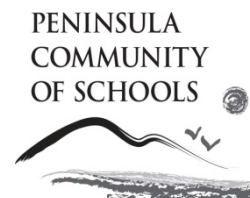




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## NEWPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday 13th March 2013

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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#### **Pittwater Zone Swimming Carnival**

Congratulations Newport on another fabulous effort. Newport came a very close second at the Pittwater Zone Swimming Carnival. Well done to all our swimmers. It was a fantastic team effort. Congratulations to all the children who will go on to represent the Pittwater zone at the Sydney North Carnival next week.

#### **School Evaluation – School Satisfaction Survey**

As part of our school evaluation process we look to survey parental satisfaction with our school. Your opinions and perceptions about Newport Public school are very important to us. The survey will be live for two weeks and I would ask parents to please take the time to complete it. The survey can be accessed at:

<https://s.zoomerang.com/s/Newportsatisfaction>

Please note the address is case sensitive. A link to the survey will also be put on our website. Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey.

#### **Clean Up Schools Day**

Year 4 and Year 6 participated in a Clean Up Day (aligned with Clean Up Australia) on Friday March 8. Five classes joined in to scour the playgrounds and Trafalgar Park for rubbish. 4NE weighed the rubbish and found that the students and staff had collected 11.75kg of rubbish. Students reflected on what the rubbish consisted of and came to the conclusion that most of it was made up of plastic, especially straws and straw covers as found on some juice products. The students then discussed how we as a community could reduce this plastic use and decided that using reusable drink bottles was a better alternative. Well done Newport!

#### **Year 6 Cake day**

##### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

Our hardworking group of Year 6 parents will hold the first of their annual Cake Days. We always look forward to a variety of delicious treats for morning tea. This year the parents have worked to provide options for students who have special dietary requirements (gluten free, nut free, dairy free and egg free). To avoid any allergic reactions, teachers will speak to students reinforcing that they must not share food during this activity. We would ask that parents also reinforce this with their children at home.

#### **K-2 Easter Parade**

##### **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

Put the date in your diary. We hope to see you there. It is always lots of fun.

## Term 2 Dates

This year all schools across NSW have been allocated a second school development day at the beginning of Term 2. This day has been provided to schools to assist in the implementation of the new Australian Curriculum. At Newport we will be focusing on the English syllabus ready for full implementation in 2014. At the same time we will explore the new Maths syllabus in preparation for implementation in 2015. The professional learning of staff will continue throughout the year. Children will not return to school until Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May.

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April** School development day

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April** School development day

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May** Students return

**ANZAC Day ceremony**

## Parking in P2 zones, kiss and drop only

We have parents who are using the P2 Kiss and Drop Zone on Queen's Parade (opposite the bottom playground) as a parking zone. Please remember that these are kiss and drop zones to enable the safe collection of students from school. I would ask parents to please respect these parking zones.

## PCS Extension Class Tests – alternate date

An alternate date for this test, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March, has been provided to accommodate students who may have been sick or have had other commitments. No further applications are possible. All applications must have been forwarded by Monday 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Parent Teacher Interviews

During the week beginning Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April (Week 11), all class teachers will be conducting parent/teacher interviews. The Term 1 interviews will give you the opportunity to share your knowledge about your child with his/her teacher and to discuss your child's educational needs, successes and areas for development. Mr Moran has again set up an on-line booking system for parents this year. He will provide details for parents shortly.

## Cross Country Carnival

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March we will hold our annual Cross Country Carnival at Newport Oval. All children from Years 3 – 6 participate in the carnival. Children from ages 8 – 10 run a 2km course and 11 – 13 year olds run a 3km course. It is a great afternoon and we look forward to seeing you there. Put the date in your diary.

