



Northbridge Public School Newsletter

- Excellence and Innovation in a Caring Environment -

Week 8 Term 3
17 September 2009
Important Dates:

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 17

Aladdin Performance 7pm

Saturday 19

Year 3 Working Bee

Tuesday 22

P&C Meeting 9.30am

Wednesday 23

School Council AGM
Band Information Night 7pm
School Hall

Thursday 24

Year 3 Excursion – Botany
Bay
Combined Year 6 Assembly
Item 2.40pm

Friday 25

K-2 Athletics Carnival
Special Skipping Assembly
2.40pm

Wednesday 30

Japanese Day

OCTOBER

Thursday 1

Assembly Item – KS 2.40pm

Friday 2

Last Day Term 3

Students of the Week:

Grace M - 2B
Allegra R - 2AH
Emmalee R - 3P
Courtney B - 5R
Yvonne C-L – 4O
Alex B – 5R

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What an amazing start to the week.

On Sunday our Tournament of Minds team spent the day at the State Finals held at University of NSW where they competed brilliantly in the Maths-Engineering section. Although they did not win, they demonstrated outstanding teamwork, creative thinking and problem solving skills. Congratulations to the team, thank you to the parents for their support and to the teachers who have selflessly given up weekends to support this project.

On Monday evening I was a member of the audience for the Arts North Choral Festival held at the Opera House where our Senior Choir had the privilege of performing. The children have worked diligently throughout the year to learn a varied repertoire of songs for the combined choir of 750 children. We were all very proud of their performance. Thank you also to the wonderful parents for all your support and encouragement with the children. A special thank you to Mrs Margaret Malar, our Music Teacher, for all the extra time she has put in to providing this opportunity for the students.

On Tuesday evening many in our school community were absolutely blown away by the captivating performance of our Drama Club and our Year 3 and 4 students in their performance of Aladdin. Under the direction of talented Miss Pattison, Mrs Pegolo, Miss Watson and Mrs MacKay and enthusiastically supported by the year 3 and 4 class teachers, all the children have had the opportunity to participate in this outstanding performance. It is particularly important to note the amazing team effort involved in such a production. Many of the staff were involved. Thank you everyone.

Two Principals at Northbridge



At the Bollywood Fundraiser, three families successfully bid for their child/children to be Principal at Northbridge Public School. Friday last week I was most honoured to have Ms G (KC) assisting me in my role as Principal. During the day, Ms G addressed the assembly, attended to messages, phone calls and faxes, and gave out stickers for student achievement. I would like to thank Ms G for her excellent contributions in assisting me that day. I look forward to welcoming Ms C (2B) to the chair next week.

NAPLAN

Parents of Year 3 and 5 should have received their NAPLAN results on Monday. We are extremely pleased with our results a full report will appear in the Annual School Report.

K-2 Athletics Carnival

Please join us for our annual K-2 Athletics Carnival.

Date: Friday 25 September, 2009

Time: 9:15 – 11:15am

Place: Northbridge Oval

What to bring:

Children are to wear their sports uniform and school hat. They are encouraged to wear a T-shirt in their house colours. Also, they will need to bring a drink bottle and should have sunscreen applied before coming to school. Children may want to bring a blanket or rug to sit on.

Parents are invited to join us for a picnic morning tea in the Kindergarten/Year 1 playground immediately following the carnival, 11.15 to 11.45.

Young Musicians

For the last 2 years NPS has provided a Young Musician "Festival of Sound" opportunity for our young musicians Years 3-6 to perform solo in front of their peers in a friendly atmosphere. The heats will be held on Thursday 22 October for Years 5 and 6 and Friday 23 October for Years 3 and 4. Finalists will then be selected to compete for the Northbridge Senior and Junior Young Musician at a special assembly in Week 4, Term 4. All vocalists and instrumentalists are invited to participate.

**Amanda Donlan,
Principal**

P&C BER BUILDING APPEAL UPDATE

We are nearing our target of \$45,000!!!

What a brilliant effort and show of school community generosity for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

If you still wish to support our 4 up/4down appeal, please complete the donation form sent with this newsletter and email to northbridg-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au, fax to 9967 2169 or deliver to the office by Friday.

Please be assured that, if we exceed our target, the extra funds will be put to very good use in immediately fitting out new classrooms, relocating and re-installing NPS' SmartBoards into the new classrooms and relocating the demountables that are staying, such as the science room.

Receipts and letters of acknowledgement will be sent via student mail next week.

Thanks again

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Year 2 Excursion – Zoo African Experience

On Wednesday 9th September, Year 2 went on their 'African Experience' excursion. The children had a fantastic day and were able to get up close and personal with a lot of animals we have been learning about in class. The children attended a workshop about endangered and extinct species and also had an opportunity to touch some endangered animals. One of the highlights was seeing the gorgeous baby elephant called Luk Chai (pictured below).

Here is what some Year 2 students had to say about the day.

