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#### NEWPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2012

#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### Boys' and Girls' Nights Out

Last week, Year 5 students and their parents were involved in two very successful and enjoyable evenings centred around the idea of communication, leadership and the students' responsibilities next year. The nights were made so rewarding and successful because of the ideas shared between our guest speakers, the students and their parents. Amy Logan, past Newport Public School student and current Pittwater High School vice-captain, spoke to the girls and their mums about her experiences as a Year 6 leader, leader of her high school and strategies the girls could use to act as responsible leaders in all aspects of their lives. Similarly, Rob Stokes shared his ideas on leadership, highlighting the importance of supporting each other, acting as a positive role model and always doing the right thing in the face of adversity. The nights have planted the idea of leadership into the minds of the students. We hope that the conversations that were started on these nights can be continued at home and in our classes a way of developing everyone's full potential as school leaders next year. We are very grateful for our guest speakers and for those parents who were able to help set-up and who came along to support their students in their new leadership roles. Thank you to Mr Hearne for his organisation of each event and Mrs Clements, Mr Aroney, Mr Hill and Mr Moran for their support on the night.

#### 2012 School Concert

#### Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th November

Preparations and rehearsals are well underway for our very exciting end of year concerts. 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 295.00pm Concert A – Thursday, Nov 297.00pm

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 will be on sale from Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

#### State Knockout Softball

Last Thursday the Senior Boys Softball team travelled to the Central Coast to play Brisbania PS in the Quarter Finals of the State Knockout competition. In extremely hot and windy conditions the boys put in a solid performance. Excellent fielding by the whole team saw Newport get away to a good start and then hold onto their lead, winning 10 – 2. Some of the highlights of the game included two classic catches by Ben Wilson and a home run by Harry Vaughan with a dramatic slide into home base. This well-deserved win will see the boy's progress to the finals day to be held out at Blacktown Olympic Park on the **6**<sup>th</sup> **of December**.

A huge thankyou goes out to Tiffany Currie, Amanda Wilson, Kiri Flemming and Leiat McCoy. These four mums volunteer to drive every single game. Without the help of these mothers, driving the boys to and from the games, the Newport Softball and Soccer teams would not have experienced the success they have. Well done boys and good luck.

#### **Helpers Morning Tea**

The Newport Staff are holding their annual helpers morning tea on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 invitations very soon. We look forward to seeing you there.

#### 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 the 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

#### 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.

#### **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. A letter was sent home this week to all Year 4 parents requesting assistance for this great event.

#### **Combined Scripture Service**

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

#### 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 16<sup>th</sup> October and paper application forms were in schools from Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. These must be returned by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November and online applications close on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November. The Selective High school Placement Test is set for Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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**

Year 6 Camp 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> November Swimming Carnival Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November Last day of term for students 19<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> November. Please ensure that all **ticket butts / unsold tickets and money** is handed back to your class teacher <u>by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November.</u>

Thank you to our sponsors.

Specsavers Warringah Mall, Pharmacare, the Phillips family, Newport Law,

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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.

#### LIBRARY NEWS AND BOOK FAIR THANK YOU

I would like to extend a big thank you to all the students and their families who purchased books at our Book Fair last week. You made it a wonderful success and your support for this library fundraiser is greatly appreciated. Hopefully, many of you were able to do some early Christmas shopping! I would also like to thank Rita Ericsson, Sylvia Fisher and Sue Punton for their assistance during the fair.

Now is the time to start looking for 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.

#### **UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

Last week, the Uniform Shop opened 3 additional times for Kindergarten Orientation. Thanks to Kindergarten 2013 parents for their great support. It was incredibly busy getting the new Kindy kids their uniforms ready for school next year.

Of course, our Orientation opens (as well as our normal weekly opens) could not have been successful without the massive efforts by our team of volunteers – **Jenny Smith**, **Kath Tulloch**, **Tracey Gowen**, **Tina Sharp and Katie Brennan**. Thank you all so much.

