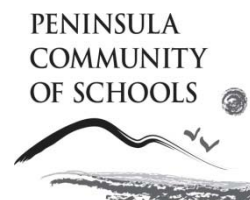




NEWPORT NATTER



NEWPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday 29th August, 2012

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Snowsports

Last week students from Newport participated in the Interschool Snowsports NSW Championships at Thredbo. Once again there were some truly fantastic results. Congratulations to all students who participated. A special congratulations to **Lucy Neil and Mac Omm** who both won two state titles. Lucy won the Ski X and Alpine titles, and Mac won the Snowboard GS and Boarder X titles. They are both now state champions. We are very proud of you.

A detailed report of this event is included in this week's Natter. On behalf of the Newport community I would like to express my thanks to Mr Tickle and Mr White for training the students prior to the event and to Mr Greg Moran and Mr Hill for taking time away from their families to supervise the students at the championships.

Uniform

Lately there have been an increasing number of students failing to wear full school uniform. The wearing of uniform helps to define the identity of the school, builds students' pride in their school and helps create positive perceptions of our school in the local community. To encourage the wearing of correct uniform we will be initiating a weekly prize draw for students wearing correct uniform. We ask parents and carers to assist us by ensuring that students are dressed correctly in full school uniform before leaving for school each day.

Bikes and Scooters at school

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all members of our community that bicycles, scooters and skateboards must not be ridden by anyone on school grounds at any time. Over the last few weeks there have been several near misses caused by students riding in the wrong place at the wrong time. Please help keep our community safe.

National Literacy and Numeracy Week 2012

Today Newport School students participated in a "Read for Australia" initiative as part of National Literacy and Numeracy Week 2012.

The aim of the "Read for Australia" activity is to have as many schools as possible read and respond to a nominated text at the same time.

Teachers read the book *Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley* by Aaron Blabey to their classes today and then completed an activity related to the book. *Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley* is a Children's Book Council of Australia Book of the Year.

Students in 5SC completed this activity last week as they were returning from their Bathurst excursion today. They wrote "Six Word Stories" which summarised the themes in *Pearl Barley and Charlie Parsley*. Some examples of these stories are:

Everyone's different, it really doesn't matter – Alex

Different people, doesn't matter, all friends – Dylan

Two people, so different, best friends – Charlotte

Farewell and welcome home to our campers

Today, our Year 5 students arrive home from camp at Bathurst where they have been investigating the discovery of gold in Australia during the 19th century. From all accounts it has been a fantastic trip.

Tomorrow, Year 4 students will meet at Newport wharf at 9 am before they depart for their overnight excursion to Broken Bay Sport and Recreation Camp. Good luck to our campers. We know you will have fun.

Spring Working Bee Saturday 8th September

We have had to change the date of the Working Bee to avoid sports finals played on Saturday 1st. Our Working Bee will now be held on Saturday 8th September between 8.00am and 1.00pm. If you can assist, even for a couple of hours, it would be very much appreciated. We are aiming for a general tidy up of the grounds with some specific maintenance and ground enhancement jobs including:

- Installation of school garden beds and a tree pit

(We need some dads to help dig out soil to install the beds and assist with the tree pit)

- Install new shelving in sports store and in infants storeroom

(We will need some carpenters or handymen to help with these two jobs)

- Aeration and fertilising grass area – eastern side
- Clean out of old storeroom
- Grounds clean up, weeding and clearing etc.

Our canteen will provide a great morning tea and lunch. I hope to see many of our families on the day. Please complete the Working Bee slip attached to the Natter and return to school if you can assist us on the day.

Annual School Evaluation

Every year we evaluate aspects of our school, identifying what we are doing well and areas that we could further improve. A committee is formed, of staff and parents, to carry out these evaluations. This year we will be looking at the Science and Technology curriculum area; and the programs and procedures we implement to cater for the needs of high achieving students and students experiencing difficulty with their learning. I am currently looking for parents who would be interested in assisting with this process. Your commitment would be attending meetings, usually Monday morning 8.30-9.25 every second or third week; and working with a small team to develop and carry out the evaluations. Could you please contact me through the front office if you would be interested?

