

Term 2 Week 8, 20 June 2024

## Principal's Message

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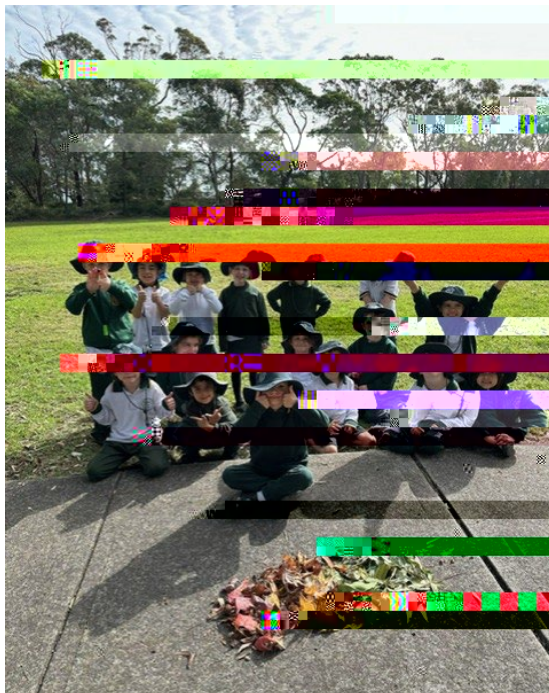
Whole school communication sent in the last fortnight (not all emails may pertain to your child)

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		Relevant students
13/06/2024	REMINDER: IMAX Sydney and Chinese Garden of Friendship	Relevant students
13/06/2024	P&C Fundraising – Snow Ball Auction Items	Whole school
13/06/2024	P&C Fundraising: Reading Pays Off Due Friday 5 July	Whole school
13/06/2024	Special Awards Invitation, Friday 28 June 2024	Relevant students
13/06/2024	AMENDED ATTACHMENT: P&C Fundraising – Snow Ball Auction Items	Whole school
20/06/2024	Nationally Consistent Collection of Data	Whole school
20/06/2024	Milson Island School Camp 2024	Years 5 and 6
20/06/2024	Special Awards Invitation, Friday 28 June 2024	
20/06/2024	Forest Focus Term 2 Week 8, 20 June 2024	

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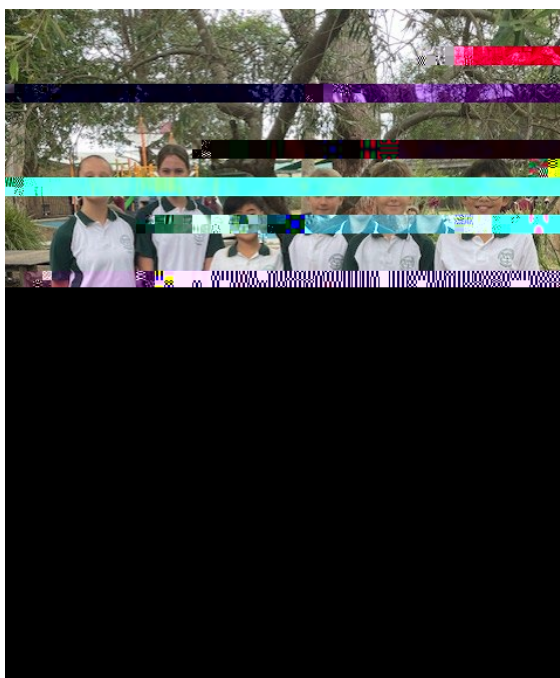
KW had a wonderful time making their outdoor Friend-o-Meter. The Friend-o-Meter is a visual tool that we use to help students assess how they are feeling in their friendships. Like a thermometer, the Friend-o-Meter indicates whether a friendship is in the healthy (green) or unhealthy (red) zone.



Friendship Fact #1: No Friendship is Perfect reminds students that it is normal and okay for a friendship to sometimes dip into the red zone. The key, however, is that they take action to get the friendship back into the green zone. The goal with all relationships is that they are in the green zone MOST of the time!

## Premier's Debating Challenge

Congratulations to our two Premier's Debating Challenge teams who are proving to be strong, competent opponents.



