lane Cove but unfortunately they lost 1-14. Valarie and Natasha kept the team spirit high.

Sarah Robertson and Sophie Pettigrew - Coaches

PSSA - Soccer

The 'A' team has had mixed results in the last two games. They played really well against Beauty Point to win their game 4-0. Last Friday they played Mowbray Public School. Holidays may have had an effect as, as a team, they didn't play their best and were defeated 1-2.

The 'B' team won both their games defeating Beauty Point 4-0 and backing up with a good win over Mowbray 5-1. This week the teams take on Middle Harbour at Northbridge. The games were close in the first round so we expect some tough opposition.

Rob Robertson and Michael Stone - Coaches

PSSA - AFL Match Report Friday 7/8/09

On Friday Northbridge played three AFL games at Artarmon Reserve. Team 1 played a game against Artarmon 2. Northbridge kept Artarmon goalless defeating them 36-1. Jack was voted best player and Maddy was voted as the person who put in the most effort. Congratulations to both of those players.

Northbridge 2 played two games. The first game was against Artarmon 3 and Northbridge defeated Artarmon 87-7. In the second game Northbridge played North Sydney Demonstration School winning 24-9. Felix was voted best player and Thomas the player who put in the most effort. Well done to both of those players.

AFL Report Friday 14/08

Northbridge 1 played a game against North Sydney Demonstration School 1. It was a close encounter with Northbridge coming out on top 12-6. Daniel F played an excellent game with Alicia being chosen by her peers as the player who put in the most effort.

Northbridge 2 played two games against Artarmon 1 and North Sydney Demonstration School 4. Northbridge won both games. They defeated Artarmon 1 31-18 and North Sydney Demonstration School 15-1. The stand out player was Jack and the players who played to the best of their ability were Fred and Sophie.

Jack Tolnay AFL - Coach.

Tennis

Good luck to Georgia T (5R) who is representing Sydney at the Medibank State Tennis Championships in Cessnock later this term.

Futsal

On the 11 August our junior and senior girls futsal teams drove to Penrith to compete in the State Futsal Championships. The junior team did very well coming third in their pool. The senior team did their best and had a great day. The day was long, exciting and tiring and both teams did their best. We would like to thank Mr Stone and the parents for helping the futsal teams achieve what they have.

Matilda and Nicola 6C

Enrichment Day

On 12 August, nine Year 2 students participated in an Enrichment Day program at Curl Curl North and Frenchs Forest Public School. This is what they had to say about the day.

"I enjoyed it because we got to draw pictures and scan them on to the computer."

Louis O (Technology Smart Art Workshop).

"We learned lots of new dance moves and at the end we showed it to our parents".

Madison McD and Tiana L (Dance Workshops)

"It was really interesting to go there. We drew faces and made up cartoon characters."

Freya S (Cartooning Workshop)

"I liked it because I did lots of problem solving and played some maths games too".

Brian X (Mathematics Workshop)

"It was a really fun day. We played Aus Tag and other sports". Bas E (Sport Workshop)

"We learned a new poem, made up silly names and played fun drama games".

Allie H (Drama Workshop)

We drew a dolphin and we stuck it on a dyed piece of paper. We got to make and paint masks! Georgette H and Isabella C (Art Workshops)

Free Course for Parents: Realistic Behaviour Management

What? Presented by the author of "Raising Difficult Children", Brenda Inglis-Powell, this group experience encourages parents whose children have difficulty with social interaction, learning and behaviour. This 4 week group program for parents gives clear guidelines for reducing stress in families and therefore enables children to reach their full potential.

When? Four Tuesdays – 8, 15, 22 & 29 September from 7-9pm.

Where? Youth Reach, 12 Powells Road, Brookvale.

Cost? Free (includes "Raising Difficult Children" book and light refreshments). Usually \$155/person.

RSVP? Booking is essential – only 30 spots. To book or for information, phone Centacare Brookvale Family Support on 8968 5100 or email maura.magee@dbb.org.au.
(Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health Service)

Premier's Reading Challenge – 2009

The 2009 Premier's Reading Challenge is in its final weeks but you can still participate until **August 31, 2009**. That is the final day for students to complete their reading logs. I have to validate all entries by September 1, 2009.

If your child would like to participate in the challenge, they can download a paper reading log and the new reading list from the Premier's Reading Challenge Website (please see the link below).

