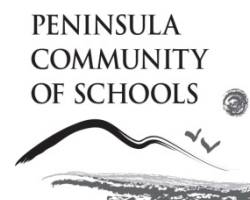




# NEWPORT NATTER



## NEWPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2013

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is wonderful to see how well all the children have settled into their new classes. They are already busy and productive, enjoying the challenges of a new year. Our new Kindergarten children are off to a fabulous start, with all of the classes being very settled and happy. 2013 will again be a very busy year for Newport PS. Staff will be involved in grade planning sessions this week, preparing the grade learning programs and assessments for the Term. I would urge parents to make sure they read the Natter each week. It is our primary communication with families. At the beginning of each term we include a Term Calendar for parents with key dates. Our Term 1 calendar is attached to this week's Natter.

### 2013 School Executive Team

We are fortunate at Newport PS that we have a dedicated and talented executive team leading the school. Each member of the executive is responsible for the effective running of their grade, monitoring of student behaviour and the organisation of the grade teaching and learning programs. Along with this they each have responsibilities across the school. Your child's Year Supervisor is also a point of contact for parents who have a concern about their child, after they have spoken with the class teacher.

Principal	Margaret Charlton	
Deputy Principal	Natalie Baldi	Year 2 Supervisor
Deputy Principal	Anthony Moran	Year 3 Supervisor
Assistant Principal	Adam Hearne	Year 6 Supervisor
Assistant Principal	Deborah Deratz	Year 1 Supervisor
Assistant Principal	Tom Davidson	Year 5 Supervisor
Assistant Principal	Sharon Arkell	Kindergarten Supervisor
Assistant Principal (relieving)	Shane Clements	Year 4 Supervisor

### Parent Information Evening

#### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February

Our Parent Information Evening will be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February between 6.00 and 8.00pm. The evening is intended to provide an opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher and be informed about the year ahead, the class organisation, the class program and expectations for the year. We hope that you are able to attend these important sessions which will be held in your child's classroom.

5.00 – 5.30pm	<b>KAJ*</b>
6.00 – 6.30pm	Kindergarten, Year 1, <b>3BF*</b>
6.45 – 7.15pm	Year 2, 1/2JF, Year 3, Year 6, 5/6AH
7.30 – 8.00pm	Year 4 and Year 5

We will also be running two Information Sessions for parents in the library.

6.00 – 6.30	Numeracy for Years 3 – 6 (Mr Moran)
6.45 – 7.30pm	Kinder – Year 1 Reading Skills (Mr Franki)

A K-2 Early Numeracy Information Session will be held at our next P&C Meeting.

**Please note parents of 5RW\*. Due to circumstances your Parent Information session will be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February from 6.00 – 6.30pm.**

### Welcome Back BBQ

#### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 5.00pm

Every year our energetic team of Year 6 parents organises the Welcome Back BBQ. It is a great social event that gives parents and staff an opportunity to meet and socialise. Put it in your diary and come along, join in the fun and support our school.

## Summer PSSA

Our summer competition starts this week. Congratulations to all the students selected for our summer sports teams. I know you will show that wonderful Newport spirit; playing with good sportsmanship, trying your best and cooperating with your teachers. Good luck everyone!

## Newport Sailing Program

Our Sailing Program for 2013 will start this Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February.

## School Sport

If your child is in Years 3-6 and is not involved in the summer Primary School Sports Association (PSSA) Program or Sailing they will receive a note with today's Natter outlining their choices for Friday sport. We would appreciate your guidance in helping your child to choose one (1) activity for sport this term before this **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February** when we will hand out specific notes for their chosen sports.

Permission and money (if applicable) should be handed into the office by **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February**. Please note that we must have a minimum of 30 students for each activity to proceed. To avoid disappointment please choose an alternative just in case the first choice is not available.

The Term 1 sports program runs for 5 weeks from Friday February 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup>. It is shorter this term due to the closure of Newport Oval after Good Friday.

