



NEWSLETTER

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March 27	Last day for high school expression of interest forms Yr 6
March 28	P&C Trivia Night
March 29	Grounds Force Day
March 30	Parent / Teacher interviews begin
April 7	Term 2 school fees due
April 9	Combined scripture service ANZAC service

5/6P won the student banking this week with 9 deposits out of the school's total of 38 deposits. The cup was awarded to 5/6P. Congratulations!

The following students received a Principal's Award at assembly this week:

Ella Kellett Aleysha Cross Georgia Buckle Madeline Kemmis Tom Kent
Raj Labade Rohan Meagher Jeremy Chivas Stacey Stopford India Bell
Joto Miyauchi Zoe Helling

Dear Parents and Students,

Parent / Teacher Interviews

By now you will have received an invitation to meet with your child's classroom teacher. This interview is to discuss with you as a parent your child's academic progress during the first term. Other issues relating to attitude or application may also be discussed. It is important to remember that it is a two way discussion. If you have any questions or concerns this is the opportunity to discuss them with the teacher. The interview is a maximum of 15 minutes duration and most teachers will have a very heavy schedule. If, during the interview, you find that more time is needed please make another time to see the teacher. Please be mindful of other parents who will be waiting.

These are the only timetabled parent / teacher interviews. Reporting in terms two and four will be in the form of written reports. However, teachers are always available to discuss your questions but please make an appointment to see them through the office. Then time can be allocated to deal with all your questions. If you are unable to attend in person talk with the class teacher about a phone interview. It is extremely important that all parents get feedback at this time so any issues can be dealt with early.

Staffing

As many of you know Miss Hall had her final day with us on Tuesday before moving on to her new appointment at Cammeray P.S. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Hall for all her efforts and the enthusiasm she has displayed while she was at NWPS. I know that the students and the staff will miss her greatly. We all wish her well in her new position. Mrs Noglik will be taking 2H until the end of the term. A new permanent teacher will start from term two.

The opportunity to apply for our 16th teacher position closes today. Culling will be next Monday with interviews for the position in the last week. I would like to thank Emma Bell for volunteering to be the parent representative on that panel. The permanent year four teacher will be starting at the beginning of term two.

Finally, I have been asked to be one of the State Primary Principal Representatives on the Building the Educational Revolution Federal Initiative. This is a deployed position to the DET head offices in Bridge St for all of term two and possibly a few weeks into term three. Both professionally and personally it is an excellent opportunity and I was very honoured to be asked. During my deployment, starting on 1st April Mr McLaren will be relieving Principal for term two and if required Mrs Georgiou will sit in the chair in term three. The excellent learning program enjoyed by our 6M students will not be compromised and information relating to their relieving teacher will be communicated shortly.

I am sure that Mr McLaren can expect the same excellent support I enjoy from all of our school community.

Term 1 Invoices

Just a reminder that all term 1 invoices are due by 7th April. If you are experiencing any financial difficulties please make an appointment with me (or Mr McLaren) to discuss how the school may help.

B. Kunkler
Principal

FROM THE OFFICE

We have various lost property items at the moment, including many lunchboxes, a towel swimmers and undies from the swimming carnival, a set of keys with a silver disc on the keyring and boys swimmers. Please have a look through the lost property room to claim items belonging to your children. At the end of term all items unclaimed will be given to charity.

Just a reminder that the office is more than happy to process all requests from the community for photocopying, collecting for P&C and various activities, but we kindly request that parents do not access the school office without permission. The office staff will help you as quickly as they can, so your patience is appreciated. Often there is sensitive material on the computer screens and desks of the administration staff which needs to be kept private. We are sure you will understand our concern at keeping your information confidential.

Sue Shears
School Administrative Manager

FROM THE P&C

Thank you many times over to Sandra Murphy for volunteering to take on the role of P&C secretary, we now have a full complement of P&C Executives and are all set for the year ahead.

The Trivia Night is on this Saturday at 7:30pm, ticket sales did close on Tuesday but being the soft-hearted and inclusive types that we are we'd hate anyone to miss out just because they're like me and never fill in forms in a timely fashion, so if you haven't bought tickets but would like to come, let me know by Friday night and you can pay at the door (\$5 per person).

Proposals to be voted on at the next meeting:

1. That \$25 000 dollars be earmarked for provision of interactive whiteboards for classrooms
2. That \$800 be given to the Pre-school to contribute to the cost of the painting of the OOSH/Pre-school rooms.
3. That \$1300 be given to the school to cover the cost of a new school banner.

Next P&C Meeting is on Tuesday May 19th, OOSH Rooms 7.45pm.

