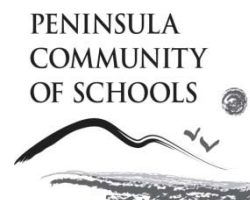




# NEWPORT NATTER



## NEWPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### **Farewell Jenny Schwecke**

It is with much sadness that we will be farewelling Jenny Schwecke at the end of this term. Jenny will be retiring after 12 years as a part of our Newport community, looking after the tummies of all our students for that time. She has been an integral part of the school community, always supporting our many and varied school events with such enthusiasm; from early morning breakfasts for our band children to school open days and Saturday working bees. She has always made sure that we have been well fed and supported. On behalf of the Newport School community I would like to thank Jenny for her years of service to our school. We will miss you.

I know many of our parents have worked with Jenny over the years and I would encourage you to pop in to say goodbye. We will be holding a farewell for Jenny before the end of term. Details of this will be in next week's Natter.

We now must fill the hole Jenny's departure will leave in our school community. An advertisement for the position of Canteen Supervisor is in the Canteen section of this week's Natter.

#### **Congratulations PSSA Rugby Knockout Team**

The boys had a very successful day last Thursday. They went through the day not only undefeated but without a point scored against them. Mr Aroney and Mr Moran were very proud of them. Well done boys. They will now progress to the next round of the knockout competition.

#### **Good Luck to our Year 6 Debating Team**

After winning their first debate, today our Year 6 Debating team is competing at Narrabeen North PS. Our enthusiastic group of students has been working hard towards this next round of their competition. Good luck Pippa Pryor, Joseph Reeman, Ella Clements and Erin Murphy. You will be fine representatives for our school.

#### **Multicultural Speaking Competition**

Preparations are well on the way for this annual public speaking competition. Mrs Clements has been working with a selected group of students to prepare for this competition. The children have been presenting their prepared speeches at our weekly assemblies. We have some very talented students. Well done everyone. Our team will be representing Newport PS at Collaroy PS on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **Student Health**

We have had a case of hand, foot and mouth disease reported to school. This is a common viral infection characterised by fever, and tiny blisters in the mouth and on the hands, fingers and feet. It affects all age groups, but commonly infants and children under 10 years of age. We have attached an information sheet to the Natter for your information.

#### **Cultural Exchange Program with Punchbowl Public School.**

Last Wednesday, as part of our Cultural Exchange Program, Year 4 students, their teachers and many parents travelled to Punchbowl Public School to meet and spend the day with the children's Punchbowl buddies. The children have been communicating with each other as pen pals during the early part of this year. The Punchbowl Public School staff, students and parents were very welcoming to all. The children spent the day with their buddies engaged in a number of activities and played on the oval at lunch time. A delicious lunch and afternoon tea was also provided by Punchbowl parents and P&C. The Newport students thoroughly enjoyed the day. They will continue to communicate with their buddies as pen pals until we host a day for our Punchbowl friends in Term 4.

#### **Congratulations to the Newport Drama Groups**

Last week both our drama groups auditioned for the Arts North Drama Festival. Both groups were successful. Well done our Year 1/2 group, led by Mrs Green and Miss Jeffrey, performing 'Love You Forever'; and our Year 3/4 group, led by Mrs Parker, performing 'Hug'. Their performance at NIDA is a wonderful experience for our children.

#### **Congratulations PSSA Softball Knockout Teams**

Our Girls and Boys Softball Teams competed yesterday against Thornleigh West PS in the next round of their knockout competition. The girls won 24 / 1 and the boys won 19 / 6 (although Ms B. reports that the game felt closer than that). Well done girls and boys. Both teams will now progress onto the next round.

## Semester 1 Reports

Teachers are currently in the process of preparing students' Semester 1 reports. Throughout the semester staff have worked together in grade teams to develop common assessment tasks and marking scales to ensure consistency of student assessment. This is followed by the collation of this information along with the assessment evidence teachers have gathered throughout the first two terms about each student's progress. This information is then used to report to parents. Reports will be sent home to parents in the week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> June.

## Education Week Open Day / Grandparents Day – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August

The date has been set. We will once again run our Open Day for parents and grandparents. We hope to see all our Newport families on the day. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

## Next P&C Meeting

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm in the library.**

There will be a presentation on the Local Schools Local Decisions educational reform. Hope to see you there.