## School Uniform

We have got off to a great start this year, with the majority of our students wearing the correct school uniform. Our Uniform Policy is attached to this week's Natter. I would ask that parents read this and please ensure that your child is correctly dressed. When not in sport uniform children should wear proper leather school shoes, not joggers or canvas shoes. We would also ask that children not wear skate shoes or canvas shoes for PE or sport. Children's feet need to be properly supported during these activity times. The Uniform Policy has been endorsed by the P&C Association, who support all children wearing the correct uniform.

**Kind Regards,  
Margaret Charlton  
Principal**

## Deputy Principal's Report

**Dear Parents,**

At the beginning of each year, during our Parent Information Evening, class teachers ask parents to volunteer for the role of Class Parent/s (1-3 people).

Keeping in mind that different grades/classes have different needs, here is a brief outline of what parents who volunteer for this role, **might be involved in, or asked to assist with** ;

- Collating student & parent information for a class list so families can contact each other;
- Assisting the fundraising committee with organisation and communication regarding P & C fundraising initiatives ("a-thon," fete stalls);
- Attending excursions/special events or days (e.g. Green Day) to help with activities;
- Assisting with resources/organisation from home (e.g cutting out, laminating, send out emails if there is a particular need for reminders);
- Assisting with costuming/props for performances;
- Liaising socially with families (eg. organising a group play date at a park during the holidays or a dinner out for parents);
- Assisting in the classroom with literacy/maths/technology groups.

Before our Parent Information Evening next Monday, you might like to think about volunteering for this role or chatting to a few parents and getting a dynamic duo or a terrific trio going!

We hope you have also noted in your diary, our ACMA Presentation evening for Parents on Tuesday 26 February at 6.30pm in the hall. The session, presented by ACMA trainers, will cover a range of issues including tips and strategies to help children stay safe online. We last hosted ACMA at Newport in 2011 and the session was very well attended with fantastic feedback. I have been advised that, in keeping up with technology, the presentation is regularly updated with new information and is well worth attending. Access to some of ACMA's resources and information sheets is available through the link below. <http://cybersmart.acma.gov.au/Parents/Resources.aspx>

To assist us with planning for the ACMA evening, a tear off slip has been included in the Natter for parents to complete and return to the office.

**Warmest regards,**

**Natalie Baldi  
Deputy Principal**

## MERIT AWARD WINNERS

<b>KDF</b>	Zoe Moore, Max Davey	<b>3LS</b>	April Wiles, Fynn George
<b>KEE</b>	George Hunt, Abbie Lye	<b>3GB</b>	Ryan Fitzgerald, Josie Moore
<b>KAJ</b>	Mia Links, Summer Woods	<b>3MR</b>	Savannah Grey, James Nagle
<b>KJP</b>	Nicholas Arruzza, Molly Jones	<b>3BF</b>	Charles Bentley, Luke Branbury
<b>KSO</b>	Daphne Hudson, Jasmyn James	<b>4NE</b>	Grace Nielson, Jack Bates
<b>KEJ</b>	Jethro Browne, Olivia Lisle	<b>4KH</b>	Max Barratt, Hugo Griggs
<b>KMG</b>	Sophie Rawstorne, Harry Letts	<b>4LC</b>	Lauren Robertson-Towner, Wil Colless
<b>1JG</b>	Tess Gardiner, Lewis Whaley	<b>4SC</b>	Sky Stone, Finbar Davies
<b>1JJ</b>	Matilda Warren William Bryant	<b>5LH</b>	Jasper Frost, Malakey Dakers
<b>1DD</b>	Ashton Gorsuch, Charlie Polgar	<b>5TD</b>	Nathan Bryant, Caly Maguire
<b>1SN</b>	Isabelle Banbury, Rose Hocking	<b>5RW</b>	Ruby O'Keefe, Joseph Boffa
<b>2BG</b>	Luke Berry, Jocelyn Carter	<b>5/6AH</b>	Niam Melville, Ashlie Edwards
<b>1/2JF</b>	Daniel Ramsay, Angelina De Vera	<b>6GM</b>	Jaxon Spinks, Angelo De Vera
<b>2SC</b>	Amelia Smith, Jake Fairless	<b>6KK</b>	Jerome Cannon, Flynn Murray
<b>2BN</b>	Eliza Griggs, Aiden Russell	<b>6IW</b>	Jasper Welsh, Ella Wilson
<b>2AM</b>	Alex Harrison, Rosaria Pallango		

### **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 that aims 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.**

### **NEWPORT SCHOOL FETE CLASS ALLOCATIONS**

**Just a reminder that we are holding the Newport Fete this year on Saturday 19th October.** As with the previous Fete a couple of years ago, we will be allocating stalls to each class, and asking the class patrons (Mums or Dads) to lead their class and follow up on duties and organizing for their classes assigned stall.

Although a daunting prospect, it has been very successful in the past and quite enjoyable. Kate Long and myself will be with you every step of the way to ensure the smooth running of things.

If there is a particular stall you would like your class to do or a particular skill you have, then please don't hesitate to contact me on 0417 481 070 to discuss.

We will be holding monthly fete committee meetings so class patrons and anyone else helping out with the fete can come and communicate their needs and thoughts.

Look forward to getting started!

**Tessa Blaiklock and Kate Long**  
**Fete Committee**

## **Mums for Mums Outdoor Movie Night Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

**Tickets are selling fast!! So you don't miss out you can purchase tickets by:**

- Emailing us @ [mumsformumsnewport@gmail.com](mailto:mumsformumsnewport@gmail.com)
- Coming and seeing us before and after school near the Uniform Shop
- Or, at the back to School BBQ on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

Regards,

**Mums for Mums Newport**

## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

### **Broad-brimmed Hats**

Our stock order of medium sized broad-brimmed hats has now arrived. Despite a price increase from the supplier, we will be keeping the cost of hats and caps at \$12.

### **Alterations**

We are thrilled to be able to offer an alteration service. Rachel Wilson has kindly offered her services for alterations. Uniforms purchased at the Uniform Shop can be hemmed free of charge. Small charges apply for other alterations. Uniforms should be pinned at the correct length and left at the Uniform Shop (marked with your details). Completed uniforms will then be delivered to your child once the alteration is complete.

### **Ordering**

Orders placed online at [flexischools.com.au](http://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.

### **Thank you**

Thank you to the team of people who volunteer their time in the uniform shop. **Jenny Smith, Tracy Gowen, Tina Sharp, Kath Tulloch, Katie Brennan, Louise Woods.**

### **Opening Hours**

The Uniform Shop is open Mondays 9-10am and Tuesdays 3-4pm For enquires, please contact [newportuniformshop@hotmail.com](mailto:newportuniformshop@hotmail.com) or Carla Pettitt 0413-804-015 & Kate Raffles 0413-519-872.

### **Canteen News**

**Monday February 18th: N.Cronan, C.Martin, B.Kennedy**

**Tuesday February 19th: Tanti, K.Richardson (Lunch Service), R.Sweet, F.Griffith**

**Wednesday February 20th: M.Stanten, M.Ramsay**

**Thursday February 21st: K.Paul, J.Paton, C.Borg, J.Luckman**

**Friday February 22nd: M.Lye, S.Carter, S.Law**

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

[newportschoolcanteen@hotmail.com](mailto:newportschoolcanteen@hotmail.com)

### **Calling All Volunteers for 2013!**

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who have already put their names down for 2013. We are still looking for a few more volunteers on Mondays. If you are able to assist in anyway, please let the canteen know. We would love to see you!

The 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](mailto:newportschoolcanteen@hotmail.com)

**"Volunteers are paid in six figures - S-M-I-L-E-S" - Gayla LeMaire**

### **New to the Menu for 2013**

Tammy has been very busy cooking new homemade snacks and meals and is very excited to offer these new additions:

#### **Snacks**

Apricot Rock Cakes \$0.20

Celery and Carrot Sticks \$0.50

Hommus \$0.50

Muesli Slice \$0.50

#### **Cold Snacks**

Frozen Orange \$0.20

Frozen Juice Cup \$1.00

#### **Morning Tea**

Spring rolls \$.060

#### **Hot Food**

Butter Chicken & Rice \$3.80

#### **Drinks**

Up & Go \$2.20

Please make sure all lunch orders are handed into the canteen by 9.30 am and if you are ordering through Flexischools, please ensure order is placed by 9 am on the day you require your order.

## MUSIC NEWS

If you haven't already enrolled your child (ren) for the 2013 Music Program, it's not too late!

For the Training Band (Years 3 to 6) we have availability for trombones, french horns, baritone horns, tubas, drummers, keyboard to play tuned percussion (xylophones etc), bassoon, bass clarinet, baritone saxophone and a few more clarinets. There is also still some space on the Violin program (from Year 1).

An enrolment form is attached to the Natter. Many instruments are available for hire from the school or through hire-purchase from Mona Vale Music or Turrumurra Music Shops. There is so much research based evidence that playing a musical instrument assists children in their school work - from the discipline of regular practice to improvements in maths. Being part of a band or string orchestra creates a bond between its members much like sports teams.

**Wednesday 20th February: Music Committee Meeting in the Staff Room at 7.30pm**

**Jude Knott**

## YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING – 2013.

Thanks to all the parents who attended the meeting on Monday night, it was great to see so many enthusiastic faces and the support is greatly appreciated.

As a result of the meeting, there were some great ideas put forward regarding fundraising for the year and the other activities for our kids. We'll now put something together and email it to everyone.

The next BIG event on the calendar is the "Back to School" BBQ to be held on Friday 22/2/13. If you could not make the meeting or did not actually receive the note inviting you to the meeting AND you are keen to help out at the BBQ, please email Meg Burke ([megandzane@hotmail.com](mailto:megandzane@hotmail.com)) OR Bec Hunt ([bechunt73@gmail.com](mailto:bechunt73@gmail.com)). The final BBQ roster needs to be finalised by no later than this Friday (15<sup>th</sup>).

In addition, if you would like to be on our Year 6 email list, please let us know.

Every little bit helps with the Year 6 fundraising! We know everyone is busy but if you can be involved and do something, it all goes towards a fantastic final year for our kids.

**Thanks, Meg and Bec.**

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### Cybersafety Seminar by ACMA

Your name/s: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

I will be attending the Cybersafety Seminar to be held in the hall at Newport School on Tuesday 26 February 2013 at 6.30pm.

*Please return to Shane Clements or Natalie Baldi through the office as soon as possible.*



## **Open Days 2013**

### **Balgowlah Boys Campus**

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 9.30 – 11.30 am

Info Night: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 6.30 – 7.30 pm

Enquiries: 9949 4200

### **Mackellar Girls Campus**

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 9.00 – 11.30 am

Info Night: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 6.30 – 7.30 pm

Enquiries: 9949 2083

### **Manly Selective Campus**

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 9.30 – 11.00 am

Enquiries: 9905 3982

### **Cromer Campus**

Cromer Festival Open Evening

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 4.00 – 7.30 pm

Enquiries: 9981 1155

### **Freshwater Senior Campus**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 4.00 – 7.00 pm

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 3.00 – 5.00pm

Enquiries: 9905 2634

### ***Academic Placement Test***

For 2014 Year 7 academic extension classes at  
Balgowlah Boys Campus, Cromer Campus and Mackellar Girls Campus

Cromer Campus & Mackellar Girls Campus:

Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 9 am

Balgowlah Boys Campus

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 9 am

**Closing date: Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

Application Forms will be available on the College website:

[www.nbsc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.nbsc.nsw.edu.au)

Enquiries: Debbie Quirk, 9939 7348

## NEWPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

The uniform policy at Newport Public School, endorsed by the P&C, states that all children be correctly attired at all times.

To clarify this, the following Guidelines have been formulated by the Student Welfare Committee.

Correct uniform includes any attire which is available to **all** Newport students and may be purchased at the Newport PS Uniform Shop.

