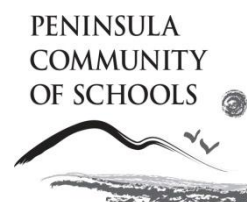




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NEWPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday 23rd October 2013

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

An amazing Newport event was staged again on Saturday with many wonderful memories of our school fete still lingering on. There are many ways to measure the success of an event such as this – community participation, money raised, meeting our need for fun, bringing people together, attendance, the bargains bagged and of course, entertainment value. On any of these measures, Saturday's Fete has exceeded expectations and a huge CONGRATULATIONS must go to Kate Long, Tessa Blaiklock and the hard working fete committee for their creative ideas, attention to detail, organisation skills and the ability to inspire and co-ordinate the school community. There was nothing they hadn't thought of! Our thanks go to everyone who played a hand in making the day a success;

- the generous contributors who donated prizes, goods, time, rubbish bins, expertise and brute strength;
- the fluorescent clothed money runners who paced (must have been at least 10 km by the end of the day), collected, counted and double checked;
- the office staff who copied, laminated, loaned, problem solved, sourced keys, distributed and answered questions;
- the stall co-ordinators who created, inspired, organised, timetabled, sold, marketed, set up and packed away;
- the canteen who fed and watered us all;
- the MCs who entertained and informed us;
- the children who performed, played, skated, ate, bought, scared and got dunked;
- the staff who supported class stalls, prepared classrooms, co-ordinated stage performances, co-ordinated sound and spent money;
- Oscar and Leonore (our cleaners) who by Monday had made it look like nothing had ever happened at school over the weekend.

One of the hardest jobs on the day, I must say, was judging the Lego competition! There were so many creative, original pieces to be considered, it took a small team of staff to complete the job. The results appear here but please rest assured, if you entered a Lego creation, congratulations for your effort, design and labour and rest assured, the judges were very impressed!

Kindergarten

- 1st Luke Moore – A Magic Castle and Tree House
- 2nd Nicholas Arruzza – Hot Air Balloon
- 3rd Seren Thomas – Magical Animal Garden

Year 1

- 1st Sophia Lockhart – Fair House Café
- 2nd Alex Murray – Robots Come To Earth
- 3rd Alice Long – The Horse Riding Centre

Year 2

- 1st Oliver Bloom – Giant Lego Man
- 2nd Lachlan Francis – About My House
- 3rd Louie Moran – Dragon

Year 3

- 1st Elouise Catterson – Newport Surf club
- 2nd Dan Richards – Simple Lift
- 3rd Anna Reeman – Newport Beach

Year 4

- 1st Ashlee Beard – The Vet Clinic
- 2nd Ted Stokes – Mona Vale Hospital
- 3rd Esme Sergi – Rainbow House

Year 5

- 1st Roxy Quinn – the Zoo
- 2nd Dane Urban – Eiffel Tower
- 3rd Dom Walsh - Skyway

Year 6

- 1st Michaela Douglas – 13 Storey Treehouse
- 2nd Jaxon Spinks - Snyder
- 3rd Sebastian DeSmyth – Tree Of life

Parent Winner

Matt Browne (Jethro's Dad) - Wave

1st Prize - \$50 Kid Stuff Voucher

2nd Prize - \$10 Canteen Voucher

3rd Prize - \$5 Canteen Voucher

By the way, if the fete committee would like some feedback in the form of data on "favourites" from the day or some persuasive texts on why everyone should attend our next school fete, 2BN have been working on this for you!

Kindergarten Orientation got off to a very successful start last week, followed by our second session today. This year we have had all of our Kindergarten 2014 cohort visit us for some fun teaching/learning experiences on Wednesday. As is becoming the norm at Newport, it was a great team effort by staff, students and guest parent speakers, which made the days a success. In particular I would like to thank Shani Law and Carla Pettitt who talked about the importance of parents becoming involved in the school, Jo Newton who prepared everyone for NOOSHC in 2014, Julie Parker who shared her knowledge and expertise of the kindergarten curriculum and Ana Arruzza, coming to the end of her first year as a parent of a primary school child, who talked about her experiences and tips for a successful first year. Your time and willingness to share your thoughts with us was much appreciated.

