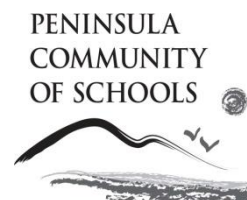




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NEWPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday 1st August, 2012

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Education Week – 'Creating the Future'

Newport Shines at our Open Day

What a fabulous day! 'NSW Public Schools - Creating the Future' was the theme of Education Week this year. The talented children of Newport will certainly contribute positively to the future of Australia. It was wonderful to see so many of our parents and grandparents enjoying our Open Day. The community spirit was felt very strongly by everyone on Wednesday. The opportunity to showcase many of the varied activities our students participate in was appreciated by all who attended. What wonderful performances we had from our talented musicians, dancers, dramatists, snow sports team and chess players. Both parents and staff were very proud of the achievements of the children. A highlight for families is always the opportunity to visit their children's classrooms; and these were very welcoming. What a tasty Morning tea and range of food was provided by our canteen. Thank you Tammy and your team of helpers. I would like to thank Natalie Baldi, the staff and our many parent volunteers for the work they did in ensuring the day ran smoothly. Congratulations Newport for making it a wonderful community day.

Peninsula Community of Schools Music Festival

On Monday night students from Newport participated in the annual PCS Music Festival. Our students sang beautifully in the massed choir, with Grace Fisher also giving a great performance as the White Rabbit. I was very proud of the performances of our three dance groups; our Year 2 group performed 'Heroes', the Year 3/4 group 'A Glimpse of Africa' and the Year 6 group 'Space Invaders'. Isabella Alvarez and Aiden Currie were our compeers for the night and they did an outstanding job. The children showcased the wonderful talent to be found within Newport Public School. I was very proud of all their performances. I would like to thank Jenny Falconer, Jenny Goodall, Tamara Rulli, Sandra Nicol, Jenny Scott, Emily Jefferys, and Karen Hulme for their contributions to this festival, and their ongoing commitment to our Newport students. Thanks also to Penny Banbury and Fiona Gudmunson for generously giving their time to organise costumes for the Year 3/4 group. Your support and assistance was very much appreciated by Mrs Nicol.

Congratulations to our Drama Groups

Our two drama groups performed in the Arts North Drama Festival last week. Congratulations 2BG and 1AJ for their performance of 'Love You forever', and the 3/4 Drama Group for their performance of 'Hug'. Both performances were fantastic. I would like to thank Mrs Green, Mrs Parker, Miss Jeffrey and their fabulous parent helpers for their hard work in preparing the children for the festival. Everyone had a great time and we were very proud of their performances.

Young Musicians Showcase

The Young Musicians Showcase is held at Newport School every year to celebrate our dedicated and talented musicians. It is open to all children from K – 6 who are capable of playing an instrument or can sing. Auditions will be held on Wednesday 15 August. A note with more information has been sent home. Please complete and return the audition form to Mrs Oscan or Mrs Cruickshank if your child would like to audition.

Spring Working Bee

Saturday 1st September – Put it in your diary

Our last Working Bee for this year, to be held on Saturday 1st September between 8.00am and 1.00pm. Working Bees are an invaluable way of maintaining our pleasant and positive environment for the children. We are aiming for a general tidy up of the grounds with some specific maintenance and ground enhancement jobs. If you can assist, even for a couple of hours, it would be very much appreciated. In the coming weeks we will outline in detail the jobs required. There is a job for all levels of expertise. The Working Bee is a great way for new families to get involved and help out at school. Our canteen always provides a great morning tea and lunch. I hope to see many of our families on the day.

Regards,
Margaret Charlton

Dear Parents,

In this week's Natter I have included links to two articles which may provide some guidance in helping children who are coping with loss and dealing with grief. As our thoughts remain with the Deathridge family, the information may provide some support in handling questions and opening up discussions with family. One is from the Women and Children's Health Network from the South Australian Government [Child and Youth Health](#) and the other from [Beyond Blue](#). The main messages being that everyone deals with grief differently, that children move in and out of grief and often show their grief in less direct ways than adults.

Please read on...

Warm regards,
Natalie Baldi
Deputy Principal

Olympathon

Next week on Thursday 9th August, Newport Public School will be conducting an Olympathon as one of our major school fundraisers this year and we ask for your support. The 3-6 Olympathon will run from approximately 9.30am-11.10am. The K-2 Olympathon will run from approximately 11.30am-1pm.

Students will participate in a rotation of 20 Olympic events for which they can be sponsored. A sponsor card for this event was distributed to all students last week. Students may be sponsored on an overall or per event basis. Additional sponsor cards are available from the office if required.

We encourage all students to actively seek sponsorship from friends and family to assist them in their fundraising. In supporting our school's 'Stranger Danger' message we ask that students do not approach people they do not know requesting sponsorship.

In order to encourage student participation our P&C have arranged a range of rewards for classes and individuals. All students who return their sponsorship card and money by Friday 24th August will go in the draw to one of two iPod Touch media players. Additionally, prizes will be awarded to the class that returns all of their sponsor cards and money first and the class that raises the highest amount overall.

