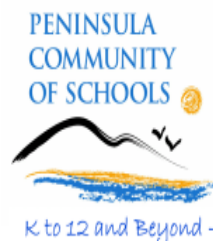




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NEWPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday 2nd April 2014

A Message from the Principal

It is with mixed emotions that I announce the farewell of Mr Tom Davidson. Tom has been successful in gaining the position of Assistant Principal at Seaforth Public School. He has been an invaluable member of the Newport executive team for 9 years, contributing to the effective running of our school. Tom will leave Newport a huge legacy, with the development and growth of a significant technology infrastructure to support the learning of students across the school. He has been instrumental in the development of staff skills in the use of new and existing technologies. His passion for technology and the learning of every child have been valuable characteristics. Mr D will be greatly missed by the students, who love his enthusiasm, passion and humour. He will leave a major gap in our school, but we wish him well in his new role and his future career.

A big congratulations to Adam Hearne, he and his wife Mel welcomed new arrival, a baby girl 'Evie Grace' born on the 18th March 2014. Wishing them all the best.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Athletics Carnival

The 2014 Newport Athletics Carnival was held on Friday the 28th at the Narrabeen Academy of Sport. The carnival was a success with many students participating in the 100m, 200m and 800m events to represent their houses. A forecast of bad weather could not dampen Newport's spirits and the war cries, led by the house captains could be heard echoing throughout the hills of Narrabeen, showing the true spirit of Newport students. Well done to Ashlie Edwards who broke the Snr Girls 800m record with a time of 2.41.42.

The results for the Athletics Carnival are not final as we still need to hold the field events back at school next term. The results for the track events are as follows:

Beranghi: 424

Biala: 421

Amaroo: 400

Cabarita: 280

Newport students are to be congratulated on the spirit in which they competed and cheered on their friends and fellow house mates. Their behaviour throughout the day was excellent. Thank you Mr Moran and the high functioning organising team. Another outstanding Newport event.

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 discuss your child's educational needs, successes and areas for development. When booking online you will receive a return email which will have the location of your interview. To make an interview booking go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and use the code G4TN4.

K-2 Easter Parade

Thursday 10th April

Our Easter Parade will be held on Thursday before we break for Easter. 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.

3-6 Easter Display

Our students from years 3-6 have created interesting and vibrant artwork around the theme of Easter. These displays will be up for you to peruse from the beginning of next week. Years 3 & 4 can be viewed from their classroom windows and years 5 & 6 will have their Eggoramas on display in the Video Conference room.

Musica Viva-

Last Monday the school was treated to a fantastic Musica Viva concert performed by Datiwuy Dreaming, an Aboriginal band that travelled all the way from Arnhem Land in the Northern Territory to be with us.

The show included Aboriginal stories about the yidaki (didgeridoo), crocodile, morning star, butterflies and barramundi. It was fantastic to hear Aboriginal people speak their native language and see traditional dances from the world's oldest surviving culture. Mr Tickle did a great job in teaching the children about Aboriginal music, dance and culture in the lead-up to the concert, their learning evident in their knowledge of the songs and dances. Thank you Mr Tickle.



Cross Country Carnival

Thursday 1st May

We will hold our annual Cross Country Carnival at Newport Oval on Thursday 1st May. All children from Years 3-6 participate in the carnival. Children from ages 8-10 run a 2km course and 11-13 year olds run a 3km course. It is always a great morning. More information will follow closer to the day.

Newport Choir

Both our Senior and Junior Choir have been busily practising for their upcoming festivals. The Senior Choir has been practising for their performance at our school assembly and for the Arts North Festival. The Junior Choir travelled to Wheeler Heights last week to practise for the upcoming PCS Music Festival. We wish them both good luck for their upcoming performances and thank Ashleigh Mallin and Marianne Gutherson for sharing their choral talents and giving their time for rehearsals.

Excursion to the Rocks

This week Year 4 will embark on an adventure to the Rocks and have the opportunity to live the life of a convict for a day. Students will start the day by dressing up in convict clothes, tour the rocks and enjoy a picnic lunch on Observatory Hill. I am sure all our Year 4 students will enjoy the adventure and first-hand experience of what it was like to be a convict.