Today we had the opportunity of listening to, and engaging with Maxine Rosenfield who is a Counsellor, Psychotherapist, Educator, Author and past Newport mum. Maxine spoke about social-emotional wellbeing including healthy thinking for kindergarten children. Maxine reviewed the stages of child development - Under 6 months old - 'Being', 6-18 months - 'Doing', 18 months - 3 years 'Thinking', 3-6 years - 'Identity and Power' and 6-12 years - 'Structure'. For me, it was wonderful to listen to Maxine talk about the identity and power stage and confirm for me that healthy parenting confirms that a child is important, but so is everyone else in its world and EQUALLY so. Next week is our final week of Orientation and we have a session focussed on early literacy and numeracy experiences from the classroom (literally) as well as a school tour. We hope to see all of our families then.

**Warm regards,
Natalie Baldi**

Bushfire Smoke Alert

On Tuesday we received notification from the Deputy Director General of Schools that due to the severe bushfire smoke within the Sydney basin, NSW Health strongly recommends that for the remainder of this week, students not participate in outdoor school sports as this poses a potential health risk to students, particularly those with asthma or heart conditions. In line with this Ms Brandenburg has conducted PDHPE classes indoors throughout this week and **there will be no PSSA, Recreational or School sports this Friday.**

Life Education Program

The Life Education program for 2013 started at Newport yesterday. All classes from K-6 will participate in this program over the coming fortnight. Life Education has been successfully supporting primary school drug and health education since 1979.

Life Education's comprehensive programs have been specifically designed to assist schools achieve the outcomes of the NSW curriculum. Activities are based on the Health and Physical Education outcomes. They are also designed to be integrated into additional curriculum areas.

Primary schools play a vital role in preparing children for life and in shaping their journey through school. Research shows that the earlier we encourage children to develop positive self image, self esteem and a feeling of uniqueness, the better equipped they are to make positive healthy choices later in life.

Life Education assists student to:

- acquire age appropriate knowledge to support informed health choices
- develop and practise skills and strategies to act upon individual decisions
- recognise the values and attitudes that may influence lifestyle choices and behaviours.

Are you leaving or returning late?

Thank you to those parents who have already notified us that their child(ren) will be leaving the school at the end of the year. Having this information early greatly assists with planning for next year. If you know that your child will be starting the school year a little later next year for some reason, I ask that you write to me to inform me of the situation and include a date that you expect to return to school. I must submit student enrolment numbers to DET early in the new school year and cannot include students who have not returned to school without having provided a note that states an expected date of return. Thank you in anticipation of your co-operation.

Disco

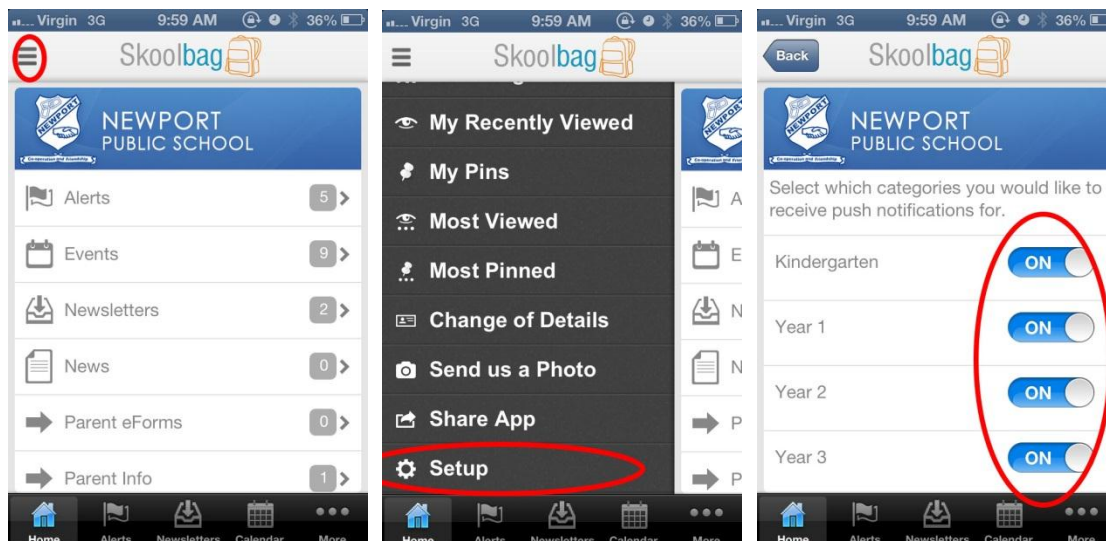
Next Wednesday night, 30 October, we will be holding a Halloween disco for all students K-6. Entry is \$5. Funds raised from the disco are going to Multiple Sclerosis Australia to help support people living with MS around Australia. MS is a disease of the central nervous system that affects approximately 23,000 people around Australia. It is unclear what causes MS and there is no cure.

