Welcome BBQ 2015

The P&C BBQ is an annual event and is a wonderful way to meet other families and get to know our school community. We would like to invite all our BNPS families and the staff to our FREE sausage sandwiches.

On Friday 13th February 2015

Time 3.30pm – 6.30pm

Children can bring their balls, bikes,

Looking forward to seeing you all there and wishing all the children a great year in 2015!

**Diary Dates**

**February**

**Week 3**

Friday 13 * BNPS Strings program commences
* Welcome to 2015 BBQ 3:30 – 6:30pm

**Week 4**

Tuesday 17 * 1st Instalment for School Requirement payment
Thursday 19 * Grounds Committee 9:15am in Staffroom

**Week 5**

Meet the Teacher Week
Tuesday 24 * Years 3-4 5:00-6:00pm
Wednesday 25 * Kindergarten 5:00-6:00pm
* Years 1-2 5:30-6:30pm
* School Banking commences

Thursday 26 * Years 5-6 5:00-6:00pm

**March**

**Week 6**

Monday 2 P&C Meeting 7pm

**Week 7**

Wednesday 11 * Care Flight Raffle

**Classes Formed**

All students have now been placed in their 2015 classes with their teacher for this year.

Thank you to all parents for their support of our planning and recognising that teachers spend a great deal of time organising the formation of class groupings. In the vast majority of cases, the smiles on the children’s faces as they heard their new class members and teacher announced reflected the positive attitudes and enthusiasm that we focus on as they develop as both learners and school citizens. We have such a nurturing and proactive staff that any initial issues will now have been attended.

**School Requirement Payments**

As you would be aware, the office has distributed the school requirements list for each grade. We have endeavoured to invoice as many of the items as given by staff to enable parents to pay as expeditiously as possible. For those who prefer to, there is the added option of part payments, with the final payment due on March 18. My sincerest thanks to Mrs Plummer and all our wonderful office staff for organising this initiative.

**Meet the Teacher Sessions**

Now that all classes have been allocated and staffing in place, we will schedule the annual Parent/Teacher meetings. They will be held on the 26th and 27th February. Please check the diary dates for the day and times for your child’s teacher session. A more detailed note will be distributed next week.

The objective of these meetings is to inform parents of overall class/grade plans for the year, homework expectations, possible excursions, home reading and how parents can assist as partners of the school. Individual progress will not be discussed at these meetings as time does not permit. Formal interviews for Years 1-6, concerning student progress, will be held mid-year in conjunction with Semester One reports. Kindergarten interviews will be held this term.
Tim strikes gold at old school
Socceroos legend Tim Cahill is still inspiring students at his former Bexley North Public School after Australia's success at the Asian Cup.
Full story, page 5

Youth celebrate Cahill's success
Bexley North Public School students Zara Inopoulu, Stephen Kourasnik, Martin Anthurey, Jonathan Gomes and Max Zacharias celebrate former student and Socceroos star Tim Cahill's success at the Asian Cup.

Chris Georgiopoulos

More than 20 years after leaving the school, Socceroos legend Tim Cahill is still inspiring students at Bexley North Public School.

The school is still celebrating the success of its former student after Australia lifted the Asian Cup for the first time.

School senior soccer player Peter Papoulias said he was proud to attend the same school as Cahill and believed he could follow the same path.

"He inspires me to become something like him, knowing that he started at the same school as I did," Peter said.

"We are all very proud of him and all love the Socceroos. Cahill has visited the school in 2013, after Australia secured its place at the 2014 FIFA World Cup. The school has two of the soccer's jerseys hanging in the office so talented students can follow their dreams.

Principal Angela Sherwood said students and the entire Bexley North community looked up to Cahill.

"They really look up to him as a role model," Mrs Sherwood said.

"Last time he came up to visit us, he interacted with us, and since, that shows what sort of person he is.

"He is not just a great athlete, it is the commitment to the kids and his story that I find so impressive."
BNPS Students Doing Great Things

Jesse Jones in class 3J, will be heading to Coffs Harbour this weekend to represent The St. George area for OzTag in the 'Junior State Cup 2015'

Good luck, Jesse!!!

NICK FOTOPoulos AND MILTON POUllAOS
GO GREEN AND GOLD!!!

Driving and parking around the school

Managing driving and parking behaviour around our school and educating parents and the local community are ongoing concerns. The issues of hazardous parking, illegal U-turns, traffic congestion and conflict with local residents during drop-off and pick-up periods continues to be a threat to the safety of our children and the community in general. Please park a little further away and walk the extra distance.

