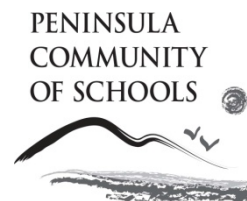




# NEWPORT NATTER



## NEWPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2013

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back for Term 2. I hope all our families and staff have had a relaxing break and are ready for another busy term. I would like to extend a special welcome to all the new families joining our Newport PS community. I am sure you will enjoy this very special school. We also have a number of student teachers working alongside our staff this term and we know they will benefit from a valuable learning experience with us. As always, there will be a lot happening throughout the term including new PSSA winter sports, grade excursions, Music Camp and a wide variety of extra curricula activities. A calendar for Term 2 will be included in next week's Natter.

### Welcome to new staff

I would like to welcome Miss Ashlee Rohawicz who has been appointed as a permanent teacher to Newport PS. Miss Rohawicz will be taking 3MR (now 3AR). I am sure that everyone will make her feel very welcome and she will enjoy being part of the Newport PS community.

### School Photos

#### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

School photos will be taken tomorrow. Please make sure your child is dressed in their full winter uniform. Please make sure that they bring their photo envelope with them.

### ANZAC Day Ceremony

Our ANZAC ceremony was held today with children from Years 2 to 6 attending. It was a memorable service where the children were able to show their respects and remember the Australian servicemen who have served our country. Once again we were fortunate to have as special guests, Commodore Sloper and Mr Dodds, representing the Australian Navy and Army. Their contributions to our ceremony are highly valued. Our School Captains did an outstanding job running our ceremony. They are a credit to our school. At the conclusion of the ceremony our guests accompanied Year 6 to the cenotaph in Trafalgar Park to lay the floral tributes that had been donated. Thank you to the families who provided us with flowers for our ceremony. Thank you to Mr Franki for his organisation of our ceremony. Special congratulations to Glenn Sands for his magnificent trumpet playing.

I would also like to thank Mr Tickle who accompanied senior Newport students to the ANZAC ceremony at Avalon last Thursday. This is the first year our students have been represented in our local ANZAC Day march.

### Year 5 Opportunity Class Applications for 2014

If you are interested in applying for this class for 2014 applications should be made online. The website where you find all necessary information is [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement). If you have any queries please contact Mr Anthony Moran.

### National Assessment Program – Years 3 and 5

#### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>

In two weeks students in Years 3 and 5 will sit the National Assessments in literacy and numeracy. It is important that students attend all three days and arrive promptly at school. Assessments will start first thing each morning.

### 2014 Kindergarten Information Sessions

Our information sessions for Kindergarten students enrolling in 2014 will be held throughout May.

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 9.30am, Hall**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 7.00pm, Library**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May – School Tours, 9.40am. Please meet outside the school office.**

We are currently taking enrolments for children enrolling in 2014. Please get your enrolment forms in to the school office as soon as possible.

### Winter Uniform

In Terms 2 and 3 we change over to our winter uniforms. Please make sure your child has the correct uniform.

### **Winter PSSA Sports**

Trials are currently being held for our winter PSSA teams. The first games will be played on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May. Boys will field league and soccer teams, and our girls will field netball and soccer teams.

### **Pittwater Zone Cross Country**

#### **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

This carnival will be held at Narrabeen North PS oval. Mrs Keogh will be working with our team in preparation for this event.

### **Dance Costume Room**

Over the holiday break Sarah Hudson, Louise Woods and their husband did an amazing job reorganising our much cluttered costume room. It now looks amazing. Thank you to those parents for their time and hard work. It is much appreciated.

### **School Development Days**

Newport PS staff have just participated in two days of professional learning. On Monday staff joined with all thirteen PCS schools for an inspiring presentation from Michael McQueen about the challenges of Gen Y kids and the implications for our teaching. On Tuesday Ann-Maree Kelly presented staff with information about the social emotional learning that sits behind the new Newport Quality Behaviour Program that has been introduced this year. The presentation focused on increasing positive emotions and behaviours in children through development of resilience, positive social orientation and positive work orientation. Across both days a number of sessions were devoted to the introduction of the new English K-10 Syllabus for the national curriculum. This curriculum document will be implemented in full across all Australian schools in 2014. We will be trialling this syllabus throughout 2013.

### **School Maintenance**

Over the holiday period we had a number of maintenance jobs completed. New guttering was installed on both playground shelters and a number of painting jobs were carried out. This program of works carried out by the department continues to keep our school looking good.

