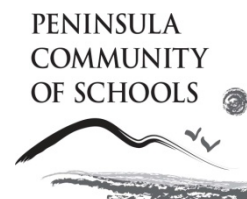




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NEWPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday 14th August 2013

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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. Our canteen always provides a great morning tea and lunch. I hope to see many of our families on the day.

Please complete the Working Bee slip attached to the Natter and return to school if you can assist us on the day. You can also telephone the office and let us know you will be attending.

Showcase Concert

Tuesday 27th August, 7.00pm

Pittwater High school Hall

Parents are invited to celebrate with us the great talent of our Newport students at our bi-annual Showcase Concert. An information sheet (yellow) has been sent home to parents this week outlining details for the evening. We would love to see our many families there on the night. We ask, however, that you remain for the entire performance to enjoy and appreciate the hard work of all the children. It is always a special night of wonderful entertainment.

Green Day

Thursday 22nd August

Green Day is an exciting day for everyone at our school as we celebrate and learn about the importance of sustainability. This Green Day, children will participate in a variety of activities which have been specifically designed for each grade. We will be joined on the day by Pittwater Council, The Coastal Environment Centre and Sydney Wildlife, Bunning's Hardware will be coming along to help us fill and plant out our garden beds. All children will participate in a Sustainability Lesson with their own classroom teacher and design reusable Calico Bags. The cost of this day has been included in the term account and we encourage all children to wear green clothes on the day, consider walking or riding to school and bringing a "No Wrap" lunch.

Young Musicians Showcase

The Young Musicians Showcase is held at Newport School every year to celebrate our dedicated and talented musicians. It is open to all children from K – 6 who are capable of playing an instrument or can sing. Auditions will be held on Tuesday 20th August. A note with more information is attached to the Natter. Please complete and return to Mrs Parker or Mrs Cruickshank if your child would like to audition. Mrs Cruickshank has paper copies of the note that children can collect from her if they choose. It has also been placed on our school website.

Annual School Evaluation

Every year we evaluate aspects of our school, identifying what we are doing well and areas that we could further improve. A committee is formed, of staff and parents, to carry out these evaluations. This year we will be looking at the teaching of spelling across the school; and the procedures we have in place to communicate effectively with parents. We are currently looking for parents who would be interested in assisting with this process. Your commitment would be attending meetings, usually Monday morning 8.30-9.25 every second or third week; and working with a small team to develop and carry out the evaluations. Please contact Anthony Moran through the front office if you would be interested.

Thank You Newport

The Omm Family and I would like to thank our generous Newport community for their support of Mac and his participation in the National Cross Country Carnival. We were overwhelmed by the support shown at our Open Day. The Jellybean Guessing Competition was won by Jethro Browne of KEJ. Congratulations Jethro, don't eat them all at once.

Art About Exhibition

Congratulations to Annalena Bartnitzky of 5RW whose artwork 'Cherry Blossom'; and Zach An Dam of 5LH whose artwork 'Reflections' were chosen to be exhibited in the Arts North 'Arts and About' Exhibition. The exhibition can be viewed on Sunday 8th September from 3.00-5.00pm at Lane Cove Music Cultural Centre, 266 Longueville Rd, Lane Cove. Well done Annalena and Zach on a great effort.

School Uniform

Although the saying goes, 'Don't judge a book by its cover', many people do, and at the moment the amount of jewellery, wrist bands, weekend sports jumpers, fluoro joggers and additions to our school uniform are detracting from our proud Newport spirit. We do want the children wear the correct school uniform, as a sign of respect for our school and to promote a sense of belonging to our wonderful community. I often find that children, who don't respect our school and its uniform, may also begin not to disregard our school code and at worst our teachers. We are asking for your assistance in ensuring the students are wearing the correct winter uniform each day, minus the weekend accessories and non-regulation items like fluoro joggers, skins, sporting jerseys, scarves and leggings. We hope, with your assistance that our students become responsible for their appearance, value the need to dress appropriately and take pride in their appearance.

