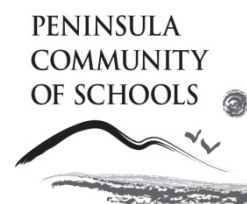




# NEWPORT NATTER



## NEWPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2013

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This will be our final Natter for 2013 and we have come to the end of another very busy year. When I look back on this year at Newport I can see a year full of wonderful opportunities for children. I would like to acknowledge the great effort that has been made by every child at Newport Public School this year. The enthusiasm and cooperation shown by the children makes for many great successes. Congratulations to all our children for a wonderful year.

We are fortunate at Newport to have an extremely talented and dedicated group of teachers, interested in providing a diversity of opportunity for children. I would like to thank all the staff for their professionalism and commitment to our school. They have worked hard throughout the year and are ready for a well-earned break. Thank you everyone. I would also like to thank the wonderful Newport community that makes up our school. Without our supportive parents many of our programs could not run. From reading groups to sport and music, you are always there. Our parents' commitment makes for a great school. Many thanks to you all! It has been an exciting year and I have enjoyed working with everyone throughout 2013. The children's last day will be next Wednesday and this will be our last Natter for the year. I would like to wish all the students, staff and families a very merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday break.

Each year brings change to our school and this year we traditionally farewell a number of our fabulous staff members; Sylvia Fisher, Elizabeth Englund, Jess Morrison and Brian Franki. They are all valued members of the Newport Public School community and have contributed significantly in their various roles.

**Elizabeth Englund** and **Sylvia Fisher** have been the backbone of our early childhood program. Teaching children from K-2 for many years at Newport these teachers have laid the foundation for years of successful learning for our students. They have had outstanding careers, have been committed to our school and community; and had a significant impact on the learning of children. These teachers are held in the highest regard by both colleagues and parents, who have worked closely with them for many years. They will be very hard to replace. On behalf of Newport Public School I would like to thank them for their years of service to Public Education and dedication to the children of Newport Public School. **Jess Morrison** will be finally retiring from the teaching service. Over the past years she has contributed to all facets of our music program, ably supporting Mark Tickle. She has always stepped into Sue B's big shoes to keep our sports program running when Sue is absent. Jess has also choreographed many a teacher's item for our end of year concerts. Her talents will be greatly missed by the children and the staff. We will miss them all very much, yet wish them all the best for the future and hope they enjoy the carefree days of retirement.

**Brian Franki** will also be leaving our Newport community. He has transferred to a school closer to home. I would like to recognise the contributions he has made to our school, and the fond regard in which he is held. The children will certainly miss his fabulous discos. We wish him well in his future career.

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

Don't forget our Christmas appeal on Thursday. Each year the number of gifts donated is amazing and your generosity is humbling. Many children will have a much brighter Christmas thanks to the families of Newport. We have a Christmas tree set up outside the Counsellor's office (next to the Infants staffroom). We ask that children dress in red or green and bring a gift to place beneath the tree.

## **Kindergarten Celebration Assembly**

We held our Kindergarten Celebration Assembly this Monday. It was a wonderful way to recognise the fantastic achievements of all our 2013 Kindergarten students. They have worked so hard and made great gains this year. We are all very proud of them. Well done everyone. Thanks to the parents and staff who have supported them throughout the year. Many thanks also to Julie Parker and the Kindergarten team for coordinating such a special assembly.

## **Presentation Day Assembly**

Our annual Presentation Assembly was held today. At this assembly we had the opportunity to celebrate the wonderful achievements of our students from throughout 2013. There have been many successes academically as well as in the areas of sport, music, dance, choir and chess. It is important to remember that every child has achieved in 2013 and should be proud of their efforts. I would like to congratulate the children on a fantastic year. At Newport, we have much to be proud of. I would also like to thank the staff and parents for their hard work and support of all the children throughout the year. Thanks to Adam Hearne, Shane Clements and Kylie Keogh for the wonderful job they did coordinating this very special event.

## **Newport PS Music Program Twilight Concert**

Our Twilight Concert was held on Monday night. It was an amazing showcase of our students' musical talents. The growth in their musical skill over the year has been astounding. The music over the night was so entertaining, and I am sure was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone there. Well done boys and girls, it was a great night. Our Music Captains Charli, Michaela, Glenn and Nathan did a fantastic job hosting the night. I would like to thank our hard working Music Committee, the numerous music directors and the many supportive parents for their tireless efforts, working with our students throughout the year.

## **Reports**

As we have prepared the children's end of year reports I have been impressed by the many and varied achievements of our students. I would like to congratulate them all on a wonderful 2013. I am sure parents will be very proud. Reports for Kinder to Year 5 will be sent home this Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Year 6 will receive their reports next Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

## **Great Effort Boys Softball Knockout Team Softball**

Last Thursday the Senior Boys Softball team travelled out to The NSW Softball Complex in Blacktown to compete in the finals day of the State Knockout Competition. In the semi-final the boys played Marks Point PS, winning this game to progress to the final.

They then played a very competent team from Orange East PS in the final. The boys played extremely well but were defeated 10-1 in the final. An outstanding achievement for the boys to finish runners up in the state-wide competition and capped off an excellent sporting year. Well done boys. We are very proud of you.

## **Year 6 Farewell**

Next Monday we will farewell the Class of 2013. It has been a fabulous year, with many great highlights. The Farewell Night is a highlight of our Year 6 students' final primary school years. I would like to congratulate all of Year 6 on a fabulous year. We will certainly miss your fun and vitality. I would like to thank Jessica, Zane, Sascha and Zac for the excellent job they did as school leaders for 2013. Good luck everyone as you move onto high school and remember always to find that special thing that inspires you and follow that dream.

## **Picnic Day**

### **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

All students will be attending their annual Picnic Day next week. It is a great opportunity for children to relax and celebrate the end of a very busy year with their classmates and their teachers. K-2 students will be going to Bilarong Reserve in Narrabeen, and Years 3 – 6 will go to The Basin. Please remember to apply sunscreen in the morning, and send to school as needed. I am sure students and staff will have a great day.

## **P&C Thank You Afternoon**

Once again our P&C members have kindly organised a 'Thank You' afternoon for our staff this Friday. The staff very much appreciated the afternoon and thoroughly enjoyed the chance to relax and chat. We would like to thank Jason Ramsey and the parents of the P&C for their thoughtfulness. Everyone likes to be appreciated. Many thanks!

## **Last Day of School**

### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

We will have our traditional farewell to Year 6 on the last day of term. At the end of the day we will say farewell to Year 6 as well as other students that will be leaving Newport this year. On this day Year 6 will be able to bring a t-shirt to school for signing. Students must not wear the t-shirt or uniform they wish to have signed, but bring another shirt.

## Returning late in 2014?

We need to know if your child/children are returning to Newport after the start of the 2013 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 2013 class.

## Congratulations Natalie Isaacs

Natalie Isaacs is a local Newport mother having had four children enrolled at Newport school - Isaac Hogarth, the youngest, is currently in Year 6. Natalie is a co-founder of the on line organisation 'One Million Women' - an apolitical campaign that aims to empower women in the developed world to make a difference to the impacts of climate change in their daily lives "through everyday choices about the way we live, what we buy or don't buy, when we save or spend, how we work and do business and where we invest".

In September Natalie was invited to the International Women's Earth and Climate Summit as one of only one hundred women from around the world to further the climate action agenda. This in itself was a huge accolade but further recognition followed when Natalie was asked to travel to Warsaw to receive an award for her organisations work at the United Nations Climate Change Conference from where she has recently returned. This has raised the global profile and recognition of 'One Million Women'. You can read about her experiences at

<http://www.1millionwomen.com.au/2013/12/05/nats-honest-reflections-from-her-time-in-warsaw/>

We are very proud of Natalie and her organisations achievements - if you haven't already signed up or at least become familiar with the work Natalie is doing, take a look at the website - there are some great ideas for a more sustainable Christmas as well as heaps of ideas for such things as reducing energy use and food waste and making sustainable and money saving choices in shopping, cooking and driving. Congratulations Natalie!

## 2014 School Dates

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Uniform shop open 9-10am
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Staff return
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Students return
Wednesday 29 Jan – Fri 31 Jan	Kindergarten Best Start interviews
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Kindergarten students start

Kind Regards,  
Margaret Charlton  
Principal

## Dates for diary

<b>Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Red &amp; Green Mufti day</b>
<b>Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Year 6 Graduation Dinner 6.00pm</b>
<b>Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>K-6 Christmas Picnics</b>
<b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Last Day Students</b>

## What does the Slip symbol stand for?

**Slip** on clothing that covers your arms and legs. This is one of the ways you can protect yourself and your child from the damage of UV radiation.



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

## LIBRARY NEWS

We would like to thank all the people who were so generous with their time and assistance in the library this year: Sue Punton, Tina Bracher, Virginia Schultz, Caroline Thomas, Cindy and Brett Menzies, Simone Crighton, Yasu Sannomiya, Liz Camelo, Rosemary Wilkinson and the Year 6 library monitors. Your help with book covering, book fair, circulation, shelving and tidying shelves is invaluable.

Please **return all library books this week**. Contact the library if you have any problems or questions.

**Stephanie Bracey, Sylvia Fisher and Rita Ericsson**

### MERIT AWARD WINNERS

<b>KSO</b>	Summer Rowland-Smith, Lexie McCoy	<b>3GB</b>	Aaron Hughes, Ella Gale, Emily Gudmunson
<b>KAJ</b>	Matilda Smith, Cael Melville	<b>3LS</b>	Mia Marsh, Samuel Giddy
<b>KEE</b>	Chloe Cogan, Lilly Reid	<b>3AR</b>	Elani Crichton, Edie Burke
<b>KDF</b>	Indira Mellers, Xavier Finkeldey	<b>3BF</b>	
<b>KJP</b>	Jai Anderson, Sienna Pangallo	<b>4NE</b>	Benjamin Jones, Nina Lindley
<b>KEJ</b>	Annika Staunton, Haddon Bateman	<b>4KH</b>	Gabrielle Byrnes, Leah Harder
<b>KMG</b>	Finn Lange, Sielo Campos	<b>4SC</b>	Daniel Wheeler, Lucy Dawson
<b>1SN</b>		<b>4LC</b>	Ruby Abercromby, Louisa Mitchell
<b>1JJ</b>		<b>5LH</b>	
<b>1DD</b>	Alice Long, Aron Brennan	<b>5TD</b>	Chloe Geeves, Blake Griffith
<b>1JG</b>	Toby Harper, Alexis Proctor	<b>5RW</b>	Huon Mawson, India Spring
<b>1/2JF</b>	Joel Ratcliff, Catherine Layard	<b>5/6AH</b>	Kyle Ambrosius, Vincent Superierz
<b>2BN</b>	Eliza Griggs, Will Heslop	<b>6IW</b>	Mitchell Butler, Stephanie Foster
<b>2AM</b>	Alyssa Clugston, Alexander Harrison	<b>6KK</b>	Zane Tullet, Linda Leck
<b>2SC</b>	Kai Dryden, Phoenix Davidson	<b>6GM</b>	
<b>2BG</b>	Luke Stidwell, Tom Tullett		

## MUSIC NEWS

**What a great Twilight Concert!** Our end of year Twilight Concert on Monday was enjoyed by everyone. It took dedication from a lot of people to put the night together, however, a special thank you must go to Victoria Norman for all her hard work in preparing the new format. Also thank you to Fiona Gudmunson for all her work on the night.

**Goodbye from our Outgoing President:** "With my son moving onto High School in 2014 I have relinquished my role in the Newport Public Music Program. My son joined the Training Band in 2010. The following year I volunteered to share the role of Concert Band manager, which involved turning once every week to open up and help set up. It quickly became clear that it was a great way for me to get to know conductors, parents and children. At the end of that year I attended the AGM and somehow walked into the role of President! The Music Committee is effective and responsible but always sociable and fun too. I really feel being involved in the committee benefitted my own and Zane's time at Newport and really encourage parents with children in the music program to get involved. I would like to thank everyone - the school staff - especially Margaret Charlton and Greg Moran, the office staff, the P&C committee, all band parents and most especially those on the committee over the past two years for their support. I wish the 2014 President Fiona Gudmunson and the new music committee an amazing and rewarding year ahead."

**It is not too late to join the Music Program:** If you would like to enrol your child in the Training Band please contact John Stone at [johnnomuzik@hotmail.com](mailto:johnnomuzik@hotmail.com). If you would like to enrol your child in our Violin Program please contact Victoria Norman at [vics@norman.com.au](mailto:vics@norman.com.au).

### Dates for Diary

12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Stage Band playing for primary assembly
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
13/1/14	Music Information Evening



## **UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

### ***Uniforms 2014***

With only 1 week of Term 4 remaining, now's the time to think about what you might need for next year. The Uniform shop is closed on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December for stocktake. The last online orders for delivery to your child can be placed up until 5pm Friday, 13 December for delivery on Monday or Tuesday.

### ***School Holiday Open***

The Uniform Shop will be open on **Monday, 27 January 2014** (Public Holiday) from 9-10am 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).

### ***Thank you***

Our thanks once again to our team of volunteers - Tracy Gowen, Jenny Smith, Tracey Nolan, Ana Arruzza, Louise Woods, Katie Brennan and Rachel Wilson. We'd also like to say goodbye to Tina Sharp, who is leaving Newport and thank you for your help over the last two years. We couldn't do it without you all.

### ***Are you leaving Newport Public School?***

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

### ***Online Ordering – School holidays***

Orders placed before ***Friday, 24 January 2014*** can be collected from our 'express pick up' area during our school holiday open on Monday, 27 January.

### ***Opening Hours – School Term***

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](http://flexischools.com.au)

For enquiries, please contact [newportuniformshop@hotmail.com](mailto:newportuniformshop@hotmail.com) or Carla Pettitt 0413-804-015 & Kate Raffles 0413-519-872.

## **Canteen News**

Roster for last week of the year

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec: K Maguire, J Masters, S Law**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec Picnic day CANTEEN CLOSED**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec: J Newton**

I would like to thank everyone who came in and help with the canteen this year. I could not have done it without all the helpers. I have made many new friends and have had so much fun this year.

I would like to farewell our year 6, I will miss you all very much and I am sure you will all go on to bigger and better things, please take care of each other :):)

I have a lot of plans for next year so watch this space.....

Last of all I would like to wish everyone in our Newport family a very merry and safe Christmas and a very happy new year. I look forward to making new friends next year and having fun with all my old friends as well. Please take care of each other, see you all in 2014 xxx

**Tam**



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