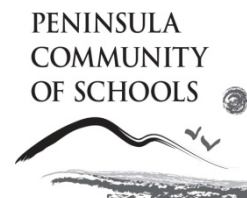




# NEWPORT NATTER



## NEWPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2013

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### National Assessment Program – Years 3 and 5

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

Next week students in Years 3 and 5 will take the 2013 NAPLAN tests. NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. All students are expected to participate in the tests. NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued later this year. The NAPLAN 2013 Information for Parents brochure is now available ([http://www.nap.edu.au/verve/\\_resources/NAPLAN\\_2013\\_Parents\\_Brochure.pdf](http://www.nap.edu.au/verve/_resources/NAPLAN_2013_Parents_Brochure.pdf)).

#### 2014 Kindergarten Information Sessions

Our information sessions for Kindergarten students starting school 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.

#### P&C Meeting

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

**7.00pm in the library**

Our next P&C meeting will be held next week. Whilst we have a strong core of parents who support this parent body, it is great to have new parents come along. This is a great way to support your child's school. Become involved and learn more about the school.

**P&C Information session for parents: K-2 Focus on early numeracy**

**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. This information session for parents, explains how to incorporate maths into everyday home routines. 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.

#### Pittwater Zone PSSA Cross Country

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

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May our team of talented athletes will represent Newport Public School at the Pittwater Zone Cross Country Carnival. The children have been training regularly with Mrs Keogh and are keen to do their best. This carnival will be held at the oval at Narrabeen North Public School. I would like to wish all our competitors the best. I know you will be wonderful representatives of our school.

#### 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.

#### Road Safety around our school

A number of concerns have been raised recently about road safety around our school, drivers doing u-turns, not parking safely or picking up students safely. As a community it is everyone's responsibility to keep our children safe. I would ask parents to be extremely careful around our school and mindful of road safety rules.

### Afternoon Reminder Bell

We have a 3.45pm bell which rings to tell students, whose parents have not yet picked them up, to report to the office. Children should report to the office where they can be safely supervised and parents contacted. Please remind your child of these arrangements. They can often become distressed when you are unavoidably held up.

### Winter Uniform

It is for Terms 2 and 3 that we change over to our winter uniforms. Our uniform shop is open regularly for parents to purchase uniforms. We would ask that you support our own Uniform Shop, as it supports your child's school.

Regards

Margaret Charlton  
Principal

### PAPERLESS NATTER

Each week we print and distribute over 600 copies of the Natter, which has significant financial and environmental costs. With the increasing number of families choosing to view the Natter by email or from our website, in consultation with our P & C we have decided to make the Natter an online publication.

**This will be the last paper copy of the Natter to be published. From next week i.e. Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 the Newport Natter will be published online. It will be accessible via our website (click on Newsletter tab) and by email. A paper copy will be available from the office if required. Many thanks for your co-operation in this regard.**

As we approach the start of our Winter PSSA sports, I would like to take this opportunity to detail our sporting selection process. In a large school such as ours, where we have 775 students, we always have more students wishing to participate in PSSA sport than we have positions available. As a result selection trials are held to ensure these teams are filled appropriately. Students are selected on demonstrated sporting ability and sportsmanship, as judged by the selector.

Students in Years 3, 4 and 5 who turn 8, 9 or 10 during the year are classed as Juniors and trial competitively for positions in the Junior teams. Students in Years 5 and 6, turning 11, 12 or 13 during the year are classed as Seniors and trial competitively for positions in the Senior competition.

If you require any further information, please contact me in the office.

Regards

Anthony Moran  
Deputy Principal

### TERM 2 ACCOUNT REMINDER

Please Ensure that you return your Term 2 Account payment to the office As Soon As Possible.

### Important Dates for Your Diary

<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>K-2 Numeracy Information session for parents – 7.00pm – School library</b>
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>P &amp; C Meeting 7.00pm – School library</b>
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Pittwater Zone Cross Country</b>

### UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

#### **Second-hand Hoodie SALE**

Due to a massive oversupply of second-hand hoodies, we are reducing the price to just **\$3**. Old Style jumpers will also be reduced to just **\$1**. Sale pricing will last just **2 weeks** so buy now to take advantage of this **HOT** pricing.

#### **New - Name Labels**

When you purchase name labels from 'That's Mine' (and quote our school), 20% of the cost will be donated to the school. Brochures are available from the Uniform Shop (or you can email if you would like a brochure sent to your child).

