This term is now in full swing and we are all settled and enjoying our learning!

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Meet the Teacher sessions last week. I am sure you found them informative and reinforced that the school values your participation in our students’ learning and that we all have a common focus.

As this year bubbles along, we have many goals to work towards in so many areas. It is vital that we all work together to achieve them. First and foremost, learning is paramount! However, to complement this we need to ensure that the school buildings and grounds are maintained to the highest level possible. This can only be achieved through the combined efforts of the school community.

Thank you to all those people from P&C and BASC who continue to make our school part of their personal priority! We couldn’t do it without you! You help make the difference we need!

Please join us at the P&C meeting on Monday night at 7pm and be part of the BNPS team.

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

Fund-Raising Committee Meeting
Monday night, 2nd March 6pm – 6:30pm before the P&C Meeting
BNPS Students Doing Great Things

Elena Costas
Zone Swimming Senior Champion!!!

Carla Miers
Breaststroke Champion!

Details to follow

Big Thank You

Thank you to the following people for turning up on Saturday 21st March, to help load all the rubbish into the skip bin. It was done in record time! Thank you also to those that turned up to help, but were turned away, as the work had been completed.

Jullian Bullock
Cris Cordeior
Andy Kerr
Penelope Kossony
Maglenes Martino Lescay
Theresa Mathews
Renae and Greg Nottage
Rebecca Patterson
Nicky Stephens
Michael Thompson
Nik Van Huben
And to all the children for their help also

BNPS P&C Welcome BBQ!

What a lovely afternoon we had on Friday 13th February at our annual Welcome BBQ. Thank you to everyone that attended our BBQ and enjoyed a FREE sausage sandwich. It was great to see the children playing with their school friends and our parents relaxing and meeting other parents from our school community. These events will not be possible without the help of parents volunteering with cooking on the BBQ, serving 600 sausages, selling drinks and cakes at our cake stall. We also had the 2nd hand uniform stall, which were busy all afternoon.

We would like to thank our chefs on the BBQ Jeff Sheinwald, Andy Kerr, Jim Vrondas, Glenn Anthony and Atti Turcsanyi, our helpers serving Janine Lindberg, Nicky Stephens, Gabi Habashy, Sambo Hammer, Popi Zografakis, Hanan Faour, Den Tych, Micheal Staunton, Jenny Guiscott, Louise Costigan, Beth Gabriel, Helen Marjanovic, Shriyans Das, Vicky Panas, and Maria Vrondas. Thank you to Nicky French for setting up the 2nd hand uniform stall, Thea Butler, Alexis Antagada and Heather Veitch. Thank you to everyone that baked cupcakes, muffins and bought in cakes for our cake stall and Cassie Burns for her personalised BNPS logo cupcakes. We would also like to thank Katerina Perivolaris parent of Jordan in KR for providing us greek sweets and cookies from her business, Mamas Café Patisserie in Bexley.

Thank you to all and enjoy a great school year in 2015!

Maria Anthony
Welcome to Library 2015 @ Bexley North Public School

We are very excited about the learning experiences we have planned for library this year and ask that parents ensure their child comes to library prepared.

| What does my child need for library each week | Library bag  
|                                             | Pencil case (yrs 3-6)  
|                                             | Display folder (yrs 3-6)  
|                                             | Return of library books |

**Library Days T1**

- Kindergarten – Fridays  
- 1G – Tuesdays  
- 1K – Thursdays  
- 1RT – Thursdays  
- 1/2E – Thursdays  
- 2T – Mondays  
- 2S – Wednesdays  
- 3S – Mondays  
- 3J – Wednesdays  
- 3/4C – Tuesdays  
- 3/4W – Thursdays  
- 4B – Wednesdays  
- 5H – Tuesdays  
- 5/6S – Mondays  
- 5/6F – Tuesdays  
- 5/6B – Wednesdays  
- 5/6M - Thursdays

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

- Students will be completing the Premier’s Reading Challenge as part of their library program.  
- Students in years 3-6 will also be expected to read books in their own time and add them to the list.  
- As the challenge involves having their name printed in the Sydney Morning Herald; please advise the school in writing if you do not want your child to have their name printed. This means they complete the challenge but do not receive a certificate and do not have their name printed.  
- Please advise the school by the 1st March 2015.

