Dear Parents and Caregivers,  
Term One is now well and truly underway and the children have quickly settled into their new classes. Teachers are now in the process of getting to know the varied personalities, learning styles and academic abilities of each of the children in their charge. Once this understanding is established, the teachers will be designing teaching and learning programs that best suit the students in their class.

We invite you to learn more about what takes place in the classroom by attending the **Meet the Teacher Night on Monday 23 February**. K-2 class talks are from 6pm-6.45pm. Class 2/3C will join 3-6 class talks running from 6.50 – 7.35pm, followed by a brief presentation in the library from Mr Lance Berry, the Principal of Narrabeen Sports High School. All families considering Narrabeen Sports High School in the next few years (especially if your children are currently in Years 4-6) are recommended to attend Mr Berry’s talk.

**Money and Notes Update**  
Thanks to all families that have made prompt payment of their term account. A few points to remember:

- The pink form is a permission note for all local excursions in 2015 and must be completed for each student.
- Permission notes are returned to the teacher, not the office.
- School fees paid through the office need to be in a clearly marked envelope with child’s name, class and purpose of payment. Please place them in the RED box in the foyer.
- If you are part-paying your fees in cash (eg the Swimming Carnival), please place the cash in a clearly labelled envelope as detailed above and put it in the RED box.

**Primary Parent Planner and the website**  
The school is always working to improve communication between ourselves and the community. We will now endeavour to upload all notes to our Primary Parent Planner app, as well as the school website. A copy will also be available from the office.

**Working Bee**  
All parents, carers and students are invited to our first Working Bee of the year on Sunday 1 March from 8.30-11.30am. Our aim is to tidy up several

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**Dates for Your Diary**

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**Opportunity  Excellence  Community**
areas of the grounds and re-mulch the Adventure Playground, so we need your help!

If you can spare an hour, come on down with some gardening gloves and any handy gardening tools that you may have and help make our school even more beautiful than it already is. Ours is a community school and we'd love the community to help us on this special morning.

Kindy finish times
A reminder to all Kindergarten parents that Kindergarten students will finish school at 3.10pm from next Monday 16 February.

Year 7 Academic Placement Tests
Details about the Northern Beaches Secondary College Year 7 Academic Placement Tests on Thursday 19 March are available in this newsletter and on the Primary Parent Planner app.

Band
All bands commence rehearsals from next week in the library.

We had a very successful band orientation meeting last Monday and there was an excellent turn out from students and parents. Our school bands continue to go from strength to strength under the baton of the amazing Miss Rachel Rule. A lot of this success is also due to our band coordinators Tracy Grainger and Tanya Leishman, along with all our new parent volunteers this year who are doing a marvellous job. Thank you and congratulations on a great start to the year!

For further information, see the band newsletter in this edition.

School Leaders
I am very proud to formally announce that our student school leaders for 2015 are:

Captains: Sabine Haworth and Thomas Maurer-Kelson
Vice Captains: Summer Syron and Jarryd Maree
Prefects: Kate Hong and Levi Te Ao

They will do a fabulous job this year and are already presenting as outstanding role models for our students. This Wednesday, Sabine, Thomas, Summer and Jarryd are attending a PCS leadership training day at Gibberagong Environmental Education Centre. They will follow this up with several training days at Narrabeen Sports High School.

Parents and Citizens’ Association (P&C)
The first meeting of the P&C will be held in the library on Tuesday 17 February at 7.30pm.

The P&C welcomes the participation of all parents, so please come along.

The position of P&C President is currently vacant and will be open for election at the meeting. I would encourage any interested parents to contact the previous President, Mrs Jennifer Sheehan, for more information on 0412 428 760.

Canteen Manager
The P&C is currently seeking applications for the position of Canteen Manager. The Manager’s role will be 3 days per week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday), 6 hours a day. This is an exciting opportunity to take our canteen to the next level and provide a service that both students and families have been requesting for some time now.

For full details, see the advertisement later in this edition.

Handy School Hints
You can assist your child to a successful start to this school year by establishing clear routines for getting to and from school, and by setting aside a regular time for them to complete their homework or home reading. Children thrive on certainty and set routines for such activities. For some, it may mean coming home and completing homework straight away; other students may be better suited to a break, exercise or some refreshment before commencing their set tasks. Work out a plan that suits your schedule and do your best to stick to it. We fully recognise and appreciate how hectic life can be some weeks, so if homework completion becomes an issue, please talk to your child’s teacher.

