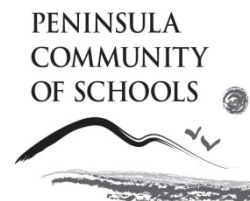




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NEWPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday 31st October, 2012

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Annual School Evaluation – we need your input!!

Each year we engage in a process of school evaluation. Rigorous self-evaluation is a process of a school determining how well it is serving its students and community. It is used to provide a valid and reliable foundation for school planning, identifying areas for improvement and to celebrate success. This year we are focusing on the areas of Science, supporting student learning and student achievement in literacy and numeracy. Over the next weeks Mr Davidson and Mrs Elliot will be surveying parents in the playground regarding Science program at Newport. We will also be using an online survey as one of the tools used to evaluate how we support student learning at Newport. This survey is available at the following address.

<https://s.zoomerang.com/s/NewportLearningSurvey>

Cybersafety

Over the past few weeks we have been informed of a number of cyber safety incidents that have involved our students. We ask that all parents be vigilant regarding their children's online presence. In a letter home to all parents last week, we requested that parents remove the 'KiK' messaging app from students' iPods and iPhones. This request is strongly supported by NSW Police who have detailed a number of serious incidents involving this app. It is insecure and allows students easy access to inappropriate content and provides an opportunity for complete strangers to communicate with children.

Remember that iPods and mobile phones allow students easy access to the internet, chat services and social media. We encourage all parents to take time to visit the Australian Cybersmart website developed by ACMA and the federal government. This website has some excellent resources and advice for keeping your child safe when online.

<http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Parents.aspx>

P&C Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets for the P&C end of year raffle have been sent home. This is their final fundraiser for the year, and there are some fabulous prizes donated by our very generous Newport community. I would ask that our families support this P&C effort. They provide invaluable financial support to our school every year. Your support directly helps students within our school.

Book Fair

Thursday 1st November

Our annual Book Fair will be held tonight in the library from 3.30 - 7.30 pm. The books available are discounted and include a variety of quality fiction and non-fiction texts. Please come along and support our library through the purchase of books. Christmas is coming and you might find a few gifts.

Boys Softball Knockout Team

The Boys Softball Team has travelled to Gosford today to compete in the final round of this state-wide knockout competition. Success today will see the boys move into the finals competition. This will be played on November 6 at Blacktown. Good luck boys!

Punchbowl Visit

Wednesday 14th November

In a few weeks the children and parents of Punchbowl Public School will visit our school. Our Year 4 students have been eagerly awaiting this return visit. The children from both schools have developed great friendships over the year, having exchanged regular letters and emails. A great day is planned for our visitors, sharing with them our wonderful Newport environment. Year 4 parents, please put this date in your diary.

Combined Scripture Service

Our annual combined Scripture service will be held on Tuesday 20th November in the hall. Details of the K-2 and 3-6 services will be detailed in next week's Natter

Life Education Program

Healthy Harold is currently visiting Newport. This program is a valuable supplement to our Health and Personal Development curriculum area, reinforcing with children the importance of making healthy choices. Every year the children enjoy a new program of lessons that build upon the previous year. I encourage every child to attend their grade session and am sure they will once again enjoy and benefit from the experience. Lessons started this week and continue for the next two weeks. Payment for the program is included on the Term 4 account. Please finalise these payments as soon as possible.

Kinder Orientation 2013

This is the last week of our orientation program. Once again this has been extremely successful. The children have enjoyed a variety of activities during their visits and are looking forward to big school next year. Thank you Mrs Baldi, Mrs Oscroft, Mrs Fisher, Mrs Svendsen, Mrs Englund and Mrs Parker for their commitment to this program.

Special Swimming Scheme

Next week our Years 2 students will be participating in this valuable swimming program. The program will run from Manly Pool for the next two weeks. Thank you to the parents who support this great program. I am sure the children will not only learn valuable skills, they will also have an enjoyable time. They will be well and truly ready for our swimming carnival on the following Monday.

Selective High School Entry to Year 7 in 2014

Applications to apply for selective high school placements are now available. Year 5 have received a note about this. Online applications opened from Monday 16th October and paper application forms were in schools from Tuesday 23rd October. These must be returned by Friday 16th November and online applications close on Monday 19th November. The Selective High school Placement Test is set for Thursday 16th March 2013.

