



Northbridge Public School Newsletter

– Excellence and Innovation in a Caring Environment –

Week 6 Term 3
3 September 2009
Important Dates:

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 9

Year 2 Excursion
Zoo- African Experience

Thursday 10

K-6 Incursion – Author Visit
“Jungle Bungle”

Friday 11

Aladdin Dress Rehearsal

Sunday 13

Tournament of Minds State
Final

Monday 14

Primary Chorals Concert
Opera House 7pm

Tuesday 15

Aladdin Evening Performance
7pm

Wednesday 16

Aladdin Matinee 10am
Kindy Excursion –
Fairfield Farm

Thursday 17

KC Assembly Item
Aladdin Evening Performance
7pm

Saturday 19

Year 3 Working Bee

Students of the Week:

Nathan R - 5/6M
Fred K - 3W
Terisa R - 2E
Isabella C - 2M

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New Family Welcome

We warmly welcome our new enrolments – Joe N (1W), Alyssa N (3P) and Masaki K (4T). We trust that you will soon feel part of the Northbridge Community.

Tournament of Minds Triumph – 1st Northern Sydney Region, Off to State!

Tournament of Minds is a problem solving program for teams of students from both primary and secondary years. Students are required to solve demanding, open-ended challenges. It is an opportunity for students with a passion for learning and problem solving to demonstrate their skills and talents in an exciting and challenging way. It aims to enhance the potential of our youth by developing diverse skills, enterprise, time management, and the discipline to work collaboratively within a challenging and competitive environment. On Saturday our team participated in the Regional Finals in the category of Maths Engineering. They exhibited outstanding teamwork and problem solving ability and were awarded first place. On Sunday 13 September they will head to the University of NSW to represent Northern Sydney Region at the State Finals. I would like to sincerely thank the teachers who have given up lunchtimes, afternoons and weekends to support the children. Thank you Miss McMillan, Mrs Brak and Miss McSkimming, congratulations and good luck to the team Nathan (5/6M), Abbey (5/6M), Sarah (5/6M), Anna (6C), Arielle (6C) Jack (5/6M), and Blake (5/6M) (Absent).



SRC Initiative

Our school has joined with our community group of Artarmon Public and Willoughby Public to “think Globally” and support building a primary school in Kenya. One of our mums, Cass Treadwell, initiated **Eat So They Can**. This organisation is raising funds to help build a school in Kenya for orphaned children. Eat So They Can is a fundraising campaign that addresses International development issues by inviting you, along with thousands of global citizens, to participate in what is collectively one huge dinner party. All you need to do is gather your friends, family or work colleagues together to share a fun meal, invite them to make a donation to this great cause, and all of you will be helping to put an end to child poverty. All the money raised will benefit the childrens’ fund, set up especially to aid children living in poverty. You can register as a host at www.eatsotheycan.org . If you have any questions please feel free to contact Cassandra directly at cassandra@gvnfaustralia.org. You should receive a brochure with todays newsletter.

On Monday our school hall was transformed into a local movie theatre. With popcorn in hand, and grins on their faces, students entered the hall to watch **Ryan’s Well**.

This movie showed one young boy’s quest to provide fresh drinking water for villages in Africa. He began raising money when he was 6 years old after learning at school about how unclean African water can be and also how far they have to walk each day to collect enough for their family. It showed the gratitude of the village people and what life is really like in less fortunate countries. The SRC are pleased to announce that Northbridge students raised \$1245 for **Eat So They Can**.

Book Week

Thank you to our Teacher Librarian, Mrs Lesley Watson, for organising such a 'hands-on' "Book-Week". Please read later in the newsletter of all that is happening.

Aladdin Count Down!

It is only 12 days until the opening night of our Year 3 and 4 production "Aladdin". There are still a few tickets available for all performances. Please see Miss Pattison re tickets. Don't miss out!

Zone Field Events/Zone Track Events

Tuesday 25 August heralded the first instalment of the Zone Athletics Carnivals with the Northbridge team travelling to Narrabeen to compete in field events.

The team performed extremely well in all disciplines (high jump, discus, shot put and long jump) with Nicola H-M (6C) and Tash R (5/6M) progressing to the Area Carnival.

Monday 31 August the sun shone for all the athletes who competed at the North Shore Zone Athletics Track Carnival. All Mr Stone's training paid off and all four relay teams made the finals.

Other finalists were Georgia J, Nicola H-M, Callum W, Emma McG, Millie C, Will H and Tash R.

