PRINCIPALS REPORT

Swimming Carnival
Well done to all volunteers and teaching staff for doing such a wonderful job at our annual swimming carnival. A very big thank you to our Carnival Coordinator Mr Ben Holmes, for organising such a great carnival and for turning the weather on! Finally, congratulations to all our students for making the day such as success.

Safety around School
Over the past five weeks safety messages about parking and driving near schools have been consistently expressed in our school newsletter. With the rain last week many drivers appeared to have forgotten some of the basics and failed to drive to the conditions. Many parents reported drivers taking huge risks to beat the lights, carrying out dangerous manoeuvres, or not really paying heed to pedestrians. PLEASE EXERCISE CARE AT ALL TIMES! It doesn’t matter if you are late - your children will be safer waiting with us as they now do, rather than posing a risk to others by rushing. Also our fantastic Crossing Supervisor has asked that parents set a good role model by using the crossing and avoid making the dash across the road. He finds it very concerning to see that adults aren’t presenting good role modelling for their children.

Year 5 and Year 6 Parent Information Evening for the Northern Beaches Secondary College Mackellar Girls Campus and Balgowlah Boys Campus Tuesday March 11, 6.30pm.
Parents with students in Year 5 and Year 6 are invited to an information evening for parents hosted by the principals of Mackellar Girls Campus, Mrs Christine Delgallo and Balgowlah Boys Campus, Mr Paul Sheather. The information sessions will be held at Harbord Public School in 5A and 5S.
Please register your interest by logging on to: http://www.stickytickets.com.au/15911

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A FREE EVENT

Year 5 and Year 6 Parent Information Evening Northern Beaches Secondary College Cromer Campus
Monday March 17, 6.00 – 7.00pm.
Cromer Campus of the Northern Beaches Secondary College is inviting all parents with students in Year 5 and Year 6 to an information evening on Monday March 17. The meeting will be held at the Cromer Campus from 6.00pm to 7.00pm and is a follow up to their very successful open evening. If you are keen to find out more about how Cromer Campus uses Project Based Learning and Flexible Learning Spaces then take advantage to attend. More information about this event as it becomes available.

Craig Davis

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Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School in 2015
Year 6 students will receive information next week related to enrolment procedures for year 7 students in 2015. The information booklet includes:
Moving to Secondary School
Government Secondary Schooling options
Completing the Expression of Interest Form
Please read this information carefully. The Expression of Interest form needs to be returned to school office or child’s class teacher by Friday March 21st.
Enquiries can be directed to Mr O'Rourke or Mrs McKenzie.

School Leaders’ Induction Ceremony
The school induction ceremony held on Wednesday 26th February for our year 6 leaders was a lovely day for the students and their families. Our leaders received their badges of office and proudly accepted the affirmation of their families and peers. The concert band under the expert direction of Mrs Rose – Castle performed confidently to entertain the assembly. Thank you concert band.
Thank you to Mr Davis, Mrs McKenzie and the class teachers for their assistance at the assembly. The behaviour of our year 3-6 students at the assembly was exemplary. Well done boys and girls.

Selective High School Tests
A number of our year 6 students will sit the Selective High School Placement Test on Thursday 13th March at Manly Selective High School Campus from 9.00am – 1.15pm. We wish these students every success in the placement tests to obtain a place in the selective high school program in year 7 in 2015.

School Photographs
Summer PSSA teams will have their photographs taken on Friday 21st March from 9.15am to 11.10am.
K-6 classes have their photographs taken on Wednesday 26th March. Order envelopes to be returned to child’s class teacher.
Family portraits will be taken on Monday 30th March. Order envelopes available from office.
All information has been distributed to K-6 classes this week.

Clothing Collection
We have had a good response to the clothing collection drive in aid of Stewart House. Thank you for your support. All our bags were collected this week.

Swimming Carnival
Good luck to all our year 3-6 pupils at our swimming carnival this week. Well done to Mr Holmes for his organisation of the carnival. Our more successful swimmers will participate in the Manly Zone Swimming Carnival on Friday 14th March at Warringah Aquatic Centre.

After School Procedures
There is no playground supervision after school. Students are expected to go home after a long day at school. Parents who like to stay and chat after school are expected to supervise their children.
Playing on equipment or in out of bounds areas can lead to accidents if unsupervised.
Teachers are not expected to be policing incidents well after the end of the school day that occur in out of bounds areas without supervision.
A much better idea is for students to go home directly after school and have some time to unwind and get changed and go to a local park or reserve to play with their friends.

Brian O'Rourke
Primary Ethics Classes

There have been many inquiries in regards to attending Ethics classes and as the Co-Ordinator of Harbord Ethics classes I wanted to address those inquiries and also thank the last coordinator, Victoria Richardson (now an Ethics teacher) for all her hard work.

