PBS Skills Focus
Bus Line Procedures
Steps:
1. Line up in 2 lines, sitting on the concrete.
2. Stand when asked by the teacher.
3. Walk in 2 lines to the bus.
4. Teacher chooses which line to board the bus first.

Easter Hat Parade
An Easter Hat Parade will be held for Preschool and K-2 students on Thursday, 28 March, at 9.45am. Children are asked to bring a hat to wear in the parade which will be held in the school hall. Parents, grandparents and caregivers are all invited to come along and see all of the beautiful and creative Easter hats worn by the students.

University of Wollongong Students
This week we welcome three students from UOW, Shoalhaven campus, who begin their 3 week Professional Experience at NEPS. The students will be placed with the following teachers and their classes:

- Samantha Luxford - Mrs Judy Nicolson, KN
- Joanna Landstra - Mrs Sarah Blom, 1B
- Tania Muggeridge - Mrs Andrea Macpherson, 2M

NAPLAN
In 2013, NAPLAN tests will be held on 14-16 May. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests. NAPLAN tests provide very valuable information, but there are no consequences for individual students for poor or good performance. At the classroom level it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress. To provide an overview of the format of the tests, a full set of example tests is available. Information specifically for parents and carers can be found in the 2013 NAPLAN information brochure for parents and carers.

Staffing Changes
As I mentioned in last week's newsletter Mrs Chessher has been rewarded for her hard work and dedication by being appointed as Assistant Principal at St Georges Basin Public School.

As a result, Mrs Chessher's role at NEPS will be taken on by Miss Walker who has had significant experience relieving for Mrs Chessher in the past. Miss Walker's classroom position will be filled by Miss Meehan who already has a great rapport with the class and will continue the learning program set up by Miss Walker.

Staff Car Park
I am still getting many reports of parents and children entering the school grounds through the car park gates on Journal Street. I have even heard of parents driving cars in to drop children off inside the grounds.

Could I remind everyone, in the interest of child safety, that nobody is to enter the school through these gates with the exception of staff and service vehicles.

Peter Collins
Principal
**What’s on at NEPS**

**WEEK 8**

**Tuesday 19 March**
School Counsellor
Active After School

**Wednesday 20 March**
School Counsellor
Whole school assembly
Scripture

**Thursday 21 March**
School Counsellor
Harmony Day/Closing the gap - wear something orange

**Friday 22 March**
Tuesday 26 March
School Cross Country

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**SCHOOL NEWS**

**WEEKLY ASSEMBLY AWARDS**

**NEPPIE AWARDS**

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Reading Room - Joseph
AEO - Ty, Taylah

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**HARMONY DAY - 21 MARCH**

To celebrate Harmony Day and to promote our PBS values preschool will be organising an Orange Day. For a gold coin donation students & staff can wear something orange. Children will also need to bring extra money for our orange stall this will be set up outside the preschool gates at lunchtime. We will be selling different types of sweet foods and drinks that are orange. Please promote this in your class as all funds raised will be going to the preschool.

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**P&C NEWS**

**BOOKCLUB**

Please return all orders with money to Canteen (NOT OFFICE) by Wednesday 20 March 2013. Sorry no late orders will be accepted.

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

**General**

The P&C is open to everyone: parents, carers, grandparents, teachers, students and members of the whole community. 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. Our next meeting will be held on March 18 at 9:30am. Please come along and join us, we look forward to seeing you.

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**School Banking**

Thursday is School Banking day and students should remember to bring in their weekly deposit. Token prizes are on display at the uniform shop window. Does your child have tokens he/she would like to redeem for a prize? Please see the coordinator who would be happy to help. Thank you for supporting our school and teaching your child good savings skills.

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**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 a $1.00 charge per transaction.

Midford Girls Tailored Pants have been reduced to $12.00, down from $20.00. This is only while stocks last. New line of girls pants in stock.

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**P&C School Store**

Lead and coloured smencils $1.00 each, lucky dips 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.

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**Easter Guessing Competition**

How many eggs are in the jar? The closest guess wins the large jar of solid mini chocolate easter eggs. We have runner up prizes as well. The second prize is a medium vase, third prize is a small water jug, both a filled with mini solid chocolate easter eggs. Each guess cost only 50c - no limit on how many guessing you would like to purchase. Good Luck!

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**UNIFORM SHOP - OPENING HOURS**

Monday and Thursday
8.45am to 9.45am