



NEDLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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CHRISTMAS CONCERTS JUNIOR AND SENIOR 2018

Wednesday 5 December 2018

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From The Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Friends

Mr Bembridge to be replaced!

In a 'shock announcement', Mr Bembridge will be relieved of his Principal duties for tomorrow, Thursday 6 December. He will be replaced for the day by up and coming school leader, Nicholas C. from Room 17. Nicholas won this activity as part of the raffle prizes at our P&C Bingo Fundraiser.

Mr Bembridge will enjoy the day with less responsibility but will be back to work on Friday to take part in Nicholas's Graduation with his Year 6 classmates. We wish Nicholas an enjoyable day.

Early years transition

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Transition morning activities for our 2019 Kindy, Pre-Primary and Year One students. The students met the teaching team and spent time in rooms to help reduce the likelihood of concerns in the new year...they were terrific.

Thank you to their families for dropping them at the 'new' locations, to school staff for assisting with the transition activities and to Ms Simpfendorfer for co-ordinating the program.

Family Survey - Closes Friday 14 December

The National School Opinion Survey link was sent to families via a Connect message to enable them to provide feedback to the school. We appreciate the time and thought that goes into completing this survey which will be summarised and reviewed by the School Board during Term One.

The school has a history of considering the data gathered and we encourage families to take this opportunity. A similar process is in place for staff members and our Year 5 and 6 students.

Russell Bembridge
Principal

2019 Dates and reminders

Please refer to the newsletters and our website for important dates for the new school year.

The school office will close on Friday 14 December at 3.00pm and will re-open on Tuesday 29 January, 2019 at 8.30am.

Students will begin on MONDAY 4 February for an action packed 10 week term.

Class Placements for 2019 - Friday 1 February 2019

Nedlands Primary School has many families who arrive and make arrangements to enrol during the school vacation period. This can mean that our school planning changes right up to the final day of the holidays (and possibly after). Rather than give out information then issue multiple updates, we will send families a Connect message on Friday 1 February to let them know the room number they have been allocated and the name of their child's teacher(s).

Class lists will not be displayed around the school.

Advanced Notice: Beach Swimming in 2019 for Years 4,5 & 6

I would like to give advanced notice that Beach Swimming lessons will commence in Week 1 (Wednesday 6 Feb) for our 2019 year 4, 5 & 6 students.

Swimming forms have been distributed and are due today. Please return any outstanding forms as soon as possible.

Lesson times for classes will be allocated once 2019 classes are finalised.

Student Events

Stuart MacGill Cricket Carnival

On 26 November 2018 Nedlands Yr 5/6 Cricket teams participated in the Stuart MacGill cricket carnival that was held at Christchurch Grammar School playing grounds. The students enjoyed the experience of competing against 7 other local primary schools (there were 16 teams in total) and had a fun-filled, active day of cricket. We would like to thank all the people involved in the organisation and running of this event, the parents for transporting their children to and from the venue and the students who participated so enthusiastically. Both teams played with great energy displaying many fabulous cricket skills. Congratulations to both teams for their effort and achievements during this event. Nedlands A team came joint winners with Christ Church Blue A's and Nedlands B team came 4th out of 16 teams.

Special thanks to Mr Hall, Ms Davies and Mr Birch for helping the students prepare for the event and supporting them on the day.



Christmas Concerts 2018



Sincere thanks to all the students, parents and staff members who were involved in these two wonderful performances. The concert was an overwhelming success - from the *Courtyard* items before the concert, the opening the dance item, the magnificent sound of voices of the Junior and Senior choirs to the finale featuring the 86 members of the combined Orchestra and Concert Band.

This event would not be possible if it were not for the many parents who assisted in setting up in days the leading up to the concerts and packing up on the Friday morning. Your time and enthusiasm was hugely appreciated by the students and staff. The Altius Centre and *Courtyard* looked wonderful. It would be extremely difficult to stage this event if it was not for the support of our parents - Thank you!

