

CALENDAR

28 Feb, 7 and 14 March

Gymbus PP-2

6 March

Labor Day Public Holiday

16 March

House Swimming Carnival

2017 Term Dates

T 1: 1 Feb-7 April

T 2: 24 April- 30 June

T 3: 17 July- 22 Sept

T 4: 9 Oct- 14 Dec

Development Days for 2017

- 24 April
- 3/6 November
- 15 December

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It's hard to believe, but next week is Week 5 of term which means that we are approaching the halfway point of the term. Class routines are now well established and it has been a pleasure for me to observe students diligently engaged in the learning programs across the school.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, this term the school has its Independent Public School (IPS) review. As an IPS, every three years the school undergoes a review which examines the school's self-review processes and conclusions and also the extent to which the school has met the targets that we set in our Business Plan 2015-2017. At North Beach, we undertake an extensive self-review every year and this formal review is an opportunity for us to have our processes closely looked at by independent experts with a view to verifying our good practices and identifying areas for improvement.

Each year we look very closely at our NAPLAN and other academic results and compare our achievements against similar schools. We look at whole school performance as well as the performance of individual students and use the information to plan programs that will best move students forward. We carefully analyse the social/emotional wellbeing of our students, behaviour trends and attendance.

On the School Development days in November, the staff take all of this data and begin to refine the planning and programs for the following year. We plan the implementation of new programs and strategies that we believe will raise the standards of all our students.

The programs we select for implementation are always well researched and considered best practice. At the end of Term 1 we will publish our 2016 Annual Report on our school website. Parents can view our self-review findings and I would encourage all parents to have a read.

Formal Welcome for Miss Jolanta Steszewski

Miss Jolanta Steszewski joined the North Beach staff at the beginning of the year and is teaching in Room 13 (Year 2), Room 7 (Year 3) and Room 4 (Year 5). Jolanta has settled in well to the school working enthusiastically getting to know all her students.

Miss Steszewski has been overwhelmed by the warm welcome from her students and from the parent community.

Welcome to North Beach Primary, Miss Steszewski.



Narrative Writing Workshops

Last Monday and Tuesday the Fremantle Literature Centre visited students in Years 4-6 and presented a series of workshops on narrative writing.

Sascha from the Centre spent the sessions exploring the techniques authors use to create imaginative and engaging stories.

Students had the opportunity to write their own narratives using visual prompts.

This incursion is one of a variety of strategies we are implementing throughout the whole school to develop children's writing skills. Both students and teachers gained valuable knowledge from the workshops which will now be transferred into the work done in classes through the "Talk4Writing" program.

Students in Years 1-3 will get the opportunity to attend workshops with the Fremantle Literature Centre next term.



Gymbus

Gymbus Pre-primary to Year 2 classes have commenced their gymnastics sessions with "Buzz" from Edgym.

Students have enjoyed using vaults, beams, mini tramps, parallel and horizontal bars to perform various landings and balances.

Two more weeks of gym skills and then the Gymbus arrives!
Mrs Hoffman (Phys Ed specialist)



Swimming Carnival

Our school swimming carnival will be held at Claremont Swimming Pool on **Thursday March 16**. All students in Years 3-6 have brought home nomination forms this week to choose the events that they would like to take part in. We encourage all students regardless of their swimming ability to take part in this fun school event.

Nomination forms must be returned to the school by **Thursday March 2** so that we have time to finalise competitors and races.

Parents are most welcome to come along and cheer from the sidelines on the day.



School Staff Profile

Each fortnight we will be highlighting a member of staff in our new Staff Profile section.

We hope this information will provide the school community with some insight into the people who make up our incredible school.

Sue Logan Manager of Corporate Services

Our first inductee is the Birthday Girl herself, the amazing Sue Logan – Manager of Corporate Services and the “backbone” of our school.

Sue always greets people with a warm, genuine smile and will always offer her help no matter how busy her own work load is.

Sue was born in Perth and is a twin to her sister, Kerry. Sue has two sisters and two brothers and grew up in Geraldton playing basketball and badminton. Her family moved down to Perth so Sue could attend Scarborough Senior High School.

When Sue finished school she completed a business course and her first job was with a stockbroking firm followed by a stint with the Commonwealth Bank.

Sue married Dave and they have three boys.