At the zoo the monkeys were being silly. We saw the zebras and they were staying in a group. One of the giraffes was being a show off, it was really funny. Lily 2AH
I liked the gorillas because they were interesting and entertaining to watch. Bas 2B



My favourite part of our zoo excursion was the zebra because zebras have black and white stripes on them. They are great and are my favourite animal in the world. I love them so much. Ryan 2M

I liked the workshop because we got to touch the animals.

Also, when we were eating our lunch, we saw a peacock and some kookaburras stole some of our sandwiches. Callum 2E

Thank you to all the parent helpers who came along to the excursion!
Year 2 Teachers



K-6 Incursion – Jungle Bungle



For Book Week, K-6 got to see a performance called 'Jungle Bungle'. They acted as characters from lots of interesting books. Some parts of the show were funny and they also taught us lessons about feelings and that it is good to be different. The actors did lots of singing and dancing so that made it enjoyable to watch. Some children were able to join a Congo line and play instruments to the beat. At the end of the performance, they asked us questions and got us to vote for our favourite book in the show.

By Brian X and Adam D (2E)

“Chinese Whispers”

As part of their Human Society and Environment study of China and the Chinese Australians' contribution to Australian identity and heritage, Stage 3 experienced “Chinese Whispers” on September 2nd. The students experienced a guided tour of Chinatown where various aspects of Chinese culture were explained.

In the enchanting Chinese Garden of Friendship, the students solved riddles, found clues and met challenges as they journeyed through the garden and learnt the legend of the Chinese horoscope. The whole experience of “Chinese Whispers” was another dimension to their work at school that has been undertaken this term.



Stage 3 students enjoying the tranquility of the Chinese Gardens

Science News - The ELMS Program

Did you know that Flat Rock Gully was once a garbage tip?

On the 8th of September Kane, Madison, Austin, Alli, Charlie and I went down to see how our bushy backyard was going. Through the afternoon we tested water pollution and checked on native plants and animals. Good results pleased everyone! Bush Turkeys were nesting and flowers were blooming. The regeneration of the area is certainly working!

By Georgia T 5R

Zone Field Events/Zone Track Events

Correction to last newsletter.

Apology – Maddy S came third in the 800m for 10year old girls in the final.

Maths Olympiad

This week our Year 5 and 6 'Mathletes' competed in the final Maths Olympiad for this year. Out top scorers were: Anna (6C), Sophie (6C), Carlos (6C), Arielle (6C) and Matthew (4M). Congratulations to the team on some great problem solving.

Here is a problem for you to solve:

Suppose symbol # means that

$$A \# B = (A \times A) - (B \times B)$$

And that A and B represent any two numbers.

What is the sum of (8 # 7) and (7 # 1)?

Answer found in newsletter!

Hi-5 Fans

At the beginning of the year our Kindergarten children went on their first excursion to the filming of Hi-5. Their program featured the song "Four Seasons". It will air on Channel Nine from Monday 28 September to Friday 2 October. So stay tuned.

PSSA

Soccer Report

The A's played Castle Cove 2. They played well and were fortunate enough to come away with a 2-1 win after Mr Stone awarded an extremely doubtful penalty on the spot to Castle Cove in the dying minutes of the game. Fortunately the Castle Cove player sent the ball wide and we were able to hang on for the win. The players were to be commended for not disputing the decision. (Just kidding Mr Stone).

The "B"s played very well and were able to come away with a 6-1 victory after some extraordinary positional decisions from the coach. Alex B was very good as a goalie and should have a long future there. (Just kidding Alex.).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the players for their cooperation over the season. The season was very successful with "A"s only being defeated twice and the "B"s only once. Well done Boys and Girls.

Mr Robertson, Coach

AFL Report Friday 4/9/09

Northbridge 1 played Castle Cove 2 in a thriller. Northbridge one won the match by one point. Luke had a fantastic game along with Henry, Alisha and Maddy both put in a huge effort. Northbridge 1 also played North Sydney 1 and defeated them in a close contest. Northbridge won by 11 points.

Northbridge 2 played Artarmon 4 and won in an exciting game. Northbridge won by 15 points. Daniel and Max had outstanding games and Sorata and Lulu put in a huge effort.

Thank you to all the players who made it a pleasure to coach Northbridge in my first year here.

Jack Tolnay, AFL coach.

Netball Report

The girls have had a terrific season and have all made tremendous progress in skill development, court play and sportsmanship.

Happy Feet

Sportsmanship: Katie L, *Most Improved:* Emily B

Pivot Ponies

Sportsmanship: Madison T, *Most Improved:* Lily H

Super Shooters

Sportsmanship: Valarie A, *Most Improved:* Natasha R
Congratulations girls.

A special thank you to Mrs Lauraine Worthington for her dedication and brilliant umpiring during the entire season. Looking forward to next year.

Yours in Netball,

Mrs Sarah Robertson and Miss Sophie Pettigrew



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.
Answer 63

The Japan Cultural Day

Japan Club of Sydney Inc. would like to invite you to the Japan Cultural Day presented by the club as part of the Willoughby Spring Festival event.

