



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**TUES 13 DEC**

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**THURS 15 DEC**

Years K-6 Picnic Day

**FRI 16 DEC**

Last day for students

Dear Parents,

### **Congratulations and thank you for a wonderful 2016**

What a fabulous week of fun and celebrating we had last week. On Monday, our Kindergarten Team planned and hosted a lovely Celebration Assembly for our Kindergarten stars. Thank you to staff and parents for such a fitting way to recognise the achievements of our students and a lovely (though very steamy) morning tea spent in the playground.

### **The Twilight Concert**

The Twilight Concert last Tuesday evening was a great opportunity to hear the progress that has been made over the year, by our talented musicians. The evening was very entertaining with a great mix of pieces being played, the final combined piece being the "Hungarian Dance." Our Year 6 Music Captains, Claudia, Emily, Mia and April all spoke beautifully about the people who have contributed to their success and how learning music teaches persistence, getting along with people and giving everything a go. We are very fortunate to have such a sophisticated music program at our school, with many talented and dedicated conductors, tutors, managers and parents. Many thanks to the Music Committee for co-ordinating such a lovely evening and congratulations to everyone involved, including the students who performed beautifully on the night. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Fiona Gudmunson and Sheri Butler for their commitment and dedication to the Music Program, bringing their talents to the role in finance, administration and organisation, but most importantly, assisting students by fostering their talents and passion through the program.

### **Presentation Assembly**

Last week's Presentation Assembly was also a reason to celebrate. Mr Hearne and Mrs Walter coordinated a very stylish event which gave us all the opportunity to recognise the talents, efforts and achievements of our students. Congratulations must go to all of our students for their achievements in their own personal learning journey this year. Also to our award winners who were recognised during the assembly, to our outgoing student leaders who led and spoke so capably and to our new student leadership team for a wonderful start to their role. Many thanks must also go to our guest speaker and musician Natalie Mavridis, for delivering such a valuable message to us all alongside some inspiring musical talent.

### **Sporting Success**

Congratulations to our Girls' Cricket Knockout Team who travelled to Maitland last week, to play the last two rounds of the competition. The girls lost their first game against Blainey by 1 run and Blainey went on to win the competition. Newport then won their second game and went on to finish 3<sup>rd</sup>. Congratulations to all of the wonderful bowlers, batters and fielders for their efforts and to Mrs Keogh and Mr Aroney for coaching the team. Congratulations also to the Boys' Softball Knockout Team who also competed last week. The boys played Jerrabomberra and won their first game in a tie breaker. They then went on to play Camden South. They played well but lost the game. Finishing second in the competition is certainly a great achievement. Congratulations to the boys and thank you to Mr Moran, for your motivation, skills and dedication and to our parent supporters always out there cheering us on.

## **Student Reports**

This week, your child will be bringing home his/her 2016 Semester 2 Report. The purpose of these reports is to communicate information to you about your child's learning including his/her level of attainment and the progress he/she has made when compared with syllabus expectations.

Teachers consider the requirements from the syllabus and make a "point in time" judgement about what a student should be demonstrating halfway through the year and then again, at the end of the year so each student's achievement is compared with the expectations described in the syllabus document. If a student achieves a "sound" it means they are achieving at a level that is expected, according to the content and skills covered in that semester. Much time and effort goes into writing these reports and we hope you find them both valuable and informative.

## **Year 6 Farewell**

This week we will celebrate the successes of our Year 6 cohort, along with the end of their Primary School Chapter. Thank you to Sharon Smithies, the Year 6 team and Mr Moran for their preparation for the ceremony. I must thank all the parents who have played a role in the organisation of the event – it was a true team effort. Thank you also to for co-ordinating this merry team; Bec Campos, Mel Stevens, Viv Gordon, Andy Collingridge, Katrina Meek and Sarah Male, Kate Burke, Tammy Carter, Kate Wood and Justine Webster

## **Picnic Day**

This Thursday we will again be celebrating the end of the year with a picnic for K-2 students at Billarong Reserve and for 3-6 students at The Basin. Students need to wear suitable "sunsafe" clothing and bring sunscreen, a hat, morning tea and lunch and a drink. Please remember on this day that there is no food sharing. It should be a fabulous celebration.

## **The Final Day for Students**

This Friday is the final day for students. At approximately 3.00, all the students and staff gather on the eastern side to form a tunnel through which the Year 6 students leaving the school, followed by students in other grades and teachers, will pass so that we can farewell them.

