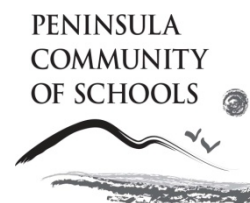




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NEWPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday 14th November, 2012

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

2013 Swimming Carnival

Monday 19th November

Warringah Aquatic Centre, 9.45am – 2.30pm

Don't forget our swimming carnival will be held next Monday. It is always wonderful to have parents come along to cheer on the children. We look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Helpers Morning Tea

The Newport staff are holding their annual Helpers Morning Tea next week on Tuesday 20th November at 11.00am. We value the enormous contribution all our volunteers make to our school and I would like to extend a general invitation to anyone who has been a volunteer in our school this year to come along. Invitations have been sent home to class and group helpers, however, if you helped out at our Working Bees, our Garden Club or our P&C please come along as we would hate to miss anyone. We especially like to thank the Year 6 parents who are leaving Newport this year. Please be sure to come along. We look forward to seeing you there.

**** A SPECIAL INVITATION TO NEWPORT SCHOOL HELPERS. ****

The staff of Newport School would like to invite you to
Morning Tea on Tuesday 20th November, 2012
to be held on the western veranda of the school hall.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Combined Scripture Service

Our annual combined Scripture service will be held next week on **Tuesday 20th November** in the hall.

Newport Learning Survey – 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 evaluating learning support programs, gifted and talented education and the Science curriculum area. Your feedback is very much valued and the information we receive will assist us in evaluating current practices and programs, and in planning for future directions.

The survey will be closing soon.

If you wish to participate in the survey, please go to the link below to complete a short survey on catering for the range of students in our classes:

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

Punchbowl Visit

Wednesday 14th November

This year our Punchbowl Cultural Exchange is in its 20th year. Today the children and parents of Punchbowl PS 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.

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. All classes have been working extremely hard on their items and they are looking forward to performing for you.

Each class is scheduled to perform twice over the two days at a 5pm or 7pm concert. All children are expected to attend both concert performances. The schedule for the concert is as follows:

Concert A – Wednesday, Nov 28 5.00pm

Concert B – Wednesday, Nov 28 7.00pm

Concert B – Thursday, Nov 29 5.00pm

Concert A – Thursday, Nov 29 7.00pm

Classes in Concert A: KEE, KSO, KJP, 1JG, 1/2KH, 2JJ, 2TD, 3GB, 3RN, 4KC, 4IW, 5PA, ½ x 5AH, 6LL, 6AH

Classes in Concert B: KGS, KDF, 1EJ, 1SN, 1AJ, 2BG, 2JF, 3DD, 3LS, 4LC, 4MW, 5SC, 5LH, ½ x 5AH, 6KK, 6GM

Concert tickets will be \$5 this year, and are on sale now. A number of tickets have been set aside for Year 6 students, who are currently on camp, so families will not miss out.

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.

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

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Swimming Carnival Monday 19th November

Last day of term for students 19th December

NEWPORT SCHOOL MONSTER RAFFLE

Remember to sell those raffle tickets with each ticket at only \$2 each!!

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 to our sponsors.

Specsavers Warringah Mall, Pharmacare, the Phillips family, Newport Law, Krinklewood Wines, Press & James Travel Associates, the Tullet family, Eastern Suburbs Garage Doors, the Ambrosius family, Jane Miles, Rocklily Natural Health, Driftwood Café Akunabay, Compdata Technology Services, the Hunt family, the Wiles family, Tammy Carter & the Stokes family.

BOOK CLUB 2012

All K-6 classes have received Issue 8 of Scholastic Book Club. All orders need to be placed in an envelope clearly marked **BOOK CLUB** with your child's NAME and CLASS. Cheques made payable to SCHOLASTIC and credit card payments are preferred. You can combine your orders and pay for them as one single payment. Credit card payments can be paid on-line or by phone and your receipt number needs to be recorded and sent back to school with your order. Please send K-2 orders to Mrs Falconer and 3-6 orders to the Library.

Orders are due back by **MONDAY 19th November**

Please allow 2 weeks for your books to arrive.

If you have any questions, please see Mrs Falconer or Mrs Ericsson.