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

### **CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN**

Creative Writing workshops for 9-13 year-olds are being held during the Sydney Writers' Festival later this month. For information, including authors, booking, costs, etc., go to [www.swf.org.au](http://www.swf.org.au) or <http://nsw.cbca.org.au>

### **MERIT AWARD WINNERS**

<b>KSO</b>	Darcy Kirkland, Holly Sledmere	<b>1JJ</b>	Jack Hannon, Molly Pretty
<b>KAJ</b>	Matilda Smith, Max Dryden	<b>1DD</b>	Stephen Norris, Peri Carroll
<b>KEE</b>	Will McCreery, Matilda Reid	<b>1JG</b>	Jacob Harder, Scarlett Dakers
<b>KDF</b>	Yasmin Ramos, Tom Cardiff	<b>1/2JF</b>	Hamish Douglas, Jeremy Kirkland
<b>KJP</b>	Felix Russell, Leilani Spring	<b>2BN</b>	Lachlan Francis, Maddy Nielson
<b>KEJ</b>	Summer Roach, Jesse Bailey	<b>2AM</b>	Joshua Myers, Ruby Drew
<b>KMG</b>	Beau Eiffe, Jada Brown	<b>2SC</b>	Ella Pettitt, Kai Johnson
<b>1SN</b>	Henry Walsh, Zahara Spring	<b>2BG</b>	Luke Stidwell, Mia Molloy

### **SNOWSPORTS**

Winter is fast approaching and Newport Snow Sports Team moves into preparation mode. Dry Land Training will commence in week 4 on Tuesday afternoons 3.30 – 4.30pm. Meet straight after school with some afternoon tea in Mr Tickle's room. Your wheels (razor scooter or skateboard) can be dropped off here in the morning.

Steve's Snow Sale is on this Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Mona Vale. This once a year sale provides a great opportunity to pick up some gear for the upcoming season.

Newport's racing team is beginning to swell in numbers with lots of strength in the Senior Boys boarding and skiing. To complete the teams we are seeking:

- A Senior Girl-ski (yrs 5 or 6)
- A Junior Boy-snowboard (K-4)

If you are keen to assist please see Mr Tickle.

The Scots College are once again hosting the 2013 Scots College Snow Sports Championships at Perisher. This event is held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July during the second week of the school holidays (after our Northern Regionals in the first week). The wonderful thing about this race is it features a dual slalom and caters for beginners and grownups. It also is the only event with a Division 6 (i.e. children in Kinder, year 1 and year 2) making it a little less tough for the younger ones. Entries are now open so Non-Scots Community can register now at <http://snowsports.tsc.nsw.edu.au/online-forms/>

**Regards,  
The Snow Sports Committee**

### **CHESS NEWS**

The NSW Junior Chess League Ten Week After School Tournament begins this Friday. This year Newport has entered two teams, Newport A (Finn Lindley, Finnley Sadler, Thomas Poppleton and the year 6 girls Arnu Matthews, Anja Kastowsky, Michaela Douglas and Jasmine Wells rotating on 4<sup>th</sup> board) and Newport B (Aaron Hughes, Thiago Ortiz, April Wiles and 4<sup>th</sup> board TBA). Newport A will play in the CHAMPIONSHIP division. This is the most highly contested draw which saw our players come runner up by ½ a point last year to Northern Beaches Home School. With the same players in our team this year I'm sure they will be looking to go one better. Finn Lindley has a rating of 498, Finnley Sadler 510 and Anja Kastowsky 443 making them a very strong team. All players with a rating of 400+ must play on clocks if their opponent is also above 400. Finnley Sadler has the second highest rating Newport has ever seen, only shadowed by former year 6 student Nicole Ortiz – 516 (daughter of our chess coach Edson and Thiago's older sister). Newport B will play in the JUNIOR division. Aaron Hughes captain of the juniors also has a rating of 407. This Friday Newport A has a home match against Northern Beaches Home School A and Newport B Juniors have an away match against Seaforth D Juniors.

**Regards,  
Mark Tickle**

### **STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE 2013**

Please return the Stewart House envelopes 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

## Why is breakfast important?

- children who miss breakfast are often reported as having poor behaviour and poor concentration
- children who miss breakfast are often unable to meet their daily nutrient requirements
- children who miss breakfast are more likely to have a greater risk of being overweight or obese
- eating breakfast helps children learn and establish healthy eating habits early in life.

## Great reasons to be active for children and parents

- ✓ boosts confidence
- ✓ improves fitness
- ✓ makes bones and muscles stronger
- ✓ improves posture
- ✓ helps maintain a healthy weight
- ✓ lowers the risk of heart disease
- ✓ reduces stress
- ✓ improves sleep
- ✓ reduces the risk of cancer
- ✓ improves self confidence
- ✓ teaches you new skills
- ✓ develops better motor skills
- ✓ makes a person happier with their body
- ✓ lower risk of disease including heart disease and cancer later in life.



### **Canteen News**

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

**Monday May 13th: L Tyndall, A Bryan, J Rodgers**

**Tuesday May 14th: R Wilson, T Brown, A Robinson**

**Wednesday May 15th: K Davis, J Robertson**

**Thursday May 16th: L Dawe, K Searl, L Brown, M Bensley, R Carter**

**Friday May 17th: M Jones, C Thomas, S Maunder, I Camelo**

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

## **MUSIC NEWS**

**Music Camp is only 9 days away.** Everyone should have their forms and money in by now as final numbers have been set. We require volunteers required to help move instruments from the Newport school to Collaroy camp on Friday 17th May. Meet at school hall at 9.30am, station wagons or vans would be a great. Please email [karen@cadgroupepeople.com.au](mailto:karen@cadgroupepeople.com.au) if able to help.

Also we are having a talent quest Friday night at camp. Sing, dance or tell a joke. Prizes to win!!!