Mrs Conroy and Mr Jones are extremely appreciative of the support provided by the 25+ Staff members who attended over the two nights - Thank you!

Accolades to the young Neddies musicians for the time and effort they put in at school in

rehearsals and at home with their own personal practise.

Each year we wonder how we will maintain the quality of the performance in comparison to previous year, but the children 'rise to the occasion' every time. The young musicians in years 4 and 5 are a talented and enthusiastic group so we are all looking forward to many more wonderful performances throughout next year.

Bike Ed



Another terrific program of Bike Ed was delivered through the 'Lets Ride' series for our Year 4 students. The program culminated in a community ride on local streets and paths including a challenging track down to and back up from the river.

Thank you to Richard and Jim from 'Lets Ride' as well as our parent volunteers who assisted with safety duties during the ride.

Year One Christmas Concert

Congratulations to all the Year 1 students who spread some Christmas cheer when they performed 'The Reindeer Who Saved Christmas' on Thursday and Friday last week. The children sang, danced and recited their parts to captivated audiences who delighted in the festive tale. Special thanks to parents who worked tirelessly to produce magnificent backdrops and props, as well as organise the colourful yuletide costumes.



Dance Evening





Congratulations to everyone involved in our two Social Dance events last week. Feedback regarding the new format has been positive and the number of smiles gives us lots of encouragement. Thank you to our Dance teacher, Mrs Dorothy Gaunt, class teachers, and Mr Jones for their work throughout the series and on the night.

Thanks also to Ms Simpfendorfer for co-ordinating the program as well as our students and families for making it such a success.

Chicken Pox

The school has had another confirmed case of Chicken Pox. We advise families to keep an eye out for the following symptoms: fever, fatigue and a generalised rash which can progress into blisters that rupture to form crusts.

As this infection is highly contagious, it is important that your child is not sent to school. On having the infection confirmed by a doctor, please inform the school immediately so that appropriate precautions can be taken. Your child should not return to school until the doctor has advised you that your child is no longer contagious to others.

Thank you to parents for your prompt action in informing the school.

Lost Property

Another reminder for families to check the lost property collection to help clear the mounting pile of clothing items.

Donations

Families who have good quality uniform items that they no longer need are asked to consider donating it to our uniform shop for sale as second hand items.

Thank you to those who have already cleared space in their wardrobe ready for the next growth spurt.

Picket Fence - Thank you

Since 2002, our school Alumni have had a terrific opportunity to mark their time at Nedlands through the Alumni / Thank you Fence along the edge of the school oval.

Please contact the school office or our website for an order form or more information.

Semester 2 Reports Student Reports will be electronically delivered using CONNECT

As encouraged by the Department of Education, this term, student reports will be delivered electronically using CONNECT. This allows us to deliver reports to all parents efficiently no matter where you are located. To download reports, you will need to log into your CONNECT account. If you require your student report to be delivered in a different format, please make contact with the office to make the necessary arrangements.

We are happy to help!

To ensure the report delivery process goes smoothly, please notify the office as soon as possible if you do not have a CONNECT account. Also, contact the office if you would like us to change the email account registered for CONNECT. Even though CONNECT allows you to request an email change, we need your personal authorisation for office staff to change your record. You can also contact the office if you are 'locked out' or need your password details reissued. Please also contact the school if you need a reminder of your P-Code.

These are quick items to action and we are always happy to keep you CONNECTed to Nedlands PS.

Julie Simpfendorfer and Sandy Cottam

Graduation Assembly Friday 7 December, 2018

Year 6 Graduation assembly will be held on Friday 7 December, commencing at 9.00am and we request that everyone be seated by 8.45am.

We hope to see you there.

Swimming and Water Safety - VacSwim

With swimming pools and beaches a part of our Western Australian lifestyle, it is vital that every child has the opportunity to learn essential swimming and water safety skills.

VacSwim provides children aged five to 17 years with the opportunity to learn to swim during the school holidays at many locations across the State.