**Book Fair**

- To be held in Education Week, term 3, week 3.

**Book Week**

- Theme: *Books light up our world*  
- To be held week 5, term 3 (Mon 17 Aug – Fri 21 Aug)

Yours in reading

Ms Gouros and Mrs Carnohan (library teachers)
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.

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 Groups 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
BNPS Fundraising

Welcome to all our new families and existing families to our school community here at Bexley North Public School and wishing all our students a great year! In the last 4 years we have been busy with organising fundraisers/events for our school and allowing our local community to participate. Our fundraisers and events over the last 4 years:

- Welcome BBQ
- Mother’s day stall
- High tea
- Socceroos Breakfast BBQ, live screening
- Easter guessing competition/chocolate eggs
- Father’s day stall
- Kindy tea towels
- Chocolate drive
- Family portrait day
- Open day BBQ lunch
- Trivia night
- Halloween Disco
- School Fete
- Open air cinema

Welcome BBQ  Easter guessing competition prizes  Father’s day stall

Trivia Night  Halloween disco  Cake stall

School Fete  High tea  Socceroos breakfast BBQ

If you would like to be part of the fundraising committee, be part of an enthusiastic group, get involved with our fundraisers and help organise an event at our school join us on **Monday 2nd March from 6pm – 6.45pm in the school staffroom**. We are flexible with our meetings throughout the year to suit everyone. Please email me if you are wanting to join the committee and also if you are unable to attend but would like to join the group. Following our meeting is our P&C meeting so feel free to stay on. The front and back gates will be closed so please enter through the teacher’s car park.

**Our main Fundraiser event for 2015 is our School Fair!**

If you would like to join the fundraising committee or have any suggestions please contact Maria Anthony at gmanthony@optusnet.com.au
For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

The rewards items available during 2015 are:

- ET DVD and Planet Handball, released Term 1
- Invisible Ink Martian Pen and Intergalactic Rocket, released Term 2
- Glow-in-the-Dark Solar System and Cosmic Light Torch, released Term 3
- Outer Space Savers Money Box and Lunar Light Band, released Term 4

Thanks to the fantastic efforts of our students we have raised $421.00 for our school through School Banking commissions in term 4, in 2014. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Congratulations to the students who have already banked 10 times since we started.

If you require any further information please contact our banking co-ordinators Nicky Stephens, Catrina Lan and Kylie Patterson or any member of the P and C.

Thank you to all the families that joined up on Wednesday, if you missed out, its not too late, you can join up at any Commonwealth bank. Just remember to bring one form of ID.

Don’t forget that Tuesday is our School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit. The teachers will collect the banking book on a Tuesday and return to the student on a Wednesday.
Ethics started up for the year this week. We now have three teachers teaching the four stages. Welcome to all those who are new to ethics.

If you would like to know more about ethics in schools see the primary ethics website: http://www.primaryethics.com.au
Or contact the BNPS Ethics coordinator Alexis Arriagada on 0403 974 571 or bnspandc@gmail.com

2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate

Apply before Midnight
16 June 2015

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?

The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:

- Up to $150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer.
- Up to $165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?

To be eligible you MUST:

- Be a NSW resident; and
- Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and
- Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?

Before you apply, here’s a quick checklist. Have you:

- Lodged your tax return for 2013-2014 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return?
- Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014?

HOW TO APPLY

- ONLINE – it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
- PAPER – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

PHONE Service NSW 13 77 86
EMAIL fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au

$150* TOWARDS ENERGY BILLS

2 MINUTES TO FILL IN A FORM


* eligibility criteria apply
High School Open Days

Moorefield Girls High School
Open Night
Wednesday 4 March 2015
6:00pm - 8:00pm

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www.moorefield-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Email: moorefield-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Phone: 02 9587 6095

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www.kingsgrove-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
# 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.*

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<td>MOANA Weaving Class</td>
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(weaving class is open to Pacific Islander & New Zealander women only)

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