When her son was in Pre-primary Sue began work at Newborough Primary School in 1995 and then continued working in many schools around the metropolitan area before winning her position at North Beach in 2002

First Car: Bright yellow Mini Minor

Favourite singer: Bruce Springsteen

Favourite song: Thunder Road

Favourite food: Vegetarian

Favourite movie: The Castle

Favourite book: Anne of Green Gables

Pet: Sophie – a Whippet Cross

Milestone: I'm looking forward to becoming a grandmother for the first time in April.



News From The Art Room

2017 will see even more colourful, imaginative, inventive, super cool creations from the Art Room.

Students in all year levels will need their own art shirt this year. A note has come home with your child about this. If you have other old shirts that are suitable for art shirts I would greatly appreciate them to use as spares.

Old Boots

One of our many activities for this year require old work boots or adult wellington boots or adult boots in general (and yes, I do know they may be smelly!). I need about thirty pairs to start the activity, so if you have any suitable boots please drop them at the Art Room.

Many thanks.

Mrs Vanalopulos (Art specialist)

The World's Greatest Shave

The Cooling girls, Amelie, Zoe and Teagan are colouring their hair for "The World's Greatest Shave" to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation and their Mum, Claire, is doing the big shave!!

Please support us by donating at the world's greatest shave website or donate a couple of dollars in the box at the front office. *Thanks from A, Z and T.*

<http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/clairecooling>



Support A Friend

North Beach P & C Association Election Day Cake + Toy + Book Stall

We need your help please! ☺

Saturday March 11th is Election Day and North Beach P & C will be running another one of its famous cake stalls. To all our wonderful bakers out there please bring your kitchen delights to the canteen after school on **Friday March 10th** or directly to the cake stall on Saturday morning. Cakes can be left whole and please remember to list ingredients used and clearly label all containers that need to be returned.

Any baked goods that consider dietary options such as gluten free should also be labelled.

Our Year Six students will also be running a **toy and book stall** on the day. If you have any good quality, clean toys that are intact and are needing a new home or books for any age that could be enjoyed by another reader please consider donating them to our stall.

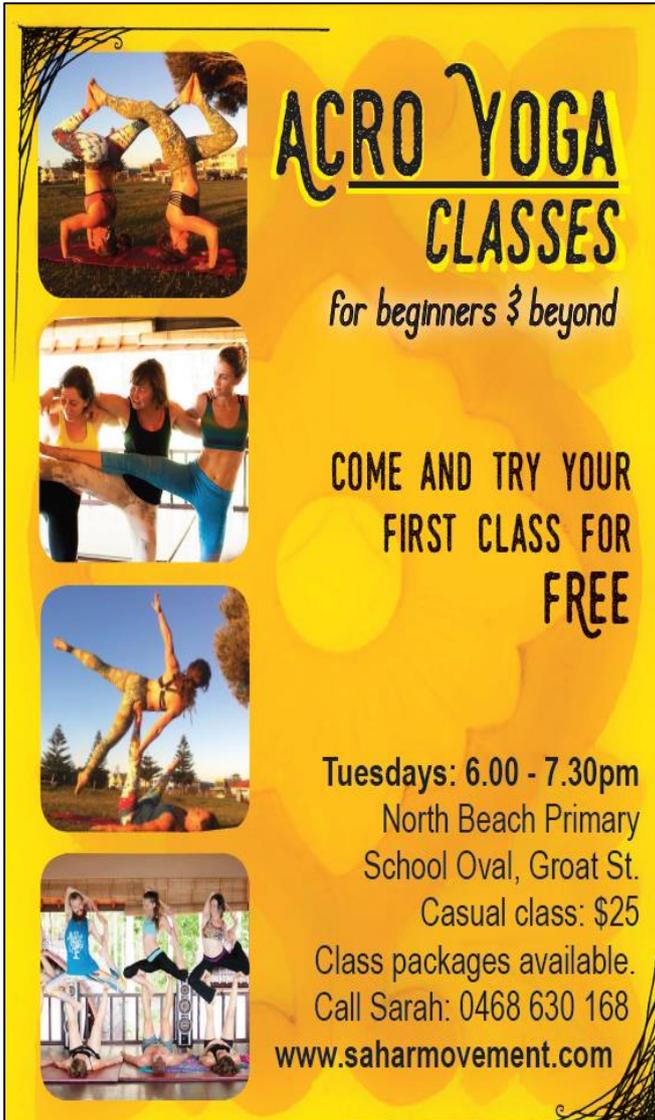
All donations can be delivered to the staff room.

Happy Baking!

Thank you for your continued support – it's greatly appreciated.



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