Helpers Morning Tea

The Newport Staff are holding their annual helpers morning tea on Tuesday 20th November at 11am. We value the enormous contribution all our volunteers make to our school and anyone who has been a volunteer in our school this year is invited to come along. Our valued helpers will be receiving initiations very soon. We look forward to seeing you there.

2012 School Concert

Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th November

Preparations and rehearsals are well underway for our very exciting end of year concerts this year. Each class is scheduled to perform twice over the two days at a 5pm or 7pm concert. Information about concert times and when classes will be performing will be in next week's Natter.

Are You Leaving Us?

At this time of year we are well into our planning for 2013. We would appreciate knowing if your child/children will be not be returning to Newport PS in 2013. This information is important for our class organisation and staffing for next year. We also need to know if your child/children are returning to Newport after the start of the 2013 school year (**Wednesday 30th January**). I require a short note to confirm that they will be returning and on what day so they can still be counted in our enrolment numbers and placed in their 2013 class. Please send this information to the office.

**Regards,
Margaret Charlton
Principal**

BOOK FAIR



Our Book Fair will be in the library on selection of books from which you can and non fiction books from the best Australian and overseas authors and illustrators. All books are discounted and some are at greatly reduced prices. This is a great opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping while supporting our library at the same time.

Eftpos and credit card facilities will be available (Visa and Mastercard only). If you cannot attend in person, credit card payment slips are on the back of the 'wish lists' and can be sent to school with your child/ren (or cash or cheques made out to 'Carnival Fairs') on the Thursday.

You, your family and friends are most welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

Stephanie Bracey, Sylvia Fisher and Rita Ericsson.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 6 Camp 12th-15th November

Swimming Carnival Monday 19th November

Last day of term for students 19th December

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The Uniform Shop is now online at FlexiSchools. If you already have a FlexiSchools account, you will see that you can select to order from the Canteen or Uniform Shop. If you do not yet have an account, go to flexischools.com.au and set up an account. If you need help setting up your FlexiSchools account, call FlexiSchools on 1300-361-769. There is also a FlexiSchools App available.

Uniform shop orders placed by 5pm on Fridays will be distributed to your child's class the following Monday or Tuesday. It's that easy!

Of course, we will still be open as usual on Mondays and Tuesdays and we still take payments through the office if you are unable to make it during our open times. Order forms can also be emailed on request or collected from the office.

A massive thank you to our current team of volunteers who help on Mondays and Tuesdays.

The Uniform Shop is open every Monday 9-10am and Tuesday 3-4pm. For enquiries, please contact newportuniformshop@hotmail.com or Carla Pettitt 0413-804-015 & Kate Raffles 0413-519-872

GONGRIDE 2012

On Sunday November 4, we will be participating in the annual Sydney to Wollongong cycling event raising money for MS Australia. We would like to ask the Newport community to help us, not by donning the Lycra and cycling 90kms, but by assisting us in raising funds for this important cause. Sponsorship details are listed below. All donations over \$2 are fully tax deductible. Please help make our lycra embarrassment worthwhile!

Greg & Anthony Moran



**SPONSOR OUR TEAM IN THE GONG RIDE
TO HELP PEOPLE WITH MS**

1. Visit www.gongride.org.au
2. Click on 'Donate'
3. Search for **Greg or Anthony Moran**
4. Click 'Donate Now'
5. Make a donation!

You will receive a tax deductible receipt immediately via email and can view your contribution on the fundraising page.

Thank you for your support!

SUNDAY 4 NOV 2012



NO WRAP WEDNESDAY

Just a reminder to all families that every Wednesday is **NO WRAP LUNCH** day at Newport School. **NO WRAP LUNCH** is an initiative to reduce the amount of packaging bought and waste produced. We are educating the students, parents and staff about where our waste ends up and how we can, as individuals, make a difference to the amount of waste we generate. No wrap lunches favour the use of reusable food and drink containers while discouraging the use of pre-packaged foods, plastic bags, juice boxes and the like.

So, for example, if your child likes cheese in their lunch box, cut a chunk of cheese off a large block rather than buy a plastic wrapped cheese stick. Whether the plastic is in your bin at home or here at school, it is still an item in our waste stream that will not ever decompose.

