In the last two weeks we have welcomed two new staff to the North Beach team. Mr Simon Williams is filling in as school gardener on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Mr Michael Ladu who is filling in as a cleaner on Mondays and Fridays. We welcome them to our school and hope they enjoy their time with us.

Welcome Mr Michael Ladu (left) and Mr Simon Williams (right)

NAPLAN
Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN testing will occur during Week 3 of Term Two Tuesday May 9 to Friday 12 May. Parents of students in these years should have received a pamphlet outlining the testing details. Please see the office staff if you did not receive one.

My School Website
This week, ACARA (Australian Curriculum and Assessment Authority) released the 2016 My School data with information to monitor the effectiveness of schools. As in previous years, it will enable us to compare ourselves with like schools across Australia and also compare our progress over the years. The information can be accessed on My School web site at http://www.myschool.edu.au/ The staff and the School Board will use the data to review the progress of the school and make recommendations for the 2018-2020 Business Plan.

Up Coming Events
The next few weeks promise to be busy with the upcoming faction and interschool swimming carnivals and the ANZAC service which will be conducted on the last day of this term.

- The House Swimming Carnival is for Years 3-6 and is to be held at Claremont Pool on March 16. More detailed information and consent forms have been sent home.
- Parents are most welcome.
- The Interschool Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday 4 April. This carnival is for those students who qualify for the team based on their performance in the House Carnival.
- Our ANZAC service will be held on Friday April 7 which is the last day of term at 9.00am. This is a very important part of the North Beach PS year and we would love to have as many parents as possible attend.
**Our Beautiful Tuarts**
This week we have had aborists in the school to remove the dead wood from the trees around the school. The iconic tuarts at the front of our school have been in decline for a number of years with just three of the original seven remaining. Over the last few years we have sought expert advice on the trees including botanists from Kings Park. We began a replacement program about five years ago and the new trees are doing well. Let’s hope our old trees can hold on for a few more years while the younger trees grow.

**Faction Captains for 2017**
Congratulations to our Year Six students who were elected as faction captains for 2017. There will be no rest for our new sports leaders as they will be helping Mrs Hoffman with our school swimming carnival on Thursday.

Our faction leaders are:

**Hamersley**
- Boy’s Captain: Jake
- Vice Captains: Tilen, Harry
- Girls Captain: Hayla
- Vice Captain: Jennifer

**Lennard**
- Boys Captain: Tiger
- Vice Captain: Balin
- Girls Captain: Emily
- Vice Captain: Zoe

**Waterman**
- Boy’s Captain: Fin
- Vice Captain: Joe
- Girl’s Captain: Sophie
- Vice Captain: Amelia

**Term 2 Interschool Sport Year 6**
During Week 8 of this term, all Year 6 students will be asked to select a sport that they would like to compete in for next term's interschool sport competition. Sports that are offered are football, netball, soccer and volleyball. The games are played on Friday afternoons from 1.15 - 2.30pm.

If you are keen to help out with coaching, umpiring (or in any other capacity!) in one of these sports, please don’t hesitate to contact myself or the ladies in our front office. *Di Hoffman  PE Specialist*

**Congratulations to Tiger and Sam**
Last week, Tiger and Sam were selected for the Northern Fusion Under 12s squad. They will play in the Junior State League Championship in April. North Beach Junior Rugby League Club were thrilled to have 8 boys selected in the Under 12s team.

Our congratulations to both Sam and Tiger and we wish them well during the Championships.

**A Magnificent Mosaic**
Miss Young and Mrs Cleghorn’s class of 2016, together with one of our wonderful education assistants, Mrs Kettle and our gardener, Simon, have created a colourful mosaic masterpiece.

Please take a look – it really is a great piece of art and can be found outside Room 14B.

Lids are no longer required for Mrs Kettle’s next planned mosaic. Thank you very much for the your help in gathering the lids. We appreciate your help.
Disabled Carpark

Parents and carers are reminded that the disabled bays at the school carpark are reserved for those with a disability.
Please do not use these bays unless you are displaying an ACROD sticker.
Your co-operation is appreciated.

Jolanta Steszewski  Class Teacher Years 2, 3 and 5

Our feature staff member this week is our newest teacher, Miss Jolanta Steszewski. (Stir Chef Ski)
Jolanta is teaching three different levels and although this can be challenging, she approaches her work with great enthusiasm.
As a graduate teacher, Jolanta is supported in the classroom by the teachers she shares classes with and has settled in well to the North Beach community.
Jolanta was born in Perth to Polish parents who immigrated to Australia forty years ago.
Jolanta is the second youngest of six children and she has four brothers and one sister.
She attended Jolimont Primary School before heading to Shenton College.
After high school, Jolanta began her teaching degree, but left after two years as and she wasn’t sure whether teaching was the career for her. She worked in real estate and travelled to Europe before returning to Perth and realising that she really did want to teach. In her practical placements during her studies she fell in love with teaching and knew that this was the job for her.
North Beach Primary is Jolanta’s first school since graduating from university and we are lucky to have her in our school.
In her spare time Jolanta enjoys yoga, going to the beach and cooking a mean lasagne.
She speaks fluent Polish and kicks up her heels to a few Polish Polkas.

First car: “Daisy” the Daewoo
Favourite music: Indi music and Triple J
Favourite movie: Finding Nemo
Favourite actor: Scarlett Johansson
Future ambitions: To buy a house and travel to South America and New York.

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

DON’T FORGET!
P & C ELECTION DAY FAIR 11 March
•Sausage Sizzle  • Toy and Book Sale • Cake Sale•

Donations are still being accepted at the Front Office or can be delivered on the day at 8.30am. Money raised will help towards the refurbishment and redevelopment of the Undercover Area.
Our thanks to everyone for the great response we have had to our request for books and toys.
It has been amazing!

AND……..
Please don’t forget the P&C meeting to be held at 1.15pm on March 22. Everyone is most welcome.
Hack Your Happy Chemicals - Resilient Kids Parent Child Short Course

Ever ask your child, "How was your day?" and all you get back is "Good".

Children need to be able to talk to their parents about their internal world - but sometimes neither the child nor the parent really knows how to do this.

In this 4 week short course you will:
- learn about the four basic brain chemicals
- learn how to release these chemicals in healthy ways
- practice having conversations with your child about their internal world
- have fun and spend some quality time with your child :)

This course is designed for you to attend with one child. If you have more than one child you are invited to in role with them in future courses.

DADS WELCOME!

Day: Wednesday
Time: 5:45 - 6:30 (so Dads can come)
Dates: 26 April, 3 May, 10 May, 17 May (first 4 weeks of term 2)
Location: NBPS Room 5
Numbers: 20 max (10 adults 10 kids)
Cost: $120 (covers one parent AND one child for the full four weeks)

To register please go to http://www.thedisciplineofbliss.com/contact

Please see attached flyer.