One aspect of schooling that I am passionate about is reading. Research shows that parents can greatly assist their children to be successful readers by reading with them on a regular basis – bedtime is a perfect opportunity for sharing some wonderful literature. Children will also receive encouragement by simply witnessing mum, dad or caregivers enjoying reading themselves – by modelling a love of reading to your children, they will benefit immensely.

For ideas on age appropriate reading, you can visit the website of the Premier’s Reading Challenge at https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

Wishing you another excellent week at this wonderful school.

Andy Rankin
Principal

BOOKCLUB
ORDERS ARE DUE IN TO MRS CHANT BY FRIDAY 13 February
(Any cheques should be made out to “Scholastic Australia”)
Canteen Manager - Recruitment

The P&C is currently seeking applications for the position of Canteen Manager. This paid position is covered under the Fast Food Industry Award (MA000003), is classified as Level 3 under the Award and can be either a casual or part-time role. The role will be 3 days per week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday), 6 hours a day.

The Canteen Manager reports to the P&C Association through the chair of the Canteen Subcommittee and the P&C Executive.

This position is a hands-on position requiring you to prepare lunch food orders complying with the Department of Health's 2010 National Healthy School Canteen (NHSC) guidelines and/or the Healthy Kids Association guidelines. You will also be required to manage a team of volunteers. The position is open to school parents and other members of the broader community.

Key responsibilities of the role include, but are not limited to:
- Management and coordination of volunteers.
- Menu management adhering to the red-amber-green guidelines
- Menu pricing
- Preparation and delivery of lunch orders in timely fashion
- Managing orders via FlexiSchools
- Managing stock
- Handling cash

A full description of the position is available from the school office or by requesting a copy via email nlps.canteen@gmail.com

To succeed in this exciting role, you will need a passion for food and customer service and the ability to:
- manage and motivate a team of committed volunteers and seek new volunteers
- work with limited supervision
- communicate to various stakeholders
- manage the daily lunch orders
- comply with all necessary regulations including food standards and OH&S
- manage stock levels

If you are interested in the position, then please send your application to the school via email nlps.canteen@gmail.com. Your typed application should be limited to 2 pages. Applications must be submitted by the end of February 2015.

Your application should include your resume and address how your experience and skills cover the following areas:
- Canteen experience (as a manager or volunteer) or other relevant catering experience, training or qualifications
- Interpersonal, teamwork and communications
- Organisation/management
- Technology
- Compliance with regulations.

If required, a short-list of applicants will be interviewed by a selection panel including a school representative, a P&C representative and a school parent.

Successful applicant(s) will be subject to a Working with Children Check.
10/2/2015

BAND MATTERS

Just a reminder Band will start back next week, Week 4. It is also swim scheme week; rehearsals will go ahead as normal in the morning but will just finish a few minutes earlier.

Thank you to all those who came to our information evening on Monday night in the library. We hope you enjoyed meeting our wonderful band director Rachel Rule, teachers and our amazing band committee. Thank you and welcome to all of our new parents, grandparents that have joined our band team. We are looking forward to a fun filled year of band activities that can only be achieved with your help.

We also want to welcome all of our new band students and parents and to introduce our band captains
ASHLEY MITCHELL & ZANDER LISTON.

*Could all new band members please bring with them an A4 DISPLAY BOOK to keep their music in and they must bring it to EVERY REHEARSAL.*

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If I can help with any information about the band or if you can volunteer some time please call me – Tracy 0434 395 460 or for tutoring/music info Rachel Rule : 0404 385 218.

Mr Alderton and the gardening lads, Piripi, Toa, Liam and Jake plant a native pine at the front of the school.
Dear Parents,

All children have been to the library this week during their allocated library times and have enjoyed all the great books that we have available. The children are able to borrow books from the library as of this week. The teachers have sent home notes to let you know your child’s day. Please remind your child to bring their library bag in on their library day.

I look forward to sharing many great books with your children this year.

Jenny Garden
Teacher/Librarian
Year 7 Academic Placement Test 2016 Intake

Placement in the Year 7 Academic classes at NBSC Balgowlah Boys, NBSC Cromer Campus and at Mackellar Girls Campus’ is based on supporting evidence of eligibility including the results achieved in the NBSC Academic Placement Test.

Application Forms

Application forms can be downloaded from The Northern Beaches Secondary College website as well as the campus’ websites.

Closing Dates for Applications for 2016 Intake

- NBSC Balgowlah Boys Campus - 3rd March 2015 by 4 pm.
- NBSC Cromer Campus - 3rd March 2015 by 4 pm.
- NBSC Mackellar Girls Campus - 27th February 2015 by 4 pm.