No Hat No Play

We have an increasing number of students without their school hat each day. In support of our Sun Safe Policy I would ask that parents ensure their child has their school hat in their bag each day. At school we reinforce the idea of No Hat No Play.

Regards,
Margaret Charlton
Principal

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 27th August	School Showcase
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

KSO	Harry Benton, Rikki Burlinson	3GB	Zoe Sturzaker
KAJ	Cael Melville, Benny Matthews	3LS	Ella Cummings, Fynn George
KEE	Chelsea Hayes, Will McCreery	3AR	
KDF	Kalan Perera, Katya Benschop	3BF	Tully Heather, Lara Hines
KJP	Zara Debelak, Nicholas Arruzza	4NE	Beatriz Kostnar-Frundt, Lachlan Hanks
KEJ	Annika Staunton, Sebastian Boross	4KH	Matilda Johnson, Zac Lutherborrow
KMG	Chloe Reeves, Gavin Miller	4SC	Skye Stone, Grace Green
1SN	Brodie Hitchman, Lewis Wilson	4LC	Aja Phelps, Ed Press
1JJ	Ella Tailby, Olivia Wood	5LH	Michael Amir, Amy O'Toole
1DD	Luke Ambrosius, Alice Long	5TD	Jensin Tsering, Charlie Moore
1JG		5RW	Jazmine Lerpiniere, Huon Mawson
1/2JF	Ella George, Angelina De Vera	5/6AH	Madison Hunt, Riley White
2BN	Ruby Cumming, Toby Urban	6GM	Chloe Andrews, Ned Musgrove
2AM	Bethany Miller, Alex Barton	6KK	Alice Mitchell, Matiese Heather
2SC	Caitlyn Fitzgerald, Elliott Thomas	6IW	Tom Hunt, Huw Jones
2BG	Bethany Lever, Sienna Jones	6IW	Layla Perkins-Crance, Madeleine Reid

YOUNG WRITERS AWARD

September 24th 1850
Mr Mrs Lorat
England Griffith Street
England

Dear my loving family

I miss you so much, I am now a free person and away from those filthy vandemonian. I have my own patch of land but there is always some greedy men digging up my hard work. As you might know people have found some shiny gold nuggets worth about seven shillings I say. But it always smells like rum and sweaty men here.

Last week me chum Richi found a tiny gold nugget, then he decided to go into town but suddenly he got jumped by some greedy bush rangers. Those viscous people never let anyone through without getting some gold.

Well tonight I'm eating beans, bread and some fresh meat I caught. I usually get my own beans from my garden or I use some from me mate's garden. I buy some bread from Richie's bakery he sells delicious breads and delights.

Tomorrow I am working on building my own shovel. My mates tell me that the goldfields are something special, but a lot of hard work. So I've decided that I am going to mine for gold as I am running out of workers to help me. Hopefully while I'm gone the governesses don't take away my patch. I have lost a lot of workers because they have gone to mine their own gold.

It is hard living in the goldfields I sleep in a hut while most people sleep in tents. Although I am loosing workers I am still very wealthy. I have a lot of money because I have some many beautiful sheep with their fleece as white as snow. I have made at least three hundred shillings. I hope you're doing well next week I shall send you some shillings, and some wool as it is winter in England.

Over the next few weeks I am going to try sending you some more letters. It would be nice to get a letter from you in England, to see how you going? Well I've made some great new chums here in Victoria; we all stick together and help one another we are like one big family. I don't think I will be returning to England sooner or later. I am starting my like all over again.

Also it is getting warmer here in Victoria than England. Did you know that it doesn't snow here? Although it is warm here in winter, the breeze is quite strong as the tiny specks of dirt fly into your eye like an eagle digging up a juicy worm. Every time I close my eyes I am frightened that my hut will collapse like trees in the cold hard breeze. I can't sleep sometimes with the frightening thought that my land will be snatched away from my hands. Even though it is hard to live here I still love it here.