In support of families affected by the ongoing bushfire crisis around NSW, we will also have a donation bucket at the door raising funds for the Salvation Army Bushfire Appeal. Any donations, no matter how large or small will be gratefully received and will go to supporting families who have been adversely affected by these terrible fires.

Phone apps

Have you tried our phone app? Newport Public School has employed Skoolbag to design an iPhone app to assist our communication with our school community. The app is available from the Apple app store and can be found by searching for "Newport Public School". An Android version of this app is currently under development and should be released shortly.

One of the key features of the app is the use of push notifications to alert the user to important information and events at the school. In order to receive these notifications, choose the menu button in the top left of the home screen, then choose setup and finally select the years your children are in. This will ensure you receive relevant notifications.



Regards

Anthony Moran
Deputy Principal

Year 5 High School Experience Day at Pittwater High School

Pittwater High School has pleasure in inviting your child to participate in our exciting High School Experience Day to be held at the school on **Monday 11 November 2013**.

This High School Experience Day is open to all Year 5 students whether or not you intend to send them to Pittwater High School for Year 7 in 2015.

The Year 5 students will participate in a number of exciting and interesting lessons throughout the day. The students will be placed in groups and rotate through a selection of five high school subjects from Food Technology, Textiles Technology, Wood Technology, PE/Health, Science, Mathematics, English, Music, Agriculture, History, Geography, Languages, Drama and Art.

As this is a whole day program, we are asking that **parents bring and collect their child from Pittwater High School**. Parents are invited to meet the Principal and members of the executive over coffee and to ask questions in a forum in the library at the start of the day.

Parents are requested to complete the permission note that has been sent home and return **to your child's Year 5 Teacher no later than Monday 4 November**.

DANCE NEWS

A **BIG** 'thank you' to our dance community for your support of our school fete last Saturday.

The children were amazing and it was a most fitting finale to our year of performance.

Costumes should have been returned to school today.

Thank you for your support throughout the year.

Dance Teachers

P & C Tuesday 29th October, 7.00pm in the library.

Come along to have a say, get involved or just get updated with all the exciting things going on at your school.

LIBRARY NEWS

Our Book Fair will be in the library on Thursday 7th November (Week 5) from 3.30 – 7.00 pm. The selection of books from which you can purchase will include a wide range of quality fiction and non fiction books from the best Australian and overseas authors and illustrators. All books are discounted and some are at greatly reduced prices. This is a great opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping while supporting our library at the same time.

Children will be able to look at the books during their library session the week before, when they will be able to jot down a 'wish list' for you to look at. Parents will be able to preview the books in the library between 9.00 – 9.25 am on Thursday 31st October and Friday 1st November (week 4), and Monday 4th and Thursday 7th November (week 5).

Our Book Fair selling afternoon/evening is:

Thursday 7th November, 2013, 3.30 – 7.00 in the library.

Eftpos and credit card facilities will be available (Visa and Mastercard only). If you cannot attend in person, credit card payment slips are available on the back of the 'wish lists' and can be sent to school with your child/ren (or cash or cheques made out to 'Carnival Fairs') on the Thursday.

You, your family and friends are most welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

Stephanie Bracey, Sylvia Fisher and Rita Ericsson.

Dates for your diary

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| Tuesday 29th Oct | P & C Meeting 7pm |
| Wed 30th Oct | Halloween Disco |
| Monday 4th Nov | Yr 2 Swim Scheme begins |
| Thurs 7th Nov | Punchbowl visit |
| Thurs 7th Nov | Book Fair in Library 3.30-7.00pm |
| Mon 18th Nov | Yr 6 Camp starts |
| Tues 26th Nov | School Helpers Morning Tea 11.00am |
| Mon 9th Dec | Kinder Celebration Assembly |
| Wed 11th Dec | Yrs 1-6 Presentation Assembly |
| Mon 16th Dec | Yr 6 Graduation Dinner 6.00pm |
| Tues 17th Dec | K-6 Christmas Picnics |
| Wed 18th Dec | Last Day Students |

