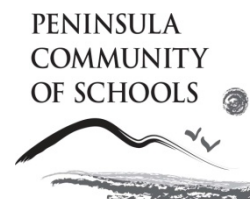




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NEWPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

Participating in performing arts learning experiences is no fun without a performance opportunity! The audience was treated to another 'warm fuzzy feeling' as we left Pittwater High School last night, after our bands, choir, dance and drama groups took to the stage to entertain us with their performances. The concert was a culmination of creative talent, hard work and time, by a team of people including staff, parents and of course the stars of the show, the students. Many thanks for your ongoing support and enthusiasm for all that happens at Newport and for helping to make memories for us all.

Is there no end to the talent at our school? Having missed out on Green Day on Thursday, on Monday I walked 2BN over to the newly planted gardens outside 1DD and was delighted by the enthusiasm with which the students talked about their role in its construction, what they had achieved and their plans for looking after the plot. This was just one of the many learning experiences (I am sure you heard about many others) that the students had during Green Day. Many thanks to our Green Team, led by Nicola Elliott and Shane Clements who were the inspiration behind many of the activities and of course, ensured the organisation of the day ran like clockwork. What "green" message did your child return home with on Thursday?

Whilst we understand that mobile phones may provide students travelling to and from school with a degree of security, inappropriate use of a mobile phone can disrupt the learning environment and make it difficult for staff to meet 'duty of care' responsibilities during school hours. It is important to remind students that, unless permission is granted from a staff member, the use of mobile phones during school hours is not allowed and the school office remains a vital and appropriate point of contact between home and school, during the school day.

Our efforts to teach students the thoughts, language and practices needed to enhance their social/emotional wellbeing has led us to a number of websites that you might find useful. St Luke's innovative resources <http://www.innovativeresources.org/> have many wonderful materials for social and emotional learning and strengths based conversations. I have published the kids health <http://kidshealth.org/> website previously as it provides some useful information about many health and wellbeing topics, divided into kids, parents and teens. There is a particularly relevant section on helping students deal with grief and ideas to help parents with difficult conversations. Follow the parent tab and click on emotions and behaviour.

We know parents had a busy day on Tuesday but it was also very busy for staff with a staff meeting at 8.30am and our teaching day, followed by a professional learning afternoon with Michael McQueen from 4-5.30pm and our showcase evening! Michael McQueen from Generation Next presented on myths about student engagement as well as timeless principles for connecting with today's students. You may find this website has some interesting articles, videos and links on student wellbeing.

<http://www.generationnext.com.au/>

Last week Newport's Snowsports team travelled south to Perisher to compete in the State Titles of the Interschool's competition. As always, the team represented Newport with pride, performing well on and off the slopes. Newport dominated the snowboarding events, with both teams progressing to the National titles to be held in Mt. Buller in 2 weeks. It seems that all of that training on the asphalt pays off with Newport finishing 2nd overall in the Primary Male Overall point score for Snowboarding, behind overall winners Jindabyne Public School! Many thanks must go to Greg Moran who supervised the team, with some assistance from Susan Tickle and of course a big thank you to our parents for their support in transporting, supervising, organizing, cheering and supporting another of our opportunities for students.

Congratulations to the Girls' Netball knock out team who won their game against Galston this week 41 to 3. This win makes them the Sydney North Metropolitan Champions. There is still one further game against Sydney West before the State Finals. Well done girls!!

Congratulations to the Year 6 debating team who last week hosted round 4 of The Premiers Debating Challenge against Collaroy Plateau. The debate was closely contested with Collaroy winning this round of the challenge. Newport School has won 3 of their 4 debates this year in the challenge and we are very proud of their achievements.

Today, a small group of students from our music program travelled to the city to rehearse and perform in the Festival of Instrumental Music. The concert consists of some choral as well as instrumental musical items and is held at the Opera House. What an honour for these students to play at such a venue and we know they will have an experience to remember.

Last Thursday the Junior Girls Chess Team travelled to Strathfield to play in the NSW state all girls tournament run by the Sydney Academy of Chess. The team was made up of seasoned veterans Nina Lindley and April Wiles, as well as Emma Poppleton who was competing for the first time. The girls came second overall which was an outstanding achievement - congratulations. Many thanks to Irina Lindley who accompanied the girls for the day.