There are different reading lists for each Stage.

We now have 108 students registered for the challenge and already there are 56 who have already finished their challenge.

Congratulations to Natalie D'S. KC, Ella G. KC, Aaron H. KS, Marcus Mc. KW, Alec M. KP, Alec H. 1W, Oscar M. 1W, Harry V. 1FP, Kyle D'S. 2M, Summer H. 2B, Harry K. 2M, Zara S. 2AH, Rachel D'S. 3P, Flynn D. 3P and Mika D. 4T

Registration is open on the PRC site.

Online records are now available for students to use. Follow the link to the 2009 homepage - <https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

On the left hand menu click logon. Each student will be able to logon using their DET username and password (username –first name.last name Password – your child has their own password). Once you have logged in, click on Student Reading Records. To add a book to your reading list type in the PRC book ID number or title. The book title will appear automatically. Click the Add button. Once the students have completed the challenge I can validate their reading log.

Mrs Lesley Watson, Teacher Librarian.

Book Week 2009 August 24th – August 28th Book Safari



Northbridge Public School is busy getting ready for our Book Safari during Book Week.

The library is in full safari mode with lots of animals reading books.

All classes will be making craft items during their library lessons.

Kindergarten will receive their invitations this week to bring their favourite bear to a Teddy Bear's Picnic during Book Week. They are making teddy bears ready for the picnic.

Year 1 are making wild animals for their zoo diorama.

Year 2 are making bookworms and gun nut babies.

Year 3 are making book marks and will be having a book character book tasting during their library lesson in Book Week.

Year 4 are making pom pom lions and will be having a book character book tasting during their library lesson in Book Week.

Year 3 and 4 have been asked to dress as a book character and talk for a short while about that character during their lesson in Book Week.

Years 5 & 6 will be reviewing the shortlisted books for Book Safari.

Mrs Lesley Watson, Teacher Librarian

A Big Bollywood Thank you

The year 2 FUN Raising committee would like to pass on a big thank you to all of those involved with Northbridge Goes Bollywood.

We would like to sincerely thank all those who attended Bollywood and threw themselves into the theme and the fun, dancing until the early hours of the morning. Your participation and enthusiasm made it the FUN event we had hoped for.

We would also like to give particular thanks to our “Bollywood Barbie”, Miss Mac, for her superb job as MC. Thank you to Mrs Donlan for her great and consistent support. Many thanks to the ever patient Office Staff and to all the teachers who supported us in creating Northbridge Goes Bollywood.

A very special thanks to:

- Campbell Van Venrooy for donating hours of his time towards the design of artwork for invitations, posters, vouchers and the catalogue;
- The Collins Family and The Digital Centre, St Leonards who coordinated and donated the cost of printing; and
- Creative Craft in Crows Nest for donating 20% of its sales of Bollywood items purchased for the event by school families.

Further special thanks for creating a memorable evening to:

- Keri Chittenden for the ideas, marquee, decorations and her expertise in arranging the event;
- Pages Hire Centre, Fabmosphere, James Gordon Workshop, Daylight International, The Clifford Wallace Agency;
- Josh Larsen for acting as Auctioneer;
- John Cox from ‘An Affair with Wine’ for supplying the wine and Nilgiri’s Restaurant for the fabulous Indian food.

We would like to thank and acknowledge the following families and businesses whose generous contributions helped make the evening a success. Please remember to support those who support our school.