MERIT AWARD WINNERS

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|--------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| KSO | Luka Tailby, Cielle Wilson | 2SC | Elliott Tomas, Phoenix Davidson |
| KAJ | Grace George, Cael Melville | 2BG | Anaia Cruickshank, Freddy May |
| KEE | George Hunt, Annabelle LaTorraca | 4NE | Jack Bates, Tess Masters |
| KDF | Katya Benschop, Max Davey | 4KH | Matilda Johnson, Henry Devaney |
| KJP | Felix Russell, Jade Wandl | 4SC | Francesca Early, Henry Thomas |
| KEJ | Raya Stelzner-Hill, Garrett Stanton | 4LC | Olivia Cowper, Tia Stokes |
| KMG | Beau Eiffe, Sophie Rawstorne | 5LH | Amy O'Toole, Mhairi Dunsmore |
| 1SN | Thor Skene, Lara Silver | 5TD | |
| 1JJ | Olivia Vartuli, Luca Bianchinott | 5RW | Mac Omm, Lily Grant |
| 1DD | Lachlan Wade, Charlie Polgar | 5/6AH | Biana Garbett, Riley White |
| 1JG | Malena Searles, Kieran Bryant | 6GM | Luca Modlin, Madi Wade |
| 1/2JF | Ariel Belic, Jeremy Kirkland | 6KK | Nathan Weiss, Alice Mitchell |
| 2BN | Tegan Phelan, Lara Hanks | 6IW | Zach Zontsich, Jasper Welsh |
| 2AM | Joshua Myers, Anna Stokes | | |

YOUNG WRITERS AWARDS

Too much money is spent on toys and games

I think too much money is spent on toys and games. Games are fun for children and adults but too much money is spent on toys and games instead of more important things like food and shelter.

I am guessing your child already has toys. So why buy more? Just wait until your child grows out of them. It will save time and money.

Some games can be dangerous, disturbing and hurt your child. It might not say that on the front cover or box but it can hurt them. Stick with what you've got and you will know how safe it is. Your child needs to stay physically active and sitting around playing all these computer games is not good for their health.

So next time you're thinking of getting a toy your kid probably won't need, think again and buy the groceries instead.

By Grace Green 4SC

The Fete

On Saturday I went to the school fete. First I went on the tea cup ride and I got very scared.

Next I went in the haunted house and something grabbed my leg. But it wouldn't get off so I ran and ran.

Then I went on the surf board and fell off.

After that I went on the big slide and I was screaming as I went down.

Then I went on two jumping castles.

I had a great time because I went in the haunted house.

By Isabelle Osborne KAJ

MUSIC NEWS

School Disco BBQ: We have another fundraising opportunity at the School Disco next Wednesday night 30/10/13. You will shortly receive an email from your Band Manager asking if you can help out at the BBQ. The more helpers, the less we all have to do.

Dates for Diary

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| 22 nd & 24 th Oct | Violin 1s playing at assemblies |
| 14 th Nov | Music Information Evening |
| 16 th Nov | Avalon Market Day – All 4 wind ensembles playing |
| 24 th Nov | Annual General Meeting |
| 24 th Nov | Music Committee Meeting (directly after AGM) |
| 9 th Dec | Twilight Concert |

Canteen News

A huge huge huge thank you to everyone who helped out in the canteen on the Fete day. I am so lucky to have so many parents that are happy to come in and join in the fun :)

HOTDOG DAY THIS THURSDAY ORDER ONLINE OR OVER THE COUNTER!!!!

Monday Oct 27th: Tiffany, L Tyndall, A Bryan, J Rodgers

Tuesday Oct 29th: R Wilson, C McCauley, T Breenan, A Robinson

Wednesday Oct 30th: A Thomas, K Davis

Thursday Oct 31st: L Dawe, M Bensely, R Carter

Friday Nov 1st: M Jones, S Maunder, C Thomas

If you are unable to make your rostered day, please let Tammy know on 9979 6504 or email the canteen

newportschoolcanteen@hotmail.com

FETE RAFFLE WRAP UP!