Enrolments for VacSwim are now open and families can enrol online. For information and details of fees, locations and how to enrol, please email: vacswim@education.wa.edu.au phone: 9402 6412 or visit - <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/swimming-lessons>

Where will you be in 2019?

Families are reminded that we need your best estimate of where you will be, to help us plan to staff and resource our classes.

Please ensure you have advised the office if you are likely to be moving to another school / country or if you are aware of neighbours or friends who live in the area and will be hoping to enrol for 2019.

Instrumental Program for 2019



All students have received their offers to commence lessons on an instrument as part of the Instrumental program for 2019. The acceptance forms need to be returned ASAP by this Friday 7th December to the class Teacher.

The process of selecting students and allocation of an instrument is a very thorough process and takes some considerable time. The final decision/selection in regards to which instrument would be *best suited* to each student, was completed in consultation with the Instrumental Teachers. Not all places were offered as some were kept open in consideration of some new enrolments for next year. These places will be offered in the first week of 2019.

The following criteria are used to select the students:

Music Aptitude Test as directed by the School of Instrumental Music [Education Department]

Attitude to music in general as displayed in classroom activities and in Junior Choir.

Feedback / Interviews with class teachers in regard to academic level and general attitude.

Personal assessment of each student by the Instrumental Teachers.

PLEASE NOTE:

Instrumental lessons/rehearsals **take priority over PEAC courses** so students/parents need to select PEAC courses in 2019 that **do not conflict** with these times.

This was highlighted in the initial information that was sent home at the beginning of this term.

Students Who Did Not Receive an Instrumental Position

All students should have received a note regarding this matter.

If students missed out on receiving an offer, this is not a reflection on their musical ability. We are allocated a limited numbers of places and so cannot offer all students this opportunity.

An excellent option for students who do not receive place in the school's Instrumental Program is private lessons - information relating to this was included in the letter issued.

Year Five Concert Band Concert



The Year Five has only had three rehearsals due to Mr Jones' limited days at school this term and the preparations for the Christmas Concert.

These students have impressed Mrs Conroy and Mr Jones and we are looking forward to seeing/hearing what they can achieve next year as the Senior Concert Band.
WELL DONE KIDS! [keep practising a little bit during the holidays but have a great holiday]

Graduation Orchestra



The string players who will part of our Orchestra next year, have been busy rehearsing for the Year Six Graduation Ceremony this coming Friday.

We are looking forward to some wonderful music making from this talented ensemble in 2019.

WASSAILING 2018



Members of our Senior Choir will present our annual Wassailing at the end of this year on **Monday 10th December**.

The singers will visit two Nedlands homes to sing 20 minutes of Christmas Carols followed by a sing-a-long with the audience.

First Home - Cocks Family - 56 Archdeacon Street Nedlands 8.00pm
Second Home - Hasluck Family - 49 Kingsway Nedlands 8.45pm

The families of the two homes selected will be distributing 'Wassailing Flyers' to the people in the nearby streets to invite them to join us on their front verge to listen to the Choir and join in the sing-a-long.

Please come along and join in this unique and fun end of the school year event.

Nedlands Primary School Health and Wellbeing

Health and Well-Being

The 'Health and Wellbeing would like to wish everyone good health and happiness for the holiday season and 2019.

The Nedlands Primary School Health and Well-Being team would like to continue to have a regular 'Health and Well-Being Tip' in the school's newsletter next year. If anyone thinks of a 'Health and Well-Being Tip' over the holidays or a healthy eating snack you would like to share with the School Community please let us know.

Health and Well-Being Team

P&C NEWS



P&C MEETING

The dates for 2019 will be published in the new year.

Regards
Andrew MacDougall
P&C President

UNIFORM SHOP

The NPS Uniform Shop will be open each Wednesday from 8.45am to 9.15am until (and including) Wednesday 12 December.

