



**MON 9 NOV 2015**

## DATES FOR YOUR diary:

MON 9 NOV

Year 5 Pittwater High  
Experience Day

THURS 12 NOV

Book Fair Library 3.30-7pm

MON 16 NOV-THURS 19  
NOV

Year 6 Camp

THURS 26 NOV

School Tour 10am, Meet  
outside the Office



## RELIEVING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

On Friday last week, I had the pleasure of accompanying Lachie and Nina, our school captains, along with their parents, to Parliament House in Sydney. The invitation was extended to all the student leaders across our Pittwater Primary Schools by Rob Stokes, to recognize the roles they have played as leaders in their schools throughout 2015. Lachie and Nina had to introduce themselves to the audience and tell them where they were going to high school and what they have learnt about leadership. They both spoke beautifully, as did the other student leaders and we were all entertained by Mr Stokes' candid stories about the goings on in the 'bear pit' and his own experiences of nerves during Question Time. Congratulations to Nina and Lachie, for being wonderful representatives for Newport.



### Maths Olympiad Results

Last week in assembly, a number of our students were recognized for their effort and achievement in the Maths Olympiad competition. The Olympiad explores maths through problem solving and provides the opportunity for high achieving maths students in Years 5 and 6, to compete alongside thousands of other students across Australia and New Zealand. One Wednesday a month, from May to September, the students were given 5 problems to solve and 23 minutes in which to do this.

### Congratulations to these bright, young mathematicians

We had 3 students placed in the top 20% in the overall competition, Jack Bates, Beau Deathridge and Lulubelle Ryberg-Neale. Congratulations to all the students who took on the challenge of the Maths Olympiad — Edward Ashe, Sarah Ramsey, Jonathan King, Callum Brodtke, Jai Cummings, Evan Goleby, Mia McDonald, Edward Press, Asha Rawstorne, Edward Stokes, April Wiles, Olivia Alvarez, Luke Morley, Skye Stone, Ethan Currie, Thiago Ortiz, Lauren Robertson-Townser, Gabrielle Bryant, Megan Hazelwood, Lucinda Hickson, Henry Devaney, Albany Gibson-Healey, Esme Sergi, Archie Gordon, Tristan White, Jasmine Adams and Harvey Smith.

If you are feeling like a challenge, an example of one of the problems is included below...

Time: 5 minutes

Five brothers, each born in a different year, share a gift of \$100 according to the following arrangement: each boy, except the youngest, gets \$5 more than his next younger brother.

How much does the youngest boy get?

Many thanks to all the class parents who got in touch with you this week, regarding our school evaluation. For those who may have missed the email about participating in our school evaluation survey which is "9 questions short" and aims to help us understand different aspects of the parent/school relationship, evaluate our practice and to formulate next year's school plan, the link is included here; <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VSZTB6V>. The survey will close on Friday 13 November.

Regular attendance at school is essential to assist students to maximise their opportunities for learning and it is important that all students attend school from 9.25am to 3.25pm each day. I would appreciate your support in ensuring that activities which result in absenteeism during school hours are avoided (genuine sickness of course, cannot be avoided!). However, if your child is absent, by law parents are required to provide the school with a written explanation within seven days, through a note to your child's teacher. Your attention to this would be appreciated so we can minimize the need for additional time and paperwork, asking parents for absent explanations.

Last week, four of our students actively involved in Kids for Kids encouraged the children, through assembly, to actively look for fun and join in on this, or in other words, "seek out what magnifies the spirit" – what wonderful advice!

Last week, reminders were also sent out to families who still have not returned their term account payments. Our financial year ends on 30 November and it is important that we receive these payments prior to this date. As you know, some parts of our Annual School Fees are voluntary. However, this **does not include** school activities and excursions on the term account in which students participate.

Coming up this week, we have both our Boys Softball Team and Girls Cricket Team playing their next round of the State Knockout competition. The boys will be travelling to Banora Point and the girls will be playing Bateau Bay at Newport Oval. Mr Moran and Mr Renkert have been training their teams up and we wish both teams the best of luck as we near the finish of the competition.