Congratulations to all of our Fete Raffle Winners. The lucky winners were:

1. Wine Lovers weekend for two in the Hunter Valley, includes accommodation at Mio Monte, private wine tasting with cheese & antipasto at Krinklewood Biodynamic Vineyard, a case of Krinklewood wine and lunch for 2 at Muse Kitchen, Pokolbin. Value \$1200 - **Bob Bullen**
2. Tom Carroll 2 Hour Surf Experience and Tom Carroll 6' Softech Surfboard (Priceless) - **Annabel Fallick**
3. Microsoft Computer Software Package Value \$1050 - **Jenni Arnott**
4. Perfect Fit 8 week Challenge Package Value \$792 - **Toni Stokes**
5. Pharmacare Product Gift Basket Value \$600 - **Sean Fawle**
6. Bose Sound System Value \$600 - **Sharon Hall**
7. Sydney Academy of Sport 2 School Holiday Packages Value \$535 - **Patrick Rawstorne**
8. Lego package including 1x Lego Technic Set, 1x Lego City Set and 1x Lego Friends Set Value \$520.00 - **David Sargeant**
9. GoPro Hero 3 White Addition AND 27" GFH completed Skateboard Value \$500 - **Rod Burnett**
10. Number Works and Words Tuition Gift Certificate Value \$500 - **Reese Beausville**
11. Juniper Organic Skincare Product gift basket Value \$500 - **Shirley Notting**
12. Surf or Sail Weekend Accommodation Package in Newport Value \$400 - **Louise Smith**
13. Pittwater Sports Centre Fitnastics Fun Party Value \$400 - **Sophie Warr**
14. Netgear Wifi Modem Value \$399 - **Brian McMahon**
15. Starfish Kids Talent Agency Family Representation Package Value \$250 - **J.Kimi**
16. Naked Wines 15 Bottle Case of Wine Value \$218 - **Rebecca Simmons**
17. Rubifresh Men's and Woman's travel packs Value \$180 - **Evie Newton**

The winner of the iPad and iPad stand for selling the most raffle tickets was Jessica Deathridge. Jessica sold 17 booklets on her own and did an amazing fundraising job. Well done Jessica we are very proud of you and your prize was so well deserved. Alexander Baldi won the boys Quiksilver watch and Piper Lerpiniere won the girls Roxy watch for returning their raffle ticket booklets sold. Well done you two!

The success of the raffle was due to a true team effort. We received enormous support from our community for our fete raffle and there are a number of thank yous that need to be said. A special thank you to each and every person who sold raffle tickets and to those who purchased tickets. Your support is very much appreciated and we were able to raise an amazing amount money for our school! Also a massive thank you to our sponsors - without your support such a fabulous result would not have been possible. Glenda Hanks did the beautiful artwork for our raffle tickets and the printing was coordinated by her husband – Adam Hanks – the tickets looked amazing and we really appreciated your time in making them so fabulous and having them available for the students! Thank you to 2SC - students, parents and to Mr Cooper for banner painting, donations of paint and for selling tickets prior to the fete and on the day. A big thank you to Tammy Carter, and to the office staff for helping distribute and sort raffle tickets. Thank you to Bec Hunt and her team at CAV for lending us the raffle barrel, to Mandy and Liz from Perfect Fit for being our barrel girls and to Tom Carroll and Peter Phelps who announced our winners. To the team at Tribal Choice for our Facebook promotion – thank you so much for your consistent support! Finally, to Kate and Tessa, thank you thank you thank you - for your support, your optimism and your extraordinary organisation skills!

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Kindergarten 2014 Orientation

The Uniform Shop will be open for the remaining 2 days of the Kindergarten Orientation Program, opening from 10.30-11.30am on Wednesdays 23 and 30 October.

Melbourne Cup Day

The Uniform Shop will not be open on **Tuesday, 5 November**.

Second-hand clothes

Donations of second-hand uniforms can be dropped to the uniform shop during opening hours or at the office at any other time. Please ensure items donated are clean and in saleable condition (Newport school uniforms only please).

Online Ordering

Orders placed online at flexischools.com.au prior to 5pm on Fridays will be delivered to your child's class on the following **Monday or Tuesday**. Order forms can also be collected from the office or emailed on request. Please contact us if you have any order queries.

Opening Hours

The Uniform Shop is open Mondays 9-10am and Tuesdays 3-4pm. We accept cash or cheque. Credit card payments are accepted when ordering via flexischools.com.au.