Regards,  
Margaret Charlton

Dear Parents,

Incorporating cyber safety into our anti bullying program is a major part of the Student Welfare Team's task for this year. Explicitly teaching cyber safety comes under the umbrella of ethics and ICT and aims to ensure the students develop their skills and understandings of safe and responsible practices required when using ICT. There are many resources to draw from in developing the program and, as we know, when parents and schools work together and the same messages are shared with children at school and at home, they are most effective. Coming home with this week's Natter (Yrs 3-6), is a publication titled "Cybersafety Tools" produced by the Australian Government. The publication gives information about filtering, which of course, goes hand in hand with adult supervision and responsible behaviour by children to 'report'. A number of other sites listed below have a wealth of information for parents, about the issue of Cybersafety.



Safer Internet Day is held in February each year, which raises awareness of staying safe online. National Cybersecurity Awareness Week is an Australian Government initiative about being secure online. The top tips for adults from the stay smart online site are;

## Top tips

- **Make sure your computer is secure**—follow the advice in the [Secure your computer](#) section of the website.
- **Set strong passwords, particularly for important online accounts and change them regularly**—consider making a diary entry to remind yourself.
- **Stop and think before you share any personal or financial information—about you, your friends or family.** Don't disclose identity information (birth date, address) through email or online unless you have initiated the contact and you know the other person involved.
- **Don't give your email address out without needing to.** Think about why you are providing it, what the benefit is for you and whether it will mean you are sent emails you don't want.
- **Be very suspicious of emails from people you don't know**, particularly if they promise you money, good health or a solution to all your problems. The same applies for websites. Remember, anything that looks too good to be true usually is.
- **Limit the amount and type of identity information you post on social networking sites.** Don't put sensitive, private or confidential information on your public profile.
- **When shopping online use a secure payment method such as PayPal, BPay, or your credit card.** Avoid money transfers and direct debit, as these can be open to abuse. Never send your bank or credit card details via email.
- **When using a public computer, don't submit or access any sensitive information online.** Public computers may have a keystroke logger installed which can capture your password, credit card number and bank details.
- From <http://www.staysmartonline.gov.au/kids>

In the coming weeks in the Natter we will be featuring posters with tips for children, about staying safe online. The information comes from <http://www.cybersmart.gov.au>

More sites with help for parents;

<http://www.dbcde.gov.au/>  
[http://www.digitalcitizenship.nsw.edu.au/parent\\_Splash/index.htm](http://www.digitalcitizenship.nsw.edu.au/parent_Splash/index.htm)

Regards,  
Natalie Baldi

## CANTEEN MANAGER POSITION

### JOB ADVERTISEMENT

Newport Public School P&C Association requires an efficient, enthusiastic Canteen Manager to work in our school canteen. The canteen is a venture of the P&C Association and as such, is accountable to the P&C through the Canteen Sub-Committee. The working hours are 7am-2.30pm Tuesday to Friday and our Canteen Manager is employed on a casual basis. Extra hours will include "Special Events", such as our school working bee, and will be negotiated in the employment contract. Salary is in accordance with the Canteen Employees / Shop Employees (State) Award.

To be considered you must meet the following criteria:

- Demonstrate an understanding of healthy eating.
- Demonstrate the ability to prepare, cook and promote healthy foods.
- Demonstrate an ability to work as a team member as well as supervise others.
- Demonstrate time management skills and the ability to control day-to-day operations of a school canteen.
- Committed to liaising with the P&C via the Canteen Sub-Committee.
- Have an understanding of working in a school environment.
- Have experience with volunteers and parent groups.
- Have knowledge of basic financial management systems.
- Have knowledge of the Fresh Tastes @ School NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy.
- Have experience and / or qualifications in food preparation, food safety and handling.
- Have an understanding of OH&S principles.
- Have an interest in food preparation, nutrition and children.
- Demonstrate computer literacy using Office applications and internet.

It is a requirement of employment that a Prohibited Employment Declaration and Consent to Employment be signed. *Screening checks will be completed.*

If you meet the above mentioned criteria, are passionate about healthy nutrition and children and are keen to becoming actively involved within our school community, please email your resume (including two referees) to the Attention of Ms Margaret Charlton (newport-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) by 14<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

### VOLUNTEERS DESPERATELY NEEDED FOR 2012

We need three volunteers a day in order to successfully run the canteen. Please consider helping, lunch, tea, coffee and lots of gossip are provided. Remember your children love to see you at the canteen. **Please come in or ring Jenny or Tammy on 9979 6504.**

