Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy Holiday’s
We are almost at the end of what has been a wonderful first term of school. I would like to say thank you to all of the parents, students and teachers who have ensured that the last 11 weeks contained not only many opportunities for students to learn and succeed but also some memorable moments for our community. Please take care over the holidays so that we can see you and your family back at school safe and happy.

Leadership Camp
The Year Six Student Executive team have spent the last two days networking with 135 student leaders from 21 different schools across Northern Sydney. As part of the two day North Sydney Leadership Camp our students have engaged in a number of team building activities and we will now encourage them to use these newly created networks to share ideas and bring initiatives to our school.

Hot Cross Buns
End of Term Celebration for Band Students and parents
Band students will celebrate the great progress they have made this term with a short performance on Friday morning before school. The performance will take place in the school hall with light refreshments (hot cross buns) being served to members of the band and their parents.

Winter uniform when school resumes
When we return to school on Tuesday 29th April please ensure that all students are wearing the full winter school uniform. Images of the uniform are available on our website.

Myra Wearne
Principal
UNIFORM SHOP will be open tomorrow Friday 11 April

LIBRARY NEWS

In week 9 I was so thrilled to be giving out those special Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC) bookmarks to those 42 K-2 students and 36 years 3-6 students, who have reached and gone beyond their 10th book milestone. Congratulations boys and girls of NSDS. Keep up the good work. There is still plenty of time to start reading and recording online your child’s PRC. You have until 22 August 2014 to record their books online in order to receive a special certificate from the NSW premier’s office.

With the holidays just round the corner why not encourage your child to come to the library to return their overdue books and borrow up to 5 books to read in the holidays?

In Week10 & 11 the following grades have read and experienced the following books in the library:

Kindergarten

*Dewey: there is a cat in the library*, V. Myron, B. Witter (ID3922)

*I Like Books*, A Browne (ID12019)

Year One

*Share Said the Rooster*, P Allen (ID: 76155)

*Inch Prince*, P. Russell (free choice)

Year Two:

*Dewey: there is a cat in the library*, V. Myron, B. Witter (ID3922)

Happy holidays! Hope the Easter bunny is kind to you all. © Mrs A Bennett Library Teacher (alice.bennett3@det.nsw.edu.au)
FABStar! is an initiative to recognise positive behaviours in the playground.

Two FABStar! slips (one from K-2, one from 3-6) were drawn from all the students who received FABStar! slips in recognition of their positive behaviours on the playground last week.

The K-2 Fabstars for this week are Baran and Malith from Year 1 who thoughtfully reminded their friend about the no hat no play policy to ensure he did not damage his skin in the sun. What wonderful caring behaviour boys.
BAND NEWS

Dates for your Diary

- **Friday 11 April**: End of term morning concert – details below
- **22-23 May**: Band Camp – Senior and Intermediate Bands.
- **“Hot Cross Buns” Morning Concert**

- Our end of term concert will take place this Friday in the school hall. Things to note:
- Please aim to **arrive by 7:45** so the bands can set up – we will commence the performance at 8am sharp.
- Please ensure that your child wears their **band uniform** for the concert.
- **Practice** is everything! All band members should be aware of the pieces they are performing for the concert, and practising at least 20 minutes each day.

Tea, coffee and Hot Cross Buns will be provided by the school to help students and parents enjoy the event.

Band Camp

Planning is underway for the Band Camp, which will take place in week 4 of next term. Shortly, parents of Intermediate and Senior band members will be asked to indicate whether their child will attend the camp, which is an integral part of the school’s band program. Each year, the outcomes of the camp in terms of skill development and increased enthusiasm of students is remarkable. It is important that we have a clear understanding of numbers to enable us to appropriately plan and cost the camp. Final details will be advised at the beginning of term.

Please note that a separate Junior Band Workshop is being planned for later in Term 2.

**Introducing . . . the NSDS Percussionists**

A percussion instrument is any musical instrument that is sounded by being struck or scraped by a beater (including attached or enclosed beaters or rattles); struck, scraped or rubbed by hand; or struck against another similar instrument.

The percussion section of an orchestra most commonly contains instruments such as timpani, snare drum, bass drum, cymbals, triangle and tambourine. However, it can also contain non-percussive instruments such as whistles and sirens, or a blown conch shell. On the other hand, keyboard instruments are not normally part of the percussion section, but keyboard percussion instruments such as the glockenspiel and xylophone are included.