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



NEWPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL FETE 2013

THANK YOU

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR AN AMAZINGLY SUCCESSFUL FETE DAY!
WE HOPE YOU AND YOUR KIDS ALL HAD A GREAT DAY**

Our fete day was enormously successful and we were blessed with perfect weather. By all reports it was a fun and memorable day for everyone and a tribute to the Newport School community spirit. We are still busy counting bits and pieces and paying bills but it is looking like we will have raised over \$50,000 for the school, an incredible result that we should all be proud of. We will let everyone know where it ends up once all is finalised.

Thank you to all of the Class Mums and their helpers (there are too many to mention!) for going way above and beyond all our expectations on each and every individual stall. Thank you also to all of the teachers and other parents who took on the many varied tasks that all contributed in their individual way – in particular Shani Law, Katrina Davis, Tom Carroll, Matt & Kate Burke, Chris & Sally Warren, Peter & Donna Phelps, Felicity Davey, Lochie & Karina Daddo, Rob & Sophie Stokes, Bindi Hooghuis, Tammy Carter, Katie Brennan, Penny Banbury, Pixie Shields, Jess Moore, Trina Jones, Vanessa Watkin, Rachelle Sinfield, Stuart Sinfield & all of the Dads who helped set up and clean up, Fiona Bushelle, Trina Leslie, Rachel Wilson, Sarah Hudson, Melissa Spring, Dennis Fitzgerald, Scott Webster, Andrew Dent, Matt Stewart, Cameron Bloom, Fiona Gudsmondson, Dave Hawkins, Joel & Beau Jones, Ray Stanton, Anthony Moran, Brian Franki, Greg Moran, Tom Davidson and lastly our ever supporting husbands Matt Long and Adam Blaiklock. And of course a big thank you and congratulations to all the kids who helped with their own class stalls, submitted lego entries and turned up on the day to enjoy all of the fun. It was truly a massive team effort.

Thank you also to all of our local businesses and families that supplied stalls with free products and provided an astounding list of raffle prizes. We will publish a full list of supporters soon.

A huge thank you also to our major sponsors **LJ Hooker Newport** and **Winning Appliances** who played such an integral part in making the day such a success.

Kate Long and Tessa Blaiklock

BUSHFIRES – CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for a truck and truck driver to drive all of the leftover goods from the fete (clothes, toys, 2nd hand goods) to the Springwood Recreation Centre for immediate distribution to the bushfire affected area. If you or anyone you know can help, please call Kate on 0413 747 109.



The Committee and Staff of NOOSHC
(Newport Outside of School Hours Care)

invite you to the

- **NOOSHC AGM**
- an end of year celebration - sausage sizzle followed by entertainment
- **Matt the Balloon man at 7.30pm**
(A must see show!!!)



Parents, grandparents & friends are most welcome.

AGM & NOOSHC end of year BBQ

FRIDAY December 6th 2013

6.30pm

All parents (new, old, past & present) are invited along to an end of year SAUSAGE SIZZLE.

Bring along a picnic rug and enjoy an evening with other parents and children.

A great opportunity for new (& old) parents and children to celebrate the end of the year with each other, centre staff and committee members.

Sausages, bread, sauce & cordial drink supplied by NOOSHC.

If you would prefer anything else to eat or drink please bring along with you.

All NOOSHC parents have been emailed an invitation
to the NOOSHC end of year celebration

- could you please assist us in catering for the evening by returning the attendance slip (on the bottom of the emailed invitation)

No later than Wednesday December 4th 2013.

ALL WELCOME

NOOSHC **AGM**

FRIDAY DECEMBER 6
6.30PM SHARP

At the NOOSHC centre.

Nomination forms for the parent management committee are available at the centre.

As a number of members on the 2013 parent committee have children who will be leaving NPS at the end of 2013 NOOSHC will be looking for members to become President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Public Officer as well as being Ordinary Parent Committee members to help out.

NOOSHC will also be involved in the accreditation process in 2014, parents are required to actively participate and we will be looking for support from parents.

This is your school community OOSH service and benefits the children of Newport Public School, so come along, meet other parents, be an active participant.

Drinks and nibbles provided.

FREE GUEST SPEAKERS NIGHT

Warringah Council presents

Transition to High School

With respected psychologist – Jacqui Marquis-Conder



FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF YEAR 6, 7 AND 8 CHILDREN, LOOKING TO ENHANCE THEIR CHILD'S EARLY HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE.

Topics include:

- Working with changing relationships with family, teachers and peers
- Building strong, resilient, resourceful and confident teens
- Tools to assist teens through difficult or challenging times

Jacqui has worked in NSW and Queensland across many areas of child, youth and family work including counselling, school programs, child protection, out of home care, family mediation, and community education.