Students will sit the test at the Campus they wish to attend in 2016.

Test Date

Thursday 19th March 2015 at 9 am

Contacts

NBSC Balgowlah Boys Campus: Lorna Curtis 9939 6942
NBSC Cromer Campus: Lorna Curtis 9939 6942
NBSC Mackellar Girls Campus: Wendy Mailey 9949 2083
Do you have stuff in your garage that you don’t use anymore? Do you need to downsize? Cleaned out the kids cupboards?

Come and enjoy a great family day out at **NARRABEEN CAR BOOT SALE** and help to raise funds for Narrabeen Sports High School.

If you don’t have anything to sell, come along and you will be sure to pick up an absolute bargain! You will be amazed at what you find. There is something for everyone.

**WHERE:** At the back soccer field Narrabeen Sports High School, end of Namona St North Narrabeen 2101

**WHEN:** Sunday 22 February
5.30 am till 2 pm

Prebooked confirmed site
$40 Car Spot
$50 Car & Trailer

Casual sites on the day
(*only if available*)
$45 Car Spot
$55 Car & Trailer

BOOKINGS ONLY CONFIRMED BY PAYMENT FOR SITE

MAKE SURE YOU GET A SPOT!

FOR ANY INFORMATION OR TO MAKE A BOOKING PLEASE CALL
Sue ON 0421 810 019

Or

Visit the website
[www.narrabeencarboot.org](http://www.narrabeencarboot.org)

Paid parking available for a limited number of cars on school grounds for $2
Interested in your child playing a winter sport? The Dee Why Lions Rugby Club are running a ‘COME AND TRY RUGBY’

We are inviting boys and girls 4-7 years old to come and spend a morning learning about and playing ‘Under 6 & 7 Minis Rugby’.

What is U6 and U7 Minis Rugby?

U6/7 Minis Rugby is a FUN, LOW COST, NON-TACKLE winter team sport suitable for boys and girls aged 4-7.

U6/7 Minis Rugby is a modified, tag-based rugby game (no tackling). Its focus is on developing general sports skills and teamwork with an emphasis on rugby specific activities.

U6/7 Minis Rugby is the first stage in the Australian Rugby Union (ARU) endorsed ‘Pathways’ program.

U6/7 Minis Rugby is perfect for girls. The Dee Why Lions have fielded ALL GIRLS teams in U6 & U7 minis rugby and will do so again this year.

WHERE: JAMES MORGAN RESERVE, CROMER
DATE: SUNDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2015
TIME: 10am – 11:15am
COST: IT’S FREE!!!

STILL A BIT UNSURE?

We will have our ARU accredited coaches available to answer any questions you have.

So, why don’t you ‘COME AND TRY’ with the Dee Why Lions Rugby Club.

And if you love it (and we are sure you will) we can register your child for the coming season on the day and send them home with a FREE pair of shorts and socks and a sausage sandwich.

Should you wish to register your interest in attending or have any questions contact our Minis Co-ordinator Stephen Comber – minis@dylionsrugby.com.au or 0438 248 359, or have a look at our webpage www.dylionsrugby.com.au for further details.
The school swimming carnival will be held on Thursday, 26 February at the Manly Swim Centre, with races commencing at 10.00am. The carnival will conclude at 2.00pm. The carnival will be held, even if it is raining.

Students will travel by bus. **Year 6 and children competing in the 100m open freestyle event will depart at 9.00am.** Please ensure your child arrives promptly by this time so the carnival can commence on time.

Children will need to bring recess, lunch and plenty of water. **They will NOT be permitted to use the canteen at the pool on the day. This is an Out-of-Bounds area.**

They will also need a hat and sunscreen.

**ORDER OF EVENTS**

1. 100m Open Freestyle
2. 50m Freestyle age races
3. 4x50m Medley - Jnr, Snr
4. 50m Breaststroke, Backstroke, Butterfly
5. 50m Freestyle Finals
6. House Relays – Jnr, Snr
7. 25m events, if time permits.

**Note**

Only freestyle finals will be held on the day. **Winners of the other stroke events will be determined by the fastest heat times.**

House Chants will take place if time permits. Otherwise we will run them at school the following day.

There is a $4.00 entry fee charged by the pool for parents wishing to watch the carnival.

Thank you to those parents who have offered to help on the day. If you are able to help act as a timekeeper, your assistance would be very much appreciated.

Thank you

Ian Phillips