Principal’s Message

SRC
Thank you to our class SRC representatives led by our outstanding Year 6 SRC leaders, Phoebe and Noah, who helped organise a very successful Teddy Bears Picnic. $322.75 was raised for Bear Cottage!

Community update
Ms Nicola Pellegrini, Northern Beaches Health Services Redevelopment Communications and Engagement Manager, will be joining our P&C meeting this coming Monday night at 7.15pm to chat about the services that will be available at the new hospital.
We are also holding information sessions in the school hall on Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 April from 4pm to 8pm, giving local community members an opportunity to look at plans and ask questions about this new development.

Tree mapping
The school has now a complete map of all trees on the school site which lists recommendations for tree removal or trimming. We will have the tree work done in the school holidays to prevent any disruption to the children.

Working Bee
Thank you to the hardworking families who attended our first working bee last Sunday. It was lovely weather and lots of work was done in a friendly atmosphere. The children enjoyed an opportunity to play together and have a BBQ.

School counsellor
Ms Janene Hill will be replacing Mrs Susan Young until the end of Term 2. A warm welcome to Janene who will be picking up Susan’s caseload!

NAPLAN
Information letters about NAPLAN were sent home last week to all Year 3 and 5 students. If for any reason you are not wanting your child to participate in NAPLAN please contact your child’s teacher as soon as possible.

Safety in school
May I request that all children have a raincoat in their bag at all times. Umbrellas are not to be brought to school as they are a safety issue for children in bag rooms and on the playground. Raincoats are available from the uniform shop, or the usual clothing stores like Lowes, K-Mart and Target.

Easter Hat Parade
Please join us at the shopping centre at 2.10pm for the K-2 parade followed by a parade at 2.30pm on the netball court.

Autumn Break
I do hope everyone has a lovely holiday. The children have worked very hard this term and should be proud of their commitment to being respectful, responsible learners! Children return to school on Tuesday 29 April in winter uniform.

Gail Smith  Principal
**Coming Events**

Friday 4 April  
3-6 cross country carnival 10.00 am  
K-2 cross country at 2pm

Monday 7 April  
Years 5 & 6 excursion

Monday 7 April  
P&C 7.15pm start for hospital update

Tuesday 8 April  
Community roads and hospital information in the hall 4-8pm

Wednesday 9 April  
Community roads and hospital information in the hall 4-8pm

Thursday 10 April  
Athletics Carnival K-6

Friday 11 April  
Easter Hat Parade 2.10pm

**Friday 11 April**  
Last day of Term 1

Monday 28 April  
School Development Day

**Tuesday 29 April**  
Students return for Term 2 in full winter uniform

**Respectful Responsible Learner**

The focus for this fortnight is:

Encourage others

Listen carefully and follow directions

**Assembly Award Winners**

**Term 1 Weeks 7 & 8**

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SILVER AWARD RECIPIENTS

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MEDAL RECIPIENTS
Caitlin A, James H

Sports News

As Term 1 comes to an end we would like to celebrate our sporting achievements and successful athletes.

Swimming
39 students represented Frenchs Forest at the zone swimming carnival. From these students a further 6 qualified for the Area swimming carnival. Congratulations to Charli B, Jackson B, Kimberley D, Anthony D, Jack B and Max D who all proudly represented our zone at area. Charli, Kimberley and Anthony were again successful at the Area carnival and have now qualified for the state swimming carnival. We wish them luck!!

Zone Trials
Cricket- Congratulations to Xavier R who progressed as far as the Sydney North Area cricket trials.
Tennis- Congratulations Will S who progressed to the Sydney North trials.
Basketball- Congratulations to Harry B and Finnley W who progressed to the Sydney North Area basketball trials.
Harry went on to be selected in the Sydney North team and will now play at the State cup in May. We wish him well!
Soccer- Congratulations to Hannah G who progressed as far as the Sydney North Trials for Soccer.
Rugby League- Congratulations to Zed D who progressed to the Sydney North Trials.
AFL- Congratulations to Taine W, Will S and Roddy D who progressed to the Sydney North trials. Taine and Roddy went on to be selected to play in the Sydney North team at the State comp.
AFL Gala Day- 4 teams attended the AFL Paul Kelly Cup earlier this term. All teams participated with enthusiasm and proudly represented the school. Congratulations to the Yr 5/6 Competitive Boys team who won the Gala Day and now progress to the Regional final in May! We wish them luck!!

MJ Peel
Assistant Principal/Sport Co-ordinator
President’s Report
Special thanks to Amanda Dunne and Sue Walsh for taking the lead on organising the disco night and to Judy Gombos for organising the grounds working bee. Your efforts are much appreciated ladies.

Before the P&C meeting on Monday 7 April, the Northern Beaches Health Services Redevelopment Communication and Engagement Manager will be in the staff room for a brief presentation and Q&A. If you are interested or have any questions, please come to the staff room at 7:15pm on Monday night. And then, why not stay for the P&C meeting at 7:30pm?

Don’t forget to get your Wish List suggestions in before the May 7 meeting. If you need another copy of the list, please ask at ffpşandc@gmail.com

Keep checking the Focus for information on upcoming events.

Current P&C Vacancies: Canteen Committee Convenor; Band Committee Convenor.

Sandie Docker
P&C President

Uniform Shop
There’s only one more day left this term for you to organise winter uniforms before the start of term 2. We will be open on Friday 11 April (8.45am-9.15am). The Uniform shop will then be open again on the first day back of term 2, Tuesday 29 April from 8.30am.

If you are not able to visit during our opening times you can complete an order form which is available from the school office or download from our FFPS website. Orders are filled each Friday and are sent to your child’s classroom or available for collection at the office. Please
ensure your order form is the current 2014 form as there have been some small stock and price changes from 2013.

Please note that payment is by cash or cheque only. Please make cheques payable to FFPS Uniform Shop.

Deb Hishon
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

**Fundraising**

Thank you to all of the parents who helped out with the School Disco on 21 March. The children all seemed to enjoy themselves - my girls certainly came home happy!

Don't forget our **Trivia Night** is coming up in term 2 on Saturday 31 May. Keep an eye out for the note which will come out in the first week of term 2. Start thinking about gathering a group of 10 parents together and brainstorming your table's theme. It is a fantastic social event - there will be something to keep everyone happy!

The new **Entertainment Book** is coming out in April. This year they are combining the Sydney and the Sydney North books so there will be an even greater choice of vouchers and discounts. This year they are also offering a digital version that can be used on your Smartphone. If you order your copy now you get some bonus vouchers e-mailed to you. It really is a fantastic buy - there are so many savings that your family can enjoy. Not only can you get fantastic discount vouchers on dining (from Fine Dining to McDonald's!) but there are also vouchers for Cinemas, AMF Bowling, Taronga Zoo, Luna Park, accommodation and so much more. Our family always saves far more than the price of the book each year. To order your book or digital version, click on this link: [https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/200y050](https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/200y050)

Leanne Broadhead
Fundraising Co-ordinator