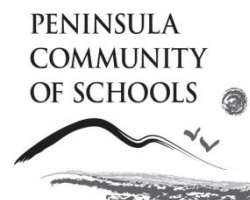




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NEWPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday 19th September, 2012

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We have come to the end of another busy term. Students and staff have been involved in such a wide range of activities that have enriched their school life. They have been involved in various sports, dance, music, public speaking, debating, excursions, camps and choir. Open Day was a marvellous showcase of our school; with the great variety of opportunity for children on display. The Olympathon also a wonderful day, was lots of fun for everyone. What a great term it has been. I am sure we are all looking forward to a well-earned rest. I hope everyone has a safe and restful holiday.

Industrial Action – School Office closed 9.00am – 1.00pm

Monday 8th October

On the first day of next term our administrative staff will be taking industrial action and attending a stop work meeting. The PSA is protesting against the effects of cuts to public sector workers on job security and working conditions of our administrative staff. Our school office will be closed for the morning on this day. Classes will run as normal and all children should attend school.

NAPLAN Results

Student reports from the National Assessment Program were sent home to Years 3 and 5 yesterday. If you have any queries please contact your child's class teacher.

Congratulations to our Boys Knockout Soccer Team

Last Wednesday the Senior Boys Soccer team made the gruelling eight and a half hour bus trip to Griffith, playing Beelbanger to secure a place in the quarter finals of the State Knock Out Competition. With a strong wind at their backs the boys stormed out to a commanding 3-0 lead by half time with goals to Harry Lomas, Nic O'Keefe, Aiden Currie and some great attacking play by Louie Keysell. In the second half the wind turned into a howling gale but strong defence from the backs helped to ensure the score remained 3-0. Thank you to Greg Moran for his great work with this team, and Anthony Moran who accompanied them to Griffith. A special thanks to all the parents who joined us for the trip. The boys play Coniston from the South Coast tomorrow for a berth in the semi-finals. We wish them the best of luck. Well done boys, a huge achievement.

Girls Softball Knockout Softball Team

Yesterday the Girls Knockout Softball Team travelled to Sutherland to play the next round of their competition against Marton PS. It was a very close game until the last innings. Unfortunately we lost against a very good pitcher / catcher combination. Our girls' fielding was outstanding but we just couldn't match the speed of the Marton pitcher. Well done girls on an excellent effort.

Congratulations to our finalists in the Premiers' Spelling Bee Competition

The Regional Spelling Bee Finals were held on Monday, with our Newport students doing a great job. Our finalists came up against some tough opposition but still managed to take a deep breath and smile, despite the nerves. Congratulations Dakota Viviers, Niam Melville, Erin Murphy and Jessica Deathridge. A special congratulations to Dakota and Erin who were placed third in their stage. Well done on your achievements everyone! You were fine representatives for Newport PS and we are very proud of you.

2012 Rugby Gala Day

Last Tuesday, 70 boys proudly represented Newport in the Northern Region 7-a-side Rugby Union Gala Day. Newport fielded 5 junior and 4 senior teams in the competition. Our teams were of mixed abilities, allowing many novice players to compete with more experienced players. Pleasingly, all the boys got to taste victory at least once on the day, with many teams winning all of their preliminary rounds and progressing to the semi-finals. Mr A. Moran, Mr Aroney and Mr Hearne would like to congratulate all the participants for their efforts on the day. Their sportsmanship, manners and cooperation were fantastic.

Term 4 Return to School

All children return to school on day one of next term. There is no school development day at the beginning of term. Children should also be in their summer uniform. Please remember to make sure that your child has a hat every day. Kindergarten children must have a broad brim hat. We are in the process of introducing broad brim hats for Kinder to Year 2 over the next two years, in keeping with our commitment to being a sun safe school.

Next P&C Meeting

Tuesday 16th October, 7.00pm

Information Session – Newport PS Student Welfare Program

During this year our Student Welfare Committee has been working on updating the student welfare programs across the school. At this P&C meeting we will be presenting our new approach to student welfare including our Quality Behaviour Program, Anti-bullying Program and Cyber-safety. Please come along and learn about this important aspect of our school.

Kindergarten Orientation Information Evening

Tuesday 9th October, 7.00-8.00pm

This year our Kinder Orientation Program is taking a slightly different form with all parents of students for Kinder 2013 attending an evening information session in our school hall. During the evening you will receive your Kinder orientation bags with information relevant from now until next year. You will also meet key personnel from Newport Out of School Hours Care, Uniform Shop, P&C Association, and of course our highlight, is hearing from a current first time Kinder parent talk about starting school. We hope you will join us for this session.

Margaret Charlton

Principal

CHESS NEWS

Newport's team of five (Finn Lindley, Arnu Matthews, Anja Kastowsky, Finnley Sadler and Thomas Poppleton) will head to Warrawee Public School tomorrow to play in the semi finals of the Northern Division of the Interschools Chess Challenge. If they are successful the players will be heading to the finals in Term 4.

