

# NEWPORT NATTER



#### NEWPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

## Industrial Action – Stop work Meeting Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

The NSW Government and the NSW Teachers Federation are currently in negotiations around a new salaries and conditions award. Significant changes to the salaries and working conditions of teachers are being proposed. Federation members in public schools will attend stop work broadcast meetings from 9.00 am for up to two hours, on Tuesday 3 December, to hear a report from the Presidential Officers and vote on a recommendation for a new Salaries and Conditions Award. We will notify parents via email, phone app and note as soon as possible the arrangements that will be in place for Tuesday morning.

#### **Helpers Morning Tea**

It was wonderful to see so many of our parents, grandparents and friends of Newport join us for our Helpers Morning Tea. It is a small way that the staff can thank parents for the wonderful support that they have provided to the Newport school community over the past year. We are fortunate at Newport that so many parents are actively involved in our school. Parents assist in so many ways; classrooms, canteen, uniform shop, gardening club, working bees, P&C, our fete, School Evaluation Committee, sport, dance, Music Program, chess, drama, school events and many more. We have over 200 parents working in some capacity within our school each year. A wonderful achievement! Thank you so much to all our parents.

#### Student Leaders 2014

This week students will start the process of electing our School Captains, School Vice Captains, our Sporting House and Vice Captains and the Music Captains for 2014. All our Year 5 students participate in the voting process for our School Captains and Vice Captains. The successful students will be invested into their new positions and presented with their badges at our Presentation Day Assembly in Week 10.

#### Year 4 Market day Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

It is a tradition at Newport School that in Term 4, Year 4 hold Christmas Markets on the school grounds. The date for the market this year is 3<sup>rd</sup> December. The children have been making items during class time which they will sell to their peers. This unit of work provides children with the opportunity to make quality products, run a stall, sell their items and raise money for Nepcam. Nepcam is a trust aid fund that raises money for children in poor communities in Cambodia and Nepal to attend school. Year 4 are grateful to all parents that are able to send a small amount of money with their children on the day to spend at the markets and help raise money for Nepcam.

#### Year 6 Camp

Last week, Year 6 returned from a fabulous camp. The purpose of the camp is to encourage the children to challenge themselves, cement friendships developed throughout primary school and to further develop leadership and teamwork skills. Our Newport students stepped out of their comfort zone, challenged themselves and worked well with their teams. The activity highlights included the giant swing, the lost island and days at the beach. I am extremely proud of the great behaviour they displayed throughout the camp. This was commented on by the camp staff who expressed how pleasant it was to work with the Newport children. Thank you to all the Year 6 staff; Adam Hearne, Greg Moran, Kylie Keogh, Ian White and Janet Boocock (who came back to Newport from N.Z. for camp). Without your enthusiasm and dedication, camp could not go ahead. It was great to see such a wonderful time was had by all.

#### Congratulations to our PSSA Girls Cricket Knockout team

Our girls travelled to Millthorpe last week for their final round of the cricket knockout competition. They had a resounding win which puts them into the finals competition, to be held in Maitland next Tuesday. It was a great game, played with terrific spirit. The two teams enjoyed a BBQ together after the game. Coached by Mrs Keogh and our visiting expert Mr Aroney, the girls have worked hard to make it into the finals competition. With the semis and grand final played next Tuesday we wish our girls all the best. Good luck girls!

#### Good luck to our PSSA Boys Softball Knockout Team

On Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> December, the senior boys softball team will be heading to the NSW Softball Complex at Blacktown Olympic Park to participate in the Semi Finals of the Softball State Knockout Competition. The boys and Mr Moran have put in a lot of hard work and displayed great dedication to training and we wish them all the best. Good luck boys!

## Kindergarten Celebration Assembly Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 10.00am

Once again we will be holding a special assembly to recognise the achievements of all our very special 2013 Kindergarten students. They have all made outstanding progress throughout this year and we are very proud of them. Parents are invited to join us for this Celebration Assembly. We will have a morning tea after the assembly, so bring along something to share with your child.

#### Presentation Day Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December Pittwater High School Hall

Our Presentation Day is only two weeks away and provides an opportunity for us to celebrate the wonderful achievements of our school throughout the year. This year, Years 1 to 6 will be attending this Presentation Assembly. I hope you can join us for this important event.