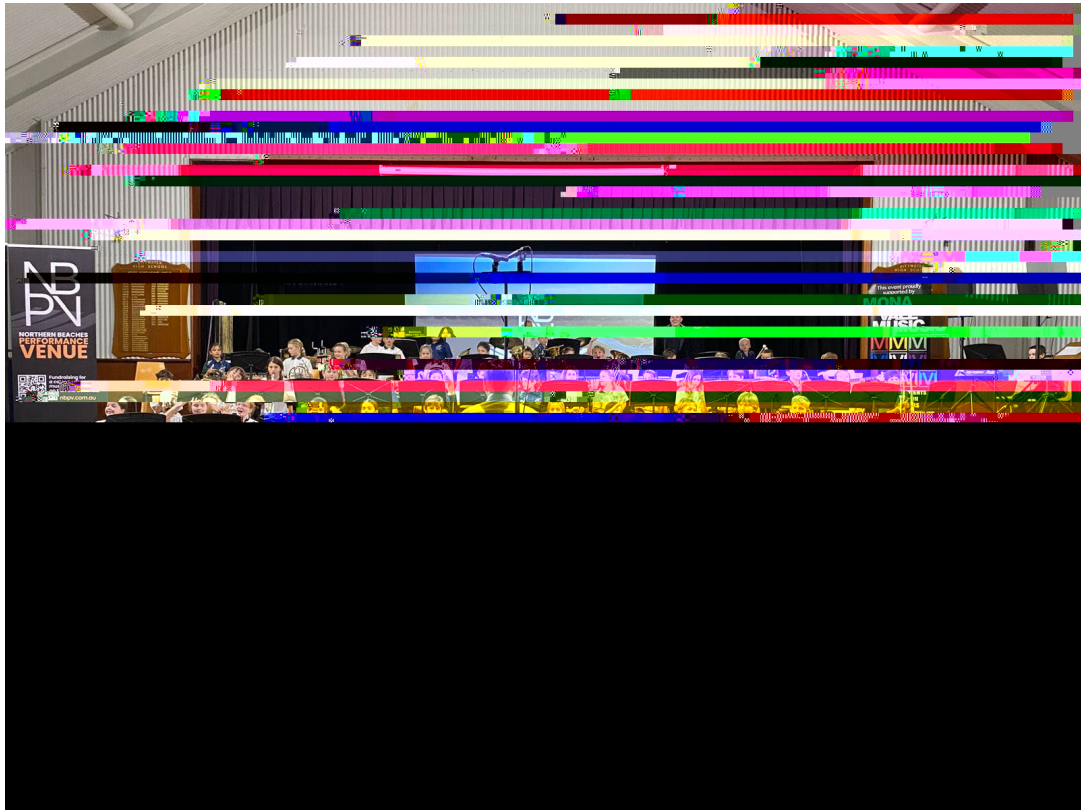
Gail Smith  
Principal

## Curriculum Information

When I was in primary school, I learnt that there are 26 letters that make up the English alphabet, consisting of 5 vowels and 21 consonants. What I didn't learn until I became a teacher is that there are 43 sounds (phonemes) that make up Australian English. Recognising these sounds is a crucial part of how we now teach children to read and spell. At its simplest, reading is taking the letters on a page and translating them into the sounds we hear in words. Writing is the reverse, converting the sounds we hear in words into letters on a page.

If knowledge about phonemes is new to you, as it was to me as an adult, then you may be interested to learn more to be able to support your child at home. Included in the Forest Focus this week is a table of 'Chants and Actions' that covers all the sounds we teach in kindergarten with the chants and actions we use to help children remember them. Being able to segment words into their sounds is an essential skill in learning to read and spell. We have also included a 'SegTJ (g )11.1g-6.6 (g )11.1 o ihantn(ed)10.6 (110.5 ( c)-r8b(eac)-2 (h)10Tw 0 -1.315)10.6 (110.5 ( c)

It was the first performance outside the school by the Training Band, a big milestone in their musical journey. A crowd favourite was the confident and engaging rendition of "Wipeout" by the Concert Band, complete with synchronised actions. Congratulations to all our performers. Special thanks to Robert on Tuba and Gerald on Drums. The Concert Band's next performance is at the Northern Sydney Symphonic Wind Ensemble Winter Community Concert on Monday 24 June 2024.



Training Band in combined performance with Killarney Heights and Curl Curl North Training Bands



Concert Band in full flight during "Wipeout"












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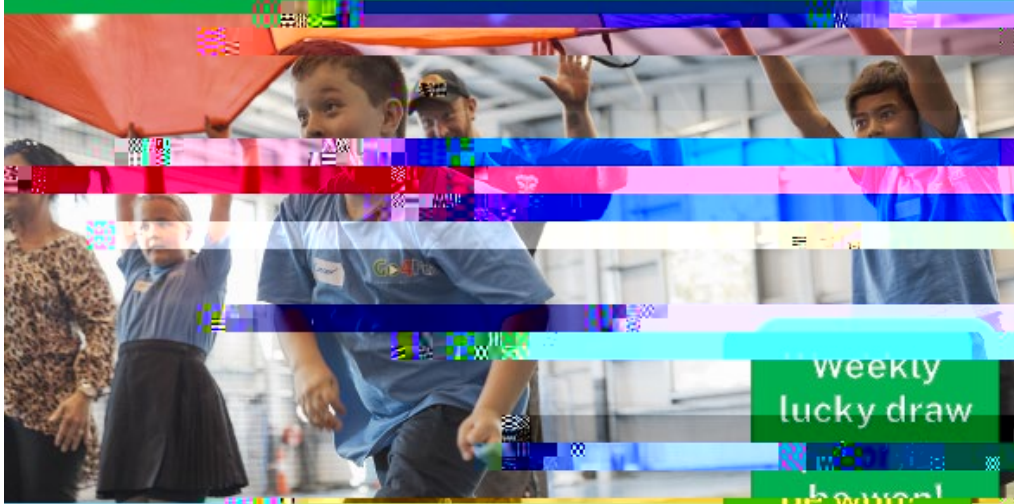
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