#### CANTEEN ROSTER

<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY</b>
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	B. Martin, J. Turner, C. Amir
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	M. Press, R. Sinfield, B. Skene, P. Hitchman
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	K. Bond, K. Francis, <b>'NEED HELP'</b>
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	T. Berkeley, M. Lye, M. Burke, A. Upton

**If you are unable to come to the canteen for your rostered day, please ring 9979 6504.**

#### CANTEEN NEWS

**SUSHI** is Fresh and Fabulous!

- We are having such a great response to Sushi it will now be available on **Monday and Fridays!** You can now place your orders **ON THE DAY** you want your Sushi.
- Rolls are **BIGGER** and still only cost **\$3.00**
- You now have the following choices: **Teriyaki Chicken, BBQ Beef, Organic Avocado, Cooked Tuna**

- Our LOCAL Supplier (Ichiban DS Sushi - Mona Vale) uses **Lilydale Free Range Chicken** and **ORGANIC Avocado**
- It is absolutely DELICIOUS!

How do you order? Easy! On the day you would like your Sushi choose what Sushi Roll you would like, write it on your bag and hand your money to Jenny on Friday or Tammy on Monday. Any questions or further feedback, please see Jenny or Tammy in the Canteen.

### **Breakfast!**

#### **New to Mondays**

On Monday mornings Tammy will be opening the doors of the canteen early and serving ready-made hot breakfast! Hash browns have been a big hit and so have her low sugar wholemeal mini muffins. All sold out this week so be quick if you are hungry!

#### **New to Tuesdays-Fridays**

Jenny is pleased to be offering the following breakfast menu from 9am Tuesdays-Fridays:

#### **Hot Toasted Sandwiches**

Cheese \$1.90

Ham & Cheese \$2.60

Ham, Cheese and Tomato \$3.30

**Fruit Toast** .80 cents

**Vegemite Toast** .80 cents

*To continue serving breakfast Tuesdays-Fridays the canteen will need at least one volunteer to assist Jenny for at least 15-20 minutes. If you could spare a little time on any morning, please pop into the canteen and see Jenny.*

#### **The Winter Menu will be in place for TERM 2 & 3. On the Menu will be:**

- Sausage rolls (everyday) - \$2.70
- Pies - \$3.00
- Hot Chocolate - \$1.20

Did you know the Canteen makes their own homemade Nachos, Twista Pasta and Fried Rice? It's all YUMMY and warm for these cold winter days!

ONLINE ordering is on its way! Watch this space for details.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 Powerhouse Museum Excursion
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Art Gallery of NSW Excursion
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	UNSW Writing Competition
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM 2</b>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY</b>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>STUDENTS RETURN FOR TERM 3</b>

#### **MERIT AWARD WINNERS**

<b>KDF</b>	Isabelle Banbury, Cyrus Rosenwax	<b>3LS</b>	Jay Norris, Jarod Brown
<b>KEE</b>	Dean Rogers, Stella Hein	<b>3RN</b>	Olivia Cowper, Brody Hurst
<b>KGS</b>	Amelia Boss, Aron Brennan	<b>4IW</b>	Ethan Sinfield, Dominic Murphy
<b>KJP</b>	Taj Rawnsley, Lilyana Wawavanua	<b>4KC</b>	Eladie Jones, Dane Urban
<b>KSO</b>	Jake Clarke, Hayley fisher	<b>4LC</b>	Nathan Bryant, Billie Norman
<b>1AJ</b>	Xhaiden Faulkner, Alexander Harrisson	<b>4MW</b>	Grace Carroll, Lachlan Bryant
<b>1EJ</b>	Luke Carter, Ariel Belic	<b>5LH</b>	Jessica Deathridge, Aaron Kokkonen
<b>1JG</b>	Mischa Sullivan, Lachlan Sweet	<b>5PA</b>	Isabelle Williamson, Patrick Gaynor
<b>1SN</b>	Bianca Shepherd, Luke Stidwill	<b>5SC</b>	Alice Meucci, Dylan Upton
<b>1/2KH</b>	Scarlett Rowland-Smith	<b>5/6AH</b>	Taylah Osborne, Jasmin Brooks
<b>2BG</b>	Jett Pickering, Makayla Meek	<b>6GM</b>	Jasmine Omm, Lia Anderson
<b>2JF</b>	Lara Hines, Eleanor Yetts-McKernan	<b>6KK</b>	Liam Rodgers, Eve Parker
<b>2JJ</b>	Angela Carter, Hugo Bundock	<b>3GB</b>	Francesca Early, Oscar Hooghuis,
<b>2TD</b>	Claudia Lever, Zane Miller		Gabrielle Bryant
<b>3DD</b>	Victoria Smyth-King, Chloe Shepherd		