Thankyou for your support of this important event.

Anthony Moran
Deputy Principal

Premier's Reading Challenge

Many of you have finished reading your books for the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC). Fantastic! You have until the end of August to enter your books onto the website: <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge/>. If you don't, you will miss out on your certificate. So, if you are having problems entering your books or reading the required number of books, don't leave it till the last minute. Come and speak to us in the library before the middle of August so that we have time to do something about it. We can help you find books that won't take you too long to read. You can use the books you are reading for the PRC to complete the MS Readathon as well.

MS Readathon

It is time to start reading for the MS Readathon for 2012, the National Year of Reading. For over thirty years, the MS Readathon has been Australia's leading reading-based fundraiser, encouraging children to improve their literacy while raising much needed funds for thousands of Australians and their families living with multiple sclerosis (MS).

You need to organise sponsors for your reading, from 1st to 31st August. If you are doing the Premier's Reading Challenge, you can include the books you are reading for that as part of your reading for the MS Readathon. All the information you need can be found on the website: www.msreadathon.org.au, where you need to register. If you cannot go online, collect a registration form from the library. Everyone who completes the MS Readathon will receive a Certificate of Appreciation, signed by the Prime Minister, and will be in the running to receive great Reading Rewards.

Premier's Spelling Bee

The wordlists for the 2012 Premier's Spelling Bee have been released. The lists can be accessed through the following link

<https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/speaking-competitions/spelling-bee/2012-premiers-spelling-bee>

Username: teacher
Password: eucalyptus

The Spelling Bee is open to all students in Years 3 – 6. (Junior words begin at Level 1 and go to Level 5. Senior words begin at Level 2 and go to Level 7.) We are allowed to enter a maximum of 2 finalists for each stage, to represent our school at the Regional Finals. These finals are to be held in Week 9 of this term.

Any questions please contact Ms Cogan

Chess News

This Friday the Newport B Juniors will play their tenth and final round of the NSW Junior Chess League After School Tournament. It will be an **AWAY** match against Wheeler Heights.

Players are reminded to meet in Mr Tickle's room at 3.15pm to get away on time.

Regards,
Mark Tickle

Snow Sport News

Entries are now due for the upcoming State Titles. Please send all money/cheques to Mr White.
Cheques should be made out to Newport Public School. No registration fee is required, just race entry fees.
Regards,
Snow Sports Committee

Sydney North Softball News

Congratulations to Brittany Cogan and Molly Donohoe for their selection last week in the Sydney North Softball Trials. We wish them both the very best of luck at the State Softball Championships next month.

Arts North Drama News

On Thursday the 26th July the year 1 and 2 drama group and the year 3 and 4 drama groups performed at the National Institute Of Dramatic Art in Kensington. (NIDA)

The year 1 and year 2 groups were spectacular in their adaption of Robert Munsch's "Love You Forever". The play was both humorous and moving in its depiction of the stages of growing up and the love between a parent and a child. Their voices were loud and clear and their dancing rocked!

The year 3 and 4 group performed a simple but very effective play adapted from Jess Alborough's sweet story "Hug". The play showed the importance of a hug in all different types of relationships through the animals of the Serengeti. Their piece was met with laughter and applause from the audience. What an incredibly talented group of children. Well done to both groups. We are so proud of your performances.

Many thanks to all the parents that supported the festival by making costumes, dressing the cast and rehearsing lines. Special thanks to Mrs Parker, Mrs Green and Miss Jeffrey for giving the children a wonderful opportunity.

Parents and friends who were unable to see the performance on Thursday will be able to see the 3 and 4 drama groups perform Hug on Open Day and the year 1 and 2 drama group will be performing at our end of year school concert.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 3rd August

9.30-11.00am Garden Club

Friday 21st September

LAST DAY OF TERM 3

MERIT AWARD WINNERS

KDF	Matilda Warren, Tye Jecks	2TD	Kai Raffles, April Wiles
KEE	Olivia Vartuli, Jet Crichton	4IW	Jasmine Lapiniere, Mike Donohue
KGS	Olivia McDonald, Lachlan Zaraza	4KC	Amy Leblong, Ryan Till
KJP	Maggie O'Sullivan, Jack Langton	4LC	Tabitha Sides, Oscar Hall
KSO	Rafael Ortiz, Kaija Parums	4MW	Phoebe Jewry, Lachlan Bryant
1AJ	Georgia Daly, Xhaiden Faulkner	2BG	Holly Bracey, Banjo Leslie
1EJ	Luke Berry, Toby Urban	2JF	Lara Hines, Arshuir Singh
1JG	Ellie James, Lachlan Sweet	2JJ	Brodie Grainger-Markham, Sienna Thomas
1SN	Eden Witanowski, Charlie Steer	6LL	Chloe Wilson, Ethan Harrison
1/2KH	Luke Berry, Toby Urban	6GM	Connor Godfrey, Lily Rich
		6KK	Louis Keysell, Harry Lomas

CHOOK LOTTO WINNERS



1JG Laura Paterson

2JF Olivia Stephens

1JG Sienna Sinfield

Uniform Shop

We are no longer open on Wednesday mornings. Instead, our morning open is Mondays 9-10am.