## **Staffing and Organisation for 2017**

My recent appointment as Principal created a vacant Deputy Principal position. Congratulations to Deborah Deratz who has been appointed Deputy Principal from the eligibility list, following the merit selection process conducted in Term 3. Deborah has been relieving very capably in the Deputy role for the past 12 months and has successfully led areas across the school, such as Literacy, Learning and Support, K-6 professional learning for staff and the Year 1 team. This in turn, created a vacant Assistant Principal position and Julie Parker has been appointed, from the eligibility list, following the merit selection process conducted in Term 4. Julie has been relieving Assistant Principal for the past 2 years and has been successful in leading the Early Stage 1 Team, transition to school, our Gifted and Talented program, as well as inquiry and project based learning. Last week I also had the pleasure of introducing Nicole Troy, our new Assistant Principal, along with Melissa Moss our new School Counsellor, to the Newport staff. Both Melissa and Nicole will be starting in 2017. Congratulations to all.

As you would be aware, much time and thought is currently going into our organisation for 2017 as we value a smooth transition from one year to the next and a positive start to Term 1, for all of our students and families. Below is an outline of our current focus and future plans regarding organizational matters.

- Staff have been working on draft class placements, taking into consideration individual student needs, both academic and social, ensuring classes are parallel (a range of abilities

represented) in addition to the one class (across grades 2-6) with a small cluster of very academically capable students. The number of students in each class, as well as the number of boys and girls is also considered. We also ensure that all students have at least one other student from their 2016 class, moving into their new class with them.

- For all students, it is beneficial for important information about their learning and development to be passed from their teacher in 2016 to their new teacher. This occurs in the form of brief interviews where information about students' academic and social needs are shared, as well as any other relevant information that will help teachers get to know their new cohort. For some students with particular needs, this occurs in a transition meeting and includes members of our Learning Support Team as well as the students' teachers (if possible), both current and future.

- For families who have another child starting in Kindergarten next year, our Best Start appointments, which occur during the first week of school, will be held in and around our library again in 2017. Therefore, our current Kindergarten students who will be moving into Year 1 next year, will remain with their 2016 class cohort and where possible, in their 2016 classroom, for those first few days. Furthermore, on that first day, our Kindergarten teachers from 2016 will be available to catch up with their class for a short time, prior to starting their Best Start appointments.

- Textbooks for 2017 can be ordered online through [www.dominie.com.au](http://www.dominie.com.au) up until 20<sup>th</sup> January. Details for each grade, on how to order your textbooks can be found on our website.

- Stationery Items for 2017 have been published for you to source the items yourself. The list of requirements for each grade were published in the Natter and can be found on our website. Items need to be brought to school once our new classes have been formed.

- At this stage we will be welcoming 104 new Kindergarten students and 9 new families in Years 1-6 as well as some familiar faces returning from other pursuits. However, as you know we cannot be sure to proceed with our structure for 2017, until the end of the first week when our anticipated student numbers can be confirmed.

- The first day back for all returning students in Years 1-6 will be Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January. When the bell rings at 9.25 on this day, the students will line up in their usual spot, where they will be met by their 2016 teacher (where possible) and walked to the Western Shelter for a welcome back assembly.

## **Thank you.**

At this time, I would like to thank everyone who is a part of our Newport team and who work together to make Newport a safe and wonderful place to work, learn and play. In particular I would like to thank the executive team and all of our staff who work tirelessly to cater to student and family needs and help to grow and bring out the best in each student. On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank all of our parents, for your contributions to our school community. In particular to our P & C Committee led by Shani Law, Dennis Fitzgerald, Kerri Paul and Sarah Hudson, and those who make time to represent our parent community and share thoughts and feedback with us. To Tammy and Petrina in our canteen, Louise and Marie in our Uniform Shop, Jo, Dom and Cindy in NOOSHC and Fiona Gudmunson and the Band Committee team, thank you so much for your efforts and input to our school's incredible programs and support networks. To all of our families, whether it be as a volunteer, an audience member, a survey respondent, a fundraiser, a member of a committee, a supplier of photos and feedback, a supporter, or simply someone who catches up with the staff every now and again, in and around the playground, we value your time

and to being a part of our community and hope that your holiday break is whatever you wish it to be.

**Warmest regards,  
Natalie Baldi**



## Sport News

### State Knockout Girls' Cricket

Last Tuesday the girls' cricket knockout team travelled to Maitland to play in the State Knockout Finals' Day. The girls played Blaney in the semi-final in an absolute Nail Biter of a finish that saw the game go down to the last ball. Newport scored 66 runs and were beaten by just one run.

