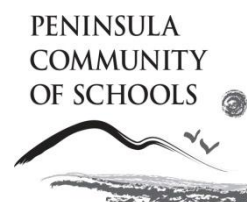




# NEWPORT NATTER



## NEWPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2014

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### Welcome Back BBQ

Another successful start to the year, celebrated with our annual Welcome Back BBQ. Fortunately this year we were lucky with the weather. It was wonderful to see so many families join us, making it such a wonderful event. Many thanks go to our wonderful team of year 6 parents who worked so hard to make it such a successful night. As always it was a team effort with many people going above and beyond!

#### Dogs at School

I would like to remind parents that dogs are not allowed on the school grounds. This is a standard policy of the Department of Education and Communities and is set in place for the safety of all children. Please refrain from bringing your dog onto the school grounds, or tying them up to the school fence. We would hate for any child to be bitten by someone else's pet.

#### Clean Up Our School Day

##### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February

On Friday the students across our school will participate in the Schools Clean Up Day. This is an initiative of Clean Up Australia. Whilst we don't expect to pick up much rubbish at Newport, we do hope that this day will help students to be mindful of keeping our lovely environment clean of litter so that everyone can enjoy it. Further information about this day has been provided by Mrs Elliot in this week's Natter.

#### Kindergarten Playground equipment

This week we have installed a range of new playground activities in our Kindergarten playground. The activities are designed to promote creative play with the children. Our youngest students are all very excited with the new equipment. **Many thanks to our dedicated P&C Association for their significant contribution to assist with the purchase of this equipment.**

#### Peninsula Community of Schools (PCS) Extension Class Test 2015

The PCS Year 7 Extension Class Test 2015 will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014. Each local PCS High School runs an extension class stream. To be considered for placement in these classes in 2015 Year 6 students must complete the Extension Class Test. A package with all of the details is available at the front office for Year 6 (2014) students interested in sitting for the Extension Class Test. Applications are due to Narrabeen Sports HS by February 28th. A flyer is attached to the Natter. All enquiries for the Year 7 2015 Extension Class test should be directed to Alison Waddy at Narrabeen Sports High School, 99137820.

#### Pittwater Zone Swimming Carnival

##### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Our talented swimmers will be representing Newport at the Pittwater Zone Swimming carnival in two weeks. I would like to wish them all good luck. I know they will be fabulous representatives of our school.

#### Parent Teacher Interviews

During the week beginning Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April (Week 11), all class teachers will be conducting parent/teacher interviews. The Term 1 interviews will give you the opportunity to share your knowledge about your child with his/her teacher and to discuss your child's educational needs, successes and areas for development. More specific details regarding dates and times will follow soon but please keep this in mind when planning your upcoming events.

## PSSA Knockout Competitions

This year Newport will enter teams in netball, soccer, rugby, cricket (girls and boys), softball (girls and boys) and girls touch football. These are state wide competitions and are different from weekly PSSA sport played on Friday. If selected children need to commit to one to two training sessions prior to each game. This will increase if the team progresses well into the competition. All transport is provided by parents to and from the venues. We will have some home games close to school. If the team is successful and progresses well into the competition travel to venues some distance away will be required. These are great competitions for our talented young sports people, and Newport has been state champions in a range of sports over many years. Good luck everyone!

Regards,  
Margaret Charlton  
Principal

### Dates for diary

|                                     |                               |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b> | <b>Zone Swimming carnival</b> |
| <b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b> | <b>Athletics Carnival 1-6</b> |

## Fundraising 2014 - Call for Volunteers

The P&C Fundraising Committee has some really exciting plans for 2014 and we are looking for volunteers to help plan, coordinate and host these events. Our first meeting is planned for Monday, March 3rd at 2 pm in the Canteen. If you are interested in volunteering in any way, please contact Shani Law ([shanilaw@hotmail.com](mailto:shanilaw@hotmail.com)).