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

#### **GARDEN CLUB**

Garden Club will be 8th of November 9:30-11 am (this Thursday!!), meeting outside hall. If it rains, we will postponed to the following Thursday.

There will be a demonstration on how to propagate plants from around the school.

Remember you don't have to be a gardener to join in, and we welcome anyone to come along.

Bring hat, gloves, tools, kids and a friend....

For further information please call Carla Pettitt 0413 804 015.

#### YOUNG WRITERS AWARD

#### Friends

One sunny day on a farm there was a puppy named Rosie, a baby bird and a baby bunny. They were all playing hide and seek together. The baby bird was counting and the puppy and the bunny were hiding.

While the puppy was hiding a stranger was in a bush and he saw her hiding. So he decided to take her home because he thought she was lost. When the stranger started to pick up Rosie she started to bark. The bunny and the bird heard it and they ran to see what the matter was.

When they saw the stranger holding Rosie they had an idea. The bird started to peck at the stranger's bottom and the bunny started to pull on the strangers pants. Then he finally let Rosie go.

Then the puppy, bunny and the bird all decided to go back to the farm where they all lived happily ever after and no one ever got stolen again.

#### By Georgia Daly 1AJ

#### **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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Details of the audition will be issued this week by the CB Manager Marie Matthison and will include a set piece, a sight reading, an own choice piece and two scales. A schedule of audition times for each musician has also been provided. The audition is held in front of John Stone and Andrew Laurich (approximately 5 minutes per child).

Music Committee Meeting/AGM Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> 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 Sat 17/11 Band Information Evening in School Hall **ALL WELCOME! 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 Mon 10/12 Music Committee Meeting/AGM at 7.30pm in school staffroom
Twilight Concert at 7pm at Barrenjoey High School. ALL WELCOME!

Wed 12/12 & Thurs 13/12 Performance Band Auditions & Hire Instrument Return

#### **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:

Thanks from the Environmental Management Team







#### **MERIT AWARD WINNERS**

KDF	Mia Harrington, Luca Bianchinott	3DD	Jesse Bates, Grace Green
KEE	Jada Driscoll, Jet Crichton	3GB	Archie Blaiklock, Emily Gaynor
KGS	Peri Carroll, Thomas Perrottet	3RN	Ruby Abercromby, Finbar Davies
KJP	Alexis Proctor, Cian Sargeant	4IW	Dom Walsh, Sacha Nadin
KSO	Xavier Smith, Ries Diaz-Bauste	4KC	Charlie Moore, Wilson Hall
1AJ	Allen Kirby, Sasha Barlow	4LC	Ella Thomas, Tom Donohue
1EJ	Ella Hadzic, Kaelan Gregory	4MW	Stella Campbell, Finn Sadler
1JG	Jocelyn Carter, Elliott Thomas	5LH	Mya Sullivan, Jasmin Crichton
1SN	Emma Poppleton, Tana Hooper-Nguyen	5PA	Oscar Press, Alice Mitchell
1/2KH	Mia Molloy, Ruby Cumming	5SC	Jackson Parker, Renee Rounds
2BG		5/6AH	Thomas Bell, Nathan Weiss
2JF		6GM	April Myers, Ben Bond
2JJ		6KK	Ben Wilson, Francesca Elder
2TD		6LL	Gisele Atkinson, Max Lush
3LS	Bailev Pike. Tita Stokes		·

#### **CANTEEN NEWS**

#### Canteen Roster

Monday November 12th: P. Noble, S.Law, J.Masters

Tuesday November 13th: J Pile, A Bryant, K Brennan, A Hunt Wednesday November 14th: S Lowe, N England, N Roboards

Thursday November 15th: R Wilson, T Brown, A Robinson, C McCauley

Friday November 16th: M Jones, S Maunder, S Morley, S Fox

If you are unable to make your rostered day, please call Tammy on 9979 6504 or email the canteen <a href="mailto:newportschoolcanteen@hotmail.com">newportschoolcanteen@hotmail.com</a>

A Big thank you for everyone who can and helped at Happy Hotdog day

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 <a href="mailto:newportschoolcanteen@hotmail.com">newportschoolcanteen@hotmail.com</a> 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 till 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 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2012.** 

Thank you for your participation and enjoy your Christmas pudding.