In the girls' second game of the day, Newport played New Lambton and scored 1/96. In reply, New Lambton only managed 80 runs which meant Newport finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state. Mrs Keogh and Mr Aroney were both extremely impressed and proud of how far the girls progressed throughout the year.

To quote a great coach "You know you're improving when you would have beaten yourselves in the previous game" (Mr Peter Aroney).

Well done girls for a fantastic achievement and thank you to Mr Aroney and Mrs Keogh for your time and commitment to coaching the girls. Thank you to parents who drove the girls to games and training, without your help this would not have been possible.

### State Knockout Boys' Softball

On Thursday the boys' knockout softball team played in the State Knockout Finals' Day at Curl Curl. The boys played Jerrabomberra in the final and started strongly to claim an early lead. Jerrabomberra rallied and sent the game into a tie breaker at 11 all.

We played two extra innings and the scores still remained locked. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> extra innings Jerrabomberra stole one person home and Newport managed to steal two home and win the game.

A quick 15 minute turnaround and the boys had to run back out for the final. After such a long game the boys were absolutely exhausted. They played against an extremely skilful and well drilled team from Camden South who won the game convincingly. The boys hung in there and never gave up which was great to see.

It was fantastic effort for the boys who improved each game throughout the competition to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in the state. Once again thank you to all the parents who helped out with driving the boys to the games. Your help is greatly appreciated.

**Greg Moran**

## Library News

It's not too late to **return all library books to the library**. Contact us now if there is a problem and we can organise a solution.

**Stephanie Bracey, Gine Svendsen and Rita Ericsson.**

## Music

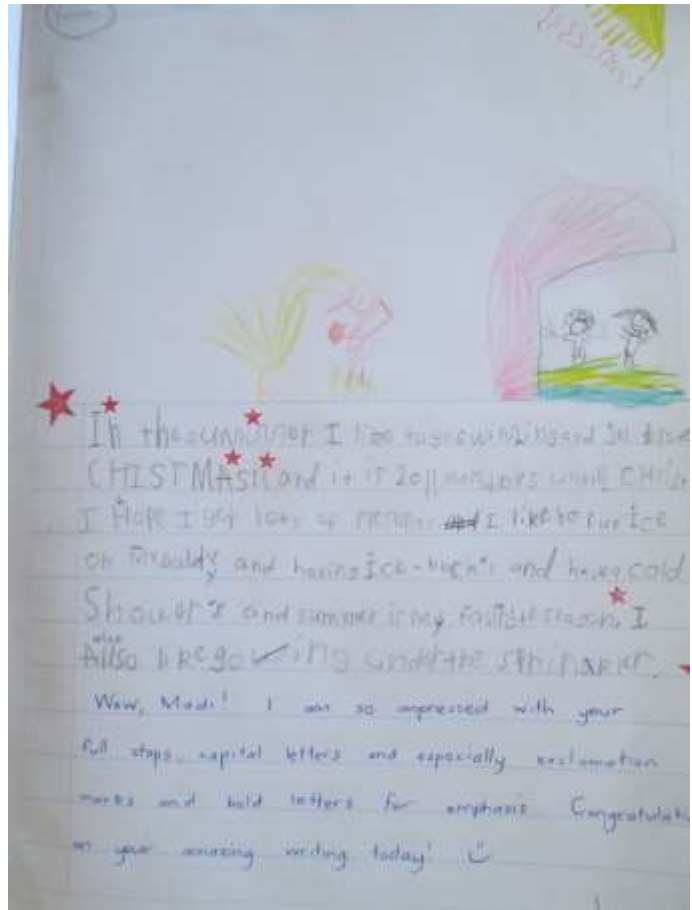
Congratulations to the following students who all passed their 1<sup>st</sup> grade jazz piano exams conducted by the ABRSM, London.

- Lewis Whiley Yr 4 – pass with merit
- Luke Berry Yr 5 – high pass mark
- Elliott Thomas Yr -5 – pass with merit
- Joel Ratcliffe Yr -5 – pass with distinction
- Cooper Hennessey Yr 6 – high pass mark

A fabulous year of piano playing – well done"

**Mr Roc Koren**

## Young Composers Award KMG



## Chess News

Newport will finish off its Lunch Time Innerschool Chess Competition this week with a small presentation on our last day of term. Thank you to all the children who were involved this year and a big congratulations to our targeted Kindergartens who have been attending chess lessons every Thursday. With the long summer days ahead why not keep your brain perplexed with a few games of chess. For those stuck for a Christmas idea, chess boards make great gifts and don't break the budget.