The statistics are heartbreaking!!!

Three children under the age of 16 have died within a school zone. Outside of school zones but within the times of drop off (8.00-9.30) and pick up (14.30-16.00) ten children under the age of 16 have also died; on average, 131 pedestrians under the age of 16 are injured each year in NSW during the same drop off and pick up periods (data received from the Policy and Regulation Division of Transport for NSW).

Be positive role models to our children by showing consideration, courtesy and following rules! That way, tragedies may be averted.

I went to the AFC Asian Cup final. The teams that played were the Socceroos and Korea Rep. It was a tough first half but Massimmo Luongo scored in the last second of the first half. In the second half they were able to hold them out but in the in the 1\textsuperscript{st} minute of stoppage time Korea Rep scored. The Socceroos were devastated because Korea scored. It went into E.T. Right at the end James Troisi scored. It was 2-1 and Socceroos won. After the game they gave the awards.
BNPS Strings Program

2015 Information and Application Form

The Strings Program provides a fantastic opportunity for students to learn to play violin, viola or cello with expert teachers at a reasonable cost, with the convenience of school-based group lessons and ensembles, and the benefits of performing regularly with other young musicians.

All groups start in Week 3! See below for times and locations.

The strings program has four components:

(i) Group lessons

For: beginner violin students with no prior experience. These lessons have a minimum of 4, and maximum of 6 students per group, and are designed to run for 2-4 terms (at the discretion of the tutor). Group lessons are a ‘taster’ - a good introduction to the basics, and can help students decide whether to pursue individual lessons.

Note that students are expected to remain in the group for its duration (either 2 or 4 terms).

There are no group lessons for viola or cello students. Students interested in these instruments but not yet ready to make the commitment to private lessons straight away are welcome to begin with violin group lessons and transfer to viola or cello after learning the basics in the group lesson, as the skills learned on violin will readily transfer to other stringed instruments.

Prerequisites: No experience necessary. Open to students from K – 6.

Duration: approx. 60 min/week.

When & Where: Friday AM Group -7:50-8:50am, School Hall.

Friday Afternoon Group -3:10-4:10pm, KS. (this class will only run if numbers permit. Priority given to PSSA students)

Cost: $120/term (based on 8 lessons/term).

(ii) Junior String Ensemble

Prerequisites: Members must be receiving weekly tuition either with one of the school strings tutors, or with an outside tutor, and be assessed by the Strings Director as sufficiently proficient.

When & Where: Lunchtime, School Library

Cost: $90/term (based on 8 rehearsals/term)

(iii) Senior String Ensemble

Prerequisites: Members must be receiving weekly tuition either with one of the school strings tutors, or with an outside tutor, and be assessed by the Strings Director as sufficiently proficient.

When: Monday 7:50-8:50am in the School Hall

Cost: $90/term (based on 8 rehearsals/term)
Introducing 2015 Executive

President: Andrew Kerr
Vice Presidents: Janine Lindberg & Alice Salomon
Treasurer: Nicky Stephens
Secretary: Alexis Arriagada

The P&C at BNPS is a group of parents, citizens and teachers that come together regularly to discuss and plan ways to improve and develop the Bexley North PS community.

The P&C’s role is not just the creation and provision of a supplementary form of funding for their local school but a place where parents can actively engage and support the education of their children by participating in the decision making processes.

The P&C Association of NSW oversees individual school P&C’s providing information to support the activities of school P&C associations and parents in their role as partners in the education of their child.

Goals for 2015

From the surveys done last year a lack of technology for our students was highlighted as an area of need within the school. We will work with the school to increase our resources in this department in order to provide a learning environment appropriate to the 21st century learner. This is but one of the many topics we will be discussing this year.

We would love to hear your ideas on how to improve our school. We work with the school to maintain and improve the learning environment of our students and working environment of our staff.

BNPS has a Facebook page. Please search for Bexley North Public School to join this group.

2015 Scheduled Meetings:
Monday 2 March
Monday 4 May
Monday 1 June
Monday 3 August
Monday 7 September
Monday 2 November
Monday 7 December (also our AGM)
All meetings are held in the school staff room and commence at 7pm.

We have a Groupspace page where you can find upcoming events, agendas, minutes of meetings and information about what is going on within the school. If you complete a membership form for the P&C you will be given access to this forum. Membership to BNPS P&C costs $2. This means you can participate in meetings and vote whenever a motion arises.

