IT’S TIME TO CELEBRATE
The end of the school year is fast approaching and it’s time to reflect and celebrate our students, parents and staff members working together to make our school a great school as we pursue our vision: Inspiring young minds, creating possibilities.

Please join the celebration at our end-of-year Open Night which will showcase class art projects, and also highlight our music program. All classrooms will be open on this night.

Date: Friday 11 December 2015
Time: 5.30pm – 7.30pm
[Children to assemble prior to this time – see below]

Timetable:
5.15pm Pre-primary to Year 6 students to assemble in their classrooms
   Choir members to assemble in the hall
   Kindergarten children to remain with their parents
   Note: Ensemble to assemble at 4.45pm in music room
5.25pm Classes move to the undercover area
5.30pm Assembly – includes presentations and performances
6.00pm Assembly concludes, classrooms open, time to enjoy a picnic
7.00pm Classes close
7.30pm End of open night

Come along and enjoy a family picnic on the grass. The canteen will be selling drinks and icy poles on the night.

More information regarding this celebration activity will be distributed next week.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: IT UPGRADE—SCHOOL OFFLINE
The school has been assessed as suitable for an upgrade to the Standard Operating Environment which will enable administration servers to be backed up and stored at the Central Office of the Department of Education; our administration and curriculum servers to be combined; staff to log onto our system from other schools in the region; and increased functionality, management and integration of mobile devices.

The work is scheduled to commence in the week commencing Monday 30 November 2015.

Importantly, the school network will be offline on the following days:

• Monday 30 November 2015
• Tuesday 1 December 2015

Please note: We will be unable to send or receive emails during this time.

If you need to contact the school during this period (Monday and Tuesday) please telephone the school on

• 9328 7104
• 0401 809 056

KEY DATES
Tuesday 1 December  P & C Meeting 7.30pm
Monday 7 December   Mount Lawley SHS Transition Day
Tuesday 8 December   Water Incursion—Rm 6, 7, 9, 10 & 22
Wednesday 9 December Assembly — Pre-primary
                        K & PP Reports distributed
Friday 11 December   Night of Celebration

Uniform Shop
Wednesday 9 December
2.30—3.00pm
Thank you to Susan and Malcolm for their recent donation to our school garden.

If you’re renovating please contact the school if you have plants that you no longer need as we may be able to give them a new home.

REAL KIDS IN AN UNREAL WORLD
MAGGIE MONDAY

Monday was a great night with 170 parents, staff members and community members gathered in the school hall for the Real Kids in an Unreal World seminar. Maggie Dent shared her experience raising her own family, the latest resiliency research and some common sense parenting strategies - all delivered in her usual humorous way.

This year the school has coordinated a number of seminars for parents including:

- Positive Parenting Program (Term 1) – series of 3 seminars
- The Cyber Playground (Term 2)
- Protective Behaviours (Term 3)
- Real Kids in an Unreal World (Term 4)

We have commenced our planning for 2016 so please drop us a line at NorthPerth.PS@education.wa.edu.au with 2016 Seminar Ideas in the subject line if you have ideas you would like considered.

ROAD SAFETY REMINDERS

Children benefit from good role models and regular reminders to ensure they develop the necessary skills and remain vigilant when around roads and car parks. Our youngest children depend on parents, and other responsible adults, to teach them the road rules so that they can eventually cross a road, move through a car park or ride a bike around the community safely on their own.

Recently we’ve received reports from community members regarding near misses with children riding erratically on bikes, some involving children as young as eight and others not wearing helmets. Please remind your child to wear their helmet and the importance of riding safely. KidSafe WA suggest that children under ten should cycle with a responsible adult as most children of this age do not have the skills to cycle safely without supervision.

The KidSafe WA Bicycle Safety Fact Sheet accompanies this newsletter.

We are also very concerned about the number of children and parents who use the staff car park as a pedestrian thoroughfare, especially at home-time. The students have been told not to walk or ride through this area but unfortunately some parents are doing so regularly, often with young ones. Please use the footpath and do not walk through the car park – it is dangerous and teaches children an unsafe practice.

SCHOOL COUNCIL REMINDER

When the School Council held its Annual Public Meeting the Chair presented the Annual Report on School Council’s activities for the year. The report can be found on the website.