NO WRAP LUNCH RAFFLE: every Wednesday, children who bring no wrap lunches to school (grease proof paper is fine) are given a raffle ticket. At the end of each month the raffle is drawn and prizes are given to the winners. Prizes include reusable lunch bags, drink bottles and snack bags and are a reward for considering the environment!

The winners from this month's raffle are:

Leroy Abercromby 1JG

Kai Johnson 1EJ

Thanks from the Environmental Management Team

MERIT AWARD WINNERS

KDF	Jesse Cavanagh, Alice Long	3DD	Nova Belic, Jodie Louw
KEE	Lewis Whiley, Jemima Johnson	3GB	Lucy Dawson, Kalani Ess
KGS	Sophie Lowry, Lachlan Zaraza	3RN	Max Barratt, Daniel Wheeler
KJP	Monty Bransby-Wright, Faith Stewart	4IW	Zac Van-Dam, Ethan Sinfield
KSO	India Pratt, Holly hines	4KC	Jemima Thomas, Eladie Jones
1AJ	Alex Harrisson, Caitlyn Fitzgerald	4LC	Jake Barnabus, Billy Capewell
1EJ	Sienna Smith, Joshua Myers	4MW	Max Donohue, Ashlie Edwards
1JG	Ellie James, Will Malin	5LH	Zane Tullett, Francesca Curtin
1SN	Heidi Adams, Nathan Holowaty	5PA	Linda Leck, Arthur Daher
1/2KH	Polly Phelps, Scarlett Rowland-Smith	5SC	Charlie Belic, Sebastian De Smyth
2BG	Zoe Bracey, Jett Pickering	5/6AH	Taylor Osborne, Lachlan Cox
2JF	Syra Lovett, Aaron Hughes	6GM	Natasha Bryant, Sophie Thomas
2JJ	Billy Cardiff, Liana Tulloch	6KK	Eve Parker, James McCoy
2TD	Rachel Kelso, Claudia Lever	6LL	Riley Paterson, Charlie Morgan
3LS	Lhamo Yousto, Chris Magno		

CHOOK LOTTO WINNERS



6LL	Chloe Wilson	6LL	Jacqui Hall	4IW	Bianca Garbett
1JG	Jake Fairless	1/2KH	Mia Molloy	1JG	Lachlan Francis

Newport School Monster Raffle

This week your child has been sent home with a book of 10 raffle tickets to be sold at only **\$2 ea.**

The raffle will be drawn at our school Christmas Concert on Thursday 29th November. Please ensure that all **ticket butts / unsold tickets and money** is handed back to your class teacher by **Monday 26th November.**

Thank you for supporting this fundraiser and Happy Selling.

Regards,

The Fundraising Team.

Melbourne Cup Day – The Uniform Shop will be closed, Tuesday, 6 November.

The Uniform Shop is getting busier with parents of Kindergarten 2013 students preparing for next year. It's also a good time to start thinking about what you need for next year while stocks are good.

Remember all profits generated go straight to the school. When you consider that our pricing is as low as or better than other retailers, why not benefit from the profits? Some recent price comparisons:

School hats – Other retailers \$15. Our price \$12
Girls Summer Dresses – Other retailers from \$58. Our price from \$48
Boys Blue Shirts – Other retailers \$20-24. Our price \$20
Boys Grey Shorts – Other retailers from \$20. Our price \$20

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Canteen Roster

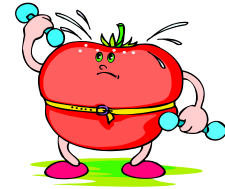
Monday November 4th - J. Turner, C.Amir, J.Rodgers

Tuesday November 5th - F. Griffith

Wednesday November 6th - J.Neill, M. Ramsay, K.McMahon

Thursday November 7th - A. Graham, M. Bensley

Friday November 8th - S.Rose, K.Paul, G.Vidler or B. Hooghuis



If you are unable to make your rostered day, please call Tammy on 9979 6504 or email the canteen newportschoolcanteen@hotmail.com

Calling All Volunteers for 2013!

We are starting to work on our roster for 2013! If you are interested in assisting in any way, please let the canteen know. We would love to see you. Please find application form attached to this week's Natter. There are forms in the canteen for you to fill in the days and times you are available or send us an email newportschoolcanteen@hotmail.com or come and pop your name on the new roster.