Field of Mars Excursion

Thursday 3rd April

Last week 3LW and 3AR had their excursion to Field of Mars postponed due to the inclement weather. This exciting excursion will now take place this Thursday 3rd April. The students will experience first-hand what it is like to bushwalk in the National Park, exploring the different flora and fauna that our Australian landscapes have to offer. **Buses depart school at 8:45am.**

Regards,
Sharon Oscroft & Adam Hearne
Assistant Principals

Dates for diary

Friday 4 th April	PSSA Trials
Mon 7 th - Fri 11 th April	Parent/Teacher interviews
Thursday 10 th April	K-2 Easter Parade 2pm Western Shelter
Friday 11 th April	Last day of term
Tuesday 29 th April	Students return
Wednesday 30 th April	ANZAC Day ceremony



Academic Enrichment News

There are some excellent, extra curricula opportunities for our academically minded children at the moment.

There are opportunities in writing that would be excellent enrichment opportunities for outstanding writers.

The Sydney writers' festival holds an enrichment day where students can listen to authors speak about their work and bring literature to life. Students get to meet and talk with the authors behind well-known stories. Go to www.swf.org.au for more information.

Also, there is a writing competition for Year 5 and 6 students run by the Australian Storytelling Guild (NSW). Entry is \$10 and there are cash prizes for the most outstanding entries. Students have the opportunity to write their story or present a bit in a digital format. Go to www.storytellersnsw.org.au for more details.

The Whizz Kids workshops are now open. These whole day workshops are run by the University of Technology Sydney. They are aimed specifically at gifted and talented students. The sessions are subject specific and intend to engage students and improve their knowledge. For more information and enrolment details go to:

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

YOUNG WRITERS AWARD

A letter to persuade my parents to change the rule of no TV after 7:00pm

Dear Mum,

I would like you to not take away TV after 7:00pm because there might be a very important TV show on that I have to watch, but if you don't allow me to watch TV after 7:00pm I would miss it and that would be very bad.

What if I do all my homework and clean my room and do everything for you, then can I watch TV? My other opinion is I do what I just said and take a bath and also have dinner and then can I watch TV at 7:00pm? Pretty please make up your mind and say yes that I could watch TV at 7:00pm. Please!

That's why I should watch TV at 7:00pm, plus I am only 10 years old so stop being so harsh to a really cute girl. Now I have told you all my opinions it is your turn to make your mind up, Mum. You should think about it soon because the day is nearly over.

From,
Olivia

Olivia Cowper 5JL

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 CHILD'S FULL NAME AND CLASS
LEGIBLY WRITTEN ON THE SUBMITTED SHEET TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.**

ANZAC DAY MARCH IN AVALON

This coming ANZAC Day (Friday 25th April) Newport Public School will once again march in the Anzac Day March held in Avalon. If children are interested in representing their school and joining this march held in the second week of the holidays **please see Mr Tickle for a permission note.**

MERIT AWARD WINNERS

KOP	Charlie Williams, Kayla Hasankhani	2BG	Olivia Wood, Lachlan Wade
KAJ	Matilda Meek, Charlie Handscomb	3LW	Eva Hawkins, Archie Sergi
KEP	Juniper Gerlach, Kaia Jackson	3KH	Kye Schwerdtfeger, Tyrone Davis
KJP	Lucy Gordon, Mathijs Diaz-Bauste	3AR	Lucy Brown, Allen Kirby
KEJ	Billie Pretty, Mark Harder	3RB	Reilly Fitzgerald, Nathan Holowaty
KMG	Maisie Smit, Niamh Lange	4NE	Zac Wagner-McCullough, Daniel Richards
1SN	Tom Cardiff, Matteo Meucci	4GM	Tallulah Dawe, Daniel Links
1JJ	Beau Dolphin, Holly Sledmere	4LC	Chloe Cate, Kiara Dolphin
1DD	Xavier Finkeldey, Cielle Wilson	4SC	Rory MacEwan, Eleanor Yetts
1AD	Jay Wiles, Annabella La Torraca	5AW	Ruby Abercromby, Maximilian Schweinsberg
1JB	Summer Rowland-Smith, Finn Stevens	5JL	Riley Wilson, Nova Belic
1CC	Seren Thomas, Ruby Arthur	5/6AH	Emma Lowry, Ethan Sinfield
2JF	Zac Zabel, Zahara Spring	5TD	Ethan Currie, Matilda Johnson
2BN	Faith Stewart, Leith Brown	6KK	Mac Omm, Brooklyn Plunkett
2AM	Elsa Hudson, Dean Rogers	6IW	Joseph Boffa, Emily Hinton-West, Niam Melville
2SC	Oliver Griffiths, Jada Driscoll	6IM	Blake Griffith, Caly Maguire

Science during the Holidays

During the April school holidays there are some wonderful science exhibitions and programs adults and children will find fascinating. Your family might like to have a look at:

- The Australian Museum.
 - The Museum has The Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2014 exhibition. 100 images chosen from 40 000 entries are displayed. This exhibition is free with general admission.
 - Tyrannosaurs - Meet the Family – an exclusive exhibition is a world first that shines a light on the Tyrannosaur family.
 - The web address is: australianmuseum.net.au
- The CSIRO have hands-on holiday programs at Curl Curl North Public School on April 14 and 15. Lunch is included. A fun day of science featuring DIY musical instruments and stethoscopes for 7-12 year olds. Use your search engine to look up CSIRO School Holiday Programs.