Regards,

*Natalie Baldi*  
Relieving Principal

## YOUNG COMPOSERS AWARD 1EK

**After studying the text 'The Paper Bag Princess' by Robert Munsch, the children were asked to write a description of their dream castle.**

My Dream Castle

In my dream castle, I would have a queen bed for myself and a ginormous space in my bedroom. My bedroom will be on the top of the castle and I would have my own book room. I would have dungeons for bad guys and I would have a big moat with crocodiles in it.

By Drew Ockwell 1EK

## To our hel pers, Scripture and ethics teachers



The Staff of Newport  
publ ic School  
woul d I like to invite You  
to a Morning tea  
at 11am on Tuesday 24th  
November  
on the verandah of the  
Hal l .



The Morning tea  
is hosted by the staff  
to Acknowl edge your  
val uabl e contribution  
to our school

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 16:	A Dalgleish, F Bianchinotti, L Burgess
Tues 17th :	C McCauley, R Wilson, A Robinson
Wed 18th :	M Holliday, Z Letts, E Eccles,
Thurs 19th:	K Paul, J Whitaker,
Fri 20th:	V Watkin, L Barlow, M Press, S Warren,



## SUN SMART NEWS

What does the Slide symbol stand for??? **Slide** on Wrap Around Sunglasses. There is no recommended age for a child to start wearing sunglasses, but the earlier their eyes are protected against UV radiation, the better. If you buy glasses for your baby or child, make sure they meet the Australian Standard 1067 and fit closely to their face.

Even without sunglasses, a well-designed hat can substantially reduce the amount of UV radiation reaching children's eyes.



Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer

## BOOK FAIR! BOOK FAIR!

Our Book Fair is in the library this **Thursday, 12 November, from 3.30 – 7.00 pm**. All books are discounted, some greatly. Why not do some early Christmas shopping and help the library at the same time – the more books you buy, the more books we get for the library. You can come in to look at the books between 9.00 – 9.25 am on Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 November (this week).

Eftpos and credit card facilities will be available (Visa and Mastercard only). If you cannot attend in person, credit card payment slips are on the back of the 'wish lists' and can be sent to school with your child/ren (or cash or cheques made out to 'Carnival Fairs') on Thursday or Friday. Alternatively, you can pay on-line at the Carnival Fairs website – just bring the printed receipt with you, or send it with your child/ren.

You, your family and friends are most welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

### LIBRARY NEWS

Now is the time to start looking for misplaced/lost library books. All library books will need to be returned to the library by the end of Week 8 (Friday 27 November), in preparation for our end-of-year stocktake.

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

## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

### Soft Shell Jackets

We are currently collecting feedback on the suggested soft shell jacket via the class parents. We appreciate all feedback as it will help us decide whether there is enough interest from the parents to warrant ordering the jacket. Thanks for returning the feedback forms! Please come and see the samples at the uniform shop.

### New Hat Policy

According to the school's new hat policy only broad brimmed hats will be sold and allowed to be worn in 2016. We've stocked up on hats so please ensure that your child has an appropriate sun smart hat for next year.

### Sun safety

The uniform shop sells Cancer Council's Ezi Clip sunscreen for \$10. It is easy to clip onto your child's backpack and a great way to get more protection from the sun.