Merry Christmas

The Fundraising Team

Please indicate your preferred times:

Breakfast Shift (approx. 8.30 am-9.30 am)

Full Shift (approx. 9 am-2pm) Morning Teas Shift (from 11 am) Lunch Shift (from 1 pm)

If possible I would like to work with \_



	Name	Class				
	Pudding Type	Cost	No. Required	Total Cost		
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	500 gram Christmas Pudding	\$18				
	1 KG Christmas Pudding	\$32				
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## 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 1/12/10 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** 

NSEHC T/A



#### NEWPORT OUTSIDE of SCHOOL HOURS CARE

OPEN: 7am - 9.00am & 3.30pm - 6.30pm SCHOOL TERM ONLY 02 9979 9874

#### 2013 Enrolments at NOOSHC for both permanent and casual positions.

It's coming to that time of the year again - enrolment packages for 2013 will be completed and available in the next few weeks. If your child is currently enrolled at the centre these will be handed out individually. If your child is not currently enrolled and you would like a 2013 Enrolment package for your new kindy (2013) or current NPS student please ring or drop into the centre and leave your details so that you are on the mailing list for same. These will also be mailed out in the next few weeks.

The children have been having great fun cooking up a storm in the ASC session - our Educator Ruby has been assisting the children with measuring, weighing, mixing and eating!!!! chocolate crackles, banana bread and so forth. Lots of learning and discussion evolve around the simple pleasure of cooking - what a fantastic way for children to be involved in learning whilst having fun and enjoyment and then sharing and devouring what they have made.

Parents/guardians are you working, studying, training etc send your child/ren along to NOOSHC - we run a program during the morning and afternoon with a wide and varied range of activities for your child to choose from, have a play with their friends, make new friends. The children rave about the afternoon tea menu - fruit and a varied menu (pizza, spring rolls with chilli sauce, quiche, nachos, hummus ...). NOOSHC provides essential, convenient, quality before and after school care on-site, enabling parents / carers to work, undertake study/training or other activities, with the knowledge that their child/ren are being well cared for in a safe, healthy and happy environment. The centre offers before and after school care during the school term. Your child/ren must be enrolled with NOOSHC to use the centre on either a permanent or casual basis.

NOOSHC is run as an Incorporated Association with a Centre Manager - Jo Newton (trained teacher), Assistant Centre Manager - Judy Longworth, as well other experienced permanent and casual staff, a part time book keeper and a parent committee who meet twice a term. The centre offers rebates in the way of CCB (Child Care Benefit) & CCR (Child Care Rebate) to eligible families

#### .PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:

Once again staff would like to remind parents of the importance of notifying the centre if your child is not going to be attending their booked session. It is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT (not to mention common courtesy) that you phone the centre and advise a member of staff of absentee (especially for the ASC session). It would be appreciated that you advise NOOSHC of absence ASAP (verbally to staff either in person, via the Parent Communication Book - let staff know you have written in the book - or by phone) and preferably by 2.30pm on the day of booked session, the answering machine is left on at all times (do not send an email as we don't always get to check these and at times the internet may not be connecting etc). Staff check the answering machine when they arrive for their afternoon shift before starting food preparation for the children booked in for the afternoon. If you phone after 3.15pm staff will probably be in the hall setting up for the afternoon awaiting the children's arrival for the ASC session.

This causes exceptional angst for all concerned. If you do receive a message concerning the whereabouts of your child <u>PLEASE</u> phone the centre back ASAP to confirm that you have received the message and that your child is actually absent for the session.

Enrolment enquiries please phone the Centre Manager - Jo Newton