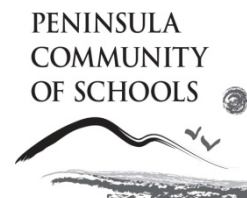




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## NEWPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday 20th March 2013

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### **Year 6 Cake day Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

Today 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.

#### **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.

#### **Peer Mediation**

On Thursday this week, all of our Year 6 students will complete training in Peer Mediation Skills with Mrs Keogh. Peer mediation is a great way for our Year 6 leaders to help other students in the playground who might be having difficulty getting along with their friends. There are times when people are in conflict and need help to solve their problems. Peer mediation is a way to help them find solutions and reach an acceptable agreement. An effective peer mediator listens to both sides of an argument, is fair and just and helps people to solve their own problems without jumping in with advice. Year 6 will be trained in these valuable skills that will equip them to become more effective adults. These skills include:

- effective communication
- active listening and reframing
- feelings and empathy
- resolving conflicts

All Year 6 students will have experience in being a peer mediator on the playground and will then choose whether they wish to continue for the remainder of 2013.

#### **K-2 Easter Parade Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

Our Easter Parade will be held on the Thursday before we break for Easter. Students from Kindergarten to Year 2 participate in this parade. The parade will start at 2.00pm in the western playground. I look forward to seeing all the students' wonderful creations. This year our Year 6 parents will be running a sausage sizzle for lunch.



## **K-2 Easter Parade**

The annual K-2 Easter Parade will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March under the Western Shelter. Parents are invited to come and see the parade which will begin at 2pm.

**Kindergarten** children will decorate a soft toy.

**Year 1** will make an Easter basket.

**Year 2** will make an Easter mask.

These items are to be made at home and brought to school on the day of the parade. The children may wear play clothes to school (enclosed shoes, please, no Crocs) and must bring a hat.

The Year 6 Parent Fundraising Committee will also be holding a sausage sizzle at lunchtime (from 1pm) before the Easter Parade.

We look forward to seeing you there.

K-2 Teachers

### **Cross Country Carnival**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March .... Correct date**

On Wednesday 27<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. We will be holding our carnival in the morning this year, and hope to **start by 10.00am**. It will be a great morning and we look forward to seeing you there.

### **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. A note with the event code and booking instructions will be sent home this week. Bookings will open 4.00pm next Monday.

## 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. 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

## Student Safety

We have two requests to support safety around our school. Please do not bring bikes and scooters, often for toddlers, into the school playground. We are a large school and these can be a hazard at bell times with large numbers of students entering or leaving the school. Secondly, we would ask parents not to use the students' toilets. Our young children can be upset by unfamiliar adults in these places. If you are volunteering at the school we have staff toilets you may use.

## 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>

## MERIT AWARD WINNERS

<b>KDF</b>	Anastasia Karjalainen, Corey Scwerdtfeger	<b>3LS</b>	Lily Walsh, Thomas Collingridge
<b>KEE</b>	Will McCreery, Annabelle La Torraca	<b>3GB</b>	Archie Gordon, Asha Rawstorne
<b>KAJ</b>	Rodrigo Wilbert Camelo, Chelsea Carter	<b>3MR</b>	Edie Burke, Ganon Stone
<b>KJP</b>	Sienna Pangallo, Lachlan Glew	<b>3BF</b>	Arshvir Singh, Anna Harris
<b>KSO</b>	Smith Davis, Tiana Walsh	<b>4NE</b>	Nina Lindley, Callum Brodtke
<b>KEJ</b>	Max Eccles, Jess Arthur	<b>4KH</b>	Heather O'Sullivan, Gabrielle Byrnes
<b>KMG</b>	Lily Nicholson, Joel Newton	<b>4LC</b>	Chris Magno, Jasmine Adams
<b>1JG</b>	Toby Harper, Hannah Higgins	<b>4SC</b>	Tyger Cox, Francesca Early
<b>1JJ</b>	Olivia Vartuli, Cyrus Rosenwax	<b>5LH</b>	Wilson Hall, Jasper Frost
<b>1DD</b>	Mia Harrington, Joel Attewell	<b>5TD</b>	Kate Virgona, Erik Tinni
<b>1SN</b>	Brodie Hitchman, Akina Davidson	<b>5RW</b>	Annalena Bartnitzky, Dylan Shah
<b>2BG</b>	Oliver Bloom, Sierra Hutchinson	<b>5/6AH</b>	Max Donohoe, Stella Campbell
<b>1/2JF</b>	Joel Ratcliff, Sienna Sinfield	<b>6GM</b>	Ishbel Dunsmore, Will Green
<b>2SC</b>	Phoenix Davidson, Caitlyn Fitzgerald	<b>6KK</b>	Digby Tarrant-Hawkins, Amy Beaven
<b>2BN</b>	Garth Boyd, Ruby Kennedy	<b>6IW</b>	Geordie Smith, Robert Stokes, Jackson Parker, Maddy Reid
<b>2AM</b>	Kaelan Gregory, Imogen Stacey		

## e-Tweet Report

During Term 1 and 3 this year each primary class will have the opportunity to present an E-(Environmental) Tweet report to the school. The concept is that each class presents a summary of an environmental lesson they have learnt in class and share it with the rest of the school.

