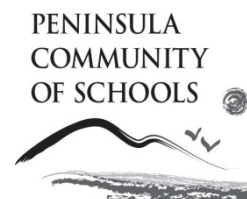




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NEWPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Newport Shines at our Open Day

What a fabulous day! 'NSW Public Schools – Telling Our Stories' was the theme of Education Week this year. Today's event certainly told the story of a wonderful Newport community, with so many students, staff, teachers, parents and grandparents joining in to support the day. The community spirit was felt very strongly by everyone. The opportunity to showcase many of the varied activities our students participate in was appreciated by all who attended. What wonderful performances we had from our talented musicians, singers, dancers, chess players and our snowsports team. Both parents and staff were very proud of the achievements of the children. A highlight for families is always the opportunity to visit their children's classrooms; and these were very welcoming. What a wonderful morning tea and range of food was provided by our canteen. Thank you Tammy and your team of helpers. I would like to thank Julie Parker, Natalie Baldi, the staff and our many parent volunteers for the work they did in ensuring the day ran smoothly. I would like to extend a special thank you to Fiona Gudmunson, who stepped in to lead all our bands today in the absence of the regular music directors. A special thank you also needs to go to Brian Franki, without whom we would have no sound at each performance area. Thank you to our wonderful Year 6 students who were great hosts for the day. Congratulations Newport on a wonderful community day.

Peninsula Community of Schools Music Festival

On Monday night students from Newport participated in the annual PCS Music Festival. Our students sang beautifully in the massed choir. I was very proud of the performances of our three dance groups; our Year 3/4 group 'Feline Frenzy' and the Year 6 group 'The Animal Song'. The children showcased the wonderful talent to be found within Newport Public School. I was very proud of all their performances. I would like to thank Jenny Falconer, Sandra Nicol, Jenny Scott, Emily Jefferys, Tamara Rulli, Jenny Goodall, Elizabeth Englund and Anita Jeffrey for their contributions to this festival and their ongoing commitment to our Newport students.

Good Luck Edward Ashe

Next Tuesday Edward will represent Newport PS and the Northern Beaches in the Northern Sydney Regional Final of the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition at the Arts Unit in Lewisham. We wish you all the best Edward and know you will be a fine representative for Newport.

Congratulations to our Drama Groups

Our two drama groups performed in the Arts North Drama Festival last week. Congratulations 2BG on their performance of 'The Paper Bag Princess', and the Years 4/5 Drama Group for their performance of 'Hairy Nose, Itchy Butt'. Both performances were fantastic. I would like to thank Mrs Green, Mrs Parker, Miss Jeffrey and their fabulous parent helpers for their hard work in preparing the children for the festival. Everyone had a great time and we were very proud of their performances.

A special arrival at Newport

The Year 2 ducklings arrive on Monday. This is a special treat for our Year 2 students as they study 'Growing and Changing'.

Year 6 Cake day

Wednesday 7th August

Next Wednesday Year 6 will hold their Term 3 Cake Day. I can't wait for the yummy treats that arrive each time for this day. Don't forget to bring along your gold coins.

Spring Working Bee

Saturday 14th September – Put it in your diary

Our Working Bee for this year, to be held on Saturday 14th September between 8.00am and 1.00pm. Working Bees are an invaluable way of maintaining our pleasant and positive environment for the children. We are aiming for a general tidy up of the grounds with some specific maintenance and ground enhancement jobs. If you can assist, even for a couple of hours, it would be very much appreciated. In the coming weeks we will outline in detail the jobs required. There is a job for all levels of expertise. The Working Bee is a great way for new families to get involved and help out at school. I hope to see many of our families on the day.

Kind Regards,
Margaret Charlton
Principal

Important Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 6th August	Fete Meeting 7.30pm
Tuesday 20th August	Fete Meeting 7.30pm
Tuesday 3rd Sept	P & C Meeting 7.00pm Library/ Fete Meeting 7.30pm
Thursday 5th Sept	Fete Mufti Day
Tuesday 17th Sept	Fete Meeting 7.30pm

MERIT AWARD WINNERS

3GB	Syra Lovett, Olivia Hunt	5LH	Luci Bentley, Wilson Hall
3LS	Erin Mawson, Chloe Cate	5TD	Charlie Moore, Cody Harker
3AR	Caleb Flanagan, Holly Hunt	5RW	Tabby Sides, Dylan Shah
3BF	Jasper Upton, Anna Hill	5/6AH	Tess Paterson, Kyle Ambrosius
4NE	Ben Jones, Callum Brodtke	6GM	Tahlia Miles, Madi Wade
4KH	Leah Harder, Henry Devaney	6KK	Alec Jones
4SC	Daniel Wheeler, Violet Van Haylen	6IW	Jon Byrnes, Isabella Norris
4LC	Emma Fletcher, Blake Donnelly		