#### Red & Green Mufti Day Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Our Student Parliament will be holding a final Mufti Day for the year. Each year our community supports families less fortunate than our own, by donating gifts to the Stewart House Christmas Tree Gift Appeal. We have a Christmas set up outside the Counsellor's office (next to the Infants staffroom). We ask that children bring a gift to place beneath the Christmas tree. All gifts will be donated to the Smith Family.

#### **Year 6 Surf Awareness**

This week Year 6 start their Surf Awareness Program. This program is designed to build confidence in the surf with a range of different life saving equipment. The activities promote the students ability to work in together. This is such an important program as we live by the beach. Surf Awareness will run for four days over next three weeks.

#### Returning late in 2014?

We need to know if your child/children are returning to Newport after the start of the 2014 school year (Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January). I require a short note to confirm that they will be returning and on what day so they can still be counted in our enrolment numbers and placed in their 2014 class.

Regards, Margaret Charlton Principal

#### Dates for your diary

Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Kinder Celebration Assembly 10.00am		
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Yrs 1-6 Presentation Assembly @ Pittwater High School 10am		
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 6 Graduation Dinner 6.00pm		
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	K-6 Christmas Picnics		
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last Day Students		

#### IS YOUR CHILD ATTENDING PITTWATER HIGH SCHOOL 2014?

Pittwater High School uniform Shop is open Tuesday's and Thursday's between 8.15am and 11.15am. If your child requires uniforms for 2014 come in and beat the rush before Orientation Day on the 4<sup>th</sup> Dec

#### **MERIT AWARD WINNERS**

KSO KAJ KEE	Tabitha Reeman, Darcy Kirkland William Stonier, Grace Osborne Matilda Reid, Jay Wiles	3GB 3LS 3AR	Anna Reeman, Matthew Hartley
KDF	Max Davey, Zoe Moore	3BF	Charlie Bentley, Eva Cox
KJP	Markus Sampson, Lana Maric	4NE	Jonah Watkin, Evy Colless
KEJ	Lucy Kingdon, Max Eccles	4KH	Noah Bloom, Jonathan King
KMG	Ned Parker, Isabella Stephens	4SC	Lucy Dawson, Lulubelle Ryberg-Neale
1SN	Akina Davidson, Brodie Hitchman	4LC	Edward Press, Ruby Abercromby
1JJ	Olivia Woods, Kobie Searles	5LH	Jasper Frost, Luc Power
1DD	Austin Hulley, Faith Stewart	5TD	Jake Barnabas, Sash Nadin
1JG	Oliver Griffiths, Lilyana Wawavanua	5RW	Mike Hogan, Scarlett Lark
1/2JF	Daniel Ramsay, Ella George	5/6AH	Stella Campbell, Oskar Hall
2BN	Lucy Brown, Finn Epplett		
2AM	Noah Meinrath, Bethany Miller		
2SC	Harrison Shipton, Ella Pettitt		
2BG	Luke Berry, Tom Tullett		

#### LIBRARY NEWS

There are still many children with overdue books and they have been given overdue notices to take home. Look on bookshelves, under beds, in the car, at nana's, in the classroom, in a sibling's bedroom or at your friend's house for that elusive book! All library books must be returned to the library by the end of next week. There will be no more borrowing from the library after this week.

Contact the library if you have any problems or questions.

Stephanie Bracey, Sylvia Fisher and Rita Ericsson.

#### **ANY SPARE UNIFORMS??**

If you have any spare K-2 school uniforms that your child has grown out of, we are running low in the office to use as spares and would appreciate your donation.

#### **MUSIC NEWS**

**Annual General Meeting:** Our Annual General Meeting is taking place tonight (27/11/13) at Royal Motor Yacht Club starting at 7.30pm. We would love as many people there as possible.

**Twilight Concert**: Our end of year Twilight Concert will take place on Monday 9/12/13. This year it will take place at Pittwater High School. Our Training Band will be organising a BBQ starting at 5.30pm, with the concert starting at 7.00pm.

Have your child play the Double Bass: We are keen to have at least one Double Bass player in our String Orchestra next year. We are offering free instrument hire for the first year to those students who are willing to give it a try. We have enough double bass's available for the students to have an instrument at home and one at school, to save any transportation problems. Please contact Karen Leimbach at <a href="mailto:kml@luckycountryproductions.com">kml@luckycountryproductions.com</a> if you are interested.