OPENING TIMES FOR 2019 (Term 1):

Wed 30 January 8.00am-9.30am (this is timed with the booklist collection)

Tue 5 February from 8.45am

Wed 6 February from 8.45am

Tue 12 February 8.45am-9.15am

From 12 February onwards, the Uniform Shop will be open every Tuesday from 8.45am to 9.15am.

If you would prefer to place an order, please fill out the uniform shop form (see attached link), with the correct cash, cheque or credit card details. Most importantly be sure to include your correct name, class and contact details. Place the form in the box at the front office and your order will be filled and delivered to the classroom.

[Uniform Order](#)

P&C Events



NEDSLADS EoY CELEBRATION

(Hosted by NedsLads)

Please join NedLads Co-ordinators Steve Kerr and Todd Grover for a celebration of a successful 2018 with NedsLads. All are welcome, including those fantastic mums and carers who would like to share the NedsLads experience!

7pm, Wednesday 5 December
Steve's Hotel, 30 The Avenue Nedlands

Further details can be viewed by clicking on the following link:

[NedsLads](#)

GINGERBREAD HOUSE KITS

(Organised by NPS P&C)

Thank you to all the families that ordered Gingerbread House Kits. They will be arriving from Lawley's Bakery and distributed to your child's classroom on Friday 7 December and Monday 10 December.

CUPCAKE STAY N PLAY

(Hosted by NPS P&C)

The after school Cupcake Stay n Play will be happening on Tuesday 11 December at the school near the bottom oval. The coffee van will be there and cupcakes will be available for purchase until they sell out!

During the event, we will be holding a raffle for a decorated gingerbread house. The winner can either take home their house that afternoon or collect from the office on Wednesday 12th December.

NPS ALUMNI FENCE PROJECT

(Sponsored by NPS P&C)

If you would like to participate in this wonderful fundraising and student alumni initiative, please click on the following link for further information..... or return the form to the school office.

[NPS Picket Fence](#)

2019 NEDSLADS ANNUAL SCHOOL CAMPOUT

(Hosted by NedsLads)

SAVE THE DATE..... Saturday 9 March has been scheduled for the 2019 NedsLads Annual School Campout. More details to follow in the new year.

P&C Other



P&C FUNDRAISING SURVEY

The P&C are keen to hear your thoughts on a number of aspects of our fundraising activities. We would very much appreciate your feedback. The survey will be distributed via email. Keep your eyes peeled so that you can have your say!

THANK YOU FROM THE P&C

The P&C Committee and Fundraising Team would like to thank all the class coordinators and families who have so generously volunteered their time through out the year. We could not have offered these wonderful fundraising events and initiatives without them.

THANK YOU!

P&C COMMITTEE - UPDATE



POSITIONS VACANT

Going into 2019, we have a number of vacant positions as shown below. If you would like to volunteer your time to the school in any one of these roles, please contact the P&C at nedlandspca@gmail.com or chat directly to any one of the current P&C committee members.

Positions vacant include:

- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Building & Grounds
- Canteen

If you would like to learn more about the P&C and what we do, please click on the following link for further information....

[Nedlands P & C](#)

P & C Contacts

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School Board

Your School Board

Fiona Cocks	Parent Representative - Board Chair
Sally Brauer	P&C Endorsed Parent Representative
Caleb Jones	Parent Representative
Richard Tucker	Parent Representative
Mei Han	Community Representative
Lihong Shi	Community Representative
David Norman	Community Representative
Russell Bembridge	Principal
Catherine Mendez	Board Executive Officer
Julie Simpfendorfer	Staff Representative
Renu Sahai	Staff Representative

For more information on the School Board please visit the schools website and click on the 'School Board' tab.

