STUDENT SAFETY
The school is an integral part of the community and it’s great to see school facilities like the school oval and netball courts being used after-hours. However, it is essential that access to the school site is restricted during the school day to keep our students safe.

Unfortunately, we have a continuing issue with people walking, cycling or riding motor-bikes through the school site during the school day. This disrupts Physical Education lessons on the oval and places students at risk either from unauthorised visitors or bikes moving through the car park at speed.

There will be some changes happening in the next few weeks to help improve student safety including:

- Fencing (1.5m) to be installed along the north side of the oval with 3.6m gate to enable vehicle access. There will be an unfenced section near the power boxes and the entry from Peach Street will remain unfenced enabling access by local residents after-hours. Signs will be fitted to the fence to raise the community’s awareness that the school oval is not available to the public during the school day. This fencing will also help stop balls going onto Albert Street and rolling down the hill to Charles Street.
- Fencing (1.5m) to be installed at the southern and northern end of the school car park. Fencing will include gates on the footpaths and across the car park entries. Signs will be fitted to the footpath gates advising people they are entering the school grounds and visitors need to sign in at the school office.

I understand that these measures may be unpopular with some members of our community but it is essential we know who is on the school site and our students are able to move around the school safely at all times, especially when moving through the parking area to access the oval or Arts building.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 9328 7104 if you wish to discuss further measures to help improve student safety on site.

Karen Lockyer
Principal

WESTERN AUSTRALIA DAY
PUBLIC HOLIDAY
The school will be closed on Monday 1 June 2015. It will reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday 2 June 2015.

REMAINDER
THIS FRIDAY
22 MAY 2015

KEY DATES
Thursday 21 May  Book Fair – before and after school
Friday 22 May  Walk Safely to School Day
               Eagles Cup - NPPS vs Sutherland-
               Dianella
Tuesday 26 May  National Sorry Day
Wednesday 27 May  Assembly – Year 2 Room 2
               Prospective Parent Tour #4 9.30am
               PEAC Assessment – Room 12
Thursday 28 May  Uniform Shop 8.30am – 9.00am
               PEAC Assessment – Room 13
Friday 29 May  Eagles Cup - Dianella Heights PS vs NPPS
Monday 1 June  WA Day Public Holiday – school closed
SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

Last year School Council voted not to access Federal Government funding under the National School Chaplaincy Program (NSCP) after an online survey indicated the school community would not support the employment of a Chaplain under this scheme. Given concerns expressed by the school community in relation to the Federal Government program, School Council has declined this new funding offer from the State Government for this year.

We have learned that it may be possible under the terms of the State Government program to employ a qualified non-religious youth worker in the role of Chaplain. We understand that OnPsych (http://www.onpsych.com.au/National_Chaplaincy_program.html) has entered into an agreement with the Uniting Church which will see non-religious youth workers/psychologists endorsed as Chaplains for the purposes of the program. Since the State Government funding will again be made available to our school next year, School Council is currently investigating whether it would be possible for the school to select a non-religious youth worker to fill a Chaplaincy position under the program. Once we have all the information, we will engage in a consultation process with the school community to determine whether it would support supplementing our pastoral care program with a non-religious youth worker funded by the ISSFCP.

Kati Tonkin
Chair, NPPS School Council
nppsschoolcouncil@gmail.com

SCHOOL MAINTENANCE

The school has been allocated funding for painting and replacing floor coverings in the rooms listed below. The program requires each class identified for maintenance to be relocated for 2 – 3 days to enable the work to be done and every effort is being made to minimise the disruption.

Painting
- Room 18, 19, 12, 13 and 14 and senior office area near Room 18 – completed.
- Rooms 5, 8 and 21 – currently being done.

Replace vinyl
- Room 21 – completed.

Replace carpets
- Blue carpet tiles are to be laid in Rooms 9, 10, 12, 14 and 15 next week.

Thank you to everyone for their patience during this period.

STUDENT COUNCILLORS VISIT PARLIAMENT HOUSE

Last week our Student Councillors visited Parliament House. They were invited guests of Eleni Evangel MLA, Member for Perth.

The students were given a private tour of Parliament House before sitting down with Ms Evangel for a three course meal. After lunch the students were able to sit in the Public Gallery for the first 30 minutes of Question Time.

It was an exciting and informative day for the students involved, who felt very privileged. A big thank you to Ms Evangel for her hospitality and generosity.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be open on Thursday 28 May 2015
8.30am – 9.00am

Parenting WA Line
Free 24/7 support and information for parents
1800 654 432
www.communitys.wa.wa.gov.au/parents

MERIT CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

Xavier L, Griffin D, Sebastian S, Saskia K, Marco A, Lea C, Oliver P, Lyla H Cooper D, Zoe H, Neave M, Ellie B, Euan M, Saskia L,
Niamh B, Cate M, Matilda C, Ben W, Tyra N, Darcy M, Lauren A

Music Award — Year 4 Room 4  Sport Award — Year 2/3 Room 6
Principal’s Award—Eloise W
THE CYBER PLAYGROUND: PARENTING GEN-I IN THE ONLINE WORLD
Tuesday 16 June 7.00pm—9.00pm
North Perth Primary School ~ Hall
Free Event

2015 FOOD BANK SCHOOL APPEAL IS COMING
Each child will be asked to contribute a can of food to this community fundraiser.
Monday 1 June – Friday 19 June 2015

HELP THE ENVIRONMENT:
PURCHASE A RE-USEABLE LUNCH BAG
The Canteen will be selling re-useable lunch bags to help reduce the use of brown paper bags in the canteen

What is it?
The bags have a clear section for the students name and class room number as well as a zipped clear section for the money and written lunch order. They come in a variety of colours too (including the 3 faction colours!) They fold down to a rectangular wallet and then expand into a lunch bag when food and drinks are put in them.