Interested in Training Band? Registrations are open for our 2014 ensembles. If you were unable to make it to our Music Information Evening last Thursday but would still like to enrol your child in the Training Band please contact John Stone at <a href="mailto:johnnomuzik@hotmail.com">johnnomuzik@hotmail.com</a>. Some instruments, such as drums, are already full however there are still positions available for most instruments, if you are quick!

Interested in Violin? There are a limited number of spaces in our Violin program and these are filling up fast. If you were unable to make it to our Music Information Evening last Thursday but would still like to enrol your child in our Violin Program please contact Victoria Norman at vics@norman.com.au.

#### **Dates for Diary**

27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Annual General Meeting, 7.30pm, Royal Motor Yacht Club
27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Music Committee Meeting (directly after AGM)
28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Performance Band playing at school assembly
9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Twilight Concert

9 Dec Twilight Concert

11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Dec Auditions for Performance Band

12<sup>th</sup> Dec Instrument Hire return. 8.45am to 9.30am 16<sup>th</sup> Dec Instrument Hire return. 8.45am to 9.30am

Ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun can cause sunburn, skin damage, eye damage and skin cancer. Overexposure to the sun in childhood and adolescence is an important factor in the development of skin cancer later in life.

From the beginning of August until the end of May, the UV index levels are 3 and above. During these months particular care should be taken to protect yourself and your child from overexposure to the sun.

The following symbols from the Cancer Council remind all of us to:



#### Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer

At Newport School we have a "No Hat, No Play" policy. The staff at Newport enforce this policy to help protect your child from the harm effects of UV radiation. You can help you child by reminding them to wear their hat to and from school each day and during sport, recess and lunch.

#### **UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

#### **Uniforms 2014**

With only 3 weeks of Term 4 remaining, now's the time to think about what you might need for next year. The last open for 2013 will be <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>10 December</u> with stocktake being completed the following week. The last online orders for delivery to your child this year can be placed up until 5pm Friday, 13 December for delivery the following Monday or Tuesday.

#### School Holiday Open

The Uniform Shop will be open on Monday, 27 January 2014 (Public Holiday) for any last minute purchases. Are you able to volunteer during this school holiday open? As the school holiday opens have been fairly busy over the last couple of years, we'd love some extra help. If you are able to volunteer an hour or two, please contact Carla or Kate (details below).

#### **Online Ordering**

Orders placed online at <u>flexischools.com.au</u> 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 <a href="mailto:newportuniformshop@hotmail.com">newportuniformshop@hotmail.com</a> or Carla Pettitt 0413-804-015 & Kate Raffles 0413-519-872.

#### **CANTEEN NEWS**

The new roster is up for next year. If you have one day a month, or one day a term please come on in and join our great team.

Monday Dec 2nd: N Roach, M Stidwell

Tuesday Dec 3rd: T Stuzaker, N Sampson, J Turner, L Brown

Wednesday Dec 4th: P Hitchman, K Davis Thursday Dec 5th: S Lowe, N England Friday Dec 6th: V Watkins, L Barlow, K Meek

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

newportschoolcanteen@hotmail.com

**Christmas Gift Mufti Day** 

#### **Stewart House Family Christmas Tree Gift 2013.**

#### **Dear Newport Family**

Well it's that time of the year again!

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December we are having a Christmas Gift Day. The idea is that each child brings in a gift for a child to put beneath the Christmas tree. The gifts will be donated to Stewart House.

- The gift needs to be wrapped and labelled, boy/girl and the age of the child it is suitable for.
- Please no second hand toys and not too big.
- Gifts can be dropped at school, outside the Counsellors office next to the Infants staff room prior to this date but PLEASE no later. After this date your gifts can be delivered directly to Wiseberry real estate in Mona Vale.
- The children are to wear mufti, (Christmas colours, Red/Green).

Wiseberry Real Estate will collect the gifts from the school and send them on to Stewart House.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

#### **Newport Charity Committee**

#### **FUNDRAISING NEWS**

With only weeks to Christmas it is time to think of all those great Christmas goodies. We are doing a pudding and gingerbread house fundraiser this year. Please see attached form. If you would like to order please return the form to Tammy in the canteen. As always thank you for all your support

#### The Fundraising Team





#### Christmas Pudding & Gingerbread House Fundraiser

It's that time of the year again!!! With only weeks until Christmas it is time to order your puddings or gingerbread houses.