Players are reminded to meet in Mr. Tickle's room at 8.00am on Thursday morning.
Mark Tickle

SNOW SPORTS SEASON WRAP UP

While the season will continue through till the second week of the holidays, all Interschools events have concluded for 2012. Belated congratulations to Jordan Maunder who gained bronze individually in the Snowboard G.S., my apologies for not mentioning you in last week's results.

2013 events will be: Regional Titles at Perisher
 State Titles at Perisher
 National Titles in Victoria

The Regional events will be held in the first week of the July school holidays. Any families wishing to join our program can contact Mr. Tickle and view the Interschools website at www.interschools.org.au.
Let it snow!!!!
Mark Tickle

CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen Roster

Monday October 8th: L.Brown, B.Kennedy, J.Rodgers

Tuesday October 9th: F.Griffith, Need help please

Wednesday October 10th: J.Neill, M.Ramsay, K.McMahon

Thursday October 11th: A.Graham, S.Carter, M.Bensley

Friday October 12th: S.Rose, K.Paul, B.Houghius

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!

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!"

FRUIT JUICE SLUSHIES!!!

Due to popular demand and an initiative by the year 6 parliament Fruit Juice Slushies will be arriving in the canteen on Monday September 10th! They will be available in Grape and Orange Mango flavours and will be available at recess and lunch. Cost will be \$2.00 each.

Tammy would like to thank everyone for helping her this term. Without all of you the canteen would not work as well as it does. A HUGE THANKS and big HUGS :):)

MUSIC NEWS

Thanks Everyone for their support during our recent fundraising events. The Disco sausage sizzle, election cake store and lolly store were all a great success.

Thank you to all the parents who gave up their time to help with the preparation and manning of the stores....it was very much appreciated. And a special thank you to Fiona Gudmunson, Lee Van Dam and Bindi Hooghuis for all their work to ensure things went smoothly.

So far we have raised \$2540 for the Newport Music Program.

Thank you to Jo Huxtable, Moira Dunsmore and Jenny Geeves who have agreed to form a Fundraising Committee. If anyone else would like to help, please talk to your band manager or come to the next Music Committee Meeting on 17/10/12.

Missing Violin; One of our violin students lost his 1/2 Violin. It was last seen outside 1/2KH on Tuesday afternoon 4/9/12 after he played at assembly. His name is on back of violin. If found please hand into office or ring 0403789339.

V1 and V2 semester 2 fees are now OVERDUE. If paying your fees in 2 instalments the final payment of \$240 is now due – please pay in the next 7 days. Email reminders were sent out at the beginning of term 3 with payment details attached. Any questions please email sherri@pittwaterresearch.com.au.

Upcoming events

Thurs 20/9 Performance Band to play at primary assembly

Wed 17/10 Music Committee Meeting

Tues 13/11 Music Information Night – to be confirmed

Sat 17/11 Avalon Market Day – Training Band, Concert Band and Performance Band to perform. Time to be confirmed.

Mon 10/12 Twilight Concert – to be confirmed

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 21st September
Monday 8th October

LAST DAY OF TERM 3
STUDENTS RETURN

YOUNG WRITERS' AWARD

Life on the Gold Fields

I wake up from the cold air blowing into my tent. The water has frozen and someone has robbed my sugar again. I get my helmet, my pickaxe, a shovel and a candle for emergencies. I cook some damper in the fire and eat fast. Then I head down into the mine.

It's cold and every step I take, it gets dryer and darker. Then I hear one of the miners shout "Stand clear!" I press myself against the wall as the basket of quartz comes rattling past. In the distance you can hear the 'chink' 'chink' of the hard working miners. I finally reach the entrance to the mining pit, there's a trooper and he asks for my licence. Oh no, I left my licence in the tent, so I say "It fell in the river as I was gold panning." He doesn't look convinced, I'm afraid I might get the beating and I do.

Every slash of the whip echoes and the pain is excruciating. Then he says "Pay the fine of 50 shillings!" I wince as he hits my back. I pay him the money as he gives me one more crack of the whip. It's quiet except the sound from the tools further in the mine. I go down deeper and deeper, hearing every breath I take. I can't see a thing. I take out my candle and light it with a match. Then I hear it, the scream of joy.

When I reach my destination, I see all the other miners gathered round a man with a big gold specimen. It is about the size of the rugby ball, full of gold and quartz. After the crowd goes back to their work and the victor took the glory away, I went and picked away at the quartz.

After an hour, I'm having no luck and how far down we are is giving me the creeps. Then a rock falls down and another. You can hardly hear the rocks as people start shouting "Get to the shaft," "Leave your tools!" "Someone sound the alarm!" It was happening, the thing I feared most, and the walls were closing in.

I start running, running to the safe place. I'm nearly there, but they're closing the door, I dive and just make it. That was lucky. Everyone goes quiet and there's a horrible silence.

Thoughts are running through my head 'What will my family think?' 'Is this how I die, down in this horrid mine?' Since all the entrances are blocked we can't get out.