Term 4



Thursday 6 December	Yr 6 Graduation rehearsal
Friday 7 December	Kindy RED YEAR 6 GRADUATION Year 6 End of year activity
Monday 10 December	Yr 6 End of year activity
Tuesday 11 December	Yr 6 - End of year activity BOCCE Competition 1 - 1.30pm
Wednesday 12 December	Uniform Shop open 8.45am - 9.15am Pre Primary 2 Concert at 12.00 noon Pre Primary 1 Concert at 12.30pm Year 6 - End of year activity REPORTS SENT HOME
Thursday 13 December	LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS
Friday 14 December	LAST DAY FOR STAFF

LAST DAY OF TERM 4 for students - THURSDAY 13 DECEMBER, 2018

2019

**OFFICE OPENS - 8:30am TUESDAY 29 JANUARY 2019
TERM ONE, 2019 COMMENCES ON MONDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2019**

Before and After School Care

Some services near our school:

- UWA - Out of School Care Centre (after school) -Vacation Care - 18 Parkway, NEDLANDS -EMAIL: outofschoolcare@uwa.edu.au PHONE: 9389 1848
- OSHC - Health Services - Before / After School Care - Vacation Care - 22 Verdun Street, NEDLANDS - EMAIL: hsfachildcare@health.wa.gov.au PHONE: 6457 3238

Community News



The school does not in any way endorse these products or services. They are community news items included as a Community Service.

Relationships Australia 22 Southport Street West Leederville -
New Parenting Courses available July - December 2018. Contact phone:(08) 6164 0200 to register
or www.relationshipswa.org.au

Behaviour Tonics - Parenting Information Sessions. To enquire/register call 9382 1182 or
www.behaviourtonics.com.au

Arcadia Waters Swanbourne 'The Beaumont' - Family Day on Saturday 24 November 11am to 2.00pm This
year's event will feature fun and entertainment for the whole family. Further information on 9286 0500

Methodist Ladies College - Summer Holidays 15 - 18 January 2019 9.00am to 5.00pm For further details call
9384 4000 or visit MLC website at www.mlc.wa.edu.au/learning/masterclasses. Bookings
www.trybooking.com/ZGLB

Junior Girls Football 2019 - Claremont Junior Football Club is looking for girls that will be in Year 3 to 11 for
2019 season. Register your interest NOW - Email: girlsclaremontjfc@gmail.com or Call: Kim Stewart on 0467
597 738.

Mandarin Classes - Phone: 1800 18 11 18 or email www.mandarinstars.com.au or enrol@mandarinstars.com.au

Junior Optus Dolphins - Make a Splash on Saturday 5 January 2019 at Claremont Aquatic Centre at 10.00am
to 12.00pm COST: Free, pay pool entrance only. Register at www.myswimresults.com.au/calendar.aspx

Perth Academy of Performing Arts - located 333 William Street Perth for various workshops. For more
information sign up at www.perthapa.com/school-holidays or call Imogen on 0477 040 940.

Peak Trampoline- school holiday program Dec 2018 - Jan 2019. Bookings available through website at
www.peaktrampoline.com.au or contact mobile 0431 409 575 or nic.russell@peaktrampoline.com.au

Kiddo - Sports Ready School Holiday Program in January 2019.at UWA. For more information contact kiddo-
sseh@uwa.edu.au or visit website: www.KIDDO.edu.au

Western Kids Health - specialised paediatric health services. Call 6112 2977 www.westernkidshealth.com or
info@westernkidshealth.com

NumberWorks n Words - holiday tuition various subjects please call 9388 3727 or
www.numberworks n words.com/au

Music Lessons - Deb Stitt Music - for more info contact Deb on 0412 142 019 or email:
debstittmusic@gmail.com

Editorial for Festival - "Karnidale 2019" 18 - 20 January 2019 at 171 Vansittart Road, Karridale WA. More
info - www.lunarcircus.com or contact email: fatso@lunarcircus.com

Nedlands Uniting Church - Christmas Craft Workshop on Tuesday 18 December at 6.30 - 8.30pm. Ages
Pre-primary to Year 6. Please Register your place by contacting Julie Ridden on 0437 187 610 or
julie.ridden@nedlandsuniting.com