On Saturday 14th September, anytime between 8.00am and 1.00pm, we hope to see you at school for our only Working Bee for this year. Your expertise (if you have it), time and energy (no experience necessary) is greatly appreciated as we work to maintain our environment as an enjoyable place to learn and play. There will be a job for all ages and levels of expertise and it is a great way to meet new families or catch up with our regulars and enjoy a great morning tea and lunch provided by our canteen. Please complete the Working Bee slip attached to the Natter and return to school if you can assist us on the day or you can telephone the office and let us know you will be attending.

Congratulations to the amazing Mums for Mums team, who organized a wonderful evening on Saturday Night, for our community to share a few laughs and stories over a glass of bubbles! A lot of energy and hard work went into organizing the event, with so many people donating time, resources and talent for an inspiring cause. Thank you to our incredible community for supporting each other in such a whole-hearted way and of course, we look forward to the next event.

Warmest regards,
Natalie Baldi

Dates for your diary

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	Tabitha Reeman, Summer Roland-Smith	1JJ	Riley Kingdom, Cyrus Rosenwax
KAJ	William Stonier, Mia Links	1DD	Stephen Norris, Olivia McDonald
KEE	Chloe Cogan, Kealan Giddy	1JG	Cian Sargeant, Lilyana Wawaranua
KDF	Indira Mellers, Lauchlin Griffiths	1/2JF	Asher Ginsburg, Zach Paul
KJP	Amber Ratcliffe, James Collingridge	2BN	Will Bensley, Ruby Kennedy
KEJ	Max Eccles, Lucy Kingdon	2AM	Mischa Sullivan, Hugo Butterworth
KMG	Patrick Crighton, Isabella Stephens	2SC	Will Malin, Lily Playle
1SN	Kaija Parums, Tye Jecks	2BG	Daisy Daddo, Nathan Holowaty

RUGBY UNION NEWS

Congratulations to Jasper Welsh and Zac Barnabas on their selection in the NSW State Rugby Union team. Both Jasper and Zac played extremely well for Sydney North in the week long, state knock out competition. Jack Anstey also represented Sydney North extremely well and was unlucky not to get selected in the state squad.

To help Jasper and Zac fund their expenses to represent the state at the national carnival in Canberra, they will be holding a jellybean guessing competition and selling raffle tickets over the coming weeks.

It will be 50 cents a guess to try and win a huge jar of jellybeans and \$2 per ticket to be in the draw to win a laptop computer, TV or iPod Shuffle.

Please send some money to school with your child so they can support Jasper and Zac in their efforts to represent our state.

Adam Hearne

DANCE NEWS

Congratulations children on a wonderful "Showcase Evening" last night. I was so proud of you all. Thank you also to the parents who helped out in the Holding Room. Your support and assistance is always very much appreciated. Rehearsals will continue until our final performance at the School Fete on the 19th October. 8.45am- Mondays – Years 3 and 4.

8.45am - Fridays – Year 2

Many thanks,
Sandra Nicol

GREEN DAY 2013

With students and staff alike decked out in their greenest finery, the Environmental Management Team knew Green Day would be a great day. It seems from initial feedback, that our students enjoyed "green" activities immensely and most importantly, have thought about sustainability, reducing and recycling rubbish and how caring for our environment helps our native wildlife as well. A huge thank you to all the staff and students for a wonderful day. Additionally, we would like to thank Bunnings at Narrabeen, Australian Native Landscapes, Pittwater Council, Sydney Wildlife and The Coastal Environment Centre for their support of our initiative.

The Environmental Management Team

Canteen News

This Week's Roster

Monday Sept 2nd: N Cronan, B Kenedy, L Salder, R Plunkett

Tuesday Sept 3rd: Tanti, K Richardson, R Sweet, F Griffiths

Wednesday Sept 4th: M Ramsey, L Osbourne, H Symington-jones

Thursday Sept 5th: K Paul, J Paton, C Borg, J Luckman

Friday Sept 6th: M Lye, S Law, S Carter, N Jones

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

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!

Just a reminder to any one that still has out standing money owing to the canteen for forgotten or lost lunch if you could please fix this up with the canteen. many thanks

SNOWSPORTS

Last week Newport's Snowsports team travelled south to Perisher to compete in the State Titles of the Interschool's competition. All team members represented Newport proudly, displaying great sportsmanship and skill. The students braved testing conditions and prevailed with outstanding results.

Our X country team got us off to a great start on the Tuesday with Finn Sadler finishing 3rd and Mac Omm 4th in the freestyle event. In the X country relay; our team of Mac, Finn and Cody Harker finished 4th.