Details are as follows:

Date: 19 September (Saturday)

Time: 09.50am – Noon (Reception will be opened at 9.30am)

Venue: The Dougherty Community Centre

Admission: Free

Booking: Essential. Please phone on 0421 776 052 or jcsydney@tokyonet.com.au

(Please inform to JCS your names, the number and contacts)

Program:	09.50	Opening: Naga—Uta with Shamisen (Japanese traditional music)
	10.00	Greetings – JCS President Consul-General of Japan Mayor of Willoughby City Council
	10.15	Tea Ceremony Demonstration (by Ura-Senke)
	11.00	Costume Show Parade
	11.30	Rolled Sushi Cooking Demonstration and Tasting
	11.50	Yosakoi – Soran Dance
	12.00	Closing

Please come and enjoy!

Band 2010 - Time to Play!

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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 currently in Year 2 - you can join now to start in 2010!

How do I Join the Band?



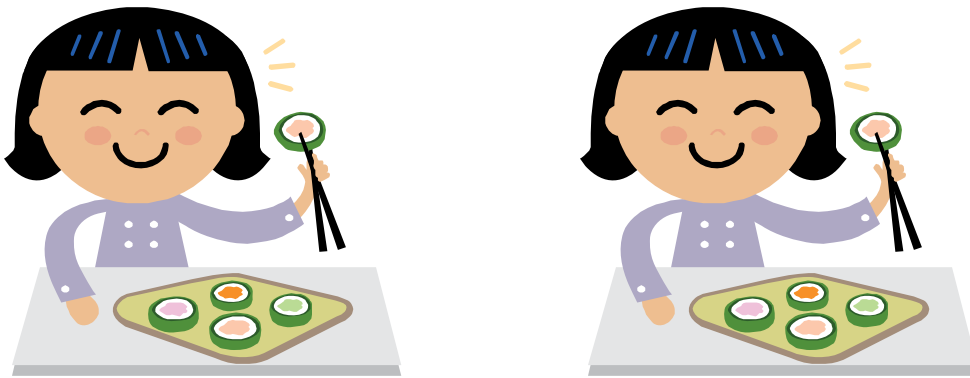
- ♪ Please come to the information night on Wednesday 23rd September at 7pm in the hall.
- ♪ Collect the NPS Band 2010 Handbook including Enrolment Forms.
- ♪ Our Silver Award winning bands will perform.
- ♪ Meet the Band Director.
- ♪ Plus instruments will be available to try out!

See you there!

CANTEEN NEWS

FRIDAY SPECIAL – FRIDAY 18 September Japanese Day!!

Freshly cooked noodles with vegetables and pork



Order on the day with 2 bags - \$5

**USUAL LUNCH MENU WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE ON Friday 18TH
YOU CAN ONLY HAVE THIS SPECIAL FOR LUNCH**

CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED FOR TERM 3 FROM 25TH September

Your Canteen Committee

GREEN NEWS - Top 50 Tips to Green Freedom.

Next 5:

1. ***Grey water systems** can consist of a simple pipe leading from the laundry tap out to the backyard or they can be sophisticated systems that collect grey water from all outlets in the household and redistribute it to the garden. The average household could potentially collect 339 litres of grey water a day.*
2. ***Install low-flow tap fittings** to cut down on your water consumption. There are these great little devices that reduce water flow in taps by a whopping 50 per cent. What's even better, they are basically mesh washers that are easy to install and cost less than \$5 depending on the model.*
3. ***Be smart and water the garden in the evening.** Water stored in the soil is evaporated throughout the day. To avoid this evaporation and keep your garden lush and green, water the garden only in the evenings so the water has the opportunity to percolate through the soil and be absorbed by the roots of the plants.*
4. ***Purchasing from small businesses** encourages the local production of food, goods and services. This minimises the transport required and encourages community business. Try becoming a part of a food cooperative that encourages community trade and local agriculture.*
5. ***Wood is a perfect renewable and sustainable resource,** providing it doesn't come from the rainforests of South East Asia or Australian old growth wilderness. Forest Stewardship Certified timber is grown from sustainably managed forests that are accredited by the Forest Stewardship Council*

AN INVITATION TO



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INFORMATION SESSION

For Year 5 students seeking admission to this

Selective High School in 2011

Monday 21 September 2009 9.00 am – 11.00 am

Parents and Students are asked to meet in the School Hall

As there are no parking facilities available in the school grounds, parking at Westfield Shopping Centre is recommended.



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OPEN MORNING

Wednesday, 23 September 2009

9.30am – 11.30am



Address by Principal and performances by students 9.30 – 10.30am

Tours of the school 10.30 – 11.30am

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- **Outstanding academic achievement**

- **Broad development of each child**

- ▶ Debating
- ▶ Music
- ▶ Drama
- ▶ Creativity
- ▶ Sport
- ▶ Leadership
- ▶ Technology
- ▶ Duke of Edinburgh

Please note – there is no parking in the school grounds

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