

## Natter Week 4 Term 3 2017

Dear Parents,

Last week was a wonderful week of celebrating public education which began with 6IW presenting "Glimpses of Greatness." The students took on the role of a famous person, known for making a difference and demonstrated great depth of knowledge about their characters as they answered some very deep questions from their audience - "What role did your parents play in your life?" Or, "As a result of your work or accomplishments, how is our world different?" We got to meet stars such as Marie Curie, Roald Dahl, Steve Jobs, Shakespeare, Nelson Mandela, JK Rowling and even Martin Luther King! Congratulations to all of these talented students, alongside Lara Windon and Ian White who facilitated this gifted and talented learning initiative.



### *Festival of Instrumental Music*

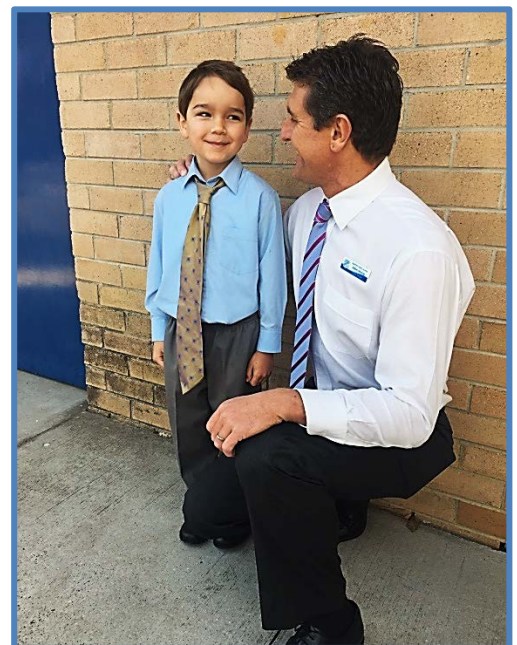
Last Tuesday our best violinists, Heidi A., Hayley F., Lachlan F., Olivia M., Mia M., Sam M., Laura P., Emma P. and Mischa S., led by Karen Leimbach and supported by David Cox played in the Combined Public Schools String Ensemble in the Concert Hall at the Opera House. From all reports it was a fantastic night that included great music and a 'brush with fame' for some of our students who met and spoke with Nicole Kidman. I would like to congratