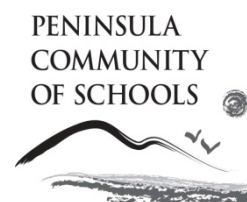




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NEWPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday 19th March 2014

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Congratulations Newport Chess Team

On Monday our talented chess players competed in the Interschool Chess Challenge at Bilgola Plateau PS with outstanding results. Finn Sadler came first overall individually, an outstanding achievement. Newport PS was placed first in this competition and will go on to compete in the second round of finals. Well done everyone for a great team effort. Congratulations to Finnley Sadler, Aaron Hughes, Nina Lindley, Thiago Ortiz, Thomas Poppleton, April Wiles, Jethro Browne, Harrison Taurins, Rafael Ortiz, Arshvir Singh, Thomas Bensley, Lachlan Zaraza and Vishal Fisher.

Trees

With current bad weather and the tragic incident that occurred in a Sydney school, we have had enquiries about trees in our school. Recently all NSW Public Schools were directed to engage the services of qualified arborists to assess all trees on school sites. Newport PS has done this and we hope to have our assessment completed shortly. The Department of Education will then contract the work that needs to be completed. The trees in Trafalgar Park have been assessed by arborists engaged by Pittwater Council, and a significant number were removed by the council last year.

Kiss And Drop parking

Thank you to the parents who have been complying with the P2 Kiss and Drop parking. It makes a significant difference to the traffic flow around the school when the Kiss and Drop zones are used correctly. Compliance officers from Pittwater Council have visited the school 3 times in the last week enforcing the P2 parking. Please be aware that we have parents at the school who have a disabled parking authority and are legally allowed to park in the Kiss and Drop zone for up to half an hour. Please assist and support these parents by respecting their right to park in these zones.

Athletics Carnival – Years 1 - 6

Friday 28th March

Sydney Academy of Sport, Wakehurst Parkway, Narrabeen

On Friday 28th March we will hold our annual Athletics Carnival at Narrabeen. This year children from Years 1 – 6 will participate on the day. The early date has been a result of availability of the Sydney Academy of Sport for our event. Put the date in your diary.

Due to the early timing of this event this year Kindergarten will have a separate Sports Carnival later in the year at Newport Oval.

Parent Teacher Interviews

During the week beginning Monday 7th 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 their educational needs, successes and areas for development. **Bookings will open from Monday 24th, 4.00pm, and a note will be sent home with booking details on that day.**

K-2 Easter Parade

Thursday 10th April

Our Easter Parade will be held on the Thursday before we break for the Easter holidays. Students from Kindergarten to Year 2 participate in this parade. The parade will start at 2.00pm in the western playground. I look forward to seeing all the students' wonderful creations.

Sports Uniforms

At the beginning of each year we endeavour to make sure our students all have the current school uniform. Please note that the correct sports uniform for girls and boys is royal blue Newport shorts. Pleated skirts are not part of the school uniform.

Cricket Knockout

The boys' cricket team played Manly West yesterday at Newport Oval. They were defeated by 6 wickets. Thank you to Mr Hearne for coaching the boys and to Mr Aroney who stepped in at the last minute to take the team to the game.

Regards,
Margaret Charlton
Principal

Dates for diary

Friday 28th March	Athletics Carnival 1-6
Thursday 10th April	Easter Parade K-2

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 11th 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.