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

GROUNDS FORCE DAY

THIS Sunday 29th March is the first Grounds Force day for 2009. All year 5 & 6 students and families are asked to help make the school grounds clean and tidy. Please come along for an hour or two to help out.

The day starts at 2pm. Meet at the BBQ and make sure you sign on!! Some equipment is available but feel free to bring a broom or rake.

Future Grounds Force Dates are:

31st May Years 3-4 (pre family fun day)

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)



BAND NEWS

GOOD SORTS

A big thank you to Sally Lane, Margo Treloar, Nic Page, Belinda Dunn, Cathy Rickard, Lynne Wainwright and Linda Stenning for sorting through mounds of band music last Sunday. Unfortunately, there is still a huge task ahead. So don't despair if you missed out on helping this time, as there'll be more fun-filled days of music sorting to come.

TERM 1 BAND AWARDS

Congratulations to **Tom Treloar, Tadhg Richards**, and **Ashleigh Kemmis** of Training Band, who all received awards this week for their outstanding effort in band this term.

As for Concert Band, Maestro Ray has decided to award the whole gang this term, as everyone is doing such a fabulous job. Bravo.

WORKSHOPPING IT THROUGH

So far we have 3 parents who have volunteered to help at the Band Workshop on Sunday May 3. There have to be at least 25, or we can't go ahead. It only involves sitting in on a tutorial for an hour, so it's really not very hard...Anyway, notes will be sent home on Thursday with full details, so please let us know ASAP about what time(s) you'd like.

T. Morris

FUNDRAISING

Thankyou to all the families who purchased Hot Cross Buns and Nutrimecs shower gels helping raise money for the P&C.

Hot Cross Bund can be collected from the canteen at school pick up on Friday April 3rd.

Nutrimecs will be packed and sent home via the class room in approximately 7-10 days.

THE GREEN GUIDE

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ADS : FRIDAY APRIL 3RD

Advertise YOUR BUSINESS in the school community for MINIMAL COSTS.

ALL TAX DEDUCTABLE.

Talk to friends and neighbours who have a business and may not have heard of this great advertising tool.

Contact Colleen Cowley for more info.

Phone:9489 8470 email colleencowley@live .com.au.

Or pick up a form from the office.

DADS DO LUNCH

The following Dads will be serving your recess and lunch next Monday, 30th March.

8.30-11.30am David Scott and Mark Schwarzl

10.55 -2.00pm Mark Johnstone and Reid Johnson

Sorry to the couple of Dads who missed out this time, I will be in touch with you. Thankyou very much for volunteering your time Dads. We look forward to seeing you in your Easter ears on Monday!

Kerrie Basclain
Canteen Convenor



Family Fun Day 2009 - 14 JUNE 2009

Thanks to those who have put up[their hand to help but we still need some more help. We still need volunteers in the following roles/areas/stalls:

- Sponsorship co-ordinator
- Teddy Bear Competition Convenor – ideal for 2 Kindi parents
- Hoopla Convenor – ideal for 2 people
- Silent Auction - Assistant Convenor (Convenors last year)
- Showbags – Assistant Convenor (Convenors last year)
- Board Raffle – Assistant Convenor (Convenors last year)
- Gaming Room Convenor – New Stall need to be up to date on Wii & Playstation

The Assistant positions are to gear up for next year when we lose some parents as their children move up to High School.

If you are interested in any of these positions please call Michael Vandervelde and let's discuss the options.

To assist

- We provide an Event Manual describing exactly what to do

Meetings:

- All Stall Convenors - Monday 4th May at 7.30pm in the OOSH Rooms. At this meeting we will discuss the plans for FFD 09 and hand out the Convenor packs.

Donations and sponsorship: If anyone has contacts with companies or generous individuals who could be approached to donate prizes or would consider sponsoring a stall (or the event) please contact Michael Vandervelde.

2008 Stall Convenors:

Just a quick request for all 2008 stall convenors to return any manuals so they can be updated for 2009 – drop them into the Office @ School.

With thanks

Michael Vandervelde.2009 Family Fun Day Convenor
0421 708 483 or mvandervelde@loretonh.nsw.edu.au

Mother's Day

It is fast approaching that time of the year again and the ladies from the P&C Craft Group have been very busy making and buying gifts for the Mother's Day stall. So many gifts, in fact, that we are desperately seeking volunteers to help get a head start on wrapping gifts before the school holidays.

If you can spare some time to help out on Wednesday 1 April from 9.00-11.00am, your help would be greatly appreciated. Wrapping tables will be set up outside the P&C Craft room (near the school entrance in Dartford Rd). Everyone is welcome (including babies and toddlers) and morning tea will be provided.

If you have any questions please contact Sue Murdoch on 0437038236 or Ann-maree Grech on 0434141707.