Wed 20 Nov

6.30 – 8.30pm

**NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus,
Harbord Road, Freshwater**

**FREE, but bookings essential by email only
on youthbookings@warringah.nsw.gov.au.**

Enquiries 9942 2681



HOTDOG DAY

THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER

HOTDOG & FLAVORED MILK MEAL DEAL

\$5.00

ORDER ONLINE OR OVER THE COUNTER



COME IN A MEET THE DANCING HOTDOGS AND
YOU NEVER KNOW WHO YOU WILL SEE 😊



Newport Public School

Stuart Street, Newport, 2106
Phone 9999 3588 | 9999 4100

18th October 2013

HALLOWEEN DISCO

Dear Families,

Newport will be hosting our final disco for 2013 on **Wednesday 30th October**.

Tickets are **\$5** each and will be sold outside the front office before school during the week of the disco or will be purchased at the door (please bring exact change). All proceeds from the disco will go to MS Australia.

The theme for the disco is **'Halloween'**. Come in your favourite dress up costume! (Don't forget to wear your dancing shoes!!)



Please note: Glow sticks are not allowed for safety reasons. We would also ask that students wear appropriate costumes and footwear (no high heels and no bare chests!).



Times for the disco are as follows:

Kindy: 4:45 – 5:30pm

Yr 1 & 2: 5:45 – 6:30pm

Yr 3 & 4: 6:45 – 7:45pm

Yr 5 & 6: 8:00 – 9:00 pm

Many thanks,

Emily Jefferys & Brian Franki
Disco Organisers

Anthony Moran
Deputy Principal



HALLOWEEN



disco BBQ

Support our school Bands!

- **Sausage sandwich~\$3. 50**
- **Sausage sandwich and popper~ \$5.00**
- **Packet of chips~\$1.00**



Newport Quality Behaviour Program

This week we are going to meet 'Gabby and Gary Get Along'.

Getting Along means working well with teachers and classmates, solving problems without getting too angry, and following the rules of the classroom.

Positive Habits of mind that help develop a young person's 'getting along' are:

- **Being Tolerant of Others** – accepting that everyone acts unfairly towards others some of the time, and not making overall judgements of people's character based on their behaviour.
- **Thinking First**- thinking that when someone treats me badly I need to think about different ways I can react, the consequences of each and the impact of my actions on the other person's feelings.
- **Playing By The Rules**– thinking that by following important school and home rules, I will live in a better world where everyone's rights are protected.
- **Social Responsibility** – thinking that it is important to be a good citizen and to help build a world with fairness and justice for all and where everyone feels safe and secure. Being sensitive to the feelings of others, acting honestly, treating others with respect, reaching out to people in need and caring about people and the environment.

Gary Get Along



Gabby Get Along



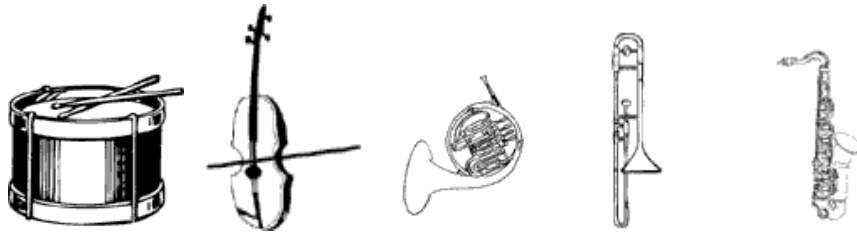
Everyone wants to be his friend. He always has a smile on his face. When working with others he is good at sharing his things and listening to other kid's ideas without being bossy.

He lets others have a go without having to be first all the time.

When he has a disagreement with someone, he knows how to sort it out without fighting. If he sees someone who is feeling sad he invites them to join his game.

He is respectful, honest, fair and caring towards others.

Newport School Music Program Information Evening



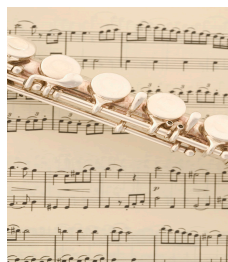
Enrol your child (Years 3 to 6 in 2014) in the fantastic Newport Public School Training Band or String Orchestra! Does your Year 1 or 2 child (2014) want to learn the violin?