## Next P&C Meeting

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 7.00pm in the library**

## Helping with Homework

At our next P&C meeting Mr Moran will be providing an information session for parents around how parents can help with their child's homework. Always a lively topic, there will be great tips for parents.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Cross Country Years 3-6</b>
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>K-2 Easter Parade</b>
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>EASTER MONDAY</b>

## SWIMMING REPORT

Congratulations to all our swimmers who competed at the Pittwater Zone carnival. Newport finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> in the overall Pointscore and the Handicap trophy. We had very strong individual and relay performances. Results are as follows: \*Kai Van Kool 1<sup>st</sup> 11yrs freestyle, 1<sup>st</sup> 11yrs breaststroke, 1<sup>st</sup> 11yrs backstroke, 1<sup>st</sup> 11yrs butterfly, 2<sup>nd</sup> senior medley. \*Luke Morley 1<sup>st</sup> 10yrs freestyle, 1<sup>st</sup> junior breaststroke, 1<sup>st</sup> junior backstroke, 2<sup>nd</sup> junior butterfly. \*Alice Mitchell 3<sup>rd</sup> 12yrs freestyle. Link Beggs 3<sup>rd</sup> 11yrs freestyle. \*Dylan Upton 2<sup>nd</sup> senior breaststroke. Mac Omm 3<sup>rd</sup> 11yrs breaststroke. Beau Deathridge 3<sup>rd</sup> junior breaststroke. \*Zane Tullett 3<sup>rd</sup> senior backstroke, 1<sup>st</sup> senior butterfly.

\*Junior boys relay – 1<sup>st</sup> Jonah Watkin, Mathew Francis, Jasper Upton, Luke Morley.

\*Senior boys relay – 1<sup>st</sup> Kai Van Kool, Link Beggs, Zane Tullett, Dylan Upton.

All the swimmers with an (\*) before their names will compete in those events next Monday at the Sydney North Regional Carnival at Homebush. Good luck to everyone.

Ms Brandenburg

## MERIT AWARD WINNERS

<b>KDF</b>	Katya Benschop, Xavier Finkeldey	<b>3LS</b>	Robert Thomas, Eleanor Yetts-McKernan
<b>KEE</b>	Summer Williamson, Josh Baker	<b>3GB</b>	Ella Gale, Jett Pickering
<b>KAJ</b>	Soraya Shah, Jasper White	<b>3MR</b>	Matthew Zabel, Makayla Meek
<b>KJP</b>	Bayley Sadler, Lana Maric	<b>3BF</b>	Brodie Grainger-Markham, Lilly Griffiths
<b>KSO</b>	Cielle Wilson, Poppy Playle	<b>4NE</b>	Evy Colless, Jasper Giddy
<b>KEJ</b>	Garrett Stanton, Mia Cox	<b>4KH</b>	Matilda Johnson, Leah Harder, Alberto Meucci, Henry Devaney
<b>KMG</b>	Lilly Fahey, Chloe Reeves	<b>4LC</b>	Blake Donnelly, Olivia Alvarez
<b>1JG</b>	Oliver Griffiths, Holly Tulloch	<b>4SC</b>	Grace Green, Emily Gaynor
<b>1JJ</b>	Olivia Wood, Romy Cormack	<b>5LH</b>	Sacha Clements, Ruby Moxham
<b>1DD</b>	Lachlan Wade, Austin Hulley	<b>5TD</b>	Madison Walsh, Tom Poppleton
<b>1SN</b>	Harry Gordon, Sophia Grech	<b>5RW</b>	Ella Thomas, Corey Mattinson
<b>2BG</b>	Luke Stidwell, Sierra Hutchinson	<b>5/6AH</b>	Tess Patterson, Dakota Viviers
<b>1/2JF</b>	Catherine Layard, Jesse Cavanaugh	<b>6GM</b>	Tahlia Miles, Sam Borg
<b>2SC</b>	Tomas Richards, Charlie Arnott, Julian Richardson	<b>6KK</b>	Tara Stuart, Alec Jones
<b>2BN</b>	Leroy Abercromby, Ruby Cumming		
<b>2AM</b>	Sienna Smith, Louie Moran	<b>6IW</b>	