This week's e-tweet was presented by 5RW as an exposition about No Wrap Lunch. Their arguments to participate in No Wrap Lunch were very convincing. It is printed below for all to read. Well done 5RW!!! Remember your No Wrap lunches on Wednesday!

## All of us have to participate in Wrap-Free Wednesday

Wrap-Free Wednesday is a great idea! On Wednesdays, we at Newport come to school and most definitely do not bring our lunches wrapped in plastic wrap, aluminium foil or zip-lock bags. Instead of bringing all this revolting rubbish to our wonderful school, we must all participate in Wrap-Free Wednesday and only bring recyclable containers to school. We are absolutely sure that our arguments will convince all of you.

Most importantly, it has come to our attention that our school is a disgrace because of all the rubbish we bring to school every day. If we all participate in Wrap-Free Wednesday, our school will become a magnificent place to learn. Furthermore, we already do enough damage to the earth, so why don't we stop and help our magnificent environment?

We must participate in Wrap-Free Wednesday to help our fragile ecosystem. Imagine if you're on the Great Barrier Reef and you're snorkelling. You would not want to see any rubbish floating around in the ocean because of our wasteful polluting, now would you?

To state our next argument, you could definitely save a huge amount of money on packaging. Instead of using aluminium foil, zip-lock bags or glad wrap, we should use reusable lunch boxes and containers. It's a fantastic way to carry your lunch in a recyclable paper bag. Also, at the supermarket, use biodegradable bags instead of plastic bags.

Our last argument is, if we keep wrapping our lunch in plastic, this plastic will go to landfill. We should be ashamed of ourselves because of how much horrible rubbish we produce. This is unacceptable. Having less plastic in our rubbish because of Wrap-Free Wednesday would be a great plus to our environment.

To sum all this up, you will have to agree to participate in Wrap-Free Wednesdays. It will decrease pollution, it will give us a cleaner school, it will be cheaper and it will help our fragile and stunning local environment.

Shane Clements and Nicola Elliott

## **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.**

## **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**

On Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March nine of Newport's chess players will head to Mona Vale Public School for the annual Northern Beaches Primary Schools' One Day Chess Challenge. With three players to a team Newport will sport an A, B and C team. This year our very strong juniors will fill the A team. Aaron Hughes, Thiago Ortiz and April Wiles have been training very hard and should have a strong chance at the Junior title.

Children will meet in Mr. Tickle's room at 8.30am sharp on the day of the competition.

Mark Tickle

## **SNOW SPORTS NEWS**

On Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March Newport will host its annual Snow Sports information afternoon. If you would like to learn all about the Interschools Competition and Newport's involvement, please come along to Mr. Tickle's room at 4.00pm. This year we are very keen to recruit lots of new skiers and boarders as so many of last year's team are now at highschool. The information session should conclude at roughly 4.30pm.

The Snow Sports Committee

## **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 25<sup>th</sup>: J.Masters, K.Maguire, S.Law**

**Tuesday March 26<sup>th</sup>: C.Curtin, N.Deathridge**

**Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup>: K.Rawnsley, J.Rodgers, J.Newton**

**Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup>: E.Links, D.Giddy, A.Hunt, T.Langton**

**Friday March 29<sup>th</sup>: Good Friday**

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**

**Make sure you reserve tickets for our Trivia Night on April 5<sup>th</sup>! There are some fantastic prizes on offer and 1<sup>st</sup> prize for the winning table is going to be massive – it will include a Personal training group session for 8 with the Sandhill Warrior, 8 bottles of 2011 Sparkling Pinot Grigio Chardonnay and 8 Vouchers from Bakers Delight Newport to the value of \$20. Book your table at the canteen or on Flexischools ([www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)). Hurry seats are limited and selling fast!**

## 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

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

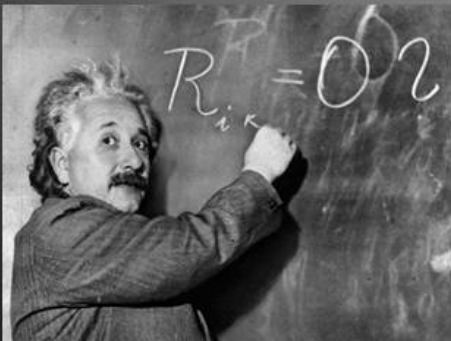
\$400 per table of 8 (\$50 per head) which includes a plate of hot nibbles  
and a cheese platter

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)