With just a candle, we are all scared and cold. Then one of the troopers says, "It will take around a day for the rescue team to reach us." The room is filled with bad air. I feel like vomiting, but I hold it in. Instead I black out.

I wake up at the sound of a commotion. The rescue team has finally come, every one scrambles to try and get out. It's a long way back to the top but we make it. Happy families run over to meet the miners that made it out. Unfortunately some of the miners who were deep in the mine didn't make it.

The next day, there's a funeral for all the miners who didn't make it out. I am just happy I survived.

By Arnu Matthews

Uniform Shop News

Summer Uniform – Just a reminder that students return to school for Term 4 in their summer uniform. The uniform shop has plenty of summer uniforms in stock. We will be open the first day back at school, as normal. Online orders received during the holidays (prior to 5pm Friday, 5 October) will be delivered to your child's class on the first day back to school.

The Uniform Shop is now online at FlexiSchools. If you already have an 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.

Orders placed by 5pm on Fridays will be distributed to your child's class the following Monday. It's that easy!

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

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

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

Hats – If ordering hats online or in person for Kindergarten children, broad-brimmed hats will be supplied in accordance with Newport's School Uniform policy. Next year Kindergarten and Year 1 students will be required to wear the broad-brimmed hats and the following year, Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 2 students will only be supplied with broad-brimmed hats. Please remember that this is the school's policy and that Uniform Shop staff are following guidelines as set by the P&C.

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!

Thanks from the Environmental Management Team

MERIT AWARD WINNERS

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| KDF | Britt Penders, Tye Jecks | 3DD | Ethan Stidwill, Nicholas Murray |
| KEE | Jada Driscoll, Romy Cormack | 3GB | Zachari Lutherborrow, Tom Watson |
| KGS | Fernando Gonzalo, Amelia Boss | 3RN | Jonah Watkin, Olivia Alvarez |
| KJP | Chu Yu Zhuang, Henry Walsh | 4IW | Bianca Garbett, Harry Lundgren |
| KSO | Sophie Grech, Will Phelan | 4KC | Dane Urban, Malaky Dakers |
| 1AJ | James Lye, Joel Ratcliff | 4LC | Jacinta Rodgers, Oliver Wright-Cassanova |
| 1EJ | Dorian Deger, Daniella Phillips | 4MW | Lily Grant, Aiden Fawle |
| 1JG | Angelina De Vera | 5LH | Mya Sullivan, Stephanie Forster |
| 1SN | Heidi Adams, Hamish Douglas | 5PA | Huw Jones, Alex Nielson |
| 1/2KH | Freddy May, Zoe Turner | 5SC | Geordie Smith, Jarrah Sheppard |
| 2BG | Olivia Hunt, Kai Ess | 5/6AH | Zac Stanning, Sam Borg |
| 2JF | Eleanor Yetts-McKernan, Jayke Jecks | 6GM | Bronte Dakers, Anthony Mills |
| 2JJ | Jasper Upton, Anna Hill | 6KK | Rinca Capewell, Elise Van Mierlo |
| 2TD | Lucinda Bensley, Tom Till | 6LL | Olivia Jewry, Molly Donohoe |
| 3LS | Ashlee Beard, Jack Bates | | |

CHOOK LOTTO WINNERS



3RN Hugo Lowe

3GB Ben Jones

3RN Gabi Byrnes

4LC Nathan Bryant

ROLL UP, ROLL UP

WARRINGAH COUNCIL PROUDLY PRESENTS

BROOKVALE SHOW

SUNDAY 7 OCT, 9AM – 5PM

BROOKVALE OVAL – FREE ENTRY

FREE GIVEAWAYS, PONY RIDES, CARNIVAL RIDES, LIVE MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT, HORSE JUMPING, SIDESHOW ALLEY, YOUTH FILM FESTIVAL, WOOD CHOPPING AND SHEEP SHEARING, CIRCUS ACTIVITIES PLUS LOADS MORE!!!!

PITTWATER PENINSULA NETBALL CLUB INC.

NETSETGO "PENINSULA PINK DIAMONDS" for players turning 7yrs in 2012

Commencing on Monday 15th October, from 4.30pm - 5.30pm in Avalon Recreation Centre.
This is a **5 week** specialized program targeting the development of basic skills of Netball including shooting technique. Conducted by highly accredited & experienced Coaches who make sure learning is **FUN-FUN-FUN**

Players receive **FREE of charge a NetSetGo T-Shirt & No 4 Ball & NetSetGo Pack.**

Numbers are limited

For Registration Enquiries (deadline Thursday 20th Sept):

Email peninsulanetball@hotmail.com or Ph. Aileen 9918-3314 or Sharryn Brown 0413.040024



NSEHC T/A

NEWPORT OUTSIDE of SCHOOL HOURS CARE

OPEN: 7am – 9.00am & 3.30pm – 6.30pm

SCHOOL TERM ONLY

02 9979 9874

If you are 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. 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.

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 students stopping at the equipment area or to have a 'quick' play with their friends on the way to NOOSHC. **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 authorised 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

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