Congratulations to Madison T who came 3rd in 800m and Nicola H-M who came 2nd in the 12/13yr 200m and 3rd in the 12yr 100m.

Many thanks to Mrs Wethered and Mr Stone, as well as parents, who assisted in organising the team and their transport.



Thank you "Dr Dolittle"

This week is Julie Vali's last week teaching science before she goes on maternity leave. Mrs Eastley will then continue to teach science to all classes for the remainder of the year. Mabel, the Blue Tongues and the Green Tree Frogs will all remain at school and be looked after by the Environmental Prefects and the Year 5 Environment Club. On behalf of the children and staff I would like to sincerely thank Julie for her outstanding contributions to the education of all children at Northbridge and wish her and her husband all the best for the exciting time ahead.

**Amanda Donlan,
Principal**

Debating

On Tuesday 25 August the Year 5 debating team debated against Artarmon. The Year 5 debating team was Georgia T., Tash A., Anna W. and Saskia H. The adjudicator was Anthony Fennell. The debate was extremely close, but in the end Artarmon pulled through. The topic was that "city life was better than country life". Great points were said by both teams, but Artarmon were the winners in the end.

On 26 August, the Northbridge Year 5 team Anna, Tash, Georgia and Saskia, debated against the Northbridge Year 6 team, Sophie, Alivia, Jack and Amelia. The topic was that "sport at school should be voluntary". The Year 5 debating team was negative and the Year 6 team was affirmative. It was a close debate, but in the end the Year 5 debating team won.

Primary Proms

Our adventure of Primary Proms.

We started out as a singing group who didn't know any of the words to the songs and mumbled as we sang. We tried our best and practised at school and at home and we developed into a wonderful hard working choir who had finally memorised all of the words. Finally the dress rehearsal and performance day at the Hills Centre was here. It was so exciting because we performed in front of a huge audience with lots of children from other schools.

We had a smashing performance and sang 11 songs. Our favourite was Iko Iko.

We have come so far and we had an excellent time. Thank you Miss Pattison.

By Annabelle M and Isabella R.

K-6 Incursion – Aboriginal Education

On Tuesday 1 September we had an Aboriginal Incursion. The children experienced a wonderful show by the very talented Taryn Laleen and her 2 daughters. The show encouraged audience participation and the children seemed to thoroughly enjoy it. Here are some comments from the children:

I enjoyed dancing on the stage. The Sasa was my favourite. The boy who climbed on stage was very entertaining. Aaron C and Daniel B (1GR).

I liked it when I went onto the stage. Fergus F (KW).

I liked the way they played the music with the instruments they made from bamboo. I also liked how they painted themselves. Hugo M (KS).

I liked the clothes they were wearing. They had lovely instruments. I love them. Marianna D (KW).

I liked going up on stage and dancing to the Aboriginal music. Tobias H (1W).

My favourite part of the show was when I got my face painted. I also enjoyed all of the performance very much. Georgette H (2AH).

I didn't get my face painted for the dance but I thought it looked really cool. Tiana L and Sachin G (2AH).

Arrival Time Supervision

It has come to the attention of myself and the staff that there are a number of children at school before there is a teacher on duty. Playground supervision commences at 8.40am. Kids Capers (Before and After School Care Centre) is open from 7am. They can be contacted on 9958 4551.

PSSA note - payment

All Parents of PSSA, Netball, Soccer and AFL players will receive their Term 3 travel account tomorrow. Please return payment to the office promptly.

PSSA AFL - Friday 21/8/09

Northbridge 1 played two games against North Sydney Demonstration School 4 and Artarmon 3. Northbridge won both games. The game against Artarmon was quite competitive with Northbridge winning 19-3. In the second game Northbridge comprehensively defeated North Sydney Demonstration School 4 56-0. Maddy and Ben S were voted as best players with Alicia and Henry putting in excellent performances.

Northbridge 2 only played one game against North Sydney Demonstration 4 and defeated them 20-1.

Max and Felix were voted as best players with Matthew playing a great game despite feeling a little ill.

Jack Tolnay, AFL coach.

Friday 28/8/09

Round 5 of the AFL competition saw Northbridge fight it out against tough competitors, Artarmon.

Northbridge 2 started slowly but with great defence through Sorata C and Hugh H were able to gain possession to dominate the game. Lachlan O and Matt B capitalising on the advantage particularly well to help Northbridge 2 to a commanding win 32-12. Best on field awarded to Sorata C.