Canteen News

Monday August 5: N.Cronan, C.Martin, B. Kennedy, L.Sadler, R.Plunkett

Tuesday August 6: Tanti, K.Richardson(Lunch only), R.Sweet, F.Griffiths

Wednesday August 7: L.Osbourne

Thursday August 8: K.Paul, J.Paton, C.Borg, J.Luckman

Friday August 9: S.Law, L.Barlow, S.Carter, N.Jones

We are short helpers this coming Wednesday August 7. If you can assist for anytime at all on this day, please let Tammy know.

If you are unable to make your rostered day, please let Tammy know on 9979 6504 or email the canteen newportschoolcanteen@hotmail.com

MUSIC NEWS

Thank you to all parents and teachers who helped the String Orchestra last Thursday with organisation and transport. A special thank you to Lara Shoebridge and Greg Moran for ensuring that the children were able to join in the last part of the Athletics Carnival.

Dates for Diary

13 th & 15 th August	Stage Band playing for assemblies
25 th August	Performance Band playing at NSW School Band Festival at NSW University.
27 th August	Newport Showcase Evening – details to follow
28 th August	13 members of String Orchestra performing at the Festival of Music at the Opera House
5 th Sept	Music Committee Meeting
8 th Sept	Performance Band playing at the NSSWE Spring Festival at Chatswood Concourse. Arrive 6.15pm for 7.00pm concert.

SPORTS CARNIVAL

Last Wednesday we had the annual Newport Athletics Carnival. All students are to be congratulated for their behaviour throughout the day. The Newport students behaved in a sportsmanlike manner and participated with enthusiasm to help their house do their best.

The results for the day are as follows:

- 1st Biala 372pts
- 2nd Amaroo 370pts
- 3rd Beranghi 354pts
- 4th Cabarita 175 pts

These results only apply to the track events, we still have the field events of shot put, long jump and high jump which will count to the overall points.

Below is a list of the students who finished 1st, 2nd or 3rd based on their times. In the 200m events the top two progress to zone. In the 100m the top 3 go through to zone and in the 800m the top 2 progress to zone. The zone carnival will be held on the 27th of August at Narrabeen Sports Academy, commencing at 8.00am. Transport will be by private car, permission notes to follow.

ATHLECTICS CARNIVAL RESULTS

EVENT	BOYS	GIRLS
JUNIOR 200M	1 ST Luke Morley	Emma Lowry
	2 ND Monty Pate	Marlie Smith
	3 RD Max Schweinberg	Louis Mitchell
11 YEARS 200M	1 ST Wilson Hall	Ashlie Edwards
	2 ND Toby May	Stella Campbell
	3 RD Mac Omm	Harriette Burke
12/13 YEARS 200M	1 ST Jaimon Smith	Francesca Curtin
	2 ND Zac Barnabas	Sarah Lowry
	3 RD Hugh Hooghuis	Linda Leck
8 YEARS 100M	1 ST Luke Stidwell	Anaia Cruickshank
	2 ND Archie Sergi	Ella Gale
	3 RD Dylan Fawle	Lucy Brown
9 YEARS 100M	1 ST Ethan Currie	Edie Burke
	2 ND Luke Banbury	Lucinda Bensley
	3 RD Beau Brennan	Esme Sergi
10 YEARS 100M	1 ST Max Schweinberg	Olivia Alvarez
	2 ND Monty Pate	Emma Lowry
	3 RD Luke Morley	Grace Carroll
11 YEARS 100M	1 ST Toby May	Jemima Thomas
	2 ND Wilson Hall	Harriette Burke
	3 RD Ricky Charlton	Stella Campbell
12 YEARS 100M	1 ST Jaimon Smith	Sarah Lowry
	2 ND Finlay Sturzaker	Ella Paton
	3 RD Hugh Hooguis	Lauren Tinni
JUNIOR 800M	1 ST Lachlan Cruickshank	Marlie Smith
	2 ND Jake Barnabas	Olivia Alvarez
	3 RD Lachlan Hanks	Emma Lowry
11 YEARS 800M	1 ST Mac Omm	Ashlie Edwards
	2 ND Hamish Cumming	Sascha Taurins
	3 RD Corey Mattinson	Geordie Smith
12/13 YEARS 800M	1 ST Jaimon Smith	Francesca Curtin
	2 ND Zac Barnabas	Sarah Lowry
	3 RD Zane Tullett	Arnu Matthews

LIBRARY NEWS

Library Book Donation Sale

A big 'Thank You' to all the grandparents, parents, students and their friends who donated books to the library during our Open Day. It really encourages the children to borrow when they can see new and up-to-date books in the library collection. Once the donation stickers have been put in the books, those who donated them can then borrow them in their library lesson. If you were unable to donate a book on Open Day and would like to do so (\$10), we still have some left to choose from in the library.

