PBS Skills Focus
This fortnight the PBS focus is getting to know yourself and each other.

Attendance
While good attendance at school is encouraged there are times when family circumstances mean that children are unable to attend school. (Overseas holidays, etc). If parents / carers are aware of any times when children will not be able to attend school, you are able to apply for an exemption from attendance. This needs to be made in writing to the Principal, prior to the absence, who will consider each application carefully.

Please note that exemptions cannot be made retrospectively.

Eels Visit
It was great to have 5 of the Parramatta Eels rugby league players visit us on Friday. They provided the children with some great strategies of how to deal with bullying and how to identify different types of bullying. Every student was presented with an autographed poster and got to meet each player face to face. While the children were very excited about meeting such high profile players it was a number of teachers who were really excited.

Messages to Students
Unfortunately the front office continues to be overwhelmed with the number of requests being made to get messages, lunches and even clothing to students during class time. While we are more than happy to support families when urgent or unexpected matters arise, too often the ladies in the office are being asked to carry out duties outside their job description. Could I ask everyone to ensure that children are well prepared to attend school before they leave home and that they have a nutritious lunch and snacks to see them through the day.

Early Arrival
Could I remind parents that students arriving before 8.45am are not directly supervised by teachers. This may put children at risk of harm if an accident were to occur. Please ensure that children do not arrive at school early.

Peter Collins
Principal

What’s on at NEPS

WEEK 3
Tuesday 12 February
School Counsellor
Active After School commences
Wednesday 13 February
School Counsellor
Scripture commences
Thursday 14 February
School Counsellor
Friday 15 February
Thursday 21 February
Swimming Carnival
P&C NEWS

GENERAL

The P&C is open to everyone, parents, carers, grandparents, teachers, students and members of the whole community. By working together, people who care and are willing to give just a little of their time can make a difference. Crucially, P&C Associations are a window on a child’s education. Participation in the education process is one of the best expressions of support you can give your child. It has the greatest impact on a child’s engagement with schooling and educational success. P&C Associations are often at the forefront of bringing improvements to their school community however they are not required to raise funds. For many, especially for the P&C here at NEPS, fundraising continues to be an important part of our activities.

Our next meeting will be held on February 18 at 2.00pm. Please come along and join us, we look forward to seeing you.

SCHOOL BANKING

Thursday is School Banking day and students should remember to bring in their weekly deposit. School Banking accounts can now be opened at any Commonwealth Bank branch. You no longer need to complete application forms and return them to school. Just go into any branch and ask to open a Youthsaver account for School Banking. Remember to take in identification for you and your child (such as drivers license and birth certificate), you will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book on the spot and be able to start banking on the next business day - it is that easy!

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. The first token will be received upon the first deposit at school. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can then be redeemed for a range of great, exclusive reward items in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. These rewards are on display in the Uniform Shop every Thursday - Hand ball, Wallet, Headphones, Calculator, Knuckle game, Torch Projector and dollarmite design Money Boxes to help with saving. Thank you for supporting our school and teaching your child good savings skills.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:45am to 9:30am. We offer layby with a 10% deposit required and must be collected within 3 months. Eftpos is also available with $1.00 charge per transaction. Midford Girls Tailored Pants have been reduced to $12.00, down from $20.00. This is a while stocks last sale.

Lead and coloured smencils are $1.00 each, lucky dips are 50c and our Slap Bands with a variety of prints on them are $2.00 each. There are also hair elastics available in assorted colours; 5 for 50c. All of these items can be purchased on Monday and Thursday mornings from the Uniform Shop window.

DONATIONS

We understand that in most cases with fundraising many parents feel obligated to buy items, and most were reluctant to purchase any even though it helps their child’s school. This is a general feel for all parents and carers everywhere, not just here at NEPS. This year we hope to improve on our fundraising. Please consider a small donation if you do not wish to purchase what is on offer. We would be very grateful for any amount of money given. This is a good option for those who feel they would like to contribute to the school but are uncertain how to do so. It is also a pure profit to be spent in the classrooms or playground which in turn is a fantastic contribution. We are always looking into new ways to raise funds for our school. If you have any suggestions please come along to our next meeting on February 18 at 2.00pm to discuss them. A big warm thank you to all the parents and carers who donated and helped out during 2012 with our fundraising endeavours.

P&C Committee

CANTEEN MEETING DATES FOR 2013

February Monday 18 at 2.00pm in the Canteen
April Monday 8 at 2.00pm in the Canteen
June Monday 17 at 2.00pm in the Canteen
August Monday 19 at 2.00pm in the Canteen
October Monday 21 at 2.00pm in the Canteen
December Monday 9 at 12 noon AGM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Helpers are needed for the following days in the canteen. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. If you can spare a few hours on these days please circle a day you can work and fill in form below and return to canteen.

Monday 8.45am to 2.00pm Tuesday 8.45am to 2.00pm
Thursday 8.45am to 2.00pm

Name…………………………………… Phone number ………………………

BOOKCLUB

Bookclub is to be returned to Canteen (not the office) by Friday 15 February 2013 with all monies with the order. Please put child’s name and class on all order forms. Sorry no cheques or late orders accepted.

New price list will be sent home this week.

Thank you

Mrs King