Welcome back to school, I hope that all our families had a lovely holiday. We have already got a busy term planned with lots of great learning activities, excursions and events.

Yesterday we joined with 400 other teachers from the fourteen schools in the Northern Beaches Learning Alliance (NBLA) for a combined Professional Development Day. Our guest speaker was Tony Ryan and the focus points of the day were creativity and critical thinking skills, encouraging a growth mindset in our students, and not thinking outside of the square…but outside of the dodecahedron! A fascinating day with lots of inspirational strategies to implement in our classes.

Winter Uniform
Students should now be wearing winter uniform to school, (Terms 1 and 4 – summer uniform, Terms 2 and 3 – winter uniform). Pickles uniform shop has informed us that they are awaiting delivery of girls’ winter dresses and they will be in stock no later than two weeks from today. Thank you for supporting our uniform policy, visitors to our school often comment about how smartly dressed our students are.

Raincoats
Please ensure that your child always has a raincoat with a hood in their school bag. There are many times during the day when students are outdoors travelling from one area to another. Going to the art room, the hall, the library, the canteen and the toilets all involve being in uncovered areas. Without a raincoat your child could be getting soaked several times a day. Umbrellas are not suitable as they cannot be used on windy days.

Long Service Leave
I am taking three weeks long service leave this term to visit my family in England. I will be away from school from 21 May to 12 June. During this time Mrs Surrest and Ms Kortekaas will be sharing the role of Relieving Principal.

Bev Maunder
Positive Behaviour, Engaging Learners (PBEL)

Congratulations to all students for following our school expectations and earning mini merits. In the last week of term the Lucky Dip winners were:

RESPECT – Hayden Davoodi
RESPONSIBILITY – Maya Tari-Keresztes
PERSONAL BEST – Tyson Medak

Canteen News

Last term we held a competition to name our canteen. The winner was Poppy Freke who came up with the name ‘Brookvale Bites’. Well done Poppy! There were many competition entries and it was very hard to choose from all the excellent suggestions.

Very soon you will be able to order food from ‘Brookvale Bites’ using the Flexischools payment system, I’m sure this will be helpful to you, saving the need to find change.

A new item on the menu this term is chicken nuggets, a daily special for Fridays. These are delicious, home-made by Brooke, using free-range chicken, eggs and natural crumbs, and no unwanted extras that might be found in commercial nuggets. They can be ordered individually at 80 cents each. Five would make a good portion for lunch.

Parent helpers are needed every day in the canteen. If you can help, even occasionally, please see Brooke or call the office. It’s a well-known fact that kids feel like superstars when their parent is in the canteen!

School Assemblies

Our whole school assemblies are held in the school hall every second Thursday at 2:25 p.m. Parents and friends in our school community are always most welcome to attend.

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**Investiture of Library Monitors 2015**

At the end of term assembly library monitors were invested with their badges. From left: Brooke, Tasnia, Vivian, Jesse, Emily, Claudia, William, Tyrone, Daniel, Tenisha.

**Grandparents’ Day Eggs-hibition and Book Fair**

A big thank you goes to all the parents and grandparents who donated a book to the library on Grandparents’ Day. Donated books will be available to borrow once they have been accessioned and covered. A special name plate featuring the donor’s name will be included and the child who donated the book will be the first to borrow it.

*Annette Murphy-Haste*

Teacher Librarian

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**Autism Awareness Day**

**BLUE FOR AUTISM DAY - THURSDAY 30 APRIL**

It’s that time of year again as April is Autism Awareness Month. On Thursday April 30 our school will once again be raising money for Autism Spectrum Australia (ASPECT)

“Autism is a lifelong developmental condition that affects, among other things, the way an individual relates to his or her environment and their interaction with other people. The main areas of difficulty are in social communication, social interaction and restricted and repetitive behaviors and interests. An estimated one in 100 people has autism; that’s almost 230,000 Australians. Autism affects almost four times as many boys than girls”.

**To hold this day, we would love:**
- Undecorated Cupcake donations
- Everyone to wear Mufti Blue on the day and bring a gold coin donation
- And also bring $2 to buy a cupcake

We will be having a cupcake stall so we need plain cupcakes as kids will be able to decorate their own cupcake as they buy! Decorations will be provided.

It will be lots of fun so please help us support kids and grownups with autism!
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

FOR BROOKVALE PUBLIC SCHOOL’S MARKET DAY

TO BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER 2015
SEEKING PARENT HELPERS!
MINIMUM OF 2 + PER YEAR
WITHOUT YOUR HELP, THERE CANNOT BE A MARKET DAY
PLEASE CONTACT OR EMAIL SUE IN SCHOOL OFFICE ASAP
THANKING EVERYONE IN ADVANCE

From the Community

An Invitation to Families
from
The Catholic Community of North Harbour
St Kieran’s at Manly Vale
&
St Cecilia’s at Balgowlah

Parents who wish their child in Yr 2 or 3 to receive Confirmation, Reconciliation and Communion, are invited to attend an information session on May 12, 9.30am or May 13, 7.00pm in the Church 2 King St, Manly Vale.

For more information contact the parish office on 99494455 or email Mrs Ricki Hayes: sacramentalcoordinator@northharbourcatholic.org.au

further details can be found at: http://www.northharbourcatholic.org.au