Northbridge 1 looked solid from start to finish, demonstrating some wonderful team play with solid performances particularly from Taylor H, Alisha D and Luke R. The 1s dominance up front proved too much for Artarmon, Northbridge winning 56-18. Best on field awarded to Alisha D.

Mr Stone, AFL coach.

PSSA Soccer

Last week Northbridge played Castle Cove. The A's combined very well once again and came away with a very good 6-0 win. With our regular goalie sick Angus W and Robert F took over the duties capably and were able to thwart any attack from Castle Cove. Well done boys.

The B's had a hard fought 1-0 win over a very determined Castle Cove. Though the Northbridge goal was rarely threatened, Castle Cove managed to save many a fine shot from our boys, with the winning goal by Jesse N being score in the last few minutes.

Mr Robertson – Soccer Coach

PSSA Netball

Week 4 - Round 12

Happy Feet played a superb game of netball against Mosman and put in tremendous effort throughout the match. Unfortunately they were pipped at the post and were beaten 12-16.

The Pivot Ponies played an almightily close game against Middle Harbour. It was a nail bitter to the end and they successfully held on and won 10-8.

The Super Shooters had a very difficult game against Mowbray Road. The girls displayed great sportsmanship but were unfortunately beaten 5-10.

Week 5 - Round 13

Happy Feet had a fast moving game against Lane Cove West and won the match 12-4. Amelia in her inaugural role of shooter was fabulous – converting all attempts.

The Pivot Ponies played two friendly matches as their opposition forfeited. The first match was with Middle Harbour and the second with Mowbray. Both were played competitively although results were not kept.

The Super Shooters played a controlled game against Beauty Point and won 6-0. Under the leadership of Valerie the girls worked as a team and controlled the court well.

Congratulations to all girls. Well Done!

Sarah Robertson and Sophie Pettigrew – Netball coaches

Asthma Friendly School

The Asthma Friendly Schools (AFS) program is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing and is a national initiative aimed at all primary and secondary schools across Australia.

The AFS program was launched in 2000 and is managed through the Asthma Foundations in all states and territories of Australia.

The aim of the AFS program is to improve the quality of life, health outcomes and well-being for school children with asthma.

Northbridge Public School has been an Asthma Friendly School since 2006. Currently 86% of Australian schools are registered in the AFS program.

Band

The Northbridge Public School Band Committee are inviting budding young musicians to become part of our band program for 2010!

Please come to our **Information Evening** which will be held in the NPS Hall on **Wednesday 23 September, 2009 at 7pm.**

Years 2-5 are all welcome!

- Instruments will be available for your child to try out on the night!
- Meet the Band Director
- See our current bands perform
- Learn about the Band Program

See the flyer for information regarding the NPS Band Program and the Information Evening.



The Premier's Reading Challenge has finished for 2009 and we congratulate the 79 students from Northbridge who successfully completed the challenge.

Congratulations to Joe B. KC, Jasmine D.1FP, David S.1GR, Charley L.1FP, Alec P. 2B, Sophie R. 2E , Ben B. KW, Eloise P. KC, Megan P. KP, Lydia T. KP, Lachlan B 1GR, Harvey C. 1W, Frankie H. 1GR, Olivia S. 1GR, Tiana L. 2AH, Olivia F. 3W, Serena S. 3W, Leah G. 3W, Isabelle H. 3P, Solene C. 4O, Lachlan O'M. 4T, Ben P. 4O and Kirk K. 6C.

Certificates will be distributed in late November.

Thank you to all the children who participated this year and to also to all the parents who assisted with the reading records online - we all appreciated your help.

Mrs Lesley Watson, Teacher Librarian

Book Week 2009 Book Safari



Book Week celebrations continue for the next two weeks with short listed book readings, culminating next week with " Jungle Bungle", a performance based on the 2009 Children's Book Council theme, "Book Safari".

The children enjoyed the activities centred on the Book Week theme and Kindergarten also loved picnicking with their teddy bears.



Japanese Day のお知らせ

This is a request to any parents/caregivers who are able to help me on our Japanese Day 30 September, 2009. Please send a note with your child and a contact number if you are able to help on the day.