MERIT AWARD WINNERS

KOP	Louisa Stokes, Harley Potiuch	2BG	Stella Hein, Jake Clarke
KAJ	Pearl Pride, Oscar Harper	3LW	Toby Urban, Ella Hadzic, Zoe Turner
KEP	Cara Crawford, Jack Long	3KH	Dylan Hurst, Ella Pettitt
KJP	Joe Warren, Bailee Raymont	3AR	Finn Epplett, Sienna Jones
KEJ	Ava Munro, Max Baker	3RB	Tomas Richards, Ella George
KMG	Ava Jeans, Ben Higgins	4NE	Jasper Sargeant, Angela Carter
1SN	Elliot Moore, Flynn Lange	4GM	Edie Burke, Jackson Zaraza
1JJ	Jesse Heslop, Eva Bell	4LC	Mia Marsh, Thiago Ortiz
1DD	Sophia Tailby, Bayley Sadler	4SC	Mia McDonald, Charlie Bentley
1AD	Oliver Menzies, Laura Kelso	5AW	Tess Masters, Jarod Brown
1JB	William Stonier, Amber Ratcliffe	5JL	Emily Gayner, Jack Bates
1CC	Sophia Rawstorne, Asher Batchelor	5/6AH	Bianca Garbett, Zac Lutherborrow
2JF	Max Jordan, Lewis Whiley	5TD	Skye Stone, Eleanor Harisson
2BN	Monte Bransby-Wright, Toby Harper	6KK	Riley White, Ruby O'Keefe
2AM	Summer Brennan, Will Phelan	6IW	Seb Mills, Hugh Downey
2SC	Lachlan Zaraza, Rose Hocking	6IM	Stella Campbell, Jai Walsh

SCIENCE CLUB IS ON AGAIN!

Any Year 3 or 4 students wishing to go in the draw to be a part of Science Club in Term 2 can collect a note from the office. Once the note is filled in and signed by a parent, it can be returned to the office. Ten students will be drawn from the Science Club "hat" in Week 10 and will start Science Club in Week 1 of Term 2. Science Club was established in 2009 to promote and further students' interest in science within a safe and stimulating environment. Experiments and activities carried out may include: Dancing Ice, Spaghetti Bridge Building, Lava Lamp Making and answering questions such as: "How many drops of water fit on a 5c piece?"

The Club is run by Mrs Walter and Mrs Mailler on Tuesdays at lunchtime.

YOUNG WRITERS AWARD

Year 4 have thoroughly enjoyed exploring texts by Roald Dahl - one of their favourites has been "The Witches". Archie Gordon was selected as our Young Writer for his creative and descriptive use of language.

The Grand High Witch - by Archie Gordon (4SC)

The Grand High Witch is the boss of all the witches in the world. She is also the scariest and ugliest witch. The Grand High Witch wears a mask to hide her extremely ugly rotting face from view. She also wears gloves to hide her very pointy claws. She has to squish her box like feet with no toes into small lady shoes, which is very hard. She has massive nostrils for smelling out children and blue ink like spit. She behaves in a horrible manner that nobody likes or respects. Her goals are to get rid of all the children in England with her Formula 81 Mouse Maker and then to finally get rid of all the children in the world.

Year 3, have been looking at the structure and language features of imaginative texts.

Week 8's Young Writer Award was given to Mia after she turned a very simple text into an interesting Narrative by include more detail and descriptive language.

Well done Mia!

The Little Fish

ORIGINAL

Once there was a little black fish.
One day along came a big hungry shark.
The little fish hid in the seaweed.
Up came the shark.
The little fish hid under a great big black whale.
The shark swam away.

IMPROVED

By Mia, 3KH

Once there was an adventurous little black fish named Grace. She was exploring a new ocean and didn't know anybody there, but was happy to just swim around and see new things.
One day Grace was swimming happily in the big ocean when suddenly everybody swam away as fast as they could. "But why?" wondered Grace, then she looked behind her and there, was a big shark!
In Grace's old home, everybody was nice, even the sharks! So she went up to the shark and cheerfully said "Hi!"
The shark glared at her and Grace was so frightened that she swam away as fast as she could.
When the shark was out of sight, Grace stopped and hid in some long green seaweed. For a while, she was all alone. Then Grace spotted the shark. The scary looking shark had sharp teeth and was very big. The shark was grey and had a big fin on his back. That's where he got his name, Spike!
Spike swam over to the seaweed and said, "I know you're in there!" Grace was very scared, but didn't move or make any noise.
The shark eventually swam elsewhere and Grace swam under a big black whale. She was hard to see there because she was black and so was the whale.
Spike looked everywhere but couldn't find her so he swam slowly away.
Grace came out of her hiding place and thanked the whale for her help before going back to happily swimming around the ocean.
Grace was always much more careful when she met new fish, after that scary experience!