Book Club helps our school to purchase books and equipment for our Literacy programs.

Remember **to READ EVERY DAY THAT YOU EAT!**

LIBRARY NEWS

It is now time to seriously look for those misplaced/lost library books. All books will need to be returned to the library by the end of week 8, in preparation for our end-of-year stocktake. Children will only be able to borrow one book during week 7 and there will be no borrowing after that.
Stephanie Bracey, Sylvia Fisher and Rita Ericsson.

CHESS NEWS

Tomorrow 6 teams of 18 children will head to Collaroy for the Northern Beaches One Day Chess Teams Tournament. The event is being run by the NSW Junior Chess League and hosted by Pittwater House Preparatory School. Newport's chess players have been training very hard twice a week with parent chess wiz Edson Ortiz. It is hoped the extra attention to training will give our children the edge in our final Interschools chess event for the year. Many thanks to Edson for volunteering his time and expertise.
Players are reminded to meet in Mr Tickle's room at 8.30am **SHARP** tomorrow morning.

Mark Tickle

Parliament Report Term 4 Week 5

On Tuesday the 6th of November Year 6 held School Parliament with Year 4 as guests. The portfolio Student Welfare and Safety ministers, Zac and Lucy, suggested that we should have more fruit available for purchase during the summer at the canteen. This motion was carried and the ministers will talk to Mrs Charlton and the canteen ladies.
Sport and Leisure ministers, Harry and Elise, suggested we should have a professional sports person come to talk to the PSSA students to motivate them at the start of the season. The motion was defeated because it might cost too much money.
The Grounds and Environment ministers' motion was to increase the amount of bubblers down on the netball court. This motion was carried. Natasha and Kyle will talk to Mrs Charlton about the suggestion.
The Fundraising and Charity portfolio put forward the idea of have the 'Present under the Tree' fundraiser. This motion was carried because some children are less fortunate than us. Charlie and Ella will talk to Mrs Charlton about the matter.
Thanks to the Year 6 and Year 4 teachers for attending our final Parliament meeting for 2012. And a GIANT thank you to Mr Hearne for organising and helping the parliament ministers this year.

By Kyle Epplett and Harry Vaughan

MERIT AWARD WINNERS

KDF	Avalon Johnstone, Harry Gordon	3DD	Henry Devaney, Hailey Carter
KEE	Olivia Vartuli, Oliver Turner	3GB	Skye Stone, Amity Cox
KGS	Brooke Flynn, Lewis Wilson	3RN	Max Schweinsberg, Beatriz Kostnar-Frundt
KJP	Maggie O'Sullivan, Ahren Langton	4IW	Dom Walsh, Nathan Bryant
KSO	Tristan Power, Alex Murray	4KC	Ben Robards, Tenzin Tsering
1AJ	Ruby Kennedy, Garth Boyd	4LC	Cody Harker, Annalena Batninski
1EJ	Beth Maguire, William Heslop	4MW	Harriette Burke, Thomas Popton
1JG	Sienna Sinfield, Jake Fairless	5LH	Jessica Deathridge, James Barratt
1SN	Maddie Nielson, Luke Stidwill	5PA	Ella Wilson, Angelo De Vera
1/2KH	Aiden Russell, Luke Berry	5SC	
2BG		5/6AH	Che Blaiklock, Shane Hustwayte, Ella Paton
2JF		6GM	
2JJ		6KK	
2TD		6LL	
3LS	Grace Nielson, Jack Turner		

CHOOK LOTTO WINNERS



4MW Aiden Fawle

5SC David Hallgren

4IW Zac Van Dam

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The Uniform Shop will be **CLOSED Monday, 19 November** due to the Swimming Carnival. Online orders placed by 5pm this Friday will be delivered Tuesday, 20 November.

Now is a good time to start thinking about what you need for next year while stocks are good. Whilst our plan is to ensure we always have enough stock, it's nearly impossible to predict buying patterns so it's best to get your orders in as soon as you can to avoid any waiting times if stocks do run out.

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**

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.