### **Kind Regards**

**Margaret Charlton**

**Principal**

### **K-2 Focus on Maths - Information session for parents**

#### **Early confidence is the key to lifelong success with numeracy.**

Mrs Oscroft will give straightforward insights into this crucial skill, and practical, everyday tips and strategies for making numeracy skills fun, natural and lifelong. An information session for parents, explaining how to incorporate maths into everyday home routines will be held as part of the P & C meeting on, **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 7.00pm in the library** – Come along and de-mystify your child's early numeracy, from the classroom to the kitchen! And, find out what your P & C can do for you and your child.

<b>ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ARE NOW AVAILABLE - COST \$65.00 – PLEASE SEE MRS ENGLUND KEE</b>
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### **MULTILIT Reading Tutor Program**

Each morning at Newport Public School a small group of very dedicated volunteers tutor a keen group of students who struggle with their reading. I want to thank these tutors for their valuable support. In Term 2, if you can spare a half an hour or a little more, one morning a week for tutoring a student it would be greatly appreciated. As a tutor you would receive training in how to teach word attack skills, words and strategies on how to correct a child's reading. Please ring the school and leave me a message as to when I can contact you or please drop in before or after school. My room is the support room adjacent to the Library.

**Linda MacLaurin**

**Learning and Support Teacher**

## STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE 2013

Stewart House Donation Envelopes are coming home with the Natter today. Please return the envelope to school on or before **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May** to be in the running to win a \$4,000 family holiday. Extra envelopes are available at the office

### Building healthy habits

Children are learning habits that will often last them a lifetime. Consider the following:

Breakfast is important. Children who eat breakfast have better concentration. Eating breakfast can reduce snacking on high-energy foods in the afternoon in both adults and children.

Be realistic about the size of the serve you offer children. Forcing children to finish what is on their plate when they are not hungry may lead to overeating and/or strong food dislikes.

Avoid giving children processed snack foods high in sugar. Encourage brushing teeth in the morning and before bed to develop good dental habits.



### Be healthy – be active

Children and adults need physical activity every day. Activity helps build better bones, muscles, joints and helps maintain a healthy weight. Physical activity can also reduce the risk of heart disease, type 2 diabetes and some cancers. Get active anyway you can - walking, riding, swimming, and playing active games such as Duck, Duck, Goose or Bull Rush.

### Important Dates for Your Diary

<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b> <b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>School Photos</b> <b>K-2 Numeracy information session for parents – 7.00pm - School Library</b> <b>P &amp; C Meeting 7.00pm – School Library</b> <b>Pittwater Zone Cross Country</b>
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### Canteen News

#### *Next Week's Roster*

**Monday May 6th: J Masters, K Maguire, S Law**

**Tuesday May 7th: C Curtin, N Deathridge**

**Wednesday May 8th: Kelli, J Rodgers, J newton**

**Thursday May 9th: E Links, D Giddy, A hunt**

**Friday May 10th: A Uppton, M Burke, t Berkley, K Ginsbury**

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)

Welcome back to term 2!!!!

Hot Chocolate is back \$2.00 a cup:)

New to the menu Soup and corn chip melts



Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Our Mission is to empower children with skills and knowledge on how to keep safe.

Our Vision is to make Australia the safest place in the world to raise a child.

In the near future your child will have the opportunity to experience our Personal Safety Education Program "The Ditto Show". Bravehearts are extremely proud of this program and believe that by providing children with the basic principles of personal safety, we are providing them with the tools to stay safe.

Just as teaching children the road rules cannot guarantee our children's safety on the roads, no program can guarantee to "abuse-proof" our children. But, by teaching them the principles of personal safety we are giving them the knowledge they need to stay safe and know what to do if anything does happen.

The 'Ditto Show' is live performance with "Ditto" being the star attraction. The show runs for 35 minutes (and we have a 20 minute one for our under 5's).

Our program has been delivered throughout other states in Australia since 2006 empowering over 150,000 children.

'Ditto', the Bravehearts' mascot comes to life as the star of Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure Education Program to ensure the program is delivered in a fun, interactive and engaging manner.

Specially written songs for the show include

"Private Parts" and "Run and Tell Someone You Can Trust". These are catchy songs and our experience shows children are remembering them in the same way they remember common nursery rhymes. Feedback from schools and centres has indicated that children are singing the songs in the playground. Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure Program and resources are NOT SEX EDUCATION. Private Parts are simply explained as the mouth (as we don't just go around kissing anyone) the chest, between the legs and our bottoms). The main aim of the program is to enhance children's emotional literacy.