**Mark Tickle**

## Snow Sports Christmas Wrap

While we look forward to long summer days ahead, parts of our Northern Hemisphere are being blanketed in snow. For those heading to colder climates these holidays we wish you a happy and safe experience and remember to take lessons to progress your skiing and boarding. SkiJapan.com offers Interchools students the opportunity to train for competition with its specially formulated week long programs. The SKIJAPAN.COM JUNIOR TRAINING ACADEMY has trained several of our Northern Beaches racers along with other students from across the globe. The camps are fun, safe and challenging in specific disciplines such as GS, Moguls, Skier/Boarder Cross and Slopestyle.

To find out more visit <http://www.SJTA.net>.

From the Snow Sports Committee we'd like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas.

We're Dreaming of a White Christmas,

**The Snow Sports Committee**

## Music News

Congratulations to all music students for their fabulous performance last Tuesday night at the Twilight Concert! Registrations are open for 2017. Thanks to Sherri Butler and Bruce Baker registrations are now online. All new students can register at [www.myschoolmusic.com.au/newportpsmusic](http://www.myschoolmusic.com.au/newportpsmusic). Please note that this is a correction from the last Natter which gave an incorrect link. Completing the registration form online will register your interest in the program. No payment is required at this stage; an invoice will be sent out early next year.

The parents of all current music students should have received an email containing a link specific to their child. We ask that all existing students register before the end of the week. It is an extremely easy process, just click on the link and follow the prompts, it only takes a couple of minutes and will greatly help the volunteers who have the massive task of organising registrations. Once again no payment is required at this stage and an invoice will be sent out early next year. If you have not received an email or have any queries please email Bruce Baker on [brucebaker0@gmail.com](mailto:brucebaker0@gmail.com).

The last day for instrument returns for hired instruments is tomorrow, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Instruments will be accepted outside the hall from 8.30am. Like all committee members, those in charge of instrument returns are volunteers and freely give up their time. Please make their lives easier by bringing back your hired instruments on the correct day. Any queries please contact Karen Maguire on 0416192581.

### Dates for Diary

Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Instrument return from 8.30am outside the hall
Thur 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Music Committee Meeting

## Uniform Shop News

### Flexischools orders

We will still deliver flexischools orders this week. Orders placed after Friday, 9 December will be delivered once school starts in 2017 or they can be collected on the 27<sup>th</sup> of January 9-10am from the uniform shop.

School Holiday Open

The Uniform Shop will open 9-10am Wednesday, 27 January for those last minute purchases. It can be a busy day so if you know what you need, order online and collect on the day to avoid the queues. Online orders are collected from a separate area in the hall on the day. (Online orders for collection on this day must be placed no later than Friday, 20 January 2017.)

### Are you able to volunteer on this day?

Our special school holiday open is usually a busy day and not all of our regular volunteers are available to help. If you can spare 1-2 hours on the day, it will be very much appreciated.

### Leaving Newport?

If your child is leaving Newport Public School at the end of 2016, please consider donating unwanted uniforms to the uniform shop. All profits go to the P&C.

### Opening Hours - School Term

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

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## **P & C Association**

### **A Word of Thanks from our P & C Committee**

What a wonderful year 2016 has been at the Newport Public School. We feel very proud to be part of this community and school. We have so many people to thank for volunteering their time and efforts to help us to achieve everything we have this year.

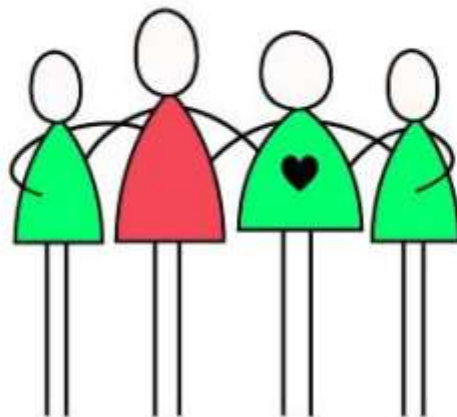
We would like to thank everyone that has supported all the new directions we took this year with fundraising from Olymp-a-thons and Art Exhibitions to Drink Bottles and Keep-cups (just to name a few), we have done it all and we could not have done any of it without the support and commitment of some amazing parents who have stepped in to help time and time again.

Thank you also for your support of the Canteen and the Uniform Shop, both as customers and volunteers. Both have had a very successful year and made significant financial contributions toward the school

**Wishing all the families in our Newport Public School community a very Happy Holidays and we look forward to seeing you all in 2017**



Gracie, Chilli and the Mums for Mums team would like to thank the Newport Public School community for the amazing support we have received in 2016. On behalf of the families we support, we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, a happy and safe holiday and a wonderful 2017.



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