Thanks to our team of volunteers – **Jenny Smith, Kath Tulloch, Tracey Gowen, Tina Sharp and Katie Brennan.**

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

Canteen Roster

Monday November 19th: L. Brooks, K.McCabe, S. Crittendon

Tuesday November 20th: C.Martin, T.Oetojo

Wednesday November 21st: J.Paton, C.Borg

Thursday November 22nd: V. Norman, J.Luckman

Friday November 23rd: J. Greeves, V. Watkin, I.Ambrosius

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 weeks 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 LeMaire

TAMMYS CHRISTMAS PUDDING FUNDRAISER

It is that time of year again, with only **7 weeks until Christmas** it's time to start ordering those Christmas Puddings. This year Tammy in our Canteen is making Christmas Puddings and they come in 3 sizes: 250gram for \$12 each, 500gram for \$18 each and 1 KG \$32 each.

Each and every pudding is individually made and tied up in natural calico with string, in Tammy's traditional method for many hours then hung individually on a line to naturally dry, age & mature, just as you would at home, & just in time for Christmas.

To order, please fill in the form below and take it to Tammy in the canteen with the correct money no later than **Monday 3rd December 2012.**

Thank you for your participation and enjoy your Christmas pudding.

Merry Christmas

The Fundraising Team



Name _____

Class _____

Pudding Type	Cost	No. Required	Total Cost
250 gram Christmas Pudding	\$12		
500 gram Christmas Pudding	\$18		
1 KG Christmas Pudding	\$32		

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, violin and string orchestra program. You will meet the Director of the program and hear some of our talented musicians demonstrate various instruments. You can enrol your child/ren for Training Band or the Violins or String Orchestra in 2013 at an early bird rate. Training Band is open to all Year 3 to 6 students or to younger students who are already playing an instrument. V1s and V2s are open to Year 1 students and above.

Twilight Concert to be held at **7pm on 10th December at Barrenjoey High School. ALL WELCOME - this is a great evening wrapping up the musical year at Newport, always much enjoyed by the performers and audience alike.** Note: Performance Band parents if possible to arrive early to set up hall (contact PB Manager, Fiona Gudmunson); Training Band parents to run BBQ (contact TB Manager, Bindi Hooghuis); V1 and V2 parents to provide wine for raffle (contact Felicity Douglas). Please help with packing away afterwards. Children can wear casual clothes in Christmas colours.

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 and times have been issued this week by the CB Manager Marie Matthison and include a set piece, a sight reading, an own choice piece and two scales. The audition is held in front of John Stone and Andrew Laurich (approximately 5 minutes per child).

Music Committee Meeting/AGM Thursday 6th December in the school staffroom – ALL WELCOME! Come along if your child is joining or continuing with the music program next year

Hired Instrument Return: All hired instruments must be returned for servicing during the holidays. Melissa Turnock will be available to collect instruments in the school hall immediately after the PB auditions on 12th and 13th December. An afternoon option may be possible if required. There will be no further rehearsals after these dates.

Dates for the Diary

Thurs 15/11

Band Information Evening in School Hall **ALL WELCOME!**

Sat 17/11

Avalon Market Day (CB and PB to wear band uniform please)

– Training Band (arrive 9.30am for 10.00am start)

– Concert Band (arrive 9.45am for 10.15am start)

– Performance Band ((arrive 10.05am for 10.35am start)

Thurs 06/12

Music Committee Meeting/AGM at 7.30pm in school staffroom

Mon 10/12

Twilight Concert at 7pm at Barrenjoey High School. ALL WELCOME!

Wed 12/12 & Thurs 13/12

Performance Band Auditions & Hire Instrument Return



Play Violin in 2013



Register now for early bird fees*

WHY JOIN OUR VIOLIN PROGRAM?

- ❖ Music has been proven to enhance intelligence, motor development, coordination, confidence, creativity and other developmental areas in children.
- ❖ Newport is one of the few public schools to offer a comprehensive violin programme for students from the age of 6.
- ❖ Your child will have a great time playing and performing with their friends.

WHAT'S INVOLVED?