But there is one thing I hate it is those celestials, always digging up others people's land they should not even be allowed to be in our colony. They should be shipped back to China in tiny crates, but there is one mate I like he name is Ling. We are secretly mates, you would not know what would happen if the Joe's found out we would get hanged and dropped into demons land.

Tomorrow I'm actually going to go digging on my patch, I would be so happy if I find some gold I would be as lucky as Riley. I hear the gold here is as shiny as a golden egg. The sheriffs are giving out 37 shillings to whoever finds gold, but who would trust them. They don't even let us dig without a licence, so every time we hear them coming we yell 'Joe' so all the miners without a licence can scurry home. If they don't they all get into a big donnybrook, those idiots never listen. Sometimes Richi me chum finds shicer.

I hope to see a nice letter from you I would want to see how your life is going I love to hear from you soon my darling family.

Love you

From your loving son.

By Caly Macguire

SNOW SPORTS

Next week 23 of Newport's best skiers and snowboarders will hit the slopes of Perisher for the State Interschools Snow Sports Championship. Teams and individuals will be competing in Cross Country Freestyle and Relay events on the Nordic trails on Tuesday, followed by the downhill events i.e. Snowboard Giant Slalom, Snowboard Boarder Cross, Skier Cross and the blue ribbon event Alpine Ski concluding the event on Saturday. The children have been training hard and look certain to represent their Northern Region with pride. With the mountains in considerably better shape now due to recent snow and cold temperatures, the children and their families should be in for a promising week. Successful competitors will be looking to gain state selection towards the National Snow Sports Titles to be held at Mount Buller in Victoria early next month. Good luck to all our racers and let it snow!

Mark Tickle

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

The Multilit 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

MUSIC NEWS

It continues to be a very busy term for the Music Program. Please take note of all the dates below and put them in your diary.

Dates for Diary

19 th August	Performance Band and Violin 2s playing for pre-schoolers. 9:40am in school hall
22 nd August	Stage Band playing for assembly
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.
28 th August	Performance Band and Violin 2s playing for pre-schoolers. 9:40am in school hall
5 th Sept	Music Committee Meeting
7 th Sept	Election Day – Cake Stall fundraiser
8 th Sept	Performance Band playing at the NSSWE Spring Festival at Chatswood Concourse. Arrive 6.15pm for 7.00pm concert.
12 th Sept	School Disco BBQ fundraiser

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Our Suppliers

Where possible, we try to support local business and are currently receiving many of our Uniforms from a Brookvale supplier, manufacturing in Australia. We have found the service to be excellent and the prices competitive. Some price comparisons:

School hats/caps – Other retailers \$15. Our price \$12
Girls Summer Dresses – Other retailers from \$58. Our price from \$48
Sport Shirts – Other retailers \$31. Our price \$25

****Don't forget the free hemming service now available. Contact us for details.***

Remember, all profits from the Uniform Shop go to the P&C to spend on things such as teaching support staff and improvements to the school facilities.

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.

Canteen News

This Week's Roster

Monday August 19th: Tiffany, L.Tyndall, A.Bryan, J.Rodgers

Tuesday August 20th: R.Wilson, C.McCauley, T.Brennan, A.Robinson

Wednesday August 21st: A.Thomas, J.Robertson, K.Davis

Thursday August 22nd: L.Dawe, M.Bensley, R.Carter, L.Brown

Friday August 23rd: M.Jones, S.Maunders, C.Thomas, L.Gmelo

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

newportschoolcanteen@hotmail.com

MUMS FOR MUMS COCKTAIL PARTY 24TH AUGUST - WE NEED YOUR HELP

So we can help support families from Newport School, we are currently helping 7 families. You can help us by buying a ticket to our largest fundraising night of the year.

Tickets are selling now and we need to cut ticket sales off on Friday the 16th August.

Please get your tickets now before it is too late.....

It will be such a fun night, whilst at the same time supporting families at Newport School.

To purchase tickets just click this link

<http://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=52626>

or visit www.mumsformums.org.au

Thank you.

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 organisation *Wrap with Love* create warm wraps for communities in need worldwide.