### MERIT AWARD WINNERS

|            |                                    |              |   |
|------------|------------------------------------|--------------|---|
| <b>KOP</b> | Arno Scamps, Tess Lever            | <b>2BG</b>   | Ries Diaz-Bauste, Holly Tulloch             |
| <b>KAJ</b> | Lily Dann, Reef Nagle              | <b>3LW</b>   | Emma Poppleton, Aidan Russell               |
| <b>KEP</b> | Leo Edwards, Summer Smith          | <b>3KH</b>   | Sash Barlow, Lachlan Francis                |
| <b>KJP</b> | Archie Pepper, April Webster       | <b>3AR</b>   | Hamish Douglas, Sierra Hutchinson           |
| <b>KEJ</b> | Ela Murphy, Austin Gibbes          | <b>3RB</b>   | Bethany Lever, Hunter Yeats                 |
| <b>KMG</b> | Liam McCullough, Alyssa Kelso      | <b>4NE</b>   | Morgan Flynn, Holly Bracey                  |
| <b>1SN</b> | Lilly Fahey, Matteo Meucci         | <b>4GM</b>   | Kai Ess, Lani Crighton                      |
| <b>1JJ</b> | Molly Jones, Jack Jones            | <b>4LC</b>   | Billy Cardiff, Charly Proctor               |
| <b>1DD</b> | Darcy Dwyer, Sophia Urbane         | <b>4SC</b>   | April Wiles, Kia Raffles                    |
| <b>1AD</b> | Poppy Playle, Misha James          | <b>5AW</b>   | Gabby Bryant, Jai Cummings                  |
| <b>1JB</b> | Gus Molyneux, Leilani Spring       | <b>5JL</b>   | Dylan Johnson, Lucinda Hickson              |
| <b>1CC</b> | Lily Nicholson, James Collingridge | <b>5/6AH</b> | Edward Stokes, Charlotte Banbury            |
| <b>2JF</b> | Jeremy Kirkland, Matilda Warren    | <b>5TD</b>   | Hailey Carter, Thomas Bensley               |
| <b>2BN</b> | India Pratt, Maggie O'Sullivan     | <b>6KK</b>   | Jemima Thomas, Tom Donohoe                  |
| <b>2AM</b> | Romy Cormack, Olivia McDonald      | <b>6IW</b>   | Jazmine Lerpiniere, Lily Grant, Wilson Hall |
| <b>2SC</b> | Oliver Griffiths, Zara McCauley    | <b>6IM</b>   | Amy LeBlang, Luc Power                      |

## SCHOOLS CLEANUP DAY FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

On Friday February 28, the students at Newport Public School will participate in Schools Clean Up Day. This initiative is part of Clean Up Australia Day.

Clean Up Australia Day has been going since 1990 and volunteers have helped pick up over 200,000 tonnes of rubbish over the last 23 years. While we don't expect to pick up *much* rubbish at Newport, we do hope that this day will help students to be mindful of keeping our lovely environment clean of garbage so that everyone can enjoy it.

Students are asked to bring gloves in on the day (if they wish) and a bag that can be used to put the rubbish in. Permission notes have been sent home for those wishing to opt out of the day.

## NEWPORT CARES – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Newport Cares is an initiative designed to provide assistance and support to NPS families who find themselves in sudden trauma or need. Systems of support exist within the generalised school community and Newport Cares is a formalised extension of this. We have received wonderful feedback from the families that Newport Cares has assisted in the past and would like to continue this support in 2014. Newport Cares helps co-ordinate assistance from the school community to a family. This could include providing meals, packed school lunches, transport to school, home help etc. You may be asked to provide a lunch or pay \$6 for a lunch at the canteen only once or twice a year. We would like to thank all those who offered their very valuable help in the past and are asking for a list of volunteers who are willing to be involved in the 2014 program.

Please send an email to [newportcares@gmail.com](mailto:newportcares@gmail.com) if you would like to contribute to this very worthwhile initiative. Thank you for your support,

**Bron Green, Nicola Elliott, Anna Walters, Natalie Baldi (on behalf of Newport Cares)**

## UNIVERSITY OF NSW COMPETITIONS

The University of NSW runs competitions in Science, Writing, English and Mathematics to provide opportunities for capable students in Years 3-6 to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external exam. Students who participate will receive a certificate and a letter detailing results which highlight students' strengths and areas for development. Please note, as these are externally set written tests they may be more suited to children with high language skills. Participation in these tests is optional.