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| Anderson Family | Andrews Family | Austin family |
| Balfour Family | Bel Family | Bogatez Family |
| Bradburn Family | Castle Family | Chittenden Family |
| Clarkson Family | Dakin Family | Dalzeil Family |
| Duncan Family | Duursma Family | Fergusson Family |
| Gordon Family | Gyzen Family | Hamilton Family |
| Hayford Family | Hopkins/ Docherty Family | Howard Family |
| Hudson Family | Hughes Family | Kemsley Family |
| Leach Family | Lee family | Long Family |
| Mattani Family | Martin Family | MacKenzie Wood Family |
| McDonald Family | McKenzie Family | Steer Family |
| Orr Family | Palmer/Clark Family | Pearson Family |
| Pollard Family | Price Family | Richardson Family |
| Roth Family | Schmidt Family | Shirley Family |
| Smith Family | Spring/Ewington Family | Stouraitis Family |
| Sullivan Family | Van Venrooy Family | Wappett Family |
| Wilkinson/Fisher Family | Worthington Family | |
| Abode Bazaar | Babich Wines | Blooms The Chemist |
| Agean Deli Café | BackVintage Wines Australia | Blue Illusion |
| AMPCapitalCentres Northbridge Plaza | Bakers Delight Northbridge | Bob Hawke |
| Anderson's Pharmacy | Bang Hang & Drill | Body Essentials |
| Andy Harper | Bay Twenty Three Restaurant | Body Indulgence |
| Antico's Fruitworld Northbridge | Bella Donna Silver | Bond's Corner Cellars |
| Ash's Table | Bells at Killcare | Bond's Corner Fine Foods |
| Austini's Estresso Bar | Betty Annette | Bonza Bratz |
| | Bijan Exclusive Rugs | Borruso's |

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| BridgeClimb | Jodie McGregor Flowers | Parrakeets |
| Brightsparks Co | Joe Hockey | Parterre |
| Burleys Restaurant | John Brennan Hair | Passion Hair |
| BWS - Beer Wine Spirits | Jump Fit | Paula Duncan |
| Camelot Jewellers | Katrina Christ Photographer | Peppers Convent |
| Cammeray Cellars | Kennards Self Storage | Persian Carpet Gallery |
| Castle | Artarmon | Physiocise - Movement For Life |
| Castlecrag Cellars | Kmart | Pizza Olla Cammeray |
| Castlecrag Meats | Kmart Tyre & Auto | Pizza Tutti's |
| Castlecrag Pharmacy | Laurie Daley | Planet Furniture |
| Ceroc & Modern Jive Dance Company | Lifestyle Ladder | Prischl |
| Chas Clarkson | Le Cadeau | Qual I.T. Services |
| Climb Fit | Lees Fortuna Court | Quintessence |
| Clipso Hairdressing | Lenard's - Northbridge Plaza | Raymonds |
| Computer Troubleshooters | Light Up Willoughby | Revive Health & Fitness Centre |
| Contours | Link Market Services | Romano's Italian Restaurant |
| Craig Cook's Prime Quality Meats | Love 'n Deuce | Sailors Bay Gourmet Grill (chicken shop) |
| Cranks Bike store | Love Tennis | Sailors Bay Hair and Beauty |
| Creative Craft | Lush Beauty Salon | Sally Hansen |
| Cue | Luxury Car Hire | Schmooze Café |
| Cyril's Framing Studio | Macquarie Sports | Serin Cini |
| Dan Murphy's | Maggio's Café | Sirocco Home |
| David Howe - McGrath Northbridge | Maitre Karl | Skater HQ |
| De Gabriele Kitchens | Marbles Hair Studio | Spoilt Rotten |
| Décoroom | Martha's | Sports Focus Physiotherapy Willoughby |
| Discovery Travel Centre | Master Shoe Repair | Sports Fundamentals |
| Don Corleone's Deli | Mattana | Steve Costi Seafoods - Northbridge Plaza |
| Eco Boats | Michael Chetham Photography | Studio 500 Hair & Beauty |
| Epoque Brasserie/ Belgian Beer Cafe | Microsoft | Sydney Swans |
| Evolve Health & Fitness | MiddleHead Space | T-Image Photography |
| FalconRidge | Mirvac Quay West Resort at Magenta Shores | Tech Me Up - |
| Fitness First | Modern Art Photographics | The Beauty Shop |
| Fix Hairdressing | Moggy & Mutt | The Beauty Sphere |
| Flavours of Peking | Morrison's Motors | The Cookery Book |
| Focus Image | Mrs Watson | The Jolly Greengrocer |
| Foto First | My Magnolia | The Lahoud Group |
| G for Guitar | Neo Nails | The Laneway Café |
| Ganache Patisserie | Nicoletto's Pizzeria | The Peak at Thredbo |
| Gispac | Niki Hughes Photography | The Salon Cammeray |
| Gloria Jean's Coffees | Nilgiri's Indian Restaurant | The Shoe Shop |
| Glow Medispa | Nina Leon's Shoe Boutique | Ultra Clean Drycleaners |
| Gourmet Source | Nique & Tianna | Universal Music |
| Greg Chappell Cricket Centre | No Chintz | Vald Arno Ladies Shoes and Accessories |
| Guy Leech | No Ordinary Café | Vet Med |
| Hair Establishment | Northbridge Dance Studios | Vibrant Concepts |
| Hair Trends | Northbridge Golf Club | Vivienne's Salon |
| Howards Storage World | Northbridge Pharmacy | Watermark Restaurant |
| Hungerford Hill | Northbridge Post Office | Willoughby Leisure Centre |
| In Residence Interiors | Northbridge Public School | Willoughby Veterinary Hospital |
| International School of Music | Northbridge School of Visual Arts | Wizzy World |
| Iris Lev Design | Northbridge Veterinary Clinic | World Expeditions |
| J.O. Studios | On Q4U Hair and Makeup Artist | Wyllie Taekwondo |
| JB Collections/Design Boutique | Orchid Persian Restaurant | Yours Beautifully |
| | Pam's Café | |
| | Paperbark Camp | |