### **YEAR 6 CAKE STALL WEDNESDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH GOLD COIN DONATION**

**Funds raised will be donated towards school gift. (Please respect "Nut Free" school policy – Gluten Free/Egg Free/Dairy Free also available.**

## **UNIVERSITY OF NSW COMPETITIONS**

The University of NSW runs competitions in Science, Writing, English and Maths to provide opportunities for capable students in Years 3-6 to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external exam. Students who participate will receive a certificate and a detailed results letter highlighting student's strengths and weaknesses. Please note as these are externally set written tests they may be more suited to children with high language skills. Participation in these tests is optional.

Information notes for these competitions will go home with the students this week. If interested, entries must be returned **to the office no later than Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April**. Additional entries can be obtained from the office or from Mrs Clements.

**PLEASE ENSURE ALL APPLICATIONS HAVE YOUR CHILDS NAME LEGIBLY WRITTEN ON THE SUBMITTED SHEET TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.**

The next meeting for our P&C Association will be **Tuesday March 19th at 7pm in the library**. Anthony Moran will be doing a presentation on **Homework**. All parents are welcome and encouraged to come along and raise issues and ask questions about your school in a positive and casual environment.

The P&C raises funds each year to pay extra staff for literacy programmes and other needs within the school. It oversees the canteen and uniform shop and reports at our meetings are regularly received from our Principle, Deputy Principles, Music Groups, the Canteen, uniform shop and our fundraising committees. We also plan to have a number of exciting and relevant presentations at each meeting by key people within our school community. 2013 is our Fete Fundraising year as well and there is already lots of exciting plans being put in place. Come along and see what is going on in your school!

The P&C is also organising a Trivia Night as a fundraiser for our school. See details in this week's Natter and tickets can be purchased through Flexischools ([www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)) or through the canteen. There have already been a number of fabulous prizes donated for the night and its shaping up to be a great night out! Tickets/Tables are limited and tickets are selling fast!

## **GARDEN CLUB**

The Garden Club will be on **Thursday 28th March 9:30-11am, meeting near the western shelter at 'the Star'**. For those that don't know, it's a group of mums and dads that get together once a month to look after our school by weeding, pruning and helping out with small projects. It's a great opportunity to meet other parents and a chance to share some tips and tricks about gardening. We are looking forward to meeting new mums and dads this year. No experience is necessary and children are more than welcome to come along too. Please bring hat, drink, gloves and a friend. The more the merrier... If it should rain on the day, we will meet under the Western shelter (kindergarten area) to discuss what the plans are for the year. Please contact Carla Pettitt 0413 804 015 for further information.

## NO WRAP WEDNESDAY

Congratulations to Zane Tullett of 6KK! Zane won the NO WRAP WEDNESDAY prize for February and chose a recyclable, reusable and PBA-free drink bottle for his prize. Each Wednesday, students who bring in a NO WRAP lunch receive a raffle ticket for a reusable prize. The prize is drawn monthly. Well done, Zane! Keep up the good work on those NO WRAP lunches.

### CHESS NEWS

An amendment to last week's Chess News!

#### **NSW Junior Chess League After School Tournament**

Date: Friday afternoons commencing Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May

Venue: Home and Away

#### **Sydney Academy Of Chess Interschools Chess Challenge**

Date: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May

Venue: Curl Curl North Public School

## **UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

### ***Winter Uniforms***

Unbelievably, it's only a little over 4 weeks until the end of Term 1. Students return to school for Term 2 in their winter uniform so now's the time to buy what you need for winter. *(There will be no school holiday open.)*

### ***Second-hand Uniforms***

We currently have a great supply of quality second-hand uniforms at very reasonable prices. It's a great time to grab a spare uniform. A spare hoodie is a good idea coming into winter.

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).

### ***Hats / Caps***

Caps and broad-brimmed hats are also stocked and available for purchase at the school office every day if you cannot wait until our opening times.

