



Together we provide a respectful and happy environment that promotes high expectations for all.

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2021 – TERM 1 – WEEK 3

Newsletters will be published weekly and uploaded to the School Enews app.

TERM 1 2020

We will update the school calendar as the term progresses aligned with point in time guidelines. Please be aware that these are proposed dates but due to the current circumstances, changes or cancellations could occur. We will let you know via the school app if this happens.

Friday 12 February	*7.45am Senior Band Practice commences in hall *PSSA Trials for Years 3 & 4 (Eagle tag)
Monday 15 February	*Design Make Innovate Project commences for Years 5 & 6 *7.45am Junior Band Practice in Hall
Tuesday 16 February	*Interrelate for Y5 & 6 commences *1:00pm Senior Band Practice in the Hall
Wednesday 17 February	*Library Lovers' Day
Thursday 18 February	*1:00pm Junior Band Practice in the Hall
Friday 19 February	*Closing date for Y7 High Potential and Gifted Academic Placement Test 2022 Intake for Balgowlah Boys, Cromer Campus, Mackellar Girls *7.45am Senior Band Practice in Hall *Summer PSSA commences (TBC)
Monday 22 February	*7.45am Junior Band Practice in Hall
Tuesday 23 February	*Interrelate for Y5 & 6 *1:00pm Senior Band Practice in the Hall *7.30pm P and C meeting
Wednesday 3 March	*Swimming Carnival (Y3-6 and students turning 8 in Year 2 who can swim 50 metres)
Thursday 4 March	*1:00pm Junior Band Practice in the Hall
Friday 5 March	*Zone Swimming Carnival

From the Principal- Mrs Jane Stanley

PARENT INFORMATION AND MEET THE TEACHER SESSIONS

Thank you to our parents and carers who attended our parent information and meet the teacher sessions this week. It was wonderful to meet you all and see the sessions well attended. We look forward to your continued partnership with us as part of your child/ren's learning journey at Brookvale PS. Our teachers are committed to working in partnership with you to support your child's learning progress. We will be holding our parent teacher interviews to share your child/ren's learning progress and shared learning goals in Week 10 this term. Keep an eye on the weekly newsletter for more information.

CYBER SAFETY TIPS-HOW TO MANAGE YOUR DIGITAL FOOTPRINT AND ONLINE SAFETY

With society becoming increasingly involved in social networking information and communication technology it is important that we remember that we use these information communication technologies responsibly. One of the great things about being online is the ability to share videos and photos with your friends and seeing their response. When using devices it is always best that this is done under parental supervision.

It is important to remember that everything you post online combines to make your digital footprint. Remember that what is shared by you with your friends can also be viewed by people you don't know. And once it's online, it could be there forever. As part of our cyber safety lessons in Personal Development we

support our students to learn about the risks of playing online games, participating in online chat groups and sharing personal information online.

We encourage our students to manage their digital footprint by:

- Keeping personal details private
- Not sharing usernames or passwords with anyone.
- Thinking before posting. Once posted, it can be difficult to remove.
- Not posting things that you don't want others to know about or that you wouldn't say to their face.
- Being respectful of other people's content that you post and share. Only post photos of others if you have their permission.
- Report immediately to family or trusted adults if something makes you uncomfortable, scared or sad. Or call the Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800 number to talk to an expert.

Most social networking sites such as Facebook and Instagram have a minimum age limit of 13 and are therefore not appropriate for primary school students.

You can also visit the e-safety website <https://www.esafety.gov.au/> to get all the facts and for more information on cyber safety.

COVID-19 INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

The Department regularly updates their website to reflect the current health advice and to ensure the community is informed of the expectations on school sites for students, staff and the community. The information can also be accessed using the link below.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families#School1>

Warm regards,
Jane Stanley
Principal



From the Deputy Principal- Mrs Claire Thickett

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR ENGAGING LEARNERS

BE RESPECTFUL, BE RESPONSIBLE and **BE YOUR PERSONAL BEST.**

This week teachers have been getting to know their students and reinforcing our school-wide PBEL expectations. Students and teachers have been talking about classroom expectations and how to show that you can be respectful, responsible and your personal best in learning areas such as the classroom and the library. PBEL provides students, staff and parents in our Brookvale School Community with a common language for talking about expectations of behaviour so that these expectations can be reinforced in all settings. This helps us to provide a safe, caring environment in which our students can engage, connect and belong and where they are celebrated for their achievements.

