PRINCIPALS REPORT

Safety around School
PLEASE EXERCISE CARE AT ALL TIMES! Remember to set the standard for your children by modelling the appropriate way to cross at the marked crossing or using the pedestrian lights.

THANK YOU!

Year 5 and Year 6 Parent Information Evening for the Northern Beaches Secondary College Mackellar Girls Campus and Balgowlah Boys Campus

On Tuesday evening almost 40 parents with students in Year 5 and Year 6 came along to hear a presentation from the principals of Mackellar Girls Campus, Mrs Christine Delgallo and Balgowlah Boys Campus, Mr Paul Sheather. We trust you found the information valuable. Thank you to Ms McKenzie for her assistance.

Innovative Education at Cromer Campus

Cromer Campus Monday March 17, 6.00 – 7.00pm.
If you found Tuesday evening of value then parents with children in Year 5 and Year 6 might find a visit to Cromer Campus of equal interest.

On Monday March 17, Cromer Campus of the Northern Beaches Secondary College is inviting parents with students in Year 5 and Year 6 to an information evening. 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. Cromer Campus has embraced a major paradigm shift in our approach to teaching and learning. Research demonstrates clearly that students who engage in student centred learning delivered in flexible learning environments achieve improved learning outcomes compared to those in traditional 20th Century classrooms. Recognising the importance of this change in approach, the Cromer Campus P&C have funded the re-development of the school library which has become our new flexible learning space known as the ‘Hub’. Colour, comfort and the ability for staff and students to reconfigure spaces according to their learning needs are key features of the Hub’s furniture and its layout. Student centred learning is facilitated by teams of teachers representing all key learning areas. Currently, students from Years 7 to 10 are engaged in student centred learning projects. Learn more about this innovative approach to education and the opportunities for your child at our information evening on Monday 17 March at 6pm to 7pm in the Hub.

The WORLD’s greatest Shave
Marcial Nunura is the parent of 2 children at Harbord (Jada in Yr1 and Rio in Yr 3) and on Friday this week he is shaving his head for this great charity event. Those that know Marcial will know that he has a big head of hair and is widely recognised by many because of his locks, so shaving it off is a big deal. Marcial is having the official “SHAVE-OFF” live on stage at the Freshwater Surf Club. If you would like to help Marcial reach his goal of $2000 use the login below.

Sponsor Marcial Nunura – Craig Davis

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From the Deputy Principal

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.

Student Representative Council (SRC) Induction Ceremony
Our year 3-6 SRC students received their badges at our induction assembly on Wednesday. The students recited their pledges and received their badges from their proud parents. Thank you to Ms Wallace and Ms Wade for organising the assembly for our SRC students. We look forward to the SRC students working with their classes to introduce new initiatives in to the school in 2014.

School Photographs
Summer PSSA teams will have their photographs taken on Friday 21st March from 9.15am to 11.10am. We will also be taking a group photograph of our House Captains and House Vice-Captains at 9.10am.
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 from 9.20am in the school hall. Order envelopes are available from office.
A group photograph of our Captains and Seniors will be taken at 9.10am on Monday 30th March.

Swimming Carnival
Good luck to all our year 3-6 pupils who will represent Harbord at the Manly Zone Swimming Carnival on Friday 14th March at Warringah Aquatic Centre.
There is no PSSA sport this Friday.

Routines and Procedures
Students are required to follow a number of routines and procedures during the course of a school day. Students who are used to following routines at home find the task of following school routines much easier. This ability to follow routines equates to happier learning experiences at school.
An important daily routine is for the student to be at school on time for literacy and numeracy sessions conducted in the morning period of the school day.
Does your child have regular routines and responsibilities at home? Do they have jobs or chores to complete on a regular basis as part of their contribution to the successful functioning of the family unit?
Students are very capable at managing their affairs if given the opportunity to do so. Students value responsibility and the sense of achievement they derive from attending to these responsibilities.
Students need to be given opportunities to develop these skills with parental guidance. Teachers continually offer opportunities to students to manage their learning and encourage students to attempt to do their best in their daily activities.
Children will make mistakes and we need to redirect and encourage them to try again. There is nothing wrong with coming up short as long as you are prepared to have another go. What is not in the best interest of the child is doing everything for them. If we continually step in to make things right we are inadvertently saying to the child that we don’t trust them to do it themselves. This can erode the child’s confidence.
We need to trust our children and show them we have confidence in their ability to get on with things. The more opportunities students are given to manage their responsibilities on their own the better they will become at successfully managing these tasks. It is an ongoing process.

Brian O'Rourke
Dr Rip came and visited Year 3 on Wednesday 5th March. He has been studying the ocean for a long time. Here are some of the things he taught us:

**How Beaches were formed:** In ice age times most of the water was frozen. Later it started to get hotter and instead of the ice rising, it started melting which pushed the sand forwards towards land, creating a beach.

**Swimming:** You may think that when you go to the beach the safest place to swim is where the waves don’t crash but in actual fact, where the waves crash is safer, most of the time.

**Rips:** Rips are strong currents. They can drag you out to deeper water but not all rips do. Some go around in circles and you end up back exactly where you were before. It is the rips job to take the water back out into the ocean and once that is done, they come back for more!

**Helping:** To warn and help people to learn about rips, Dr Rip puts purple dye in the water but of course, it does not pollute.

*By Briar Carter 3K*

Dr Rip is a Canadian man who now lives in Sydney. I have learnt a lot of things about rips from him. I learnt that a rip goes around and around in a circle. I learnt that the biggest wave ever surfed was 23 metres high. Imagine that! I also learnt that Australia’s most dangerous sport is rock fishing. I think if there was a beach knowledge test, Dr Rip would win!

*Isaac Gibson 3F*

I learnt that a rip can go around in circles, but sometimes it can go straight out to sea. When the rip goes in circles you don’t actually drown because the rip does not pull you underwater. So don’t panic. You can spot the rips by looking where there are no waves and the colour of the water is green. Where there are waves and white water, there’s no rip and it is safe to swim.

*By Marina Ratcliffe 3F*

I learnt that you can see rips by looking down at the water from a higher space and if there is a dark greenish colour and no waves, that means it’s probably a rip. I also learnt that it is more likely that people die in a rip because of panicking, not from the rip. Dr Rip puts a kind of ink that does not pollute, into the water to show where the rip is and what it’s doing.

*By Rosey Elliott 3F*
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 1I’s room at 8.30. Students from Years 1 to 6 are welcome to attend.

Jeanette Iacovitti (Chess Co-ordinator)

NOTICEBOARD

AUTISM SUPPORT FOR PARENTS ON NORTHERN BEACHES

Frequency: Monthly
Day / Time: Third Thursday 7.30 to 9.30 pm
Provided By: Autism Community Network (ACN)
Venue: Encores Annex on the ground floor-Manly - Warringah Rugby Leagues Club
Corner Federal Parade & Pittwater Road Brookvale
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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.

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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)
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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.
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NO STOPPING
Stopping is not permitted at any time.
Dropping off or picking up passengers is not permitted in these areas.
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