Information notes for these competitions will go home with the students this week. Entries must be returned **to the office no later than Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2014. No late entries can be accepted.** Additional entries can be obtained from the office or the school website.

**PLEASE ENSURE ALL APPLICATIONS HAVE YOUR CHILDS FULL NAME AND CLASS LEGIBLY WRITTEN ON THE SUBMITTED SHEET TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.**

## DEBATING AND PUBLIC SPEAKING

It was very exciting to see so many Year 5 and Year 6 students being involved in debating this year. These students will spend Thursday lunchtimes refining their debating skills with Mrs Windon and Mrs Clements. Year 5 students will have the opportunity to participate in the PCS friendly debates later in Term 2 and 3. Year 6 students have been entered into the Premier's Debating Challenge and will have the opportunity to advance in a Round Robin style competition. We wish all students the best of luck.

Newport will again participate in the Multicultural Perspectives Speaking Competition in 2014. Students from year 3 to 6 have the opportunity to prepare and present their speeches at Thursday assemblies.

For their prepared speech students need to choose from the following topics.

| 2014 Years 3&4 Topics                     | 2014 Years 5&6 Topics             |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| Racism is bullying                        | Asylum seekers                    |
| Multiculturalism at the FIFA World Cup    | The meaning of Australia Day      |
| Empathising with other people             | Getting a multicultural education |
| How kids can make a difference            | Learning different languages      |
| Harmony Day                               | Religion                          |
| Every family has a story                  | Multiculturalism in the media     |
| My overseas connections                   | The same but different            |
| When does a migrant become an Australian? | Un-Australian                     |
| Multiculturalism at school                | Stereotypes                       |
| What makes a community?                   | Living between cultures           |

Two students from each stage will be chosen to advance to the local final which is held at Collaroy Plateau School in Term 2.

**Any student wishing to participate in this competition needs to see Mrs Clements or Miss Mallin before the 7<sup>th</sup> March.**

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Premier's Reading Challenge.

Hopefully, many of you are under way in the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) for 2014. It is open to all students from Kindergarten to Year 9. All the details (booklists and rules, etc) are available on the website:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge/>. You will be able to enter the books you have read into your Reading Record at the PRC website after 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2014 (keep a record of them until then). Once at the website, log on using your school user name (first name.last name) and password and select 'student reading record'. Type in the PRC book ID code (get from booklists at website) or the title and author, then click 'add'. If the book is a free choice book, click on the 'add a choice book' tab near the top and follow the instructions. You will be able to access the PRC website in the library during second half lunch, Monday to Thursday, if you are having problems at home. Ask at the library if you have any questions.

For those families not familiar with Premier's Reading Challenge, it has four categories: K-2 – children must 'experience' 30 books (read either by, to or with them – teachers included), Years 3-4, Years 5-6 and Years 7-9 (these three groups read 20 books each). Of the total books for each category, students can read up to 5 books **not** from the official booklists (free choice). Students can read books from booklists above their category, but not from lists below (except 'choice' books). The 'challenge' finishes on 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2014. So, happy reading!

**Stephanie Bracey, Sally Morgan and Rita Ericsson.**

## SNOW SPORTS

The Sochi Winter Olympics has certainly brought feelings of anticipation for our coming snow season. The Interschools Snow Sports hosts many of the events seen in the skiing and snowboarding in Russia and also rewards achievers with a podium finish including gold, silver and bronze medals. To learn about Newport's involvement in the Interschools, interested families are invited to attend an Information Afternoon to be held Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March in the Music room at 3:45pm. This session will cover the role of the Interschools body, how races are conducted, our training program, costs, Newport's targets for 2014 etc. as well as answering any questions or queries. The Information Afternoon generally concludes after around one hour.