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

Alice hair bands in the winter uniform material are now available. Hair bows are also available in the winter uniform material – all only \$10 ea/pr.

School uniform order forms are available from the office. Forms and payment can be returned to the office and uniforms sent directly to your child's classroom.

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.

Garden Club

Garden club will be on this Thursday. It will be running 9:30-11am.

We will meet outside the school office and if it rains, we will be proposed to the following Thursday.

Bring gloves, hat, drink and a friend...

Any questions or queries please call Carla Pettitt 0413 804 015.

Thanks

Carla Pettitt

Fundraising News

Prize donations needed!

As part of our fundraising initiatives for this year, in term 4 we will be running a monster raffle for the school.

If you would like to donate any prizes for the raffle please contact Anissa Upton anissa@sparkup.com.au or 0413 511 690.

Thank you

Anissa & Meg

Music News

Congratulations to the Performance Band who were awarded a Silver Medal and Encouragement Award at the NSW Bands Festival at University of NSW on Sunday!

Wednesday 1/8/12 Band Committee Meeting. Starting 7.30pm in the staff room. Everyone welcome.

Thursday 30/8/12 Some members from the **Strings Orchestra** are playing at the Sydney Opera House at the Festival of Instrument Music "Mimosa Concert". Please see your band manager for more details

Canteen News

Calling All Volunteers!

Our 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 not paid, not because they are worthless, but because they are PRICELESS!"

Canteen Roster

Monday August 6th: P.Noble, S.Law, J Masters

Tuesday August 7th: J.Pike, A.Bryant, K. Brennan, E.Links or A Hunt or E Bryant, T.Sturzaker

Wednesday August 8th: S.Low, N. England, N. Robards

Thursday August 9th: R. Wilson, T. Brennan, A. Robinson, C. McCauley

Friday August 10th: M.Jones, S. Maunder, SE Morley

If you are unable to make your rostered day please let us know by calling Tammy on 9979 6504 or email newportschoolcanteen@hotmail.com

Online Ordering is here and it's easy! Simply go to www.flexischools.com.au and click "**Register Now**". You will be sent an email with further instructions on how to complete the registration. Once registered, you will be able to place orders. If you have any questions, FlexiSchools provide a great help desk on 1300 361 769, or you can contact them via their website.

There are a variety of payment options supported, including Visa, Mastercard (credit and debit) and Bank Transfer. The system operates via a pre-paid account, so you don't need to scrounge for coins in the morning and can easily budget for your canteen spending throughout the term.

If you have any questions, please ask Tammy canteen for more information.

To celebrate online ordering being launched Tammy has added the following additions to the menu! All are freshly cooked on the canteen's premises and available everyday:

Spinach and Cheese Puffs @ \$3.00 each

Macaroni and Cheese @ \$3.60 each

Tuna Bake @ \$3.60

Ham and Cheese Swirls @ .50 cents each

Vegemite and Cheese Swirls @ .50 cents each

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2013 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan, Canada and the U.S.A. will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on **1800 500 501**, request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Thanks and kind regards,

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NEWPORT OUTSIDE of SCHOOL HOURS CARE

OPEN: 7am – 9.00am & 3.30pm – 6.30pm
SCHOOL TERM ONLY

☎ 02 9979 9874

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 chili 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 Coordinator (trained teacher), 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:

Centre Policy – Dropping Off & Picking Up

It is centre policy that ALL children MUST be signed in (Morning) and out (Evening) by an authorized person (parent or guardian over the age of 16 years). You are required to sign in/out and indicate the time. This ensures the safety and wellbeing of all children in our care. Please ensure that you let staff know that you are collecting your child/ren.

PLEASE NOTE – EXTREMELY IMPORTANT re Absent Children

If your child is ***NOT*** attending for their booked session (especially afternoon - casual or permanent) please phone the centre (answer machine available) to let us know, so that we don't worry where your child is and have to scour the school grounds looking for them, then the phoning around to check whether the "absent child" is sick, on a play date or grandma has collected.... Unfortunately this takes considerable time and worry, not to mention staff time away from the children who are in attendance and places a strain on other staff that has to supervise the children whilst this procedure is being completed. Again this is for the safety and wellbeing of your child. If you do receive a message concerning the whereabouts of your child PLEASE phone the centre back ASAP to confirm that you have received the message and that your child is actually absent for the session. There have been days where phoning to no avail, staff has spent the afternoon with their "hearts in their throats" hoping for 6.30pm to come and that a parent doesn't arrive to collect the "absent" child. Not a happy thought and hopefully this will NEVER occur.

Please advise your child, as soon as the bell rings in the afternoon, to make their way to NOOSHC promptly. There have been a few 'lagers' stopping at the equipment area or to have a 'quick' play with their friends on the way to NOOSHC.

Enrolment Enquiries please phone the Co-ordinator Jo Newton ☎ 02 9979 9874