Independent Public School and Specialist Teacher Survey

School Council is looking for the views of the school community on whether, if the opportunity arises, NPPS should apply to become an Independent Public School (IPS).

We are also seeking the school communities views on the Specialist Teaching areas at NPPS. The results of this survey will be considered together with current staffing commitments, the availability of suitable specialist staff and curriculum requirements to finalise the staffing profile for next year. Please use the link below to complete the survey. Thank you for your time.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WG2RH86

Kati Tonkin, Chair School Council

THANK YOU

Thank you to Susan and Malcolm for their recent donation to our school garden.
The morning tea last Friday was an opportunity for the staff to show their heartfelt appreciation for the support provided by parents this year. Life is often a whirlwind of one task needing to be quickly followed by another, so it is amazing that at North Perth we are extremely fortunate to have so many parents able to commit time to supporting the school. Thank you to every parent and community member who has helped us during the year.

COMPOSITE CLASSES
We are currently determining our class structure for 2016 and expect to have some composite classes. A composite class includes more than one year level.

I understand that some parents may be concerned if their child is allocated to a composite class. Some parents may believe their child will be disadvantaged or recall the past practice of some schools placing students requiring support in a class with a lower year level and placing those requiring extension in a class with a higher year level.

The teachers will be developing classes that are educationally and socially balanced which means there will be students of different academic abilities allocated to each classroom.

It is important for parents to be aware of the following:

- There is a range of abilities in every classroom, whether they are composite, multi-aged groupings or one year group.
- Teachers commence the year by ascertaining where the students in their class are educationally and socially, considering what is expected of each year level and then planning to move them forward.
- Teachers provide a differentiated curriculum to meet the needs of all the students in their class. They implement a variety of strategies, including collaborative learning activities, individual education plans, and open-ended tasks which provide students the opportunity to work at their level e.g. writing, investigations, problem solving.
- Small group work is a feature of all classes, including composites, and may be based on year level, ability, interest or social groupings.
- Children of the same year level who are in different classes will still have the opportunity to socialise in the playground.
- Teachers will provide class specific information at the beginning of 2016.

Parents of children in composite classes, as with any classroom structure, are advised to address concerns regarding their child with the class teacher at the earliest opportunity.

Please be assured that the teachers of all classes will be working to extend the performance of all students.

CLASS LISTS 2016
The Class Lists will be published on the school’s website late in the afternoon on Friday 29 January.

Term 4 2015 concludes for students on Thursday 17 December
Term 1 2016 commences for students on Monday 1 February 2016.
SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2016

The Department of Education coordinates a range of scholarships that provide financial support to secondary students.

The scholarships and criteria to be met by applicants are online and applications close at 5.30pm on Monday 14 December.


The process is, for the first time, fully electronic so no emailed, faxed or hard copy applications will be accepted.

For more information telephone 9264 4462 or email sponsorship coordinator

Parents are encouraged to consider the scholarships that are available.

CANTEEN NEWS—WEEK 7

We now have a paid canteen worker for Term 4 and I would like to welcome Alicia to the canteen. Having Alicia will assist us greatly, but we still need volunteers for each open day (Monday and Friday), so please continue to volunteer — the children love seeing their parents at recess and lunch. Come and see me to see what shifts are available or log onto Volunteer Spot. http://vols.pt/bvDJgz

Now that the warmer weather is upon us, we have been serving fruit cups and fruit slices at recess and they have been very popular. With swimming lessons over the next 2 weeks, we have adjusted our recess so those late back to school will have something available. We will also be keeping lunches hot / cold for those back late at lunch-time so please don’t be afraid of ordering during this time.

As we head towards the end of Term 4, just a reminder that in the last two weeks we will be reducing stock for the end of the year, so make your kids aware that there may be a need for substitutes.

I am also pleased to say that all the students have been very polite and kind when coming up to the canteen, so keep up the good work kids!

Cheers
Jennifer Fagerstrom and the Canteen Committee

Merit Certificate Recipients

Music Award: Year 2 Room 7
Sport Award: Year 4 Room 13
Tidy Bags Award: Pre-primary & Year 1 Room 22