The Power of Teaching

If a child doesn't know how to read, we teach.

If a child doesn't know how to swim, we teach.

If a child doesn't know how to multiply, we teach.

If a child doesn't know how to drive, we teach.

If a child doesn't know how to behave, we ...teach.



BAND UPDATES

Thank you to all the parents and carers who had their children ready for Junior and Senior Band this week. Junior Band got off to a flying start on Monday morning and instruments have been allocated to the students who requested them. Don't worry if your child was absent on Monday as they will get their instruments next Monday morning so that they can learn how to look after them properly before taking them home.

There are some spots still available in the Junior Band so if your child would like to be part of the band and learn skills that will last them a lifetime, please let me know and we will do our best to accommodate them.

I am pleased to be able to let you know that we have finalised our rehearsal times for both the Senior Band and the Junior Band. This timetable will begin in Week 4, Monday 15th February. Please see the table below for details.

	Morning Rehearsals 7:45-8:45am	Lunchtime Rehearsals 1:00-1:40pm including 10mins eating time in the hall.
Junior Band	Monday	Thursday
Senior Band	Friday	Tuesday

Thank you very much to Lorna Heffernan who has kindly offered to be a parent helper for Senior Band. I look forward to hearing from other parents who are interested in volunteering. And thank you to Katrina Perrott who will be coordinating the band. with me.

Our lovely Band Leader, Jessica, will be attending the P&C meeting on Tuesday 23rd February if you would like to meet her.



Kind regards,
Mrs Claire Thickett

Library News from Mrs Murphy-Haste

At Brookvale PS we foster a love of learning and reading. Our Library will be holding a Library Lovers Day on Wednesday 17 February. Students are encouraged to wear a touch of red on the day (e.g. red socks, red ribbons, red bow ties etc) and discuss books and authors they love. During library time that week Kindergarten and Year 1 students will be given red shaped hearts on which they will write their names to place in their favourite books to be later discovered by other students when borrowing. Parents are encouraged to speak with their child about their favourite children's book and to take a photo reading the book with your child and send it in for a display in our Library.

Office news and updates

School Office Hours

The office is attended from 8:30am to 3:15pm – payments made in the office can be made between 8:30am and 2:30pm.

Term Fees

Our fees are sent out along with a term expense overview by week 3 of each term and automated reminders are sent out in weeks 5 and 9. You will receive by email a student statement account with a **POP** (Parent Online Payment) link, a secure online payment system for your convenience and our preferred method of payment. If you are experiencing financial hardship and wish to set up payment instalments, please contact me to arrange this confidentially on 9905 4168 or by email sandra.lombardo@det.nsw.edu.au

Uniform

As of this year we will be discontinuing our stock of uniform items on school site. For all your child/ren's school wear please go to **Pickles Schoolwear Brookvale** who are now located at **43 Carter Road, Brookvale** and can be contacted on **9905 2711**. We have limited stock and sizes available in fleecy jumpers, school bags and hats.

Student Absences

If your child will be absent from school please email their teacher and include the school office email brookvale-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au with the reason of absence. Alternatively, through the current enews app you can select digital forms and complete an Absentee Form which will notify the school directly. Please note that if your child is sick for three consecutive days you will need to supply a medical certificate for their absence to the front office upon returning to school.

Schools continue to be safe, and operations are in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPCC) and NSW Health advice. All students should be learning on campus unless they are unwell or have a medical certificate to support their absence.

In accordance with advice from NSW Health, parents and carers are reminded **NOT** to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms. Schools will make arrangements for students who present as unwell or have flu like symptoms to be sent home.