### ***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.

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

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

## Canteen News

### **Next Week's Roster**

**Monday March 18: C Martin, B Kennedy, L Sadler, R Plunkett**

**Tuesday March 19: Tanti, K Richardson, R Sweet, F Griffith**

**Wednesday 20 March: M Ramsay, L Osborne**

**Thursday March 21: K Paul, J Paton, C Borg, J Luckman**

**Friday March 22: 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!**

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)

#### **TRIVIA TRIVIA TRIVIA**

Come along and have some fun at our trivia night. Great prizes to be won. Tickets at Canteen or Flexischools.  
5 April Friday night

#### **It's Academic**

Recently, I was lucky enough to be chosen for a team to participate in Channel Seven's, It's Academic T.V. program. We had to get to school at 6.30 in the morning and arrived at the television studio ready to join other schools. We looked through one studio window and watched the news, 'live'. The reporters even waved during the middle of their show. We watched the other teams compete from a waiting room. When it was my team's turn, we went to the make-up room and then into the studio to compete against two other schools. The first thing that happened was that the chair I was given fell! Inside the studio there were bright lights, huge cameras but no audience! Our team answered lots of questions but you'll have to wait until November to find out how we went! If I had the chance to go again I would definitely do it. To sum it all up, I can assure you that everyone had a great time. Win or lose!??

**Glenn Sands 6KK**

#### **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 at the Queens Pde School Entrance

Regards,

**Mums for Mums Newport**

#### **MUSIC NEWS - Last Chance to join the Training Band**

Training Band rehearses on Wednesday mornings from 7.10- 8.15. There is still availability for a number of instruments including Trombone, Bassoon, French Horn, Baritone Horn, Tuba, Tenor Sax, Bass Clarinet and Clarinet.

**\*\*Special Offer\*\*** For the first time we are offering free instrument hire for Trombone, Tuba and Bassoon. Save \$200. Hurry as there are only a limited number of instruments. Please contact Melissa Turnock on 0414 452 152 for details.

**Please note that the Violin 1 classes are now full.** Please contact Megan Moxham on 0411 697 922 if you would like to go on the waiting list.

#### **It's A String Thing.**

The best of Northern Beaches violin players and orchestras will be playing at the Barrenjoey Music Room, Barrenjoey High on Sunday night. All music students are encouraged to go along, especially all String Orchestra members. Please see flyer later in Natter.

#### **Dates for Diary**

Music Committee Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> March  
Music Camp 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May

Newport Public School P&C Association Presents Their Inaugural Trivia  
Fundraising Night - With Quiz Master Mr. Peter Phelps

Friday April 5<sup>th</sup> 2013

In Our School Hall

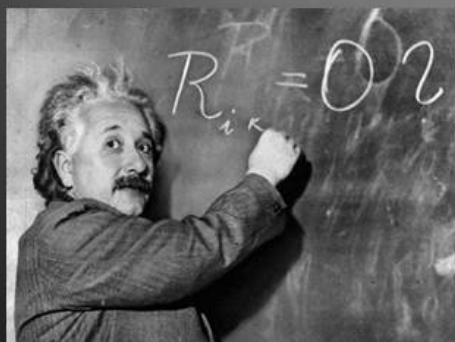
\$400 per table of 8 (\$50 per head) which includes a plate of hot nibbles  
and a cheese platter

BYO

Doors Open 6.30 pm

Questions Start at 7 pm sharp

Theme: P&C - Come dressed as something that starts with either a P or a C



Prizes for Best Dressed individual  
and best dressed team. Lucky Door  
Prizes and lots of surprises!

Tickets Available from Monday, February  
25<sup>th</sup> at [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) or from  
the canteen.

All proceeds go directly to supporting your  
school. We look forward to seeing you and  
your team there!

Questions? Email them to  
[newportschoolcanteen@hotmail.com](mailto:newportschoolcanteen@hotmail.com)