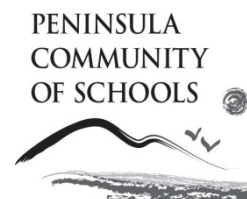




# NEWPORT NATTER



## NEWPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2013

### DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### Use of play Equipment before school

In the morning, supervision by school staff commences at 8.55am. Students arriving at school before this time must remain seated in the Eastern or Western asphalt areas until the teacher on duty arrives. Students are not permitted to use the playground equipment before school. It is expected that students arriving before 8.55am who are not involved in band and sports training attend before school care.

#### Book Week

This week marks the celebration of the Children's Book Council of Australia's Book Week. The theme for this year's celebration is 'Reading Across the Universe'. Mrs Bracey and Mrs Fisher have included further information about this in this week's newsletter.

#### Snowsports

This week, 24 students from Newport are competing at the NSW and ACT State Interschools Snowsports competition being held at Perisher. Students from Newport are entered in a range of ski and snowboard events taking place throughout this week. We wish them well and we know they will be fantastic representatives for our school.

#### Young Musicians

Auditions were held today for our Young Musicians showcase which will be held during Week 9. I would like to congratulate all of the students who auditioned today. Mrs Cruickshank and Mrs Parker have reported that they were truly impressed by the depth of musical talent we have here at Newport.

#### PSSA

This Friday will be the final round of the Winter PSSA competition. From next week, students will have the opportunity to trial for the Spring PSSA competition in the following sports:

- Senior Girls Softball
- Senior boys Cricket
- Junior Girls Tag
- Junior Boys Softball

We are aware that Year 4 are at camp next Friday and will ensure they are given ample opportunity to trial for these sports at another time. Further information regarding these sports trials will be provided next week. The Spring PSSA competition commences on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

#### PSSA Knockout

Congratulations to our State PSSA Knockout teams who have enjoyed recent successes. Both the girls and boys softball teams had convincing wins over Loftus Public School. The Netball girls comfortably defeated Bangor Public School and will play their next game against Galston Public School next Monday.

#### Northern Sydney PSSA representatives

Congratulations to Jack, Zac and Jasper who are representing Northern Sydney PSSA at the Rugby Union State Carnival this week. Congratulations and good luck must also go to Sascha and Ella who are representing Northern Sydney at the Softball State Carnival next week.

## **Spring Working Bee**

### **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Put it in your diary**

Our Working Bee for this year, to be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Regards,  
Anthony Moran  
Deputy Principal**

## **KINDERGARTEN 2014**

It is hard to believe that we are planning for our Kinder 2014 cohort to attend Orientation in just a few weeks time! For those parents who have been familiar with Newport's Orientation program for the past few years, there has been a change to the organisation for 2013. Instead of offering a choice of day for children to attend the program, all of our prospective Kindergarten students for 2014 will attend Orientation on 3 consecutive Wednesdays, the 16, 23 and 30 of October. It will certainly be a busy morning in and around the school that day and we appreciate your patience and understanding. If you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2014, please make sure you have registered for the Orientation program through the school office, to ensure your child is placed in a colour group and you receive the relevant information for the program. Additionally, if you have not yet lodged your enrolment form, could you please do so as soon as possible, as planning for Kindergarten 2014 has started.

**Warmest regards,  
Natalie Baldi  
Deputy Principal**

### **Dates for your diary**

<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>School Showcase</b>
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept</b>	<b>P &amp; C Meeting 7.00pm Library/ Fete Meeting 7.30pm</b>
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>Fete Mufti Day</b>
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>Fete Meeting 7.30pm</b>

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**Stephanie Bracey and Sylvia Fisher.**

**Due to popular demand, tickets for the Mums for Mums Cocktail Party will be extended to midnight Wednesday night - buy your tickets and join us for a fabulous night out!**

**Saturday 24th August  
Royal Motor Yacht Club 6:30pm**

Buy your tickets here:

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

## MERIT AWARD WINNERS

<b>KSO</b>	Poppy Playle, Luke Moore	<b>3GB</b>	Felicity Read, Sophia Wood
<b>KAJ</b>		<b>3LS</b>	Mia McDonald, Eleanor Yetts-McKern
<b>KEE</b>	Elliot Moore, Indigo Hinton-West	<b>3AR</b>	Makayla Meek, Daniel Anstey, Harvey Smith, Savannah Grey
<b>KDF</b>	Anatasia Karjalainen, Tom Cardiff	<b>3BF</b>	Mia Deathridge, Ema Maguire
<b>KJP</b>	Max Monaghan, Lara Maric	<b>4NE</b>	Grace Nielson, Jasper Giddy
<b>KEJ</b>	Mia Cox, Haddon Bateman	<b>4KH</b>	Gabrielle Byrnes, Max Barratt
<b>KMG</b>	Lilly Fahey, Milla Brown	<b>4SC</b>	Archie Blacklock, Finbar Davies
<b>1SN</b>	Sophia Lockhart, Maggie O'Sullivan	<b>4LC</b>	Oscar Hooghuis, Natasha Pierce
<b>1JJ</b>	Gemma Fleming, Gracie Merchant	<b>5LH</b>	
<b>1DD</b>	Alexandra Murray, Peri Carroll	<b>5TD</b>	
<b>1JG</b>	Holly Tulloch, Thomas Perrottet	<b>5RW</b>	
<b>1/2JF</b>	Sasha Barlow, Ellie James	<b>5/6AH</b>	Isabella Williamson, Jack Anstey,
<b>2BN</b>	Tia Simington, Sophia Cruz	<b>6GM</b>	Lauren Tinni, Sam Borg
<b>2AM</b>	Sienna Smith, Benjamin Ashe	<b>6KK</b>	Jerome Cannon, Timothy Ramsay, Thomas Bell
<b>2SC</b>	Jasmine Thoms, Kai Dryden	<b>6IW</b>	Scooter Kerstens, Renee Rounds
<b>2BG</b>	Tom Tullett, Stella Blacklock		

### **Year 1 Excursion to the Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden and Education Centre**

Last week Year 1 students visited the Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden. The aim of the excursion was to supplement the Science unit "Schoolyard Safari" Year 1 has been studying this term. The children enthusiastically participated in a variety of activities including dip-netting for mini beasts in the Garden's pond, bushwalking, craft activities and listening to a talk about mini beasts by the Rangers. Year 1 were also able to have lunch in the lovely setting of the Wildflower Gardens. Thank you to those parents who accompanied us on the excursion.

**Regards,  
Year 1 teachers.**

### **Year 5 Warriewood Wetland Excursion**



Last Thursday Year 5 went on an exciting excursion to the wetlands in Warriewood. We investigated all the fascinating types of plants, animals and the interesting climates, of the Warriewood wetlands. We were very happy to approach the environmentally friendly amusement park for animals and plants.

When we arrived at the oval opposite the Warriewood Wetlands, we sat down while the nice tour guide gave us a brief introduction of the rules and what we would do. We went to the bathroom and headed off on our tour.

Within the Wetlands and the rainforest we saw some amazing creatures. We saw an Ibis which is a type of bird. This magnificent bird spends its time in the shallow lakes of the Wetland. This bird viciously spears its prey with its long wooden like beak. Another bird is the purple swamp hen. This bird forages in the Wetland undergrowth with its hand like feet, the purple swamp hen can also walk along invading salvia. Year 5 saw many others amazing creatures like the flying fox. In fact the flying fox is a bat that can make ear scratching sounds, this bat also fights for the best spot in the wetland. The distinct layers of birds throughout the emergent layer, canopy, understory and forest floor. Many species of birds enjoy living on different levels of the rainforest. The kookaburras live on the emergent level looking over the endless jungle of green moist trees and earth. Other birds live on other levels getting lower and lower till their habitat reaches the crowded forest floor.