Thank you to the most generous community member who dropped off three huge bags of knitted squares to school yesterday. What a kind and thoughtful thing to do! If anyone would like to help me join the squares to make a rug, please contact me through the school.

Nicola Elliott

Water

Tap water makes the best drink!

Not only is it thirst quenching, but also contains fluoride which helps make teeth stronger. Here's what water has to offer:

- it is cheap and readily available
- it doesn't contain any kilojoules or sugar
- it encourages optimal function of the body

We should all aim to drink between five to eight cups of water a day. In the warmer months it is important to keep well hydrated. Always have water available when children are active. Encourage them to drink water regularly, even in cooler months.



Why reduce television time?

- studies have shown we use less energy watching TV than sitting still
- TV influences the food choice of kids – Australia has a high rate of food advertising during children's viewing hours
- TV replaces time a child can be active and enjoy physical activity
- there is an association between TV watching and being overweight
- 40% of children 5 – 12 years report watching an average of two hours or more of television or videos a day.

Please tear off and return slip to the office

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Dear Margaret,

I would like to help at the **WORKING BEE** on Saturday, 14th September 2013.

Parent's Name: _____

Child's Name & Class: _____

Specific Skill or Project (if applicable): _____



2014 ENROLMENTS

Enrolments packages for NOOSHC are currently being revised in line with department regulations. If you are new to NOOSHC and are looking to enrol your child on either a permanent or casual basis in 2014 you are most welcome to put your name down on a list and once enrolment packages are finalised these will be sent out to you. Current enrolments will have enrolment packages handed to them in due course (the list is for new children and siblings who are commencing kindergarten in 2014).

Please drop in and speak with either Jo or Judy to put your child's name on the list.

(We are located at the southern end of the school hall – follow the signs)



NOOSHC PARENT AND COMMITTEE MEETING - WE NEED YOU!!

Wednesday August 21 2013
7.00pm

The next NOOSHC Parent and Committee Meeting is
Wednesday 21st August at 7:00 pm
at the NOOSHC centre.

Our NOOSHC is a community run facility providing fantastic out-of-school-hours-care for our kids when we need it.

It is not a not-for-profit run facility, and it needs a committee to help make decisions about the running of the centre.

Without the committee we would have no NOOSHC.

We need more committee members. The commitment is not onerous...

- You really just need to turn up to a Parent and Committee Meeting 1 to 2 times a term (approx. 6 times a year).
- There might be some reading to help inform you of decisions, but generally it's pretty straightforward.
- The bonus is that you get to meet a new group of people that you might otherwise only be lucky enough to brush past as you rush in to drop off or pick up your child.

You are also welcome to attend the meeting as a parent, with no extra commitment.

Come along and have your say. This is your centre as well.

Drinks and nibbles are provided!

Please contact Jo or Judy to let them know if you are able to attend our next meeting. 02 9979 9874 or nseh@bigpond.com

2013 YOUNG MUSICIANS' SHOWCASE

The Young Musicians' Showcase is held at Newport School every year to celebrate our dedicated and talented musicians. It is open to all children from K – 6 who are capable of playing an instrument or can sing. The children are divided into the following sections:

- ❖ K-2 Piano
- ❖ K-2 Instrumental,
- ❖ Junior (3 & 4) Piano
- ❖ Junior Instrumental
- ❖ Senior (5 & 6) Piano
- ❖ Senior Instrumental.
- ❖ Vocalist section for solo singers only
- ❖ Instrumental ensemble section.

(Pianists need to be able to play with both hands together.)

Again this year we will audition our musicians for the showcase all on one day. The date for ALL children who wish to audition for the Young Musicians Showcase in 2013 is **Tuesday 20th August**.

If your child would like to audition could you please ensure they fill out the form below and hand it in to Mrs Parker or Mrs Cruickshank by Friday 16th August.

Please ensure your child has their instrument and music with them on this day. We will send for your child in their classroom when it is time for them to perform in the hall.