The findings of an independent evaluation suggest that the delivery of the principles embedded in this program can reduce the prevalence of not only child sexual assault, but also other forms of abuse including family violence and bullying, in a range of settings.

Topics covered throughout the show consists of "Yes" & "No" Feelings, The Body's Warning Signs, Private Parts, Secrets and what to do if you feel unsafe or unsure.

If you do not wish for your child to attend the show please notify your school/centre. Should you have any questions about the program please do not hesitate to contact our Head Office on 07 555 23 000.

Kind regards,

Bravehearts Education Team

Show Date is  
**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2013**

**PARENTS WELCOME!**

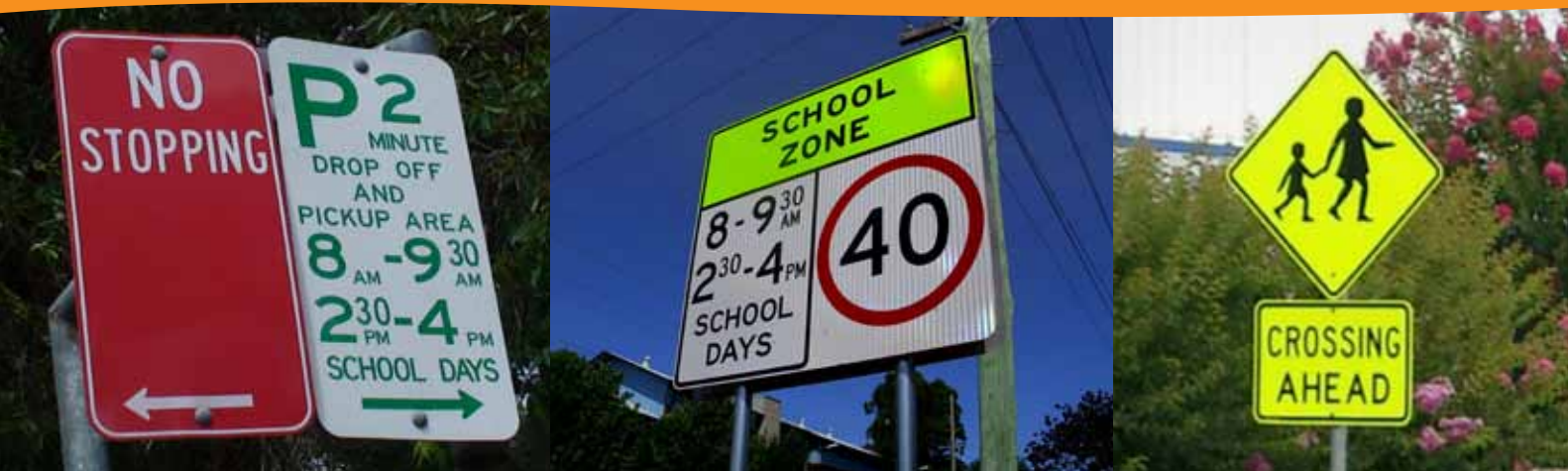
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# Back to school 2013

## Newport Public School



Term two has commenced which means an increase in traffic and pedestrians on the roads around Newport Public School. Take care when travelling to school and allow enough time to drop off and pick up your children.

### Needing a quick drop off or pick up?

Stop, kiss and leave areas

Use the **P2** parking area on Beaconsfield Street or Queens Parade for quick drop off and pick ups.

Remember to park no longer than the time displayed on the signs as these areas are in place to allow for a high turnover of vehicles at peak times.

### Planning on parking longer?

Long term parking close to the school is limited and in high demand during the peak AM and PM periods. Try to arrive early to avoid congestion.

Be prepared to park a short distance from the school and walk to drop off or pick up your children.

**Follow all parking signs - they are in place to keep the road safe for everyone.**

### No stopping - \$298 and two demerit points

Areas marked **no stopping** are where you are not allowed to stop or park your vehicle at any time. Dropping off or picking up passengers is not permitted under any circumstances.

### Double parking - \$298 and two demerit points

Double parking blocks lines of vision, obstructs traffic flow and can force passing vehicles onto the wrong side of the road. You must not park your vehicle less than 3 metres between double white centre lines.

### U-turns - \$298 and three demerit points

U-turns confuse other drivers and pedestrians and are a common cause of traffic congestion.

### Bus zones - \$298 and two demerit points

Bus zones must be kept clear at all indicated times. It is illegal to stop or park in a bus zone unless you are driving a public bus.