Come and find out more at our Music Information Evening

Thursday 14th November commencing at 7.00pm in the School Hall

- ♪ demonstrations (by members of 2013 Performance and Stage Bands & String Orchestra) of all instruments on offer;
- ♪ information about the band program;
- ♪ details of instrument hire;
- ♪ advice on finding tutors; ♪ **plus** the benefits of learning an instrument (see extracted article from New York Times overpage).

Music Director John Stone and conductors Andrew Laurich, Karen Leimbach & Fiona Gudmunson will talk about the music program and answer your questions.



Does your child already learn an instrument?
Come along to find out how they can be involved in
Newport's dynamic ensembles! Existing enrolled musicians welcome to attend.

♪ We look forward to seeing you there. ♪

The Newport School Music Program Committee
For further Information: Email: judek@jckconsulting.com.au

Is Music the Key to Success? By JOANNE LIPMAN Published: 12/12/13 New York Times

"Multiple studies link music study to academic achievement. But what is it about serious music training that seems to correlate with outsize success in other fields?"

I put the question to top-flight professionals in industries from tech to finance to media, all of whom had serious (if often little-known) past lives as musicians. Almost all made a connection between their music training and their professional achievements.

The phenomenon extends beyond the math-music association. Strikingly, many high achievers told me music opened up the pathways to creative thinking. And their experiences suggest that music training sharpens other qualities: Collaboration. The ability to listen. A way of thinking that weaves together disparate ideas. The power to focus on the present and the future simultaneously.

But the way many of the visionaries I spoke to process music is intriguing. As is the way many of them apply music's lessons of focus and discipline into new ways of thinking and communicating — even problem solving.

Look carefully and you'll find musicians at the top of almost any industry. Woody Allen performs weekly with a jazz band. The television broadcaster Paula Zahn (cello) and the NBC chief White House correspondent Chuck Todd (French horn) attended college on music scholarships; NBC's Andrea Mitchell trained to become a professional violinist. Both Microsoft's Mr. Allen and the venture capitalist Roger McNamee have rock bands. Larry Page, a co-founder of Google, played saxophone in high school. Steven Spielberg is a clarinetist and son of a pianist. The former World Bank president James D. Wolfensohn has played cello at Carnegie Hall.

"It's not a coincidence," says Mr. Greenspan, who gave up jazz clarinet but still dabbles at the baby grand in his living room. "I can tell you as a statistician, the probability that that is mere chance is extremely small." The cautious former Fed chief adds, "That's all that you can judge about the facts. The crucial question is: why does that connection exist?"

Paul Allen offers an answer. He says music "reinforces your confidence in the ability to create." Mr. Allen began playing the violin at age 7 and switched to the guitar as a teenager. Even in the early days of Microsoft, he would pick up his guitar at the end of marathon days of programming. The music was the emotional analog to his day job, with each channeling a different type of creative impulse. In both, he says, "something is pushing you to look beyond what currently exists and express yourself in a new way."

Mr. Todd says there is a connection between years of practice and competition and what he calls the "drive for perfection." The veteran advertising executive Steve Hayden credits his background as a cellist for his most famous work, the Apple "1984" commercial depicting rebellion against a dictator. "I was thinking of Stravinsky when I came up with that idea," he says. He adds that his cello performance background helps him work collaboratively: "Ensemble playing trains you, quite literally, to play well with others, to know when to solo and when to follow."

For many of the high achievers I spoke with, music functions as a "hidden language," as Mr. Wolfensohn calls it, one that enhances the ability to connect disparate or even contradictory ideas. When he ran the World Bank, Mr. Wolfensohn traveled to more than 100 countries, often taking in local performances (and occasionally joining in on a borrowed cello), which helped him understand "the culture of people, as distinct from their balance sheet."

It's in that context that the much-discussed connection between math and music resonates most. Both are at heart modes of expression. Bruce Kovner, the founder of the hedge fund Caxton Associates and chairman of the board of Juilliard, says he sees similarities between his piano playing and investing strategy; as he says, both "relate to pattern recognition, and some people extend these paradigms across different senses."

Mr. Kovner and the concert pianist Robert Taub both describe a sort of synesthesia — they perceive patterns in a three-dimensional way. Mr. Taub, who gained fame for his Beethoven recordings and has since founded a music software company, MuseAmi, says that when he performs, he can "visualize all of the notes and their interrelationships," a skill that translates intellectually into making "multiple connections in multiple spheres."