Should your child get in to the final, we anticipate the showcase for the Young Musicians Showcase this year will be held on Wednesday 11th September.

Kind regards,
Julie Parker & Lesley Cruickshank

YOUNG MUSICIANS SHOWCASE 2013 Auditions Tuesday 20th August

Child's Name: _____ Class _____

Instrument: _____

Section entered: _____

Name of piece to be played: _____

Special Requirements (CD player, keyboard etc): _____



NEWPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL FETE 2013

**SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER
10AM - 3 PM**

MAJOR RAFFLE PRIZE NEEDED – DO YOU HAVE A HOLIDAY HOUSE???

We are in need of a MAJOR prize for the raffle which is the biggest fundraiser of the fete. If you have a holiday house that you can donate some time in as a major prize it would be a huge donation to the school and greatly appreciated.

If you, your business or someone you know can help donate something BIG – we would love to hear from you. Any major donations will be credited wherever possible – in our publicity campaign in the lead up to the fete, printed on all the raffle tickets and of course on our Facebook page.

DEDICATED STORAGE OPENING TIMES - DONATIONS PLEASE!!

The storage container is now open to receive donations every Monday mornings from 9am to 10am and Wednesday afternoons from 3:15 to 3:45pm. Please try to make these times but if it is impossible, contact Tess or Kate below for alternative arrangements.

Please keep the donations coming....and thank you for everyone who has helped out to date. We still need any quality new or 2nd hand goods in the way of clothes (kids and adults), books, CDs/DVD and bric-a-brac for our stalls. We also need lots of prizes for the raffle, chocolate wheel and coin toss stalls.

NEXT FETE MEETING THIS TUESDAY 20TH AUGUST IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY @ 7:30PM

We look forward to seeing as many Class Parents and Stall Helpers as possible to address any questions and needs regarding their stall. Please also feel free to attend should you wish to help with any other aspect of the fete.

NEEDED - CAN YOU HELP WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING....???

- **Fabric donations** – Rachel Wilson and Sarah Hudson have kindly volunteered to make bunting to decorate the school on fete day. If you have any fabric lying around that you can donate and could be made into bunting, please contact Rachel on 0405 440 960
- **Staging** – We would like to erect a stage for performances on the day. If anyone has any contacts to get a free or heavily discounted stage, we would love to hear from you. If you can help, please contact Kate below.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

Please go to Facebook and search “Newport Public School Fete” to find us. The more people that like us the easier it is to get the local business community to support us. Please find us and like us soon!

All current details for the fete will be posted on our Facebook page including fete committee meeting dates. All businesses and people supporting the fete shall also be publicised here.

A HUGE THANK YOU FOR ALL THE AMAZING DONATIONS SO FAR. PLEASE CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR ALL THE WONDERFUL COMMUNITY SUPPORT. PLEASE KEEP THEM COMING!!!

Many thanks from the Fete Committee

Stalls Manager	Tessa Blaiklock
Organiser	Kate Long
Raffle/Donations	Shani Law
Entertainment	Katrina Davis

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AVALON PUBLIC SCHOOL



Students, parents and the community of Avalon Public School are excited to announce their Fair is on again this year on Sunday 8 September from 9.00am til 3.00pm.

The Fete kicks off with the Beaut Wheels opening parade, but throughout the day there will be the talent quest, dog show, cake baking contest, school bands and drum corps, silent auction and raffle.

Not to mention a main stage for lots of dancing and singing. To get your strength up there will be a huge variety of food and drinks stalls.

There are plenty of rides to choose from for all ages and of course the old favourites like the Haunted House, Tombola, and Plate smashing, Kindifarm and Pony rides, MASH tent, tie-dying, plaster mould painting, rock painting, sand art and show bags.

There will be a temporary road closure on Old Barrenjoey Road between Sanders Lane and Dress Circle Road for the duration of the Fete to allow a safe pedestrian flow between the rides and the school activities.

A novelty event this year is the Strongest Man/Woman competition which involves cardio resistance workout trials.