### 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



<b>KAR</b>	Oliver Fuller Sophie Burgess	<b>2KH</b>	Sophie Restore Jess Hazelwood
<b>KEJ</b>	Alexander Bar Maya Ginsburg	<b>2SC</b>	India Cox Harry Letts
<b>KEP</b>	Chester Cahill Bella Mathieu	<b>3AR</b>	Mia Harrington Jeremy Kirkland
<b>KJB</b>	Rafael Wilbet- Camelo Georgia Gibbes	<b>3DC</b>	Zahara Spring Thor Skene
<b>KJP</b>	Madeline Schom- berg Spencer Davis	<b>3LO</b>	Jake Clarke Lachlan Wade
<b>KMG</b>	Giselle Burke Lily Hulley	<b>3RB</b>	Austin Hulley Kai Ainscough
<b>KSJ</b>	Zane Malone Siera Mazoudier	<b>4AG</b>	Alfie Jones George Davis
<b>1AD</b>	Liam Gregory Chloe Rawnsley	<b>4IW</b>	Tyler Bailey Laura Paterson
<b>1CC</b>	Matilda Meek Oscar Sickinger	<b>4NE</b>	Mia Molloy Ella Pettitt
<b>1DD</b>	Amy Niddrie Caitlin Brown	<b>4JC</b>	Sasha Barlow Kye Schdwet- feger
<b>1EK</b>	Aidan Nulcahy Lexi Wright	<b>5JL</b>	Billy Cardiff Morgan Flynn
<b>1JJ</b>	Finn Pickering Bailee Rayment	<b>5MR</b>	Evie Bracey Wilson Spinks
<b>1SN</b>	Macy Hitchman Ben Higgins	<b>5SM</b>	Robbie Thomas Bryn Melville
<b>2AM</b>	Jas James Matthew Burke	<b>5/6A W</b>	Jayke Jecks Ava Brown
<b>2BG</b>	Darcy Kirkland Indy Mellers	<b>6AH</b>	Aayush Sharma Bella McNamara
<b>2GS</b>	Sophia Tailby Laura Kelso	<b>6IM</b>	Jonah Watkin Beatriz Kostnar
<b>2JF</b>	Molly Jones Matilda Reid	<b>6LW</b>	Lani Dwyer Isabelle England

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 Mari Simpson 0438-773-006 & Louise Woods 0404-164-994.**

## MUSIC NEWS

Our Music Information Evening is coming up on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Please note it will take place in the library at 6.30pm (this is a change from last week's Natter). This is a great chance to meet all our conductors and find out about the Music Program at Newport. The evening is totally obligation free, however there will be opportunity to register on the night. A flyer is attached to this Natter, please pass it on to anyone who may be interested in their child joining the Music Program.

Our annual Twilight Concert is coming up on 1<sup>st</sup> December at Pittwater High School. The End of Year BBQ will start at 5.30pm and the Concert around 6.30pm. Please come and celebrate the achievement of all our musicians over the year. Come and see how much they have improved!

Our fundraising team will be running a Twilight Concert Raffle on the night. They ask that all ensemble members donate a gourmet food or drink item for the hampers. Please send along non-perishable (and non melty!) goodies for us to package up - we'll have a box in the band room from now on for your contributions - thank you.

All our wind ensembles will be playing at Avalon Market Day on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November between 10.00am and 11.00am. Further details will be emailed by your band manager.

### Dates for Diary

Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Performance Band playing at Primary Assembly (need to bring instruments)
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Music Information Evening
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Avalon Market Day; Training Band, Concert Band, Performance Band and Stage Band performing between 10.00am and 11.00am
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Twilight Concert and End of Year BBQ
Thur 3 <sup>rd</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Hired instrument return
Thur 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Annual General Meeting
20-22/5/2016	2016 Music Camp

### Why We Joined the Music Program

As a mum of a child that's been in the Music Program for six years, I felt compelled to tell you about what an amazing experience it has been for my daughter Emma, now in her final term at Newport.

She started playing the violin in Year 1 with Kim Grosser patiently teaching her class of 12. After a year in Violin 1's, most of the children continue to Violin 2's.

After Year 2, they can either progress to the Strings Orchestra or move into Training Band playing a wind or rhythm instrument. Emma wanted to play the clarinet. In the second term in TB, most of the children attend the Music Camp. With around 100 children, it's a phenomenal chance for the children to develop their skills. It's frankly incredible, particularly with Training Band to see how they progress, when after only playing for 3 months, they perform in a concert at the Music Camp. They have a lot of fun too, with an afternoon dedicated to outdoor activities like the Flying Fox or Laser Tag capped off with a movie (during which most of the children fall asleep).

From the Training Band the children move to Concert Band and can then audition for the Performance Band (typically Year 5). Any keen brass and rhythm players can also play in the Stage Band. To play in this band, Emma took up the saxophone (a fairly easy transition for a clarinet player.) She's also continued to play the clarinet in the Performance Band.