This year Newport's snow program is looking to increase its numbers in Cross Country Skiing. If you are fit, like team sports, have an interest in cross country running or down hill skiing this could be just the sport for you. The Cross Country Freestyle and Relay events offer children who would perhaps not attend the Regional Interschools (held during the July Holidays) the opportunity to compete for their school on a more level playing field with the added bonus of no lift pass costs. The Cross Country races are held next to the Nordic Shelter in Perisher during August's State Interschools. This traditional discipline is also a heap of fun and can contribute considerably in our overall school competition point score.

**Information Afternoon: 3:45 pm Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March in the Music Room.**

The Snow Sports Committee

## CHESS NEWS

Training for competition players will commence tomorrow at 3:30pm in Mr Tickle's Music Room. All competitors are urged to return their permission notes if they haven't already. Edson Ortiz will be preparing players for two big One Day Tournaments coming up next month. The Interschools Chess Challenge conducted by the Sydney Academy of Chess will be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March at Bilgola Plateau Public School. The Northern Beaches One Day Tournament will be held Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at Mona Vale Public School.

It has been wonderful to see so many very young and enthusiastic players coming to Social Chess every Thursday lunch. Every child years 1-6 is welcome to attend these social gatherings and enjoy a game or two with a friend.

**Mark Tickle**

## CANTEEN NEWS

**Monday Mar 3rd: N Simpson, V Watkin**

**Tuesday Mar 4th: R Wilson, T Brown, A Robinson, H Paul**

**Wednesday Mar 5th: M Stidwell, K Davis**

**Thursday Mar 6th: N Mikic, E Fleming, J Pride**

**Friday Mar 7th: A Upton, T Berkley, N Joness, J Lobb**

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)

## MUSIC NEWS

**It is not too late to join the Training Band:** Training Band started this morning (26/2/13). We have a good number of keen students, however we are still looking for students interested in playing the Trombone, Bassoon, French Horn, Baritone Horn, Tuba, Bass Clarinet, Tenor saxophone or Oboe. If you are interested in your child joining the Training Band and want to find out more please contact John Stone on 0412 622 891 or [johnnomuzik@hotmail.com](mailto:johnnomuzik@hotmail.com).

**\*\*Special Offer\*\*** We are offering free instrument hire for Trombone, Tuba and Bassoon. Save \$200. Hurry as there are only a limited number of instruments. Please contact for Elena Casanova on [stelanova2@optusnet.com.au](mailto:stelanova2@optusnet.com.au) for details.

**Registration forms and fees** are now due for all ensembles. A registration form was attached to last week's Natter. All students, both new and returning, are required to complete a registration form. Completed forms and payment should be placed in the band box located in the foyer of the office. Please note that cash payments are not to be placed in the band box, but must be taken to any Commonwealth Bank and deposited directly into the Newport School Band account.

### Dates for Diary

Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Feb

Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Mar

19<sup>th</sup> May

23<sup>rd</sup> June

Training Band starts

Music Committee Meeting 7.00pm main staffroom

Combined rehearsal for String Opera House performance

Senior members of String Orchestra playing at Opera House

## NEWPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAM

# It is not too late to join the Training Band

The Training Band started on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February, however there is still availability for a number of instruments including:

Trombone

Bassoon

French Horn

Baritone Horn

Tuba / Euphonium

Tenor Saxophone

Bass Clarinet

Oboe



**\*\*Special\*\*\*Free Instrument Hire\*\*\* Save \$200\*\***

The Music Program is offering free instrument hire for Tuba, Trombone and Bassoon. Please contact Elena Casanova on [stelanova2@optusnet.com.au](mailto:stelanova2@optusnet.com.au)

The Training Band practices each Wednesday from 7.10 to 8.20am. Please note that children are allowed stay at school after this time. The canteen opens around 8.30am and offers a limited breakfast menu for band kids.

If you are interested in your child joining the Training Band please contact John Stone on 0412 622 891 or [johnnomuzik@hotmail.com](mailto:johnnomuzik@hotmail.com).

