



Dear Parents

The new school year has commenced quite smoothly - we are now just waiting on school's resourcing which is based on the annual census (Friday 15 February). We learn then what monies will flow into the school to support all the learning programs. We have been planning very conservatively since last year but suffice to say, resourcing in a school our size is always very tight.

Very importantly, we have listened to parents who were generally uncomfortable with some of the larger class sized last year. By starting up an additional class, we have been able to reduce the class sizes to something more acceptable.

Welcome New Families

We have a host of new families who have moved into our school community. On behalf of the school community, I welcome them and hope that their time with North Beach PS is successful and optimistic. I encourage all our new families to make contact with their child's teacher and have a conversation around expectations - always a helpful beginning.

High Quality Teachers

Parents have provided significant feedback either in forums or through the National School Opinion Surveys around the appointment of quality teachers. With that feedback in mind, we have appointed six teachers who are either new to the school or have worked here previously in a part time capacity - all these teachers come well credentialed, experienced and enthusiastic.

They have impacted positively already on learning programs and with their colleagues. All are welcomed additions to our workforce.

The research shows that the most critical and effective way to improve the learning of students is to have the best quality teachers teaching them. Again, we have listened to parents to get this done and I will continue to look for opportunities to improve our workforce into the future.

John Hattie's Research

Following on from an article that was printed in the media just prior to school commencing, I thought I would provide a little information about the actual research - the article stated that there was very little research around class structures - there is in fact a huge amount of research available to schools. John Hattie is an educator who has work in the research field for many years and is an authority. Here are something that positively influence student learning: (in order)

The most effective is quality teachers followed by differentiate learning (this is how we attend to each student's individual needs), quality feedback to students and providing opportunities for students to be creative.

These things can improve student learning between 12 months and 2 years. Some very interesting information.

All the very best to the school community for a productive and optimistic year.

Gary Bryant

PRINCIPAL



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CALENDAR

18-20 February

Year 6 Camp

20 February

P&C AGM 1.30pm Room 9

26 March

Faction Swimming Carnival

1 April

Interscholar Swimming Carnival

5 April

Colour Fun Run

Public Holiday

4 March

Labor Day

Term Dates 2019

4 February-12 April

29 April-5 July

22 July-27 September

14 October-19 December

School Development

Days 2019

31 May

22 July

18 October

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From The Deputies' Desk.....

Year 6 Camp

Our Year 6 students will be attending camp at the beginning of next week. The camp allows for some team building and some individual challenges. We are sure our students will find this experience both rewarding and enjoyable.

Swimming Carnivals

This term we will be participating in two swimming carnivals. Please save the date for the following:

Faction Swimming Carnival – Tuesday 26 March

Interschool Swimming Carnival – Monday 1 April

Carnival information will be published in future Newsletters.

Pre-primary On Entry Testing

On Entry testing for Pre–primary students will be held during Weeks 3 to 6 of Term 1. Teachers will be sending a letter home this Friday containing information about the tests. If parents have any questions please speak to your child's teacher or Mr Ward.

P and C News

UNIFORM SHOP - NEW OPENING HOURS

The Uniform Shop will be open the FIRST WEDNESDAY of EACH MONTH. 2.30pm—3.30pm.

Tuesday Delivery to your Classroom Door

STOP! Don't panic....Orders can be placed at the front desk. They will be picked, packed and delivered to your child's classroom every Tuesday. Payment must accompany orders.

Thursday 14th Feb 2.30—3.30pm is the last Thursday opening for 2019.

P&C Update

The P&C 2019 AGM and General Meeting for Term 1 will be Wednesday 20th Feb at 1.30pm in Room 9.

It is essential new members come through from the Junior Primary area for handover of some events currently coordinated by Year 6 parents leaving at the end of 2019. If you are unable to attend but happy to be contacted to help, please email Donelle [here](#).

Entertainment Books.

We are desperately seeking a coordinator for Entertainment Books. Keira is leaving the school at the end of 2019 and has it well sorted. Keira needs to teach someone else ready for 2020. If you can help please email [here](#).

Term 1 Events

Colour Run Friday 5th April 1.45pm. With water sprays, new challenges and a team structure its going to be just as much fun, it not more, than last year! More coming soon.

PARENTS of NBPS

Please like the [NBPS P&C Facebook](#) page as this is a key communication tool for community news and updates on events and fundraising.



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
SOCCER SCHOOLS
AT North Beach Primary School

P-P's to Year 4's
Starting Tuesday 12th February
to 2nd April
3.10pm - 4.10pm

term 1
8 week program

Holiday clinics with coach Angela begin at Prendville Catholic College on Monday 16th April for 2 weeks.
Angela can take bookings for the Holiday clinic or contact Nick for all information.

North Beach Primary School take no responsibility for any sporting activity being held on school grounds after school hours. Under no circumstances should contact be made directly to North Beach Primary School. All correspondence must go directly through to the soccer school.

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