It's been an incredible experience for Emma being in the Program. It's helped her develop co-ordination skills, memory skills and of course, visual and aural skills. Being in a band is a team pursuit and it helps the children develop a sense of responsibility to their fellow band members. Having to attend, in Emma's case, three practices a week with the latest being 8.10am, it instills a sense of discipline and commitment. Emma's quite quiet and shy and hasn't volunteered to play solos in either of the bands. But to cap off her musical experience at Newport, she has felt confident enough to perform five times in Young Musicians, playing the piano solo in front of the school. Go figure!

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank the fantastic conductors and all of the children (and parents) who've travelled with Emma on her Music Program journey.

To see what it's all about, come and see all of the ensembles perform in the Twilight Concert on 1<sup>st</sup> Dec. It's the culmination of all they've learnt this year. But as the sun goes down on Emma's music experience at Newport, please don't look my way, because I could just be shedding a tear!

## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

### New Hat Policy

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Dear Parents/Carers

Please be advised that from 2016, the broad brimmed hat will be compulsory for all students from K-6.

There will be no option for any students to wear a cap.



The broad brimmed hats are available to purchase from the Uniform Shop and the School Front Office.

Warringah Council presents

## RAISING RESPONSIBLE DIGITAL CITIZENS

With Leonie Smith the Cyber Safety Lady



Leonie Smith is one of Australia's leading cyber safety educators and a mother of four. Learn how to keep your kids safe online.

- Screen time balance
- Safe social media
- Cyber bullying
- Smart phone safety
- Avoiding adult content

Tue 17 Nov

7 - 9pm

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Currie Rd, Forestville

FREE but bookings essential on [youthbookings@warringah.nsw.gov.au](mailto:youthbookings@warringah.nsw.gov.au)

For more information call 9942 2681.



### Christmas Pudding & Gingerbread House Fundraiser

It's that time of the year again! With only weeks till Christmas it is time to order your Puddings or Gingerbread Houses.

Tummy in the cartoon is making Puddings & Gingerbread Houses.

The puddings come in three sizes:

250g (perfect teacher gift), 500g or 1kg.

Gingerbread House come in two sizes:

Small (in a cupcake box, again great teacher gift)

Or family size.

If you would like to order please fill in the below form and return to Tummy in the cartoon, with the correct money no later than Monday 7th December

Thank you for your participation and enjoy your Christmas goodies

Merry Christmas

The fundraising team

Name:

Type	Size	Price	Total
Pudding	250g	\$18	
Pudding	500g	\$28	
Pudding	1kg	\$35	
Gingerbread House	Small(Boxed)	\$15	
Gingerbread House	Family	\$45	

Gluten Free (add \$3.00) ☐

**PROJECT WILD THING**

**FREE MOVIE**  
**PROJECT WILD THING**

THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER, 6.30 PM  
NEWPORT COMMUNITY CENTRE  
11-13 THE BOULEVARDE, NEWPORT  
Bookings essential:  
[www.trybooking.com/162228](http://www.trybooking.com/162228)

TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER, 10 AM  
AVALON ANNEXE  
3 BOWLING GREEN LANE, AVALON  
Bookings essential:  
[www.trybooking.com/162244](http://www.trybooking.com/162244)

A hilarious movie about a father's mission to get his kids (and all of Britain's kids) outdoors. A must-see for all parents or carers who want to get their children reconnected to nature. All ages welcome.

**REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED**

For more information please call 9970 1671 or email [community\\_events@pittwater.nsw.gov.au](mailto:community_events@pittwater.nsw.gov.au)

**PITTWATER COUNCIL**



# CHANGES TO SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME FOR 2016

Attn: Students going from Year 2 to Year 3 who require a bus pass in 2016

## Transport for NSW

### Fact sheet: The School Opal card

#### Who's eligible?

To be eligible for a School Opal card, students need to be NSW residents and may need to live a minimum distance away from their school:

- Years K-2 (Infants) there's no minimum distance.
- Years 3-6 (Primary) 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking or further.
- Years 7-12 (Secondary) 2.0km straight line distance or 2.9km walking or further.