After hours of walking year 5 went to explore a wonderful environment which had a peaceful waterfall where the water trickled carelessly down the orange, sandy rocks. We settled down on the silky soft sand discussing different sea creatures that could be found in the glittering water. Our tour guides explained all the different types of sea creatures that could be found in the water. Sadly some of the creatures could not be found in the area we were in. One class had luckily found a yabby and a water spider. This means that these creatures are tolerant and can handle the disgusting chemicals in the water, but the other creatures are intolerant which means they cannot stand the salt water. These intolerant creatures will have to move to a better spot. Year 5 got to use special nets with long handles so we could catch things far away, we could go and investigate near the rocks, in tight spaces and in the open.

Over all Year 5 had a fabulous day at the Warriewood Wetlands. We got to see things we had never seen and learn how to take care of our environment so these places will still be here in the future.

Thankyou teaches, parents and tour guides for this extraordinary day. Special thanks to Mrs Anna Walter for planning this sensational day. We had a lovely time!



**By Caly Maguire (Calsa) and Jemima Thomas (JJ)**

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## MUSIC NEWS

**Opportunities for Fundraising.** Fundraising is important to keep our band fees to a minimum and allow as many people to participate in the band program as possible. We have two fundraising opportunities coming up: Election day, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 8am-1pm where we will be serving up bacon and egg rolls \$4.50, sausage rolls \$3.50, sausage and poppa \$5, cans \$2, bag of chips \$1. School Disco, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept where will be selling sausage rolls \$3.50, sausage and poppa \$5 and a bag of chips \$1.

Your band manager will send out an email shortly asking when you can volunteer time to assist at either of these events.

### Dates for Diary

25 <sup>th</sup> August	Performance Band playing at NSW School Band Festival at NSW University. Arrive at 1:15pm for 2.00pm performance.
27 <sup>th</sup> August	Newport Showcase Evening at Pittwater High School. All ensembles to arrive at 6.30pm.
28 <sup>th</sup> August	13 members of String Orchestra performing at the Festival of Music at the Opera House.
28 <sup>th</sup> August	Performance Band and Violin 2s playing for pre-schoolers. 9:40am in school hall.
5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Music Committee Meeting
7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Election Day – BBQ fundraiser
8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Performance Band and Stage Band playing at the NSSWE Spring Festival at Chatswood Concourse. Performance Band to arrive 6.15pm for 7.00pm concert.
12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	School Disco - BBQ fundraiser

### Canteen News

#### This Week's Roster

**Monday August 26<sup>th</sup>:** N.Roach, M.Stidwell, D.Clinton, B.Griffiths

**Tuesday August 27<sup>th</sup>:** T.Sturzaker, N.Sampson, J.Turner, M.Burlinson, L.Brown

**Wednesday August 28<sup>th</sup>:** B.Wilson

**Thursday August 29<sup>th</sup>:** F.Douglas (AM only), K.Tulloch, S.Lowe, N.England,Indy

**Friday August 30<sup>th</sup>:** V.Watkin, L.Barlow, K.Meek

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

[newportschoolcanteen@hotmail.com](mailto:newportschoolcanteen@hotmail.com)

**Sushi** - there is now a tab on the Flexischools menu for soy sauce. If you like soy with your sushi, make sure you tick this box!

Tammy is sending all the empty milk bottles used in the canteen over to KU Newport to help the children there build their own recycled igloo! The kids have promised to send us a photo when they have finished their construction work.

## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

### Online 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.

## Book Club 2013

All K-6 classes have received Issue 6 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 **WEDNESDAY 28th August**

Please allow 2 weeks for your books to arrive.

If you have any questions, please see Mrs Falconer.