The school canteen runs so smoothly thanks to the help of all of our wonderful and dedicated volunteers! Mums, Dads, Grandparents and Grandfriends are all welcome. If you can spare anytime at all between the hours of 8.30 am and 2pm we would love to see you. Even fifteen minutes or half an hour for morning tea service is greatly appreciated! Call Tammy on 9979 6504 or email newportschoolcanteen@hotmail.com

"Volunteers are paid in six figures - S-M-I-L-E-S" - Gayla LeMair

MUSIC NEWS

Music Program Information Evening: To be held on Thursday 15th November at 7pm in the school hall. This is a chance for all parents and children to come along and learn about the band and string orchestra program. You will meet the Director of the program and hear some of our talented musicians demonstrate the various instruments and to enrol for Training Band or the Violins/ String Orchestra in 2013. Training Band is open to all Year 3 and above students or to younger students who are already playing an instrument. V1s and V2s are open to Year 1 students and above.

Auditions for Performance Band: These will be held for Concert Band Members on the mornings of Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th December. Details of the audition will be issued this week by the CB Managers and will include a set piece, a sight reading, an own choice piece and two scales. A schedule of audition times for each musician will also be provided. The audition is held in front of John Stone and Andrew Laurich (approximately 5 minutes per child).

Dates for your Diary

Thurs 15/11	Band Information Evening
Sat 17/11	Avalon Market Day – Training Band, Concert Band and Performance Band to perform. Time to be confirmed.
Mon 10/12	Twilight Concert
Wed 12/12 & Thurs 13/12	Performance Band Auditions

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I would like to receive the Natter by email

Name: _____

Child's Name: _____ Child's Class _____

Email Address: _____



Newport School Music Program Information Evening
Thinking of enrolling your child (Years 3 to 6 in 2013) in the Newport Public School
Training Band or String Orchestra?

Then come along to the Music Program Information Evening
on

Thursday 15th November 2012 commencing at 7.00pm

In

Newport Public School Hall

♪demonstrations (by members of 2012 Performance, Concert, Training Bands & String
Orchestra) of all instruments on offer;

♪information about the band and string program;

♪ details of the commitment for you and your child/ren;

♪ details of instrument hire;

♪ advice on finding tutors; ♪the benefits of learning an instrument
and playing in a band or orchestra.

Music Director John Stone and our committed conductors will talk about the music program
and answer your questions.

Does your child already
learn an instrument? Come along to find out how they can be involved in Newport's dynamic
ensembles! Existing enrolled musicians welcome to attend.

♪ We look forward to seeing you there. ♪

The Newport School Music Program Committee
For further information: Email: judek@jckconsulting.com.au
Newport School Music Program Information Evening

Young Writers Award

SKY HIGH!

One morning Max was eating his breakfast as his best friend Zoe walked in through the door wondering if he was ready for his first day of school. After he had finished his breakfast they both ran out the door to catch the bus.

"Everybody in?" Asked the bus driver.

"Yes!" Exclaimed the children.

It all seemed like a normal bus ride until the bus started to fly up into the sky like a rocket.

"I guess that's why they call the school Sky High." Said Max as they all came out looking extremely shocked.

Just as Max came out of the bus he bumped into a bunch of kids who were introduced by Max's other friend Kai.

"Hey bro this is Alex and Millie." He said.

"Hi" said Alex and Millie.

After that the principal came out of the school and started to tell all of the new students the rules. Max wasn't paying any attention because he was too busy looking at a girl he had noticed as soon as he got out of the bus.

"She is beautiful!" He mumbled staring at her.

Then the bell rang which took him out of his crazy trance.

"What do we do now?" Max asked.

"Weren't you listening?" Asked Zoe noticing who he was looking at.

"Quick we are going to be late for class!" Exclaimed Millie.

"Ya bro what are you doing there." Said Kai sounding quite annoyed.

So we all went inside. The first class we did was to test our powers to the limit. We were firstly introduced to Mr Buzzer. He was going to be our teacher.

"This class is going to push your powers to the limit.... I will also judge if you should be a sidekick or a superhero depending on how well you use your powers." He said.

"First up is Jasper!" Shouted Mr Buzzer.