Students completing secondary studies at TAFE, boarding school students and students temporarily in Australia may also be eligible for a School Opal card. The eligibility criteria for these students is available at [transportnsw.info/school-students](http://transportnsw.info/school-students).

A School Opal card is provided to eligible students who need to travel within the Opal network. Paper travel passes are issued to eligible students who need to travel outside the Opal network.

#### Who needs to apply?

Most students or parents won't need to apply for the School Opal card. The School Opal card will be sent to a student's school automatically at the beginning of the new school year in 2016.

However, a new application is required if:

- The student is just starting school or has not had a pass for travel before.
- The student is progressing from Year 2 to 3, or Year 6 to 7.
- The student is changing schools, including going between primary and secondary school.
- The student's personal details have changed (e.g. address).

Applications must be made by a parent or guardian for children aged 15 years and under. Applications must be made by the student if aged 16 years or older.

#### How to apply

**Step 1** Complete the application at [transportnsw.info/school-students](http://transportnsw.info/school-students).

**Step 2** Print, sign and submit the form to the school for endorsement.

**Step 3** The school will then forward the application to Transport for NSW for processing. Once approved, Transport for NSW sends the School Opal card to the home address given in the application.

The application may take several weeks and the applicant's email address is required.

#### If the student doesn't qualify for free travel

They may be eligible for a Term Bus Pass which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.

Apply at [transportnsw.info/school-students](http://transportnsw.info/school-students).

#### Find out more

For more information on the School Opal card and the School Student Travel Scheme (SSTS), please visit [transportnsw.info/school-students](http://transportnsw.info/school-students).



Transport  
for NSW



# Skater HQ at NOOSHC !!!!!

ASC Thursday – Weeks 1, 3, 5, 7 & 9 & ASC Friday Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 & 10.

4.00pm – 5.10pm (approx)

For all children (both permanent & casual)  
registered at NOOSHC  
in Years 3 thru to Year 6

The children who have attended the Skater HQ (in-line skating, skate boarding, rip boards, and scooters) have increased their skills & confidence tremendously over the past term. Children describe Skater HQ – “This is fun!” “I’m going to get mum to book me in for next week” “Wow – I can stand up” “Now look at me” “It’s the best!” “Can we keep on doing this?” “I just did a big jump!” “I couldn’t do this before – now I can!”

There is no additional cost for Skater HQ – it is included in your ASC fee.

Enrolment enquiries welcome – drop in for an enrolment package.

NOOSHC Phone: 9979 9874

Centre Manager: Jo Newton

# Music Program Information Evening

Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> November

Whether your child would like to start playing the violin or an instrument for Training Band next year, we can help you work out what would suit your child in Newport's Music Program.



## Key 2015 events

Music Camp	95 children, intensive development, fun camp activities and concerts
NSSWE	Performance Band and Stage Band played at Chatswood Concourse
Festivals	Selected festivals such as the NSW Schools Bands Festival
Markets	Avalon Market
PCS	All bands play at PCS and school events such as concerts & assemblies



## Come and find out how to join this special program

In 2015, 150 children participated in the Newport Public School Music Program. It covers seven ensembles with the starting points being Violin 1's (K-Y2 children), Training Band (Y3/4) and Strings Orchestra (Y3).

**Violin 1's** – most children commence in Year 1, although can start in Kindy or Year 2. There are two rehearsals a week before school and classes are capped at 12 children. Violins can be hired.

**Training Band** – for children starting a wind or percussion instrument. There is one practice a week before school and instruments can be hired.

**Strings Orchestra** – children either continue violin or take up another string instrument. Two practices a week and instruments can be hired.

**Information Evening** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November from 6.30pm in the school library

- ✓ Conductors available for advice about ensembles and instrument choice for your child
- ✓ Instrument demonstrations
- ✓ Instrument hire information
- ✓ Registrations

We hope to see you there.

The Music Committee

\*\*\* Special free instrument hire for selected Training Band instruments saving \$200 \*\*\*