CHESS NEWS

Last Wednesday 16 of our competition chess players competed in the Northern Beaches One Day Chess Tournament held at and hosted by Mona Vale Public School. There were 72 teams of 3 players each from Public and Independent schools competing in a Swiss Round Robin System. Teams played 7 rounds of chess throughout the day.

Newport's Senior A team had an outstanding performance placing 3rd overall while our girls team were the highest placed all girls team at day's end and won the champion all girls team award complete with trophies.

Many thanks to all the parents who helped transport the children and Mrs Hurst who accompanied and co-ordinated the teams on the day. Training for after school teams continues on Thursday afternoons in Mr Tickle's room.

Chess Results:

1st John Colet A = 21
2nd Seaforth A = 16
3rd Newport A = 14.5

18th Newport C = 12 (Champion All Girls Team)
21st Newport B = 11.5
37th Newport D = 10.5
54th Newport E = 9



Mark Tickle



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 can also access the catalogue of PRC booklist books in the school library from home, through the Kidspace portal – School Library. 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'. (If you're not sure of your school user name and password, ask your class teacher.) 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

Change of date for Music Camp. Due to a clash with the Year 5 camp, this year's Music Camp will start on Friday of Week 1, Term 3 rather than in the middle of Term 2 as in previous years. The dates are 18th-20th July, please put them in you diaries. Further information will be sent out early Term 2.

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

2 nd April	Senior String Orchestra members (those playing at Opera House) playing at Pittwater High School. 7.00pm start.
7 th April	Performance Band playing at Pittwater High School. Arrive 6.30pm for 7.00pm start.
14 th May	Band Committee Meeting. 7.30pm main staffroom.
19 th May	Combined rehearsal for String Opera House performance
23 rd June	Senior members of String Orchestra playing at Opera House
18-20 th July	Music Camp

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Winter Uniforms

Next week is the last opportunity to buy winter uniforms before next term (the Uniform Shop is not open during the school holidays between terms). Order online by 5pm Friday for delivery to your child's class Monday or Tuesday or visit us during our opening times Monday 9-10am and Tuesday 3-4pm.

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.



K-2 Easter Parade

The annual K-2 Easter Parade will be held on **Thursday 10th April** under the Western Shelter. Parents are invited to come and see the parade which will begin at **2pm**.

Kindergarten children will decorate a soft toy.

Year 1 will make an Easter basket.

Year 2 will make an Easter mask.

These items are to be made at home and brought to school on the day of the parade. The children may wear play clothes to school (enclosed shoes, please, no Crocs) and must bring a hat.

We look forward to seeing you there.

K-2 Teachers

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.

CANTEEN

Monday April 7: S Wheeler, N Cronan, N Talby, R Wilson, F Sicking

Tuesday April 8: K Robinson, S Bloomer, J Newton, A Whiley

Wednesday April 9: P Shields, K Ockwell, M Davidson

Thursday April 10: D Callaghan, A Spring, J Hellmich

Friday April 11: LAST DAY TERM S Maunder, M Lindsay, T Gowen, M Dian

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

newportschoolcanteen@hotmail.com



Newport Breakers Netball Club

**Come and try netball with the
Newport Breakers Netball Club!**

FUN-NET

**\$80 for 8 weeks each
Monday afternoon commencing;**

**Mon 5th May – Mon 23rd June '14
from 3:45pm – 4:30pm**

6-8 year olds welcome!

**Meet at the Newport Public School
netball court**

<http://newportbreakersnc.nsw.netball.com.au/>

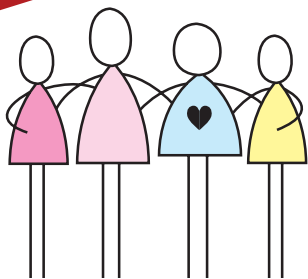
**For more information,
Pls contact Liz Dunn, Registrar**

m: 0419 289 453

newportbreakersnetball@gmail.com

\$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.



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!!