NSW Health have requested that schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has even **mild flu-like symptoms**, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the COVID-19 clinics. Our local clinic is at Northern Beaches Hospital and the Community Health Centre at Brookvale bus stop.

Students with flu like symptoms will need to provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result before being permitted to return to school.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families#School1>

Sporting success

Congratulations to Aria G, Ava W and Ashton Davies for completing 1km Cole Classic ocean swim event recently- an event that raised over \$130 000 for various charities.

We are very proud of their efforts and for trying their personal best in their first ever ocean swim. Congratulations on your commendable results. We are very proud of you!

Aria 3rd age 9-10 girls 18:46

Ava 16th age 11-12 girls 16:42

Ashton 4th age 11-12 boys 14:31



High School Placement Test Updates

Please see attached flyer from Northern Beaches Secondary College for opportunities for High Potential and Gifted Students in Year 6 to apply for Year 7 High Potential and Gifted Education Placement Test 2022 Intake for Balgowlah Boys Campus, Cromer Campus and Mackellar Girls Campus.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGH POTENTIAL AND GIFTED STUDENTS

Year 7 High Potential & Gifted Education Academic Placement Test 2022 Intake

Placement in the Year 7 High Potential & Gifted Education classes at NBSC Balgowlah Boys, NBSC Cromer and NBSC Mackellar Girls Campuses is subject to the child's eligibility to attend the school, submission of an application form and based on supporting evidence including the results achieved in the NBSC Academic Placement Test.

Please Note: Students eligible to enrol at NBSC Cromer Campus will be required to sit for the Peninsula Community of Schools (PCS) external academic test.

Placement at NBSC Manly Campus is based on a student's performance in the NSW Selective Schools Test.

APPLICATION FORMS: Download from the Northern Beaches Secondary College website - <http://www.nbsc.schools.nsw.edu.au/> - go to Curriculum Opportunities/Year 7 High Potential & Gifted Education Academic Programs. These are also available on each campus website.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS

Friday 19 February, 2021 by 4.00pm

Students are required to sit the test at the NBSC Campus designated as their local school
(Refer to *NSW Public School Finder* to confirm designated local school)

NBSC Balgowlah Boys Campus - 27 Maretimo St, Balgowlah
NBSC Cromer Campus - 120 South Creek Rd, Cromer
NBSC Mackellar Girls Campus - 11 Campbell Pde, Manly Vale

HP&GE ACADEMIC PLACEMENT TEST DATE: Thursday 18 March 2021 at 9.00am

Further information regarding the Academic Placement Test, please contact:

NBSC Administration Centre	Sandra Bonello	T : 9939 6942
NBSC Balgowlah Boys Campus	Melinda Smith	T : 9949 4200
NBSC Cromer Campus	Jane Dean	T : 9981 1155
NBSC Mackellar Girls Campus	Wendy Mailey	T: 9949 2083

Other High Potential & Gifted Education Programs offered at NBSC

For information regarding other talented programs, visit the relevant campus websites:
NBSC Balgowlah Boys Campus <https://nbscbalgb-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/> (*Talented Music Program*)
NBSC Cromer Campus <https://nbsccromer-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/> (*Talented Music Program*)
NBSC Mackellar Girls Campus <https://nbscmgirls-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>
(*Talented Athlete, Dance, Music and Visual Art Programs*)

NOTE: Enrolment into High Potential & Gifted Education programs is subject to the child's eligibility to attend the school and the school's ability to accommodate the child.



Year 7 High Potential & Gifted Education Academic Program 2022 Intake

General Achievement Test Information and Application Process

Dear Parents/Caregivers and Year 7 2022 Students

On **Thursday 18 March 2021** a General Achievement Test will be offered for students to be considered for selection in the Year 7 2022 Academic Extension Classes at NBSC Cromer Campus.

NBSC Cromer Campus is an active member of the Peninsula Community of Schools (PCS), the Northern Beaches Secondary College (NBSC) and the Northern Beaches Learning Alliance (NBLA).