Tammy in the canteen is making puddings & gingerbread houses.

The puddings come in three sizes:

250g (perfect teacher gift), 500g or 1 kg.

Gingerbread houses come in two sizes:

Small (in a cupcake box, again great teacher gift)

Or family size.

If you would like to order please fill in the below form and return to Tammy in the canteen, with the correct money

### No later than Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Thank you for your participation and enjoy your Christmas goodies

The fundraising team

#### Name:

Туре	Size	Price	Total
Pudding	250g	\$15	
Pudding	500g	\$20	
Pudding	1kg	\$28	
Gingerbread house	Small(Boxed)	\$15	
Gingerbread house	Family	\$35	

Gluten Free (add \$3.00)



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!!!)





# 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.





### **Rotary Club of Pittwater**

presents



# CAROLS in the PARK

Featuring great local singers and musicians



# Saturday 7 December

6.30 - 9.00 pm

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Village Park Mona Vale

- ☆ Fun for the whole family
- ☆ Top line entertainment
- ☆ Food and refreshments
- ☆ Glow sticks
- ☆ Free Iollies for the kids
- ☆ Santa arrives by fire engine

### **Admission is free**

Enquiries 0417 228 294 or www.rotarypittwater.com

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The Rotary Club of Pittwater meets each Wednesday evening and welcomes new members.

Call us on 8005 0711 for details or visit www.rotarypittwater.com

#### Newport Quality Behaviour Program

This week we are going to meet 'Rosie and Ricky Resilience'.

Emotional Resilience means knowing how to stop yourself from getting extremely angry, down, or worried when something "bad" happens. It means being able to calm down and feel better when you get very upset. It also means being able to control your behaviour when you are very upset.

Positive Habits of mind that help develop a young person's emotional resilience are:

- Accepting Myself not thinking badly about myself when I make a mistake.
- **Taking Risks** thinking that it's good to try something new even though I might not be able to do it.
- **Being Independent** thinking that it's important to try new activities and to speak up even if my classmates think I'm silly or stupid.
- I Can Do It thinking that I am more likely to be successful than I am to fail.
- **Working Tough** thinking that in order to be successful in the future, I sometimes have to do things that are not easy or fun in the present.
- **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. Being sensitive to the feelings of others, acting honestly, treating others with respect and reaching out to people in need.







She stays calm when bad things happen to her. She used to get angry when someone wouldn't give her a turn, or so nervous when she had to talk in front of the class or so sad when she had trouble learning something new. Now she knows she can take a few deep breaths when she feels herself getting angry. She can find someone to talk to and she can find something fun to do when things get tough.

Now, she bounces back quite quickly and doesn't let bad stuff ruin her whole day.





# Newport Breakers Netball Club

2014 Registration dates at Porters Reserve:

Saturday 1st February 9am-1pm

Monday 3rd February 5pm - 7pm



For more Registration information contact Liz Dunn on;

m: 0414 933 559 newportbreakersnetball@gmail.com

http://mwna.netball.asn.au/



# 2014 REGISTRATIONS

HOME

AGE GROUPS

**COACHES & MANAGERS** 

CONTACTS

WET WEATHER

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# Join Newport Junior Rugby in 2014!

Registrations to join Australia's biggest Rugby Club begin in Feburary 2014

Meet new friends, join in your community and become part of a team.

Newport Junior Rugby Club is opening for Registrations on the following dates:

Saturday 8th February - all day

Friday 14th February - evening

Saturday 15th February - all day

If you would like to join Rugby in 2014, and see what it feels like to play Rugby with a group of boys just like you, come to Porters Reserve to register: Porters Reserve: Burke Street (Off Barrenjoey Rd)Newport NSW 2106.

For more information, refer to our website: www.newportjuniorrugby.com.au or contact our Club President directly at president@newportjuniorrugby.com.au

JOIN IN NOW! DON'T MISS OUT!



be turning 7 years or over in 2014.

All new NetSetGo and Junior Players are required to present a copy of their Birth Certificate Junior-U/17-Senior Players require a passport size photo

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**Enquiries: Aileen Brodigan 9918 3314** 

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