## **CHOOK LOTTO WINNERS**



**3LS** Tegan Nebauer  
**2JJ** Liana Tulloch

**3LS** Grace Nielson  
**2BG** Olivia Hunt

**3LS** Jack Bates  
**1SN** Madeleine Nielson

### **FOOTPATH LIBRARY**

Karen Ambler, a Year 6 mum, is collecting books for the Benjamin Andrew Footpath Library. These books are distributed to homeless people and shelters. Currently, the Library is low on books for children aged 0 -10 years and Karen is asking for donations of suitable books. Please leave them in the office and Karen will pick them up and deliver them to the Library. Please don't bring toys, encyclopaedias or puzzles. Thank you for your thoughtful donation.

### **BIGGEST MORNING TEA**

The staff at Newport put on a Biggest Morning Tea on 25<sup>th</sup> May. The Biggest Morning Tea is an initiative to raise funds for the Cancer Council. Money raised contributes directly to research, prevention programs and support services for cancer patients and their families. We are very proud to have raised \$470 this year for such a worthy cause!

### **SYDNEY NORTH DANCE FESTIVAL - AUDIENCE MEMBERS**

Due to the poor response to the sales of Sydney North Dance Festival Tickets, ALL students who bought tickets will now be attending the matinee on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June. This means that if your child was going on Thursday, they will now be going on Friday. A note has gone home to the students in this position, but, if you need another copy, please see Mrs Holden in the office.

### **NO WRAP WEDNESDAY**

Congratulations to Caitlin Rogan of 5PA! Caitlin won the Primary NO WRAP WEDNESDAY prize for May. She chose a recyclable metal drink bottle. Each Wednesday, all students who bring in a NO WRAP lunch receive a raffle ticket for a reusable prize. Prizes are drawn monthly at Infants and Primary Assemblies. Well done, Caitlin! Keep up the good work on those NO WRAP lunches.

### **YOUNG WRITERS' AWARD**

Congratulations to our Young Writer, Chloe Bracher of 3GB.

## *Why Should We Protect Our Environment*

*Some people think that it doesn't matter about keeping our environment clean. I truly believe that we should definitely keep our environment clean because it isn't nice to look at ponds full of rubbish; rubbish could cause a blockage, and if rubbish gets left on the road it could fly up onto a car windscreen and cause an accident.*

*Firstly, if we go to parks or ponds to have lunch and leave our rubbish behind, the next time we go to that place again there will be all rubbish in the water. It wouldn't be very nice to look at and it could even kill wildlife.*

*Secondly, if we leave our rubbish in the gutter it could go down the drain which could cause a blockage. This would mean that the council would have to come and pay money for it to be fixed. Finally, if we leave rubbish on the roadside it could blow into the sea or onto the road. If it gets left on the road it could fly onto someone's windscreen and cause an accident.*

*So these are three of the reasons why I think that we definitely should keep our environment clean.*

*Chloe Bracher*

### **CHESS NEWS**

Newport scored another pair of wins last Friday in the NSWJCL After School Tournament. Newport A had a 3 to 1 win against St Martin's Davidson A and Newport B Juniors had a 4 to 0 win against Wheeler Heights C Junior girls team.

While Northern Beaches Home School is leading the championship pointscore, no particular school is dominating the competition. The Junior division, however, sees Newport way out in front. With five rounds left to play, if the Juniors continue their good form they could very well win the competition.

This Friday Newport A will play Mona Vale A (away) and Newport B Juniors will play Wheeler Heights D (home).

### **Mark Tickle**

### **SNOWSPORTS NEWS**

#### **Winter Solstice Celebration**

The Newport Snowsports team will get into the swing of the season with a celebration of the Winter Solstice. This season launch will take place at Pittwater RSL on the eve of the Winter Solstice (Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June).

Pittwater RSL will be warming the tummies of Newport's skiers and snowboarders with a Winter Feast. To secure a ticket for the evening, simply pay a deposit of \$5 per person in a clearly labelled envelope to Mr Tickle over the next two weeks.

#### **Ice Skating**

Next week's training session will be on the ice at Macquarie Ice Rink on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June. We will be departing school at 2.45pm. All details are on the permission note.