A special 'Thank You' to our helpers on the day and also to Tina Bracher, Virginia Schultz, Cindy and Brett Menzies and Yasuyo Sannomiya who helped to cover the hundreds of new books. We couldn't have achieved such a fantastic outcome without you all.

NSW Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC)

Many of you have finished reading your books for the PRC. Fantastic! You have until 28th August to enter your books onto the website: <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge/>. We have to validate your reading records on the website by the end of August for you to receive your certificate at the end of the year, and we cannot do this if all your books have not been entered. So, if you are having problems entering your books or reading the required number of books, don't leave it till the last minute! Come and speak to us in the library as soon as possible so that we have time to do something about it. We can help you find books to complete the PRC by the end of August.

Happy reading,
Stephanie Bracey and Sylvia Fisher.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Online Ordering

Orders placed online at 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.

For enquiries, please contact newportuniformshop@hotmail.com or Carla Pettitt 0413-804-015 & Kate Raffles 0413-519-872.

Science on Saturday at the Australian Museum

Don't miss the nation's leading scientific institutions and organisations in the expo showcasing the latest educational experiences this August at the Australian Museum. It's a hands-on science experience every budding scientist should attend. The Australian Museum will celebrate National Science Week with a family friendly Science Festival on Saturday August 10, 2013. For full details including online ticket purchases go <http://www.australianmuseum.net.au/Science-Unleashed-2012/>.

Mobile Phone and Battery Recycling at Newport

The Humane Society is assisting us to continue our mobile phone recycling at school. Please remove the SIM card and place the phone in the labelled box in the office. We can't recycle rechargers, so please just send in the phones! For information about what the Humane Society does with the phones to help Mountain Gorillas, please go to www.hsi.org.au.

As well, Pittwater Council will help us to recycle batteries if collect them! Please send in your alkaline batteries sizes AAA to 9V to the front office, place them in the labelled box, and they will be taken to Pittwater Council for recycling. Advice on recycling car and boat batteries may be found on the Pittwater Council website. Next time you purchase batteries, perhaps consider buying rechargeable batteries instead of single-use batteries. Information about rechargeable batteries may be found at www.cleanup.org.au.

Thanks for thinking about our environment.

The Environmental Management Team

Wrap with Love

Mona Vale Library will be having their Annual Wrap with Love **Knit In** on **Friday August 9, 9am - 5pm**. Please join them in their campaign to knit the squares that help the charity *Wrap with Love* create warm wraps for communities in need worldwide.

If you cannot attend the Knit In, please feel free to drop squares of knitting off at the school office. Donations of wool are also welcome (8 ply wool or acrylic please). If there are any knitters out there in need of a project, please contact Nicola Elliott at school and she will organise some wool and instructions for you. It's easy, fun and will keep you warm doing it and keep someone else warm once the wrap is complete!

Year 6 Cake Stall

Wednesday 7th August 2013 @ Morning tea

Come and enjoy cupcakes, toffees, jelly cups, honey jumbles for morning tea!!

And a reminder for all Year 6 parents to drop the cakes etc into the school hall from 8:15am on the Wed 7th August morning.

Can you help for half an hour one morning each week?

The Multiliteracy Reading Program is in urgent need of reading tutors. Our students in the reading program benefit from the help given by our volunteers during the first hour of the day. If you could help for just half an hour one morning a week on a regular basis it would be much appreciated. Please contact me at the school.

Linda MacLaurin

Learning and Support Teacher

Parliament Report

On Tuesday the 11th of June, Year 6 had their last parliament for Semester 1. Three of our ministers' portfolios were carried and one was sadly defeated.

Our Sport and Leisure ministers, Flynn and Tara discussed that we should have state knockout netball uniforms. We went to Ms Charlton and she said that it was a great idea and will bring it up in the next P and C meeting on Tuesday. After that we went to Ms B and she said that she loved the idea, although she said that we will need to order about 15 dresses as we are all different sizes.

Our Fundraising and Charities ministers, Anja and Oliver, had the idea to have a Green Day to make our school more environmentally friendly. We went to Mrs Elliot and she thought it would be great to have this day on the 27th of August.