In the Skier X Newport's team of Zach Zontsich, Finn Sadler and Oskar Hall finished 2nd overall with outstanding individual performances from Zach 2nd and Finn 6th.

Newport dominated the snowboarding events, with both teams progressing to the National titles. In the Boarder X the A team consisting of Mac, Jarrah Shepperd and Jordan Maunder finished 1st, with outstanding individual performances from Mac, 1st and Jarrah 5th. Mike Hogan, Sebastian Mills and Jasper Frost formed the B team who finished 5th overall.

In the Snowboard GS, Newport A team rode brilliantly with Mac 1st, Mike 7th and Jordan 8th to win the event. The B team whose members include Jarrah, Jasper and Sebastian also rode strongly and came 5th.

Newport finished 2nd overall in the Primary Male Overall point score for Snowboarding behind overall winners Jindabyne Public School.

The skiers in the Alpine event Zac, Finn, Oskar Hall and Glen Sands finished 4th overall with exceptional runs from Zach 2nd and Finn 4th.

All members of the team are to be congratulated on their achievements. Callum and India Pratt, Mia and Ella Pettit, Roxy Quinn and Anja Kastowsky all put in strong performances and were unlucky not to progress to the National titles to be held in Mt. Buller in 2 weeks, we wish them the best of luck! A great result for Newport. Well done!

Regards,
Greg Moran

YOUNG WRITERS AWARD

A Recount of the main events in Pamela Allen's story:

The Bear's Lunch

The mum made some lunch for the kids.

The Bear was looking for his lunch and he was hungry!

The kids ran away onto the jetty because they were scared!

Oliver said AARRGH!!

The Bear ran away.

Sophie Rawstorne KMG

Mobile Phone and Battery Recycling have moved!

We are committed to recycling at Newport and continue our program of recycling mobile phones and batteries (AAA to 9V only) but wanted to let everyone know that the place to drop these items is now in the library.

Thanks
Environmental Management Team.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Hats

Caps and broad-brimmed hats are also available for purchase at the school office everyday. All hats cost \$12.

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.

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. Your band manager has sent an email asking for all parents to volunteer their time to help at either the Election Day BBQ (Sept 7th) or the School Disco BBQ (Sept 12th). Please fill in what time you are available and reply to your band manager's email. **We would appreciate your response by the end of today** (August 28th), so that the fundraising committee can ensure that all spots are filled.

Dates for Diary

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.
29 th August	Training Band playing at assembly.
3 rd & 5 th Sept	Performance Band playing in assemblies.
5 th Sept	Music Committee Meeting.
7 th Sept	Election Day – BBQ fundraiser.
8 th 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 th Sept	Concert Band playing at assembly.
12 th Sept	School Disco - BBQ fundraiser.
17 th Sept	Violin 2s playing at assembly.
19 th Sept	Violin 1s playing at assembly.

Summer Touch football competition

This year's touch football season starts on October 11th.

If you are interested in putting a team together please go to www.avalonbulldogs.com.au for all registration information.

Please note that we only take team registration not individual registration.

Registration closes on September 6th.

NEWPORT OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE



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)

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): _____

Milk



Milk is a good source of calcium, which gives children healthy bones and teeth. It is recommended that children have three serves of calcium rich foods a day. A glass of milk, a slice of cheese or a small tub of yoghurt, are each considered one serve.

Due to the high energy needs of babies and toddlers, reduced-fat milk is not suitable for children aged less than two years. However, from the age of two years, drinking too much milk can reduce a child's appetite and contribute to excess energy consumption. Therefore reduced-fat milk is recommended for children two years and over.

0 - 12 months	Cow's milk is not suitable. Breastmilk is best.
12 months to 2 years	Skim milk and reduced-fat milks are not recommended.
2 years and older	Reduced-fat milk can be used.

Active tips for busy families

- ✓ make time to be active as a whole family.
- ✓ go out and play basketball, tag or soccer, throw a ball or ride a bike with your children.
- ✓ meet friends or family in a park and take balls, hoops, Frisbees, bats or other outdoor games to play.
- ✓ Set a limit on television watching, computer time and video games to no more than 2 hours a day.



VOTE AT NEWPORT SCHOOL OR BREAKFAST OR LUNCH

Saturday 7th September 8.00am – 1.00pm

All proceeds go towards
Newport Public School Music Program

Bacon and Egg
Rolls \$4.50

Sausage in a Roll
\$3.50

Sausage in Roll
and Poppa
\$5.00

Can of Soft
drink \$2.00
Chips \$1.00