CHESS NEWS

On Monday 13 Newport chess players headed up to Bilgola Plateau Public School to compete in the first regional round of the Sydney Academy of Chess' 2014 Interschools Tournament. 56 students from five different schools played seven rounds of chess throughout the one day tournament with trophies and medals being awarded to the top ten individuals and top three qualifying schools. Newport took four of the top ten individual places with Finnley Sadler's perfect score (the only student in the contest to achieve this) of 7 wins from 7 games placing him in first place with Aaron Hughes 3rd, Nina Lindley 9th and Thiago Ortiz 10th. Thomas Poppleton also finished 11th so will make up the team of 5 invited through to the next round. The overall winning school is determined by the scores from the top five players (being those mentioned) added together. Newport's score of 22.5 saw them take first place with Sacred Heart Mosman 2nd on 20 points and Manly West P.S on 17.5 points 3rd. The three qualifying schools will now head to the next round of finals. Many thanks to all the parents who helped to transport the children to and from the event and Edson Ortiz for his ongoing voluntary coaching and support.

Next week five teams made up of three players each will head to Mona Vale for the Northern Beaches One Day Tournament. Players are reminded to return their permission notes this week and attend the Thursday afternoon training session in Mr Tickle's room. Players will meet on the day of the competition; Wednesday 26th March at 8:30am in the Music room.

Mark Tickle

SNOWSPORTS NEWS

Thankyou to all of the parents who attended our parent information sessions. The teams are looking strong and Newport will again be a tough match for our competitors.

We are still looking for a Junior Female Snowboarder (in Year K - 4) and any Senior (Year 5 or 6) girls to join the Alpine or Skier Cross Teams. If you can help, please see Mr Tickle.

If you missed our information evening please check our website www.newportsnowsports.wix.com/newportsnowsports and the NSW Interschool's website www.nswinterschools.org.au. These websites give a very clear overview and details about the snow sports program and events.

We will be looking to draft teams in the next few weeks. Dry land training will begin after the Easter holidays in Week 2.

Please fill in the details below so we can include you in a team.

Let it Snow, Mark Tickle

Students Name : _____

Class: _____

Discipline (please tick)

Ski Alpine

Ski X

Moguls

Cross Country Ski

Snowboard GS

Snowboard Cross

Mobile contact number: _____

Email address: _____

Year 1- Year 2 Athletics Carnival

The Athletics Carnival is on Friday 28th March. Students need to wear their sports uniform but may wear a t-shirt, socks and ribbons in their house colour. All students will be travelling by bus to the Sydney Academy of Sport at Narrabeen.

Year1 and Year 2 students will compete in grade running races. There will be no finals as the focus of the day is to keep the children active in as many activities as possible and to have a fun day. Other activities include novelty races such as sack races and ball games.

To abide by the Narrabeen Sports Centre policy we ask all parents and toddlers to stay out of the arena at all times. At the completion of the Year 1- Year 2 Carnival the teachers will walk their classes over to the fence, one grade at a time, to meet parents. You may take your child home with you at lunchtime but please see your child's class teacher first and have their name marked off the roll. Students may not go home with anyone other than their own parents without written permission.

The buses return to school at 1.45pm. The carnival is usually one of the highlights of our school program and we look forward to seeing many of you there.

Year 1 and Year 2 Teachers

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Hopefully, many of you have started reading for 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 now be able to enter the books you have read into your Reading Record at the PRC website. 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.

For those families not familiar with the 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 the 22nd August, 2014. So, happy reading!

Stephanie Bracey, Sally Morgan and Rita Ericsson

MUSIC NEWS

Music Committee Meeting tonight: The music program at Newport is run entirely by parent volunteers. We encourage all new and existing parents of the music program to come and join the meetings. The second music committee meeting for this year is scheduled for tonight starting at 7.30pm. If you want any further information please contact the music president Fiona Gudmunson at fgudmunson@bigpond.com.

It is not too late to join the Training Band: Training Band started on 26th March. The band rehearsals have been going well, however we are still looking for more players 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.