Did you know BNPS parents are involved in coordinating the school band, strings group, Before & After School Care (BASC) and many volunteer to provide religious and ethics education at our school? The P&C also oversee the running of the school canteen, grounds committee and the school banking program. To get involved in any of these groups, email us or the school.

Second hand uniforms are collected and sold at the school. If you would like to buy any second hand uniform pieces outside of events when we have the uniforms displayed please contact the P&C.

Working Bees The P&C are hoping to hold a working bee once a term to improve and tidy our school grounds. We will send out news on these dates via the school newsletter and Skoolbag.

If you wish to be part of any of the committees please see the following parents, executive committee or contact us via email.

Fundraising / Events: Maria Anthony
School Banking: Nicky Stephens
Grounds: Alexis Arriagada & Nicky Stephens
Second Hand Uniforms: Nicky French
Commonwealth Bank School Banking

School Banking is here!

The Commonwealth Bank School Banking program is at Bexley North Public School! It’s a great way to give your child a financial head start by helping them to learn about good money management and the importance of saving.

What is School Banking?
School Banking is a program designed to help your child develop strong financial literacy skills for the future. With the help of the School Banking Co-ordinators, children can start saving regularly through the school. Best of all, the School Banking program makes saving fun with an exciting Rewards Program that encourages regular participation.

Encouraging good saving habits
School Banking gives children hands-on experience at handling money and seeing it grow. The program helps them develop the knowledge, independence and confidence they need to manage their finances successfully as they get older.

Earning fun rewards
Every time your child makes a deposit through the School Banking program, regardless of how much, they will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once they have saved 10 tokens they can swap them for fun Dollarmites rewards.

How does your child get involved?
In order to participate in the School Banking program, your child will need a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account which can be opened at ANY branch of the Commonwealth Bank convenient to you. If you are an existing customer with NetBank access, you can open an account on line. Simply logon as usual, click the ‘offers and apply’ tab, then select ‘accounts’ and ‘Youthsaver’. For either option you will need to have your child’s birth certificate and your driver’s licence for identification.
If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver / Dollarmites account, they can use this account for School Banking. They just need to bring their deposit in every week using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

If you would like your child to participate in the School Banking Program, the Commonwealth Bank will be at school on the following date to open accounts

Wednesday 25th February 2015
8.30am & 2.30pm

Benefits to our school
When your child completes their first deposit at school on Banking Day, our school receives $5.00 commission. A further 5% commission will be paid on all deposits made at the school. It is a great way for our school to raise funds while your child learns all the important lessons of saving money on a regular basis.

Our School Banking Day is every Tuesday
Your local Commonwealth Bank branch is Kingsgrove Branch

We hope you will consider participating in the School Banking program, as we know your child will benefit from banking each week.
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Strong academic results are evident in 2013, 2014 HSC graduates placed in University courses including: Health Science, Business & Economics, International Law, Architecture & Design, Psychology, Engineering Studies

Student Visual Art Work exhibited in Art Express, first in the state in Tourism and Hospitality Minister’s Award for Excellence in student achievement.

Strong sporting achievements are evident in 2013, 2014 graduates securing sporting contracts both nationally and internationally.

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# ARNCLiffe COMMUNITY HUB

## WEEKLY GROUPS – TERM 1: 2015

Note: All classes/groups run with the NSW School Terms
Gold coin donation is greatly appreciated for our free classes.

### MONDAY
- **9:00am – 10.00am**
  - Tai Chi
  - Computer & Internet Basics
  - Arncliffe Men’s Shed

- **10:00am – 3:00pm**
  - PPP 3 Week Seminar series (2nd-16th February)
  - PPP 5 Week Course (23rd February-23rd March)

- **7:00pm – 8.30pm**
  - Free

- **6.00pm – 8.00pm**
  - Free

### TUESDAY
- **9.00am – 5.00pm**
  - RTO
  - Refer to training calendar

### WEDNESDAY
- **9.30am – 10.30am**
  - Adult Yoga

- **10:00am – 3:00pm**
  - Arncliffe Men’s Shed
  - Sewing Group

- **11:00am – 1:30pm**
  - $10/$5 concession

### THURSDAY
- **10:00am – 11:30am**
  - Supported Playgroup
  - Free

### FRIDAY
- **10:00am – 11:00am**
  - Over 50s Exercise Class

- **11:00am – 2:00pm**
  - MOANA Weaving Class
  - (weaving class is open to Pacific Islander & New Zealander women only)
  - $5/$3 concession

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