### **Dates for Diary**

7<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> May

**Strings Orchestra** performing at school assemblies

8<sup>th</sup> May

**Performance Band** performing at Kindergarten Information Session

8<sup>th</sup> May

**Strings Orchestra** and **Violin 2** performing at St Augustine's college along with The Northern Beaches Orchestra

8<sup>th</sup> May

Music Committee Meeting

17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May

Music Camp, Collaroy Centre

21<sup>st</sup> May & 23<sup>rd</sup> May

**Concert Band** performing at school assemblies

4<sup>th</sup> June & 6<sup>th</sup> June

**Training Band** performing at school assemblies

## **BOOK CLUB 2013**

All K-6 classes have received Issue 3 of Scholastic Book Club. All orders need to be placed in an envelope clearly marked **BOOK CLUB** with your child's NAME and CLASS. Cheques made payable to SCHOLASTIC and credit card payments are preferred. You can combine your orders and pay for them as one single payment. Credit card payments can be paid on-line or by phone and your receipt number needs to be recorded and sent back to school with your order. Please send K-2 orders to Mrs Falconer and 3-6 orders to the Library.

Orders are due back by **FRIDAY 10th May.**

Please allow 2 weeks for your books to arrive.

If you have any questions, please see Mrs Falconer or Mrs Ericsson .

Book Club helps our school to purchase books and equipment for our Literacy programs.

Remember to **READ EVERY DAY THAT YOU EAT!**



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!

[www.bravehearts.org.au](http://www.bravehearts.org.au)

National Office: 07 5552 3000|Fax 07 5552 3088

Free call Crisis Line: 1800 BRAVE 1

Postal: PO Box 575, Arundel BC, QLD 4214 |Email:

[admin@bravehearts.org.au](mailto:admin@bravehearts.org.au)

ABN 41 496 913 890



## Newport Events for Term 2 2013

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 1 ~ 29th April</b> SDD	<b>30th April</b> SDD	<b>1st May</b> ANZAC Ceremony	<b>2nd May</b> School Photos	<b>3rd May</b> Year 6 Peer mediation 9.30 – 11.00am
<b>Week 2 ~ 6th May</b> PCS Music Festival 4pm	<b>7th May</b> Netball KO 12pm VS Warrawee  School Parliament	<b>8th May</b> Kinder 2014 Parent Information Session 9.30 – 11.00am in the Hall Cricket State KO VS Manly West	<b>9th May</b> Ditto Bravehearts Show K-2	<b>10th May</b>
<b>Week 3 ~ 13th May</b> Kinder Information session 7pm in the library	<b>14th May</b> <b>NAPLAN</b>  P & C Meeting 7pm in the library	<b>15th May</b> <b>NAPLAN</b>	<b>16th May</b> <b>NAPLAN</b>	<b>17th May</b> Pittwater Zone Cross Country  Band Camp
<b>Week 4 ~ 20th May</b> Sydney North Rugby trials	<b>21st May</b> Sydney North Netball Trials	<b>22nd May</b>	<b>23rd May</b> CSIRO Incursion Yr 2	<b>24th May</b> Winter PSSA starts  CSIRO incursion Yr 2
<b>Week 5 ~ 27th May</b> Rugby Union State KO  VC – Kindy @ Taronga	<b>28th May</b> CSIRO Yr 6	<b>29th May</b> CSIRO Yr 6  State KO Softball	<b>30th May</b> PCS Music Festival ½ day rehearsal WHPS  DISCO	<b>31st May</b>
<b>Week 6 ~ 3rd June</b>	<b>4th June</b>	<b>5th June</b> Musica Viva  UNSW Science Comp  Yr 3 Excursion Field Of Mars	<b>6th June</b> Yr 3 Excursion Field Of Mars  Yr 4 Excursion to Punchbowl	<b>7th June</b>
<b>Week 7 ~ 10th June</b> <b>QUEENS BIRTHDAY</b>	<b>11th June</b> Young Dramatists Showcase	<b>12th June</b>	<b>13th June</b>	<b>14th June</b> Kindy Farm Excursion  PSSA KO Gala Day
<b>Week 8 ~ 17th June</b> Year 5 Bathurst Camp	<b>18th June</b> Year 5 Bathurst Camp  P & C Meeting 7pm in the library	<b>19th June</b> Year 5 Bathurst Camp	<b>20th June</b> UNSW Writing competition	<b>21st June</b>
<b>Week 9 ~ 24th June</b> CSIRO incursion 4NE & 4KH	<b>25th June</b> Multicultural Speaking Competition Final	<b>26th June</b> CSIRO incursion 4SC & 4LC	<b>27th June</b>	<b>28th June</b> No PSSA sport

### TERM 3

Athletics Carnival 24<sup>th</sup> July  
Open Day 31<sup>st</sup> July  
Year 4 Camp 29-30<sup>th</sup> August



# MUSIC CAMP TALENT QUEST

Friday night at camp

Prizes!!!

you will have  
3 minutes  
to shine,  
by yourself or  
with a friend,  
tell a joke, sing  
a song or dance!!

