Term 1 – Week 6
March 3, 2014

Don’t forget to pack your ‘Crunch & Sip’ every day!
Week 4 – KPH & 4/3Y
Week 5 – KPH & 4/3L

Gold Merit Awards
Congratulations to the following gold merit award recipients.
Kevin
Abbey

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
I had much pleasure in announcing the 2014 SRC Representatives, Library Monitors and Sports Captains at a special induction assembly held during Week 4. Congratulations to all students who have been selected for these positions of responsibility. This is an opportunity for students to demonstrate and develop leadership skills. I trust that they will wear their badges with pride and be role models for all students. It was wonderful to see many parents present at the assembly and afternoon tea. A special thank you to Miss Young for organising the occasion.

Congratulations to our 2014 SRC Representatives, Sports Captains, Vice Captains and Library Monitors.

SRC Representatives
Ashley
Mohammed
Jailyn
Rushil
Joshua
Faraz
Chandni
Krish
Jacqueline
Alexander
Sue

Be Safe
Be Respectful
Be a Learner
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Sports Captains & Vice Captains
Macquarie Captains                     Macquarie Vice Captains
Keiko                                  Kayla
Naweed                                 Sina
Marsden Captains                        Marsden Vice Captains
Naomi                                  Sharon
Adi                                     Ali
Cox Captains                            Cox Vice Captains
Senan                                  Taylor
Ashi                                    Tisha

Library Monitors
Jiyat                                   Tannaz
Mikayla                                 Tisha
Arvin                                   Amirreza
Savaira                                 Adem
Taylan                                  Jessie
Maria                                   Jobie
Tripti                                  Alicia
Monica                                  Wazihia
Tanya                                    Celina

Our Meet The Teacher was a successful and well attended event. Later this term on Tuesday, 1st April, we will have our Term 1 parent/teacher interviews. Please note this in your diaries. Notes will be sent home shortly.

Our swimmers were magnificent on Friday – such wonderful school representatives displaying sportsmanship as well as endurance and resilience in the cold, wet weather. Well done everyone. The following students will be representing our school at the Zone Swimming Carnival on Thursday. We wish them all the best. Congratulations to:

Adi                           Ashi
Sina                          Kayla W
Naomi                         Dominique
Jayden                        Omar

Mrs Kathryn Methven
Principal

School swimming carnival
On Friday, 28 February 15 of our students joined with Parramatta East PS to participate in the 3rd Combined Swimming Carnival at Parramatta Pools. Our students were wonderful representatives. Ms Roser and I would like to congratulate them all for their outstanding behaviour and their swimming efforts. All students performed well and we wish our Zone Swimming competitors all the best for Thursday’s swim.

Mr Wheatley

Selective High School Placement Test
Applicants for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2015 are required to take the Selective High School Placement Test to be held from 9.00am to 1.15pm on Thursday 13 March 2014.

The test centre for students is:
Macarthur Girls High School
Macarthur St
PARRAMATTA NSW 2150

Homework help
Do you struggle to understand your child’s homework? Does your child need to practise their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments?

The free School A to Z app has been created by the Department of Education and Communities to help parents and their school-aged children, wherever and whenever they have homework and study questions.

Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/school-a-to-z

Payments at School
All payments for excursions need to be given to your child’s classroom teacher as they are recorded in the class folder. The correct money and permission note should be sent to school in a sealed envelope. These will be collected from students during morning class time. Please do not hand payments to teachers

Homework and multi-tasking
Somewhere along the line we seemed to have absorbed the idea that teenagers can multi-task perfectly because they’re digital natives. Can kids really do their homework and multi-task?

Stewart House Bags
Stewart House Clothing Appeal bags will be collected on 14th March. If you have any clothes that you or your children are not using anymore please put them in the Stewart House bags received today and return them to school by this date.

When lunch comes home again – uneaten
Almost nine out of 10 Australian parents say children's resistance is a major obstacle in their efforts to provide a healthy diet, and in many cases school lunches are one of the battlegrounds.

But it's a battle families can do without and there are some simple steps to help avoid it.

Find out more:

Email Distribution of Newsletter
You have the option of having our school newsletter emailed to you instead of having a hard copy handed to your child. You can nominate as many email addresses as you like.

Please send an email to the following address
npnsnewsletter@gmail.com
and list these details:
- Write your family name
- Write your student/s name/s and class/es
- List any email addresses you wish to include for newsletter distribution: work, home etc.

If you have any questions please see Miss Young.

P & C Meeting – 7/3/14
The P&C will convene a special meeting on Friday, March 7, at 9:15am in the school staffroom. At this meeting an election will be held, as a position has opened up on the executive committee. Members' attendance will be welcomed.

Gus Mendoza
P & C President

Student Safety – Vehicles on School Grounds
Parents are asked not to drive onto school grounds at any time during the day.

This applies to dropping off your child in the morning and picking up in the afternoon.

The safety of all our students is the responsibility of the whole school community.

Absence from School
If your child has been absent from school due to sickness etc, please write a note to your child's class teacher stating the date and reason for the absence. It is a Department requirement that all absences from school are explained.

We have a few students who are allergic to nuts and one student who is highly allergic, which could be life threatening. Please Do Not put Peanut Butter or Nutella on your child's sandwiches or send nuts to school.

School Bags
A good quality school bag is an important piece of equipment for all students. We now have generous, durable backpacks in our school colours that have numerous compartments ready to hold all essential items and delicious lunches! Our school backpacks that will endure many years of travel to and from school, are available at the school office for $30. A fabulous investment!
Audition Information for Parents and Students

Years 7 - 11 - 2015

Auditions for Year 7-11, 2015 will be held on:
Thursday 20th March 2014 - Drama and Music
Friday 21st March 2014 - Dance and Visual Arts

Talented students in Dance, Drama, Visual Arts and Music are encouraged to apply. Local (In Area) students wanting to be part of our selective Creative and Performing Arts program MUST also audition.

NCAPAHS is a specialist Creative and Performing Arts High School offering a broad comprehensive curriculum. Students benefit from a range of curriculum and welfare initiatives, specialist teachers, modern performance and technical production facilities in a supportive whole school ethos towards promoting excellence in the Creative and Performing Arts.

Audition application forms can be obtained via our school website (www.northmead-high.schools.nsw.edu.au) or can be posted or emailed to you directly by contacting NCAPAHS and speaking with Mrs Stepic on 9630 4116 or june.stepic@det.nsw.edu.au

Yours sincerely

N Vazquez
Principal

Closing Date for the return of application forms – Monday 10th March 2014