Finally, thank you to all the Year 2 Parents who formed the FUN Raising Committee and made Northbridge Goes Bollywood such a FUN night. It was a wonderful team effort with all involved working together to make Northbridge Goes Bollywood a success. Many new friendships were formed and old friendships cemented.

Absolute final figures are still being calculated, however we are confident the event was also a financial success producing a profit in excess of **\$45,000**; the pupils of both Northbridge and Cobar Public will benefit greatly from your generosity.

Uniform news

Spring-Summer 09/10

Girls' summer dresses and skorts will be on sale from Sept 14th. Girls can wear summer uniform from the first day of Term Four. For the rest of this term, our new NPS short blouses (\$23) may be worn with the girls' winter pants and dresses on warmer days. These blouses are available all year. White ankle socks can be worn with the winter dress.

Boys can wear summer OR winter uniform during terms 2 and 3. You can purchase boys' summer uniforms all year round.

All winter items will be removed from the shelves on Sept 13th. Vests, jumpers and jackets are available to purchase all year.

The new summer price list will be available to download from the school web site after September 13th. Plus you'll find a uniform "what to wear" list.

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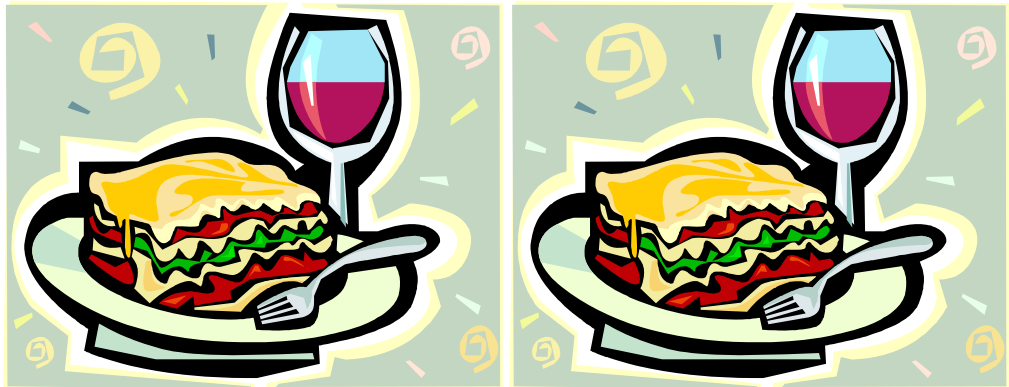
Kindy 2010 -Current families do not need to make an appointment to purchase uniforms. Just come in before their first orientation day on 12.11.09

Uniform committee.

CANTEEN NEWS

FRIDAY SPECIAL – 21 August

Freshly cooked homemade Lasagne



Order on the day with 2 bags - \$5

**USUAL LUNCH MENU WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE ON Friday 21st
YOU CAN ONLY HAVE THIS SPECIAL FOR LUNCH**

Vouchers – you can buy \$5 vouchers for canteen to save you from the mad scramble for correct money in the mornings – change will be given. All you do is put \$50 in an envelope with your child's name and class on it into the letterbox outside the canteen or email Marie marie.chretien@hotmail.com Your book of 10 vouchers will be delivered to your child via their teacher.

Check the NPS website for menu and current prices
Remember our new lunch item – ham & cheese jaffles every day!

Your Canteen Committee