Anthony Moran
Deputy Principal

Chess News

Last Thursday Newport sent two girls teams to Strathfield to play in the NSW Interschool Girls Team Chess Challenge. The event was run by the Sydney Academy of Chess and was held at the Sydney Latvian Society Club. Newport's Junior team (Nina Lindley, April Wiles and Phoebe Jewry) and Senior team (Arnu Matthews, Anja Kastowsky and Michaela Douglas) had been training hard on chess clocks prior to the event as all players are required to use them in the contest. The girls played really well on the day finishing 9th overall in both their age divisions. A huge thank you to Irena Lindley who transported the girls to and from the event and gave up her day to support such a valuable cause.

Mark Tickle

Snowsports

Last week the Newport Snowsports team competed at the NSW State Interschools competition. The Newport students all gave their best efforts and showed great sportsmanship.

All the students represented Newport brilliantly. Some outstanding results were:

Junior Boys X Country 3rd

Senior Girls Skier, X – 1st

Senior Girls Moguls – 1st

Senior Girls Alpine – 1st

Senior Girls Boarder – 1st

Junior Boys Boarder – 1st

Junior Boys GS – 1st

Junior Girls Boarder X – 1st

Champion Overall Primary Girls Snowboard Champion School

Premier's Spelling Bee 2012

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who were the winners of our Stage 2 and Stage 3 Premier's Spelling Bee finals:

Niam Melville – 4IW

Dakota Viviers – 4KC

Jessica Deathridge – 5LH

Erin Murphy – 6KK

These students will be going to Frenchs Forest Public School on Monday 17th September, to represent Newport Public School in the Regional Finals.

We wish them the very best of luck

Young Writers Award

Ducks

Ducks are a type of animal. They are part of the bird family. Ducks live close to the water.

Ducks have one pair of wings and one pair of feet. They have webbed feet to swim fast. Ducks have a coat of feathers to keep them warm. They have another coat of waterproof feathers. Preening spreads a waxy coating over the duck's feathers to make them waterproof.

A duck's bill helps it to sift through mud to find food. Ducks eat plants and animals. Some ducks eat small fish. Not all ducks quack. Some squeak, grunt, groan, chirp, whistle, bray or growl.

Female ducks are called a hen and are dull coloured. The female duck makes the nest. The male duck is called a drake. Male ducks are brighter than the female duck. The male duck watches the eggs while the female duck is gone. A baby duck is called a duckling. Female ducks lay 5-12 eggs, the eggs will hatch in 28 days.

We use duck's feathers to make pillows and quilts. We also eat duck meat and eggs.

Ducks live all over the world except for Antarctica. Ducks love the water. They live in wetlands, marches, ponds, rivers, lakes and oceans.

By Ema Maguire 2JJ

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 8th September
Friday 21st September

Working Bee
LAST DAY OF TERM 3

MERIT AWARD WINNERS

KDF	Tess Gardiner, Finn Webster	3DD	Nova Belic, Thomas Bensley
KEE	Daniel Ramsay, Stella Hein	3GB	Skye Stone, Emma Zontsich
KGS	Zara McCauley, Toby Anstey	3RN	Tess Masters, Beau Deathridge
KJP	Ahren Langton, Faith Stewart	4IW	Niam Melville, Tess Patterson
KSO	Sam Moxham, Jake Clarke	4KC	Luc Power, Charlotte Banbury
1AJ	Lex Raffles, Bethany Miller	4LC	Sacha Clements, Erik Tinni
1EJ	Reilly Fitzgerald, Alec Finkeldey	4MW	Maddison Louw, Calv Maquire, Mitchell Steer
1JG	Mischa Sullivan, Logan Unwin	5LH	Stephanie Forster, Tom Hunt
1SN	Maddie Nielson, Finn Epplert	5PA	Ned Musgrove, Bridget Nadin
1/2KH	Noah Meinrath, Orlando Moore	5SC	Rob Stokes, Michaela Douglas
2BG	Makayla Meek, Charlie Blinko	5/6AH	
2JF	Luke Banbury, Williams Matthews	6GM	Steela Moxham, Tia Killick
2JJ	Caleb Flanagan, Chloe Cate	6KK	Harry Vaughn, Connor Mackay, Erin Murphy
2TD	Kai Raffles, Dylan Wilkinson	6LL	
3LS	Lulubelle Rybergneale, Christopher Magno		