The Student Welfare and Safety ministers, Alec and Ishbel had the idea to install nets underneath the demountables to catch all the balls. This motion was passed so we went to talk to Ms Charlton and she thought it was a great idea, but she gave it a twist. She thinks wooden boards would be sturdier and maybe dads could install them at the next working bee, we hope they will be stopping balls sometime soon.

The Grounds and Environment ministers, Bettina and Jonathan discussed putting a shelter in the 3-6 Kiss and Drop area. Sadly this motion was defeated.

The comment of the meeting went to Tahlia Miles for her great comment on Sport and Leisure.

We are looking forward to our next parliament meeting in a couple of weeks.

By Jessica Deathridge and Zane Farquharson.

ARTS NORTH DRAMA FESTIVAL

On Thursday the 25th July 2BG and the 4/5 Group performed at the National Institute of Dramatic Art in Kensington. (NIDA)

2BG were outstanding in their adaptation of the story, 'The Paper Bag Princess' by Robert Munsch. The audience were delighted by their shadow puppetry skills in this very entertaining performance. Their voices were loud and clear and their dragon so fierce and fiery!

Special thanks to Donna and Peter Phelps, Karina Daddo and Michelle Cruikshanks for their help with props and Jen Masters and Jane Shepherd for their assistance with costuming and hair styling. Many thanks go to Corinna Sergi for cleverly creating our stunning fire outfits.

The 4/5 Group performed a very funny play about a wombat and his desperation to find a descent scratching thing! Adapted from the book 'Hairy Nose Itchy Butt' the play had many humorous moments as Harry the Hairy-Nose Wombat set out on a quest to find somewhere to scratch his itch. Their piece was met with laughter and applause from the audience. What an incredibly talented group of children. Well done to both groups. We are so proud of your performances.

Many thanks to Sarah Hudson for making such wonderful costumes, Julie Hickson for her spectacular props and all the other parents who offered their time, help and support throughout the semester. Special thanks to Mrs Parker, Mrs Green and Miss Jeffrey for giving the children a wonderful opportunity.

Parents and friends who were unable to see the performances on Thursday will be able to see them performed at the Showcase later this term.

DON'T FORGET TO BUY YOUR TICKETS to the Mums for Mums Cocktail Party.

Thank you to everyone who has purchased tickets for our annual Cocktail Party.

We are currently supporting 8 families within our Newport school community. Unfortunately there are new families all the time who we support.

By attending our fundraising events you are helping so many families.

You can buy tickets online or make a donation at:

<http://www.mumsformums.org.au/donations/>

Last year it was such a fun night, so don't miss out!!

Environmentally friendly snack foods

Choose an apple, mandarin, orange, pear, banana, plum, mangoes, pieces of melons, nectarines, peaches or other fresh seasonal fruit for a quick, easy, environmentally-friendly snack. No packaging, full of nutrients and antioxidants, plus it tastes delicious!

Ideas to get your family moving:

- Go outside and play chasing, ride bikes or throw a ball or a Frisbee.
- Encourage children to make their own obstacle course at home. You could use garden hoses as tight-ropes, chairs to crawl under, and the clothes line to run around. Include a skipping rope and some jumping. For variety ask them to walk backwards, hop or skip through the obstacle course. Time them to see how they are improving.
- Encourage your child to play outside whenever possible. Play along whenever you can.
- Be a good role model – be active when you're with children. What gets children moving is what parents do, not what they say. Children learn by example!
- Include games and walks in family outings.
- Negotiate a time limit on sedentary activities such as watching TV and playing computer games.
- Walking together is a good time to talk to children about their lives and yours.
- Be prepared, think about activities your family can do in and around your home. Have some plans for wet days.



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Fundraiser

@Harbord Public School
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STEWART HOUSE

Saturday 17th August 12pm - 7.30pm & Sunday 18th August 9am-5pm



Each family will receive a 10"x13" portrait OR A3 Pencil Sketch plus a keyring and wallet sized portrait. All proceeds from the booking fee of \$15.00 will be donated to Stewart House.

Stewart House provides children who are in need of a break from their everyday life. Each year 1,800 public school children in need come to Stewart House from many parts of NSW and the ACT.

Booking can be done online at trybooking.com/53610 or enter advancedlife into the buy tickets search field or contact Jenny Tabor or Ashley Manno using the details below.

We thank Harbord Public School for kindly donating their hall for this event.



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*No person can appear in more than one family portrait
*Each family must have three poses photographed

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