**Our talented NSDS percussionists are:**

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**Enquiries**

Band Committee Secretary, Melissa Lanigan MELISSA.LANIGAN@det.nsw.edu.au
THE NORTHBRIIDGE COMMUNITY FIREWORKS ARE ON AGAIN!
Saturday May 10 at the Northbridge Oval, Sailors Bay Road
4:00 pm   Gates Open, $10 for adults, $5 for children, $25 for a family of four
4:30 pm   Entertainment by the Northbridge and Cammeray Primary School Bands
          Rides, Jumping Castles, Face painting
          BBQ chicken kebabs, party pies, antipasti, fairy floss, soft drinks, ice cream, COFFEE
7:00 pm   Fireworks Display
Organised for the Community by the Rotary Club of Northbridge. Proceeds to helping disadvantaged youth in Willoughby and in East Timor. Proudly sponsored by Northbridge Plaza

Urgent!!
3-4 girls needed in years 4, 5 or 6 to play soccer for a new all girls North Sydney United team. Games Sundays at 10.30 and training Thursday afternoons. If you and a friend are keen please call Jennifer Neil-Smith 0400 246 786.


The Northern Sydney Institute of TAFE are running programs to develop skills for future employment. The course runs for 6 weeks 10am-2pm from Friday 2 May. Call 8425 8700 for booking and information.

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by volunteering to host one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2014 for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Spain and Colombia will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaustralia@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!
Encouraging great oral health this Easter

It's impossible to keep away from chocolate this Easter. The truth is, chocolate is okay in moderation. So why not promote the idea to your family and friends that sugary sweets are alright in small portions, as long as you follow a great dental routine.

Let's take a look at a few tactics that can help minimise tooth decay this Easter:

- **Presents** - Easter is a time when chocolate eggs are given as gifts. Why not give people a chocolate egg, along with some toothpaste and a toothbrush with a note outlining to brush after consumption? This little reminder can highlight how important it is to look after their teeth.
- **Create restrictions** - Encourage others to either cut down their chocolate intake or set limitations - this can be done by only allowing your children to enjoy eating sweet treats at mealtimes rather than between meals.
- **Post-care** - Every time you eat an Easter egg or lollies, drink a glass of tap water to wash away leftover sugars; it can turn into acid and cause tooth decay.

Look like a professional playing sport

Winter sports season is just around the corner. So there's no better time than now to protect your teeth with a customised mouthguard while you're playing your favourite sports; especially those that are high contact.

**What is a mouthguard?**

A mouthguard is an oral device worn around the teeth. Since standard mouthguards can be uncomfortable and rarely fit an individual's mouth, the best type is a custom fitted mouthguard that is tailor fit to suit around your teeth.

**Why are they so important?**

Mouthguards aim to increase prevention and decrease the effects of injury to a person's teeth and oral cavity.

So whether you're going to occupy the field during rugby season this year, or you're a gymnast, it is strongly recommended that you consider wearing a customised mouthguard. Speak to our dentists for more information about custom fit mouthguards.
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Sports Fun AFL Camps Ages 4-12 years

Sports Fundamentals will be running AFL Camps during the April School Holidays. The camps provide a FUN and HEALTHY program for BOYS and GIRLS aged 4-12 years.

Camp 1: Mon 14th & Tues 15th April Goro Hill Oval, Pacific Hwy, St Leonards
Camp 2: Wed 16th & Thurs 17th April Balmoral Oval, The Esplanade Balmoral

Cost: 1 Day $60, 2 Days $110 1/2 day options for Under 6’s $50 per day.
Group/Family Discount: 10% per child per day for groups of 5+ or families.

Times: 8.30AM to 3.00PM

What to bring: Hat, Runners, Drink bottle, Snacks and Lunch
Contact Ben on 0403 618 963 or email ins@sportsfun.com.au

Sports Fun Multi Sport Camps Ages 3-8

The multi sport camps focus on a number of sports including cricket, soccer, basketball, tennis, hockey, T Ball, and football.

Neutral Bay Tennis Centre 3 Westleigh St Neutral Bay –
Week 1 Tues 15th, Wed 16th, Thor 17th April
Week 2 Tues 22nd, Wed 23rd, Thor 24th April

Contact Ben on 0403 618 963 or email ins@sportsfun.com.au
Half Day Camps Times: 9.30 am – 1.00 pm. Cost $50 per child (GST Incl.)
Full Day Camps Times 8:30 am – 3:00 pm. Cost $60 per child (GST Incl.)
10% discount for families and groups of 5 or more

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For any enquiries, please contact Antonia on 0435 582 606 or antoniatutor@yahoo.com.au
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