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

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



### Fruit juices

Many people think fruit juice is a healthy option. While fruit juice contains some vitamins, they lack fibre, antioxidants and other nutrients found in fruit. Fruit juices are high in sugar and energy, often containing similar quantities of sugar found in soft drink. Drinking large amounts can lead to tooth decay and excess energy consumption. Here are some things to consider if choosing juice:

- ✓ Limit fruit juices to no more than half a glass per day.
- ✓ Too much juice can lead to diarrhoea.
- ✓ Consider diluting juice 50:50 with water to reduce the number of kilojoules whilst still enjoying the taste of juice.
- ✓ It is easy to drink too much juice. One popper of juice is equal in energy to two pieces of fruit.
- ✓ Consider eating a piece of fruit instead. Whole pieces of fruit and veggies have higher levels of many vitamins, minerals, antioxidants and fibre, some of which are protective factors against some cancers and heart disease.

### Screen-free things to do

Limit your child's screen time to no more than one to two hours a day. This includes television, electronic games and computer games. Offer alternatives to watching TV, until new, healthy habits are created. Some alternatives are:

- listen to music
- go to the park
- draw a picture
- play cards
- ride a bike
- read a book
- make a scrap book
- hula hoop
- jump rope
- play with your pet

***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, 14<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:nseh@bigpond.com)



# NEWPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL FETE 2013

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

## **LEGO SHOW – COORDINATOR NEEDED**

We are going to hold a Lego Show/Competition at the fete. All students may enter and entries will be combined to create a Lego Show that will be exhibited in the hall. A prize for each year will be given to the best creation. We urgently need someone to coordinate the collection, storage and display of the lego entries. If you can help, please contact Kate Long as soon as possible, details below.

## **TENTS NEEDED**

A few of our stalls are still in need of tents/canopies. If you are able to help by lending one or more, please contact Tessa Blaiklock, details below.

## **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!!**

Please keep the donations coming....and thank you for everyone who has helped out to date. We still need any quality new or 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 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.

## **NEXT FETE MEETING TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY @ 7:30PM**

We hope to see as many people as possible at the meeting – only a few weeks of preparation time left. The P&C meeting is from 7pm so please come early if you can.

## **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

## **LIKE US ON FACEBOOK**

Please go to Facebook and search “Newport Public School Fete” to find us. 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.

## **Many thanks from the Fete Committee**

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

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**Health**  
Northern Sydney  
Local Health District

### ***Important Information for Parents***

***Many children and eligible adults may be missing out on free dental care as they are not aware of the Public Dental Service. Public Dental Services have received additional Commonwealth funding and waiting times have reduced. Now is an excellent time for people to contact Public Dental Service for an appointment.***

## **Free Dental Care**

### **for all school aged children and eligible adults**

Northern Sydney Local Health District Oral Health Service provides free dental care to all children, less than 18 years old, who are eligible for Medicare and reside in the Local Health District. Recent Commonwealth funding has enabled waiting times to be considerably reduced so now is an excellent time to request dental care.

This includes general dentistry such as examinations, x-rays, fillings and extractions. For more extensive treatment children may be referred for more specialised care to another clinic in the Local Health District, Sydney Dental Hospital or Westmead Centre for Oral Health.

Dental care is provided by teams of fully qualified and experienced Dentists, Oral Health Therapists, and Dental Therapists.

**To access the service contact the dental call centre on:**

**1300 789 404**

Patients are triaged in accordance with NSW Health Policy. Those with a dental emergency- trauma, facial swelling or uncontrolled bleeding- are highest priority and will be seen on the same or next day.

Adults (18 years or older) can also access the service for dental care and denture services but must also have, or be listed as a dependant on, one of the following valid Australian government concession cards :

- Health Care Card
- Pensioner Concession Card
- Commonwealth Seniors Health Card

Dental clinics are located at Mona Vale Hospital, Dee Why, Hornsby Hospital, Royal North Shore Community Health Centre, Cox's Rd ( North Ryde) and Top Ryde.