CHOOK LOTTO WINNERS



3RN	Tom Cronan	4IW	Annalena Bartnitzky	4MW	Phoebe Jewry
1AJ	Allen Kirby	1EJ	Tyler Bailey	KSO	Ries Diaz-Bauste
4IW	Reuben Dutch	4IW	Chloe White		
4IW	Bianca Garbett				

Young Musicians Showcase

Our fabulous young Musicians Showcase will be held in the hall next Wednesday 5th September. Two performance sessions will be held, 10am for a K-2 performance and 11.45am for a 3-6 performance.

Parents are welcome to come to either showcase performance.

Mrs Oscroft & Mrs Cruickshank

Uniform Shop News

ONLINE ORDERING HAS COMMENCED!

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 are distributed once a week so orders placed by 9.00am on Monday will be distributed to your child's class that day. 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.

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.

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 enquires, please contact newportuniformshop@hotmail.com or Carla Pettitt 0413-804-015 & Kate Raffles 0413-519-872.

The Music Program will be targeting two occasions for fundraising next week.

We have been given permission to organise a cake stall and sell lolly bags at the school during Council Election day Saturday 8th September. If you are a parent of a child in the music program please speak to your band or ensemble manager as to how and where to contribute with donations of cakes and lollies - and/how help out on the day.

Everyone coming to school to vote please support the cake/lolly bag stall and buskers - please bring some money and an appetite with you!

We are also running the sausage sizzle at the school disco next Thursday 6th September, children and adults welcome to buy a sausage sandwich.

We would love to see more parents involved in the organising of the Music Program - please come along to our next meeting and see what's involved and meet the committee. The next meeting is Wednesday 17th October at 7.30pm in the staff room.

If you are a Year 2 parent and are interested in knowing more about the Training Band for next year, come along to the information evening which is scheduled for Term 4 - 13th November.

The next performance for all of the bands will be at Avalon Market Day on 17th November.

Finally we are reorganising all of the music in the band cupboard and are looking for a 4 drawer metal filing cabinet - if you have a spare or are about to put one out for Council clean up and it's in good/usable condition, please consider donating it to the Music Program! Contact Jude on email judek@jckconsulting.com.au

Jude Knott

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 prepackaged 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.

NSEHC T/A

NEWPORT OUTSIDE of SCHOOL HOURS CARE

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

 **02 9979 9874**



What glorious weather we are experiencing – the children who attend NOOSHC have been thoroughly enjoying and taking advantage of the weather. Each afternoon following roll call and a delicious afternoon tea (selection of fruits and a snack of pizza, spring rolls with chilli sauce, potato wedges, quiche, nachos, hommus with carrots, celery, cheese & crackers... the children enjoy lots of outdoor activities along with indoor activities – games, ball games, teeter-tennis, cricket, scooter boarding, gardening, block & car play, watching the clouds and deciding on what shapes they look like.... and of course checking out the ducklings in the Year 2 classrooms. (Thanks Year 2 for sharing with us). The children always have a great fun time.

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, and 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 'lagers' 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 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.

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

Calling any potential softball playing mums? We have three places left in one of our new ladies teams and would love to fill it with a few more Newport mums. This grade is ideal if you haven't played since school, or perhaps haven't played at all and would like to give it a go. Please call Alison Christensen on 0403 867 378 or email on alison.christensen@inet.net.au for further information."