****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 for details.

Registration forms and fees are now overdue due for all ensembles. If you require an extension of time due to financial hardship please contact Sherri on sherri@pittwaterresearch.com.au. The treasurer is volunteer position and it is unfair if she has to spend large amounts of time chasing overdue fees.

Dates for Diary

19 th Mar	Music Committee Meeting 7.30pm main staffroom
7 th April	Performance Band playing at Pittwater High School. Arrive 6.30pm for 7.00pm start.
19 th May	Combined rehearsal for String Opera House performance
23 rd June	Senior members of String Orchestra playing at Opera House

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Boys Long Sleeve Shirts

The Uniform shop does not currently stock long sleeve shirts for boys. However, we will be offering these as a trial. Simply order online at flexischools.com.au and the shirts will be delivered to your child in week 2 of Term 2. Shirts will cost \$22. Orders must be placed by 5pm Friday, 25 April. For now, the shirts **will not be stocked** and must be ordered in advance.

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**.

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

The canteen will be **CLOSED** on Friday the 28th march. The athletics carnival is on so only kindy will be at school.

Please do not order lunch on this day

Roster for next week

Monday Mar 24th: J Masters, S Law, S Carter, K Maguire

Tuesday Mar 25th: J Pepper, K Ryan, E Wilson, K Ginsburg

Wednesday Mar 26th: M Smith, M Oakley, L May

Thursday Mar 27th: S Lowe, V Brown, C Thomas, V Gordon

Friday Mar 28th: A Surfield, J Paruns, M Ramsay

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

Annual Trivia Night Fundraiser May 16th – Save the Date!

In 2013 we had a very memorable trivia night fundraiser and we are looking to do it all again in 2014. The date has been set for Friday May 16th and it will be an 80's themed night. So take those Choose Life T-shirts and crimpers out of storage and get ready for another cracking night. More details to follow soon!

Evening Christmas Market Fundraiser

The P&C Fundraising Committee will also be hosting an Evening Christmas Market in November this year. Details will follow over the following weeks, however if you are interested in having a stall at these markets, please register your interest by emailing Shani Law (shanilaw@hotmail.com) or visit Tammy in the canteen.

We have had such an enthusiastic response to our call for helpers for fundraising for the school this year, thank you to everyone who has put their hand up so far. If you are interested in helping in any way, please let us know by contacting Shani (shanilaw@hotmail.com) or seeing Tammy in the canteen.

2014 Newport Public School P&C Association Fundraising

All New Mothers' Day Stall!

For our first fundraising event of the year the P&C Fundraising Committee will be holding a Mother's Day stall on **Friday 9th May**, so that our children can spoil their mum and support their school at the same time!!

Thursday 10th April – Gift Donation

On this day we are asking all children to please bring to school with them a **small** Mother's Day gift with an approximate value of \$5. Some gift ideas include mugs, chocolates, stationary, jewellery, body lotion etc. A great variety of gifts will ensure that there is plenty for the kids to choose from! **NO SECOND HAND GIFTS PLEASE.** If you would like your child to purchase more than 1 gift at the stall please send in the same number of gifts as your child will be purchasing. The gifts are to be placed in your child's classroom in the boxes provided.

Stall – Friday 9th May – \$5

On this day please send in with your child \$5 in an envelope with your child's name and class written on the front. This will ensure no-ones money will be lost.

The children will visit the stall with their class and will be able to make their very important choice of a beautiful gift for mum! All gifts will be priced at \$5.

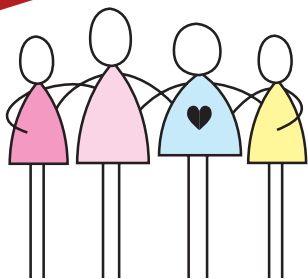
If you have any questions regarding the Mother's Day Stall Fundraiser or to offer a helping hand please email Sarah Hudson (srhudson@tpg.com.au) or Shani Law (shani12w@hotmail.com)

Thanks for your continuing support!!



\$30 PER FAMILY

SATURDAY 29TH MARCH 2014



MUMS FOR MUMS NEWPORT
FAMILY OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

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FOR TICKETS AND MORE DETAILS SEE WWW.MUMSFORMUMS.ORG.AU



• 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.