### **Snowsports Committee**

### **UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

**Need a new school bag?** Our school bag supplier is running a promotion offering a 'Lifetime Warranty' on bags ordered before 15<sup>th</sup> June. If you are interested, pay for your bag at the Uniform Shop or by dropping a form and payment into the office before 15<sup>th</sup> June to qualify. **All bags ordered under this promotion will be distributed in October.** 2013 Kindergarten children will automatically qualify when bags are purchased before the end of 2012. *(Lifetime warranty covers defects in material and / or workmanship under normal use. It does not cover damage due to misuse, improper handling or accidents)*

Alice hair bands and hair bows in the winter uniform material are now in stock. The price is \$10 each / pair.

**Are you able to spare one hour of your time every second week?** We are looking for help every second Tuesday afternoon between 3-4pm and Wednesday morning, 9-10am. Any help you can give is greatly appreciated. Please call Kate or Carla or drop by during one of our opening times.

The Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday 3-4pm and Wednesday 9-10am. For enquiries, please contact [newportuniformshop@hotmail.com](mailto:newportuniformshop@hotmail.com) or Carla Pettitt 0413 804 015 and Kate Raffles 0413 519 872.

### **MUSIC NEWS**

The Concert Band played three songs at the Dickson's Yamaha Festival yesterday. This was one of their first performances outside of school assembly and they will be delighted to hear they were awarded a 'Silver' grade. Well done to all the musicians in the Concert Band and thanks to John Stone and Lee van Dam for attending and to all the parents involved.

The Strings Orchestra play at Yamaha at 10.15am on 19<sup>th</sup> June and the Performance Band at 11.30am on 21<sup>st</sup> June. Permission slips will be coming home as these performances require an absence from school. Transport will be by bus from the school. Band Uniform must be worn.

All three bands will be playing at the Sydney Northern Beaches Symphonic Band Ensemble's School Music Festival on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Times are yet to be confirmed, although we have requested an afternoon time slot. Band Uniforms must be worn. The Festival is being held at Pittwater High School and spectators are welcome (tickets \$5.00 at the door or \$10.00 for a family).

The Training Band is looking for an additional drummer / percussionist to ensure there are always three musicians to share the role. Any student in Year 3 or above interested? No experience is required, although existing drumming skills would be a bonus. Please contact Bindi Hooghuis on 0408 413 714 or email [thehoogies@optusnet.com.au](mailto:thehoogies@optusnet.com.au).

### **Upcoming events for June**

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| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June | <b>Band Committee Meeting</b> at 7.30pm in the staff room, everybody welcome.   |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June   | <b>Strings Orchestra</b> to perform at the Yamaha Music Festival at 10.15am.<br>Information on transport will be given shortly. |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> June  | <b>Performance Band</b> to perform at the Yamaha Music Festival at 11.30am.<br>Information on transport will be given shortly.  |
| Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> June    | <b>Performance Band</b> at the SNBSWE Schools Music Festival  |

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June

Combined Strings Concert at Pittwater High School at 7.00pm including **Newport Strings Orchestra**, PHS Strings Orchestra, PHS Symphony Orchestra and Manly Strings Orchestra.

25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> June (TBC) **Performance Band** playing at the NNSWE Community Concert.

Band Managers will send out further details as the performances get closer, so please look out for the emails. In the meantime practice, practice, practice.

## FUNDRAISING NEWS

### Design a Plate



A template and detailed flyer has been send home for your child's Design a Plate. Once your child's design is complete (on the template provided) please re-roll the template and send it back to school via the office with your payment of \$25.50. **Please ensure your child's name and class is clearly written on the template and the envelope containing the money.**

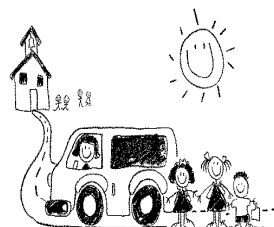
Payment and template must be returned by 20<sup>th</sup> June.

These plates make great presents for Christmas, Birthdays etc. So get creative and support this great fundraiser.

Anissa & Meg  
Fundraising Co-ordinators

### KINDERGARTEN IN 2013

Is your child starting Kindergarten in 2013? It may seem early, but planning has already begun for next year's Kinder classes. If you haven't already done so, you will need to lodge an enrolment form at the office as soon as possible. Should you require an enrolment form, kindly complete the tear-off slip below and return it to the office. A form will be sent home with your child.



### KINDERGARTEN IN 2013

Please send home an enrolment form with my child, \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_. I will return the completed form to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Parent's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

Enrolling child's full name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Our Orientation Program will be operating on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday from 9.30 – 11am commencing 15<sup>th</sup> October.

My preferred mornings are 1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, or 3<sup>rd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.