Canteen Roster

Monday September 3rd: P.Noble, S. Law

Tuesday September 4th: J.Pike, A.Bryant, K. Brennan, E.Links or A.Hunt or E. Bryant

Wednesday September 5th: S. Lowe, N. England, K. Tulloch, N.Robards

Thursday September 6th: R.Wilson, T.Brennan, A. Robinson, C.McCauley

Friday September 7th: M.Jones, S. Maunder

If you are unable to make your rostered day, please call Tammy on 9979 6504 or email the canteen newportschoolcanteen@hotmail.com

We need a few more volunteers for Friday September 7th - if you are able to assist for any time on this day, it would be greatly appreciated.

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.

NIPPERS!

Enjoy summer Sundays at the beach with the Northern Beaches most awarded club of the 2011/12 season, including Most Improved Club:

South Narrabeen Surf Life Saving Club

Boys & Girls aged between 5 to 14 participate in sand events, learn beach safety & surf skills & compete in supervised water events. We are a small, friendly club with Sunday BBQs, & regular social events. Every nipper can win with our handicapping system.

REGISTRATION DAYS

Come & join us at our brand new clubhouse for a free sausage sizzle!

Sunday 9th & Sunday 16th September, 10am – 12 noon

South Narrabeen Clubhouse, 1200 Pittwater Rd, Narrabeen. (Between Mactier & Clarke Sts)

Please bring birth certificate or proof of age.

SEASON STARTS SUNDAY 7th OCT, 9.30am.

For more info visit our website: www.southnarrabeensurfclub.org

PITTWATER PENINSULA NETBALL CLUB INC

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

Commencing on Monday 15th October at 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 "NetSetGo" pack. Numbers are limited

Registration enquiries Email peninsulanetball@hotmail.com or phone Aileen 9918 3314

Retro DISCO

70s, 80s & 90s...theme: anything that is retro!



Thursday 6th September

Kindergarten 5.00 – 5.40pm

Grades 3 & 4

7.00 – 7.50pm

Grades 1 & 2 6.00 – 6.45pm

Grades 5 & 6

8.00 – 9.00pm

Raising funds for Steward House.

Sausage sandwiches on sale for the School Band.

Tickets on sale from 9 am Monday 3rd. Tuesday 4th. Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th outside the Hall.

\$5

**Parent and guardian pick-up and drop-off
provided**

Drinks

The band will be running a sausage sizzle at the 70's disco next Thursday the 6th September. Come along and feed the family!
They will also be running a cake and lollie stall at Newport Public School on Election Day. When you come along and vote don't forget to pick up a tasty treat and support the band.

Please tear off and return slip to the office



Dear Margaret,

I would like to help at the **WORKING BEE** on Saturday, 8th September 2012.

Parent's Name: _____

Child's Name & Class: _____

Specific Skill or Project (if applicable): _____

AVALON SCHOOL

Carboot Sale



PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LOCAL SCHOOL

* BOOK A SPOT AND SELL YOUR
UNWANTED HOUSEHOLD ITEMS.

* BROWSE FOR A BARGAIN AND
ENJOY A COFFEE, CAKE OR A BITE
FROM THE BBQ

SATURDAY 1
SEPTEMBER
AT AVALON
PUBLIC SCHOOL

TIME: 7AM - 1PM

COST: \$30/CAR, EXTRA
\$10 FOR VAN/LITES/TRUCKS

TO BOOK A SPOT CONTACT
ANTON ON 9907 6444 OR
MEL ON 0422 653 321.

* NOTE FOR YOUR DIARIES THAT PITTWATER COUNCIL GENERAL
CLEAN UP COLLECTION COMMENCES WEEK BEGINNING SEPT 03
FOR ANY UNSOLD ITEMS IT REALLY COULDN'T BE EASIER!

OUR SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN TAKES THE CAKE.

FREE CUP CAKE DECORATING

Mon 24th – Fri 28th September.

11am – 2pm Limit of 200 children per day.

PLASTER FUN HOUSE

Tues 2nd – Sat 6th October.

9am – 5pm Weekdays. 9am – 4pm Saturday.

Cost: Prices vary based on plaster design.

WIN A 'LITTLE CHEFS' GIFT PACK!

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