Want more information?

How much does a bag cost?
$10.00 each

How can you get one?
We will be selling them out the front of the canteen on:
• Thursday 21st May
• Monday 25th May
• Thursday 28th May
After this they will be available through the Canteen and Uniform Shop.
Please support this environment initiative.

WANTED: AGAVE PLANTS
We’ve struggled to maintain plants in the garden beds in the courtyard near Rooms 9 and 10. Unfortunately, only two of the ten plants planted in December last year remaining. It has been recommended that we grow agave plants in this area because they are hardy succulents, drought tolerant and perennial. Please send any excess ‘agave pups’ you may have in your home garden to school for planting in this area. Thank you.
The Cyber Playground
Parenting Gen-i in the Online World
Hosted by North Perth Primary School

The cyber playground is the online world in which your children interact and it’s a fascinating place to be but to a naïve child it can also be hazardous. Our children are using all the latest technology but often fall short in understanding the ramifications of their online actions. We are forever worrying about the increasing time they spend playing games, chatting or texting; we wonder who are they talking to and what are they seeing. Today’s kids are most likely going to know more about devices and the online world than we do, but when they come across something like a predator or cyberbully they don’t have the experience or moral development to know what to do, and this is when they need you. Most children have no concept of how their online actions affect their offline world. With a device being a portal to the entire world of 6.7 billion people, we need to be more engaged and present in their online world to guide them in making smart decisions.

Topics Covered:
- How to successfully parent in the online world with what you already know.
- Cyberbullying, what to do and how to build resilience.
- Setting boundaries and guidelines for device use and why it’s important.
- How to keep your child’s online reputation clean and safe.
- A look at what kids do online.

Dear Parents,

I am very pleased to invite you to attend this presentation by Robyn Rishani who is one of Australia’s leading Cyber Safety Experts. She has spoken to thousands of students and parents on the topic of cyber awareness, bullying, sexting, online predators, digital footprint and video game addiction and more. She is the Creator and Founder of Your Kids Online, educating children and adults about the online world – The Cyber Playground. Robyn’s extensive experience and knowledge in teaching Information Technology, along with being a video game enthusiast and having an education background in Social Work has enabled her to understand the online world in which kids exist. Please visit her website for more information.

I am looking forward to seeing you there.
Kind Regards,
Karen Lockyer - Principal
BOOKFAIR - THIS THURSDAY AND FRIDAY.
Reading is the most important skill you can teach a child. Of all the skills children learn, it is the one you can influence the most.

We invite you to visit our Scholastic Book Fair. It surrounds students in the celebration of reading with hundreds of fun, engaging, affordable books for them to discover. Giving kids access to good books and the opportunity to choose their own books will motivate them to read more, and like most acquired skills, the more children practice reading, the better they'll achieve.

Not only will you be able to purchase some wonderful books for your children, every dollar spent at the Book Fair also earns free books for our school library too. Hope to see you there!

Dates: Thursday 21 May and Friday 22 May
Hours: Before and after school (8.00am - 8.45am and 3.00pm - 3.45pm)
Where: In the School Library

Canteen News
Exciting news from the canteen this term—we are introducing reusable lunch bags! They are environmentally friendly and also come in exciting colours and keep your food warmer or cooler depending on what you order. Come see us on Thursday to have a look.

Just to note, that lemonade nudies have been deleted from our supplier and after speaking with our pasta supplier we will be taking off the pasta bolognaise “gluten free option” as they cannot say that it is gluten free. We do have a gluten free pasta option which you can choose toppings such as cheese, chicken, ham or vegetables.

As always it’s great to see how polite all the students are at recess and lunch times!

Cheers

Jennifer Fagerstrom, Canteen Manager
Assembly

We hope you enjoyed our assembly this week. As we have been learning about Bushrangers as part of our History lessons we decided to perform a play about the famous Australian Bushranger named "Moondyne Joe." We had a lot of fun preparing for it and enjoyed dressing up and acting out the play. We would also like to share a fun filled fact about Moondyne Joe... He escaped from every prison he was kept in.
Mya & Sophia

iPads

Since last term we've been very lucky to have access to the school's iPad minis. We've done research on Australia's colonies, convicts, bushrangers and gold mines. The iPad minis grant our class access to many websites and apps. Our class are glad and lucky to have new ways to find out a wide variety of knowledge.
Jackson and Zander

Debating and our Excursion

This term we have been having debating sessions which will lead to a debate night, which we are sure will be a lot of fun! So far we have been given topics and started doing research into the topics we have been given. We also have an excursion coming up in Week 10. We will be going to a tour of Fremantle Prison and having a look around the Maritime Museum. This is so that we can extend our knowledge of the topics we have been covering as part of our History lessons. We are really looking forward to going.
Allegra