Further information is on our school's website

[www.newport-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.newport-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)





## Not enrolled for NOOSHC for 2014?

*Here are three reasons why you should be.*

When you're busy juggling all the commitments in life, sometimes it's good to know that help is at hand. So even if you've never considered using before or after school care before, there are some good reasons to enrol your child for Newport Outside Of School Hours Care (NOOSHC) for 2014.

### **1. It helps make life easier.**

Working parents understand how hard it can be to fit work into school hours, especially when their work is far from home. NOOSHC offers professional and inexpensive care from 7am to 6.30 at night, with afternoon tea and a range of activities, games, arts & crafts etc provided. So it's easier to get in a full day's work, while knowing your children are safe, secure & happy.

### **2. It's a backup when you need it.**

If you don't work, you still know that things can come up — making it hard to get to drop off or pick up on time. That's why NOOSHC also offers casual placements for children who are registered with the centre.

By registering your child in NOOSHC, you can simply book in for the days you need, without committing to a regular place. And if you're running late due to traffic or unforeseen events, your child can enjoy the activities NOOSHC has to offer until you pick them up. The alternative is waiting at the school office, which your children will assure you, is much less fun.

You can only take advantage of this emergency backup if you register in advance — pick up the forms from Jo or Judy at the centre next time you're at school.

### **3. Children love it,**

Ask most parents who use the NOOSHC service, and they'll tell you their children often complain if they're picked up too soon — with many parents told to come back later. And it's easy to see why: any morning or afternoon you'll see children running in the playground with friends from different classes, playing sport, building forts, putting on plays, and creating all sorts of great arts and crafts. Following on from observation of the children, the friendly staff program games, activities, arts & crafts that are developmentally suitable for the various ages of the children who attend. The children get to choose which activities they'll join, and which friends they'd like to play with — it's like a play date, with better toys!!

### **How to register:**

To register for a casual or permanent placement, visit NOOSHC and speak with our Centre Manager, Jo or the Assistant Centre Manager, Judy and to pick up an enrolment package. There's a bit to fill in, but you'll be creating more flexibility in your life, and making the most of this not-for-profit, parent-run (but professionally staffed) centre.

**For enquiries:**



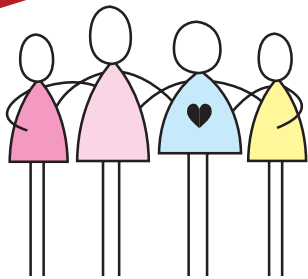
**02 9979 9874**

*Jo Newton - Centre Manager*

*Judy Longworth – Assistant Centre Manager*

**\$30 PER FAMILY**

**SATURDAY 29TH MARCH 2014**



**MUMS FOR MUMS NEWPORT**  
FAMILY OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

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**• BERT PAYNE RESERVE • NEWPORT BEACH • GATES OPEN 6PM**

**SNOW CONES AND POPCORN**

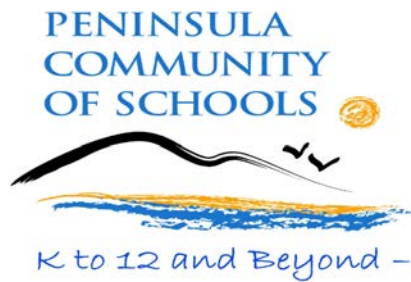
**MOVIE COMMENCES AT 7PM**

**BRING ALONG PICNIC RUGS, BEAN BAGS & PILLOWS**

**DRINKS & BBQ AVAILABLE FROM NEWPORT SURF CLUB**

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING MUMS FOR MUMS NEWPORT THROUGH THIS COMMUNITY EVENT.





# *Peninsula Community of Schools*

## *Year 7 2015*

### *Extension Class Test*

All enquiries for the Year 7 2015 Extension Class test should be directed to Alison Waddy

#### **Narrabeen Sports High School**

Enquiries: 99137820

A package with all of the details is available in Primary Schools for Year 6 (2014) students interested in sitting for the Extension Class Test

**Test date: Tuesday the 11th of March 2014**



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