Students are eligible for placement in the Academic Extension Class at their local designated secondary school (Refer to *NSW Public School Finder* to confirm your designated local school).

General Achievement Test

The General Achievement Test is a two hour externally sourced test focusing on English, Mathematics and Science skills. The format is:

- Reading and Language (40 minutes) – 40 multiple choice questions from stimulus material
- Mathematics (40 minutes) – 40 multiple choice questions
- Writing task (30 minutes) – 1 writing task

A fee of \$45 covers the cost of external marking, administration, test supervision and materials.

Examination Procedures

The test will be held at **NBSC Cromer Campus**.

The test begins at 9:15am sharp in the school hall of **NBSC Cromer Campus**. Please ensure students report to the hall by 9:05am.

At 11:30am the test will conclude. Please collect students immediately following the test as supervision will not be provided.

School Selection Criteria

1. Any Year 6 PCS/NBLA primary school student can sit the General Achievement Test.
2. PCS/NBSC secondary schools will offer Academic Extension Class positions only to successful in-area students.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: Friday 19 February 2021 by 4.00pm



Year 7 High Potential & Gifted Education Academic Program 2022 Intake

School Selection Process

Following receipt of test results the PCS/NBSC secondary school principals will offer placement to the highest ranked students for the Academic Extension Class at their school. A reserve list will also be established.

General Achievement Application Form

Applications must be received, no later than **Friday 19 February 2021**. Applications will only be processed with a valid payment via POP – Parent Online Payment, cash or cheque payable to NBSC Cromer Campus enclosed with the completed application form.

A confirmation email will be sent by Friday 6 March 2021.

Admission to the test hall on test day

Only registered students will be allowed to sit the test.

Please email enquiries to: nbsccromer-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Sincerely

Justin Hong
Principal, NBSC Cromer Campus

ACADEMIC PLACEMENT TEST DETAILS

DATE: Thursday 18 March 2021
TIME: 9.00am – 12.00pm
VENUE: NBSC Cromer Campus, School Hall

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: Friday 19 February 2021 by 4.00pm



**Year 7 High Potential & Gifted Education
Academic Program 2022 Intake**

APPLICATION FORM

Student Name: _____

Residential Address: _____

Current Primary School: _____

Parent/Caregiver's Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Best Contact number: _____

Remittance Advice

Our preferred method of payment is POP, "Parent Online Payment". A button to access this online payment system titled 'Make a Payment' is visible on the utility bar on the front page of **NBSC Cromer Campus** website <https://nbsscromer-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

If paying by POP please ensure that you use the description **NBSC Cromer Campus Yr7 Talented Academic Program**.

Please make payments after 27 January 2021.

Payment Method (\$45)

Please tick appropriate box

Online Payment Cheque (Made out to NBSC Cromer Campus) Cash

POP Receipt number: _____ Date Paid: _____

Please forward completed application, supporting evidence and payment to:
Talented Academic Placement Coordinator
NBSC Cromer Campus
120 South Creek Rd
Cromer NSW 2099

Test Date: Thursday 18 March 2021, 9.15am

Venue: NBSC Cromer Campus
120 South Creek Rd, Cromer

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: Friday 19 February 2021 by 4.00pm



2022 YEAR 7 ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT CLASSES

NBSC Cromer Campus offers extension opportunities through academic extension classes which run from year 7 to year 10. This highly successful program creates a strong foundation for student success in years 11 and 12. Last year the schools top HSC ATAR result was 99.3.

The program aims to extend and challenge students in all courses by exploring 21st century skills in; creativity, critical thinking, communication and cooperative learning. Expectations are high in terms of the performance and quality of work delivered by students.

Entry to an Academic Enrichment Class for 2022 is by entrance examination. Applications forms and further information can be found on the school's website by clicking the link below.

[Academic Enrichment - NBSC Cromer Campus \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nbsc.nsw.gov.au/academic-enrichment)

Applications close Friday 19th February