- ❖ Your child will start in Violin 1 which includes two small group lessons per week, probably Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8.20am to 9.15am as well as attendance at 2 or 3 concerts during the year.
- ❖ Second year (Violin 2) also involves two small group lessons per week and attendance at 3 or 4 concerts.
- ❖ After completing Violin 1 and 2 your child will be invited to join our String Orchestra for the remainder of their time at Newport Public School.
- ❖ Annual cost includes all tutorials and concerts and is comparable to dance or swim lessons.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

- ❖ Come along to the Music Information Night on 15/11/12 in the school hall and fill in the registration form

FURTHER QUERIES

- ❖ Phone Paula on 9979 7249

* Register and pay before 1/12/12 and to receive an early bird discount

Want to know more about
**Newport Public School
Music Program**



Come to the
**Music Program
Information Night**

Thursday 15th November

7.00pm

School Hall



Northern Beaches Public Forum: My Family, Drugs, Alcohol and Adolescence

*Are you worried about your children experimenting with drugs and/or alcohol as they approach high school?
What do I need to know about drugs and alcohol and use in youth?*

*'If only we'd known where to turn to and had the courage to do so when things got really bad and not hidden it from
our family and friends, we could have helped our family member.'*

'This can't possibly be happening to us; to me...'

'Why didn't she/he tell me he was in trouble?'

If any of these questions or statements has entered your mind, or this is your reality then you may find coming along to an evening at PITTWATER HIGH SCHOOL for a straight forward, reality based, interactive forum covering these concerns and questions. It will be a safe place to share and feel supported as you bring other questions or concerns you may have.

When: Monday 26 November 2012

Where: Pittwater High School Hall, Mona St Mona Vale

Time: 6:30 Introduction -meet and greet for a 7:00pm start –concludes at 9:00pm

Cost: FREE

Contact: Carol 0400 113 422 RSVP 12 November 2012

AVALON BILGOLA AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

Would like to invite you to come and join our Family Friendly swim club each Saturday morning from 8.45am to 11am at the beautiful Bilgola Ocean Rock Pool

Each week we have handicapped races for the whole family, mums and dads included, so that everyone gets to swim to their best ability

Season runs from October to March and the total cost is only \$30 per swimmer

Our Learn to Swim Classes, Stroke Improvement Classes and School Carnival Preparation Classes commence on Saturday 10 November starting at 8am and these classes are free to all registered members

Check our website www.avalonbilgolaswimming

or give us a call on 0419 410 103

or send us an email avalonbilgolaswimming@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS GIFT MUFTI DAY

Smith Family Christmas Tree Gift 2012 .



Dear Newport Family,

On Tuesday 11th December we are having a Christmas Gift Day. The idea is that each child brings in a gift for a child to put beneath the Christmas tree. The gifts will be donated to the Smith Family.

- The gift need to be wrapped and labelled, boy/girl and the age of the child it is suitable for.
- Please no second hand toys and not too big.
- Gifts can be dropped at school, outside the Counsellors office next to the Infants staff room prior to this date but no later.
- The children are to wear mufti, (Christmas colours, Red/Green).

Wiseberry Real Estate, Mona Vale will collect the gifts from the school and send them to the Smith Family. Thank You in advance for your generosity.

Newport Charity Committee

2012 NEWPORT SCHOOL CONCERTS TICKET ORDER FORM

Please complete the following order form if you would like tickets.

All tickets are \$5.

Please return the form and money in an envelope to your class teacher/office . Cash or cheques ONLY.

Cheques are made payable to Newport PS.

Tickets will NOT be available at the door.

Tickets, in the form of a program, will be sent home with your child.

NAME.....CLASS.....

Concert A Wednesday, Nov 28 5.00pm No. of tickets _____ @\$5 _____

Concert B Wednesday, Nov 28 7.00pm No. of tickets _____ @\$5 _____

Concert B Thursday, Nov 29 5.00pm No. of tickets _____ @\$5 _____

Concert A Thursday, Nov 29 7.00pm No. of tickets _____ @\$5 _____

Total amount enclosed _____

Concert A Classes – KEE, KSO, KJP, 1JG, 1/2KH, 2JJ, 2TD, 3GB, 3RN, 4KC, 4IW, 5PA, ½ 5AH, 6LL, 6AH.

Concert B Classes – KGS, KDF, 1EJ, 1SN, 1AJ, 2BG, 2JF, 3DD, 3LS, 4LC, 4MW, 5SC, 5LH, ½ 5AH, 6KK, 6GM.