**Specialist uniform items, e.g. football socks, softball pants, sailing jumpers and band shirts etc should only be worn while directly participating in these activities.**

### SUMMER UNIFORM:

#### Girls

Check uniform  
Check culottes with white Newport polo shirt  
White socks  
Black shoes  
Hooded Fleecy Jacket

#### Boys

Grey cotton shorts – to be worn above the knee  
Grey cotton trousers  
Light blue shirt  
Grey socks/Newport socks  
Black shoes  
Hooded Fleecy Jacket

**This uniform is to be worn during Terms 1 and 4 and only in the above combinations.**

### WINTER UNIFORM:

#### Girls

Winter tunic with light blue blouse / skivvy  
Tartan pants with light blue blouse / skivvy  
White socks or navy tights  
Black shoes  
Hooded Fleecy Jacket

#### Boys

Grey cotton shorts – to be worn above the knee  
Grey cotton trousers  
Light blue shirt/skivvy  
Grey socks  
Black shoes  
Hooded Fleecy Jacket

**This uniform is to be worn during Terms 2 and 3 and only in the above combinations.**

### SPORTS UNIFORM:

#### Girls

Newport knit shorts / Newport track pants  
White Newport polo shirt  
White socks  
White Joggers / runners  
Hooded Fleecy Jacket

#### Boys

Newport knit shorts/Newport track pants  
White Newport polo shirt  
White socks (may be anklets)  
White joggers/runners  
Hooded Fleecy Jackets

To be worn on PE days and Friday Sport days (Primary only) and only in the above combinations.

### HAT OPTIONS

Newport school cap Years 3-6

Newport broad brimmed hat Kindergarten – Year 2

**Newport School has a “no hat no play” policy.**

### OTHERS

Headwear - scrunchies, hair bands or bows made from school uniform material  
royal blue, gold or white ribbons

### JEWELLERY

Acceptable items include - watches, stud earrings.

No large or coloured items e.g. necklaces, shell jewellery, dangling earrings, bracelets etc., should be worn to school.

NB. Those uniform pieces which are being phased out and are not listed above may still be worn.

NB. Coloured or black shirts / skins etc. **should not** be worn under the uniform so that they can be seen.

NB. Scarves and gloves are not part of the uniform. They may be worn to and from school e.g. on the ferry.

## Newport Events for Term 1 2013

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<b>29<sup>th</sup> Jan</b> School Development Day	<b>30<sup>th</sup> Jan</b> Students return	<b>31st Jan</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Feb</b>
<b>Week 2 ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> Text Book Sale	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>
<b>Week 3 ~ 11<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> Band Information Night 7pm Hall	<b>13<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> PSSA Starts Sailing Starts
<b>Week 4 ~ 18<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> Parent Information Night	<b>19<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>21st Feb</b>	<b>22nd Feb</b> Welcome Back BBQ
<b>Week 5 ~ 25<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> Cyber Safety Presentation Parents 6.30pm	<b>27<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> Year 6 It's Academic Year 4 Rocks Excursion Pittwater Zone Swimming Carnival, Warringah Aquatic Centre	<b>1<sup>st</sup> March</b>
<b>Week 6 ~ 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> March</b> Year 4 Rocks Excursion	<b>6<sup>th</sup> March</b> Year 6 Parliament and Art Gallery Excursion	<b>7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> March</b>
<b>Week 7 ~ 11<sup>th</sup> March</b> Year 5 CSIRO Incursion	<b>12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> March</b> Year 5 CSIRO Incursion	<b>14<sup>th</sup> March</b> Selective High School Test	<b>15<sup>th</sup> March</b>
<b>Week 8 ~ 18<sup>th</sup> March</b> Sydney North Swimming Carnival Homebush	<b>19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>21st March</b>	<b>22nd March</b> PSSA Ends Gala Day
<b>Week 9 ~ 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> March</b> Newport Cross Country	<b>28<sup>th</sup> March</b> K-2 Easter Parade	<b>29<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>
<b>Week 10 ~ 1<sup>st</sup> April</b> <b>EASTER MONDAY</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> April</b> Cross Country Wet Weather	<b>4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> April</b> Sailing Ends
<b>Week 11 ~8<sup>th</sup> April</b> Parent Interviews	<b>9<sup>th</sup> April</b> Parent Interviews	<b>10<sup>th</sup> April</b> Parent Interviews	<b>11<sup>th</sup> April</b> Parent Interviews	<b>12<sup>th</sup> April</b>