So up came Jasper who looked like a small boy with freckles and curly orange hair.

"Show us your powers." Said Mr Buzzer.

To everyone's surprise Jasper turned into a huge rock monster.

"Aaaaarrrrrrhhhhh!!!!!" He screamed.

"Hero!" Shouted Mr Buzzer as he was getting rock dust out of his eyes. Everybody clapped.

"Next up....Millie!" he shouted still astonished by the previous act.

So Millie came up to the platform.

"Show us your powers." Said Mr Buzzer.

Then Millie turned into a cute little hamster

"Squeak squeak?" She asked which meant what am I in hamster.

"SIDEKICK!" Mr Buzzer screamed.

"Next up....Alex!" He shouted.

So up came Alex looking quite scared.

"What can you do?" Asked Mr Buzzer.

Strangely Alex melted onto the floor.

"That's cute....for an ice-block!" Shouted Mr Buzzer.

Then the bell rang.

"Aaahhh lunch....we will continue this lesson after lunch." Said Mr Buzzer.

At lunch we bumped into two boys. One was tall with black hair, the other was short and plump with orange hair. "I'm Stanley." Said the first boy.

"I'm Sam." Said the other.

Then Max, Zoe, Kai, Alex and Millie just pushed past them and went to get some food. As they were eating Max noticed somebody staring at him. "Why is that guy staring at me?" Max asked Millie. "Oh that guy?" Max nodded.

"His parents were divorced because his mum was a hero and his dad was a villain....a few days later his dad (The Flash) decided to try out another one of his crazy crimes so your dad (The Commander) tried to defend the city but instead killed the Flash." She said. Then Max went over to where the boy was sitting and asked him what his name was. "Zane" he said

Then a couple seconds later Zane jumped up onto the table with fire on his hands.

"WOW!" Shouted Max backing away. The fire sizzled. Then amazingly Zane started shooting fire at Max!

Max was running and running until he decided to crawl under a long row of tables. Zane then ran on top of the tables that Max was crawling under and shooting at Max. (Everybody was very scared and worried.)When Max was under the very last table he tried to lift it and he.....DID IT! Everybody clapped as max threw the table into the nurses office with Zane on it!

Then Max noticed the girl he saw in the morning when he got off the bus.

"Hi....! I'm Emily....What's your name?" She asked.

"Max" he said as if he was daydreaming. Then the bell rang.

"Bye" said Emily as she walked over to her class. Then Max ran over to his class noticing he was going to be late. Luckily he wasn't late. It was Kai's turn to show us his powers.

"What can you do?" Asked Mr Buzzer

"I can glow" he said.

Unfortunately everybody knows that for something to glow it needs to be dark, and when you're at Sky High it's even brighter than it is on the ground. So Kai didn't glow

"Go back, go back!" Said Mr Buzzer.

Then as Kai slowly walked down the platform he started mimicking Mr Buzzer like this.

"Go back, go back....yah no good here....me no like you Kai." At least Mr Buzzer didn't hear him.

"Next up....Zoe!" Shouted Mr Buzzer. Then Zoe shouted back and said, "I don't think this is a good way to see if somebody should be a hero or a sidekick....everybody here is a hero!"

There was a long pause.

Then Mr Buzzer shouted "SIDEKICK!"

Zoe shrugged as if she didn't care.

Mr Buzzer rolled his eyes and said the next name .It was Max

Mr Buzzer suspected straight away that Max was strong like his dad.

Mr Buzzer said "Car." Then down came a car. Max caught it.

"Hero!" Shouted Mr Buzzer.

Then the bell rang for everybody to go home. "Race you to the bus!" Shouted Max

Zoe knew straight away that he was talking to her so she started running and saying "I'm gonna beat you!"

AND NOBODY KNOWS WHAT HAPPENED NEXT!

Lulubelle Ryberg Neale

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**Newport Breakers
Netball Club**

**Come and try netball with the Newport Breakers Netball
Club!**

**Monday 3rd December '12
from 3:30pm – 4:30pm**

6-12 years welcome!

**Meet at the netball court at
Newport Public School**

**Play netball with friends!
www.newportbreakers.netball.asn.au**

**For more information,
please contact Bec Hunt
mbl: 0414 887 765**