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May 25-29	Education Week
May 31	Grounds Force Day
June 3	Golf Clinic yrs 3-6
June 3	Yr K-2 to Sydney Aquarium
June 8	Queen's Birthday public holiday
June 9	School Council

The following students received a Principal's Award at Assembly this week:
Eva Gurtata Stephen Mercer

Dear parents & students,

Open Day

A celebration of an incredible school. Yesterday's open day provided a perfect opportunity for available family members to witness the variety of learning opportunities for our students. Many thanks to the students and staff who made our visitors feel welcome. All our performers and student leaders shone as did the year 6 coffee shop merchandisers. It is very pleasing as one of the school's executive to hear the many positive comments relating to the superb workings of our dedicated teaching staff.

Building the Education Revolution (BER)

Families would be aware the Commonwealth government, in working with the State governments, has made available funding to schools for building projects. Due to our school's current student enrolment numbers we are eligible for an indicative funding cap of \$3,000,000. Funding is being considered in the current round of proposals for the construction of a two storey building comprising of a new library, replacement of the infants toilet block and three classrooms. The new building will be situated near the current 5B and 6M demountable sites and should replace all our demountable classrooms. The existing library will be transformed into two classrooms.

Another area of funding is labelled the National School Pride Program. Our school was successful in round two to allow refurbishment and renew existing infrastructure which includes painting, floor coverings and repairs to walls, floors, roofs and stormwater components to the total of \$150,000. We should congratulate the Commonwealth government in directing public money to these apparently necessary construction and restoration projects throughout Australian schools.

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Kids Lunches

Just a reminder about the importance of students having healthy food provided for them for both recess and lunch. As teachers do their playground duty it's easy to observe the types of food children have available to them. It's encouraging to see, in most cases, that lunch boxes have a variety of healthy food. At school we encourage students to eat as much as possible of the food provided and often encourage them to return home any food which is uneaten. This allows parents to monitor the amount of food eaten. Students are also encouraged not to swap food with others.

Core Value: INTEGRITY Being consistently honest and trustworthy	
Eg., In school communities , evidence of this value includes: ☺ open and transparent decision making processes ☺ consistent school policies and actions.	Eg., In classrooms , evidence of this value includes: ☺ trusting others to work independently ☺ doing what you say you will do. <i>Week 2</i>

Lies and fibs – Advice

On occasions children don't tell the truth and it can be very worrying for parents and teachers. It is easy to become upset about the lie and to overlook what it means to the child. We must remind ourselves:

- *Telling the truth is something that children learn over years, not something they know from birth
- *Young children want to please parents more than anything else. They may avoid telling the truth if they think it will make parents cross
- *Teach children the difference between truth and untruth, but remember that it takes time before children are able to really understand
- *Explain why telling the truth is important to you
- *Set a good example by telling the truth yourself.

Beecroft PSSA Zone Cross Country

We wish all our school's representatives the very best at tomorrow's Zone cross country carnival at Fagan Park. Mr Pinchbeck, Mrs Bardwell and I will attend. Twenty one schools are affiliated with Beecroft PSSA and competitors arrive to contest a high quality carnival. It is widely known that Beecroft PSSA sets the standard for Sydney North as they are the current cross country and athletics champion from twelve competitive zones.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"We worry about what a child will become tomorrow, yet we forget that he (or she) is someone today".
~Stacia Tauscher

Greg McLaren
Relieving Principal

For Your Information:

NSW DET archives

Time to organise?

Messy desk, morning panic, late assignments, yesterday's half-eaten lunch left in the schoolbag - sound familiar? This term it can be different. Now is the time to work with

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your child to set up new routines to help them stay on track. Here are some tips to get your child started on a weekly schedule:

- ~ Download a cool weekly planner for your child
- ~ Help your child list all of their activities that need to happen in the week
- ~ Fill in the planner with the times that are set, such as time spent at school, sleeping, travelling to and from school and any regular out of school activities
- ~ Get your child to allocate a regular homework time that suits them
- ~ Your child can suggest how they would like to spend some of their free time
- ~ Encourage your child to keep a balance in life with time for homework and special interests, time for friends and family and time for exercise and rest.
- ~ This works best when the whole family follows this advice.

If you would like more information: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/schoolparents

SOCCER NEWS

Two weeks ago the school soccer knockout team defeated Thornleigh West PS in a tightly contested game. The final score was nil all, with Normanhurst West winning on corners after extra time.

The boys played with great determination and represented the school in a sportsman like manner.

The team now looks forward to playing Epping PS in the 2nd round of this competition.

Paula Lott
Coach

GROUNDS FORCE DAY

THIS SUNDAY!!

This Sunday 31st May is GROUNDS FORCE DAY. All year 3 & 4 families (you know who you are!!) are asked to come along and help get the school ready for Family Fun Day. Also any year 5 & 6 families that were not able to make it last term are very welcome!!

The day kicks off at 2pm. Please meet at the BBQ and don't forget to sign on. Bring your gardening gloves and help to clean up the school grounds. Some equipment is provided but feel free to bring your own if you like. Even if you only have an hour to spare it will help! Hope to see you there

Future Grounds Force Dates are:

30th August Years K-2

15th November - All (pre Christmas markets)

Please mark these dates in your calendars now so that you will be available to help. The more helpers we have turn up on the day the less work for everyone!!

Belinda Pope & Helen Howse (Grounds Force)

FROM THE P&C

All the latest news about P&C can be found at our new internet home, the NWPS P&C blog, pop in and say hello!

www.nwpsandc.wordpress.com

We will still be using the school newsletter to communicate with the school community in the same way we always have, the blog provides us

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with a supplementary, interactive form of communication and also serves as a reference resource for P&C information.

Next P&C Meeting is on Tuesday June 17th, OOSH Rooms 7.45pm.

Miriam Mulcahy. (P&C President). 0412 364 366 - mimbles2@gmail.com

OOSH NEWS

This week at OOSH we have been involved in a lot of mini projects as well as our main focus of the 'So you think OOSH has talent' interest. We've been forming groups and discussing performances, costumes and making posters to advertise the final day. So far we have judges, clowns, dance groups and magic tricks!

Everyone has also enjoyed participating in experimenting with all sorts of different arts and crafts. We have recently begun exploring using clay which has been a lot of messy fun!

Don't forget to book yourself in so you can come and join our fun!

Contact Fiona or Emma on; 94844412 for more details on bookings or general enquiries.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Entertainment books will be available at Family Fun Day this year.

I will have a limited supply of books on the day and extra order forms for when supply runs out.

Look out for the stall as you enter the gates. I will be located near Mrs. Georgia's Office steps.

Check out the P and C bog (www.nwpspandc.wordpress.com) for up to date info regarding all fundraising endeavours, including answers regarding the art exhibit or catch me in the school yard.

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