Thank you

Doi Sensei

9月30日水曜日に学校全体でJapaneseDayを行うことになりました。今回のテーマとしてはアートを中心にしたアクティビティをしたいと考えています。今のところ考えているものでは、うちわに絵を描く、おりがみ、習字、墨絵、着物の図案を描く、桜、こけし人形作り、アニメの絵を描く、そして、もしご協力いただけるようでしたら何か食べ物を作ること（ちょっとアートとは離れますが）も予定しています。もし、どなたかこのようなアクティビティかまた、日本のものでお勧めのアクティビティをご存知でお手伝いいただけるようでしたら私まで連絡ください。

私のメールアドレスは、y.doi@bigpond.net.au

です。毎日学校に来ていますのでその時にお話いただくこともできます。

大体の時間としては、9時10分から10時10分までの1時間のセッション、10時10分から11時10分に2回目のセッション、そして、11時30分から12時30分までの3つのセッションを考えています。4年生だけは、ちょうどジムがある日なので9時10分始まりで他の学年より少し長めの1時までアクティビティをする予定です。

よろしく願いいたします。

土井由香里

日本語教師

Band 2010 - Time to Play!

The Northbridge Public School Band Committee are inviting, budding young musicians to become part of our band program for 2010!

Information Evening: 23rd September, 2009, NPS Hall 7pm

Why Join a Band?



- ♪ It is Fun!
- ♪ Learn music with your peers.
- ♪ Perform in all sorts of arenas.
- ♪ Participate in fun outings such as Band Camp and Band Tour.

Who Can Join the Band?



- ♪ Year 3 upwards.
- ♪ If you are in currently in Year 2 - you can join now to start in 2010!

How do I Join the Band?



- ♪ Please come to the information night on Wednesday 23rd September at 7pm in the hall.
- ♪ Collect the NPS Band 2010 Handbook including Enrolment Forms.
- ♪ Our Silver Award winning bands will perform.
- ♪ Meet the Band Director.
- ♪ Plus instruments will be available to try out!

See you there!

Uniform News

Do you have free time to join our Uniform committee and become the Uniform Shop Treasurer?? Maybe you are familiar with MYOB or would like to learn? The job involves...

*Weekly banking

*Monthly reconciliation and reporting using MYOB

*Administering MYOB for stocktaking and liaising with the Uniform Coordinator to ensure good stock control, payment to suppliers and discussing any price changes.

The Treasurer does not necessarily need to work in the Uniform Shop during shop hours.

If you are interested please email Veronica on mvgoodman@bigpond.com

Next week will be the last week to buy any long sleeve shirts, track pants, long pants or winter dresses. Girls' summer dresses and skorts will be available from Sept 14th. Boys' shorts and short sleeve shirts are available all year. Please see uniform shop door for more info.

Kindy 2010 -Current families do not need to make an appointment to purchase uniforms. Just come in any time before your child's first orientation day on 12.11.09. However, we suggest term 3 to avoid the rush early next term!

Uniform committee.

CANTEEN NEWS

FRIDAY SPECIAL – FRIDAY 4 September



Greek chicken kebabs in a wrap with salad - freshly cooked on the bbq with a drink of your choice

\$5.00

Order on the day with 2 bags

**USUAL LUNCH MENU WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE ON Friday 4th
YOU CAN ONLY HAVE THIS SPECIAL FOR LUNCH**

Thanks to Marea E & her mum for yummy lasagna !!
If anyone would like to organise a Friday special please email
ajlclark@optusnet.com.au

Check the NPS website for our new menu and pricing

Volunteers - you are always needed and your kids love to see you there - email Yvette at yvette.mitch@bigpond.com

Your Canteen Committee

GREEN NEWS – Top 50 Tips to Green Freedom. First 5:

1. Go for **cold power** in your laundry. Up to 90% of the energy used for washing clothes is for heating the water. Clothes can be washed effectively using cold water while the scrubbing action of the washing machine does most of the work. Use a phosphate free detergent for grey water systems.
2. **Worm farms** are a fun and tidy way to keep unruly compost in order. The worms eat through the compost leaving worm castings to sift down to the lower tray for an odour free collection. You may even find yourself getting attached to your new garden friends!
3. **Power shower.** The best showers are short and sweet. The average 10 min shower (using a non water efficient shower head) will use up to 250 litres of water while a four minute power shower with an innovative AAA rated shower head will use only 36 litres. That's water savings of 85 %. WOW.
4. **Solar hot water** is taking over Australian rooftops with 5.6 % of households opting for solar systems. A solar panel, positioned on the north face of the roof, heats up water which is then stored on site. Hot water typically consists of 20 to 30 % of an annual utility bill so you can just envision the potential savings.
5. Try to **open windows** and **use fans** to reduce summer heat. Air-conditioners consume vast amounts of electricity and are the culprits behind peak demand on the electricity grid. A few fans and a cold shower work perfectly well to cool down. Drinking lots of water also helps regulate body temperature.