Interestingly across 230 schools in NSW, there has been very little movement from scripture to Ethics, any movement from scripture to Ethics has been so minimal that both the Catholic and Anglican churches officially withdrew their objection to Ethics classes in late 2011. This highlights that Ethics is not a replacement for faith based Scripture classes nor is it an alternative to religious practice and was never intended to be either. In fact those of us teaching and coordinating Ethics have no interest in distracting students from attending Scripture class. The vast majority of Ethics students come from non-scripture classes and new school students.

Ethics Classes are available to all students from yr 1-6. The following guideline has been outlined by the State Govt - students attending SRE (Scripture Classes) must opt out of SRE in writing prior to registering for Ethics and students in non-scripture classes may transfer directly to Ethics. Ethics gives priority on the wait list to non-scripture students and uses no other criteria for entry.

In case you are not aware Ethics classes are where children sit in a circle and learn how to think about ethical matters through the give-and-take of reasoned argument using dialogue and discussion. Each week, children are given stimulus material, such as a story or pictures, then our trained Ethics Teachers facilitate conversations between the children, helping them form a ‘community of inquiry’ with their peers. A constructive alternative to non-scripture!

Please email Pamela Low with queries at harbordethics@gmail.com or go to the Primary Ethics web page for more information.

Chess

Social Chess club will begin Friday the 7th of March in 11’s room at 8.30. Students from Years 1 to 6 are welcome to attend.

Jeanette Iacovitti (Chess Co-ordinator)

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Year 2 Cake Stall.......Raised over $1,000!!!

Big thank you to everyone that baked, bought & helped on the stall. The Year 2 teachers will be purchasing some literacy boxes
Canteen News

Volunteer Roster:

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Flexischools online ordering: Online ordering is the only way you can place an order for your child’s lunch from the canteen. Please register at www.flexischools.com.au

Kindy & Yr 1 over the counter service: Please note that we are unable to sell ice blocks, drinks without lids or jelly cups at recess to the Kindy/Yr1 line. The reason for this is that they do not have enough time to eat them at recess. Lunch time is a much better time for these younger students to buy from the canteen.

PSSA: PSSA sport happens on Fridays for some children in Yr 3 and older. If your child has been selected to represent the school in one of these teams and would like to place a lunch order, please select the PSSA option in your flexischool order. This will enable your child’s lunch to be ready in time to collect before the buses leave. If you forget to select this option your child’s lunch order will be available on return to school from PSSA.

Wholegrain Brown Rice Mini Bites Rice cakes: Available in Spooky Original, Creepy Cheese or Devilish Chicken. 20g pkt with no artificial colours or flavours. This product is Gluten Free. $1.20/pkt.

Jan Baldwin Canteen Manager

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SCHOOL ZONE PARKING

School zones operate between 8-9.30am and 2.30-4pm on school days. Remember the speed limit is 40km/h in all school zones.

**NO PARKING**
Drivers may stop to drop off or pick up passengers or goods for a maximum of 2 minutes.
The driver MUST remain in or within 3 metres of the vehicle.
The vehicle must not be left unattended.
No Parking zones can also be used to drop off and pick up children.
(If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction only applies during those times.)
**Penalty exceeds $147 plus 2 demerit points**

**BUS ZONE**
Drivers are not permitted to stop in a bus zone at any time. (If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction only applies during those times)
**Penalty exceeds $265 plus 2 demerit points**

**DOUBLE PARKING**
Vehicles may not stop next to legally parked vehicles, even for a short time. It is illegal to park within three metres of double white centre lines.
**Penalty exceeds $265 plus 2 demerit points**

**NO STOPPING**
Stopping is not permitted at any time.
Dropping off or picking up passengers is not permitted in these areas.
(A continuous yellow edge line also indicates a No Stopping zone.)
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**DRIVEWAYS**
Do not park across, or on a driveway or any other vehicle access.
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Hello Girls and Boys, Mums and Dads,

As of 29th January 2014, the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) have provided us with a trained School Crossing Supervisor for the Crossing on Wyadra Avenue.

The morning and afternoon times of supervision for the crossing on Wyadra Avenue, Freshwater will be:

08.00 am to 09.30 am
and
2.30 pm to 4.00 pm

There are a few RULES to remember when crossing the road and they are as follows:-

- Make sure you always stand behind the kerb.
- LISTEN to the School Crossing Supervisor’s instructions at all times whilst at or on the crossing.
- WAIT until you are instructed to cross the road.
- ALWAYS cross at the crossing.
- NO balls, bikes, scooters or skipping ropes are to be used while crossing.

Parents are advised to park their vehicles legally and responsibly, as the Police will not hesitate to book those vehicles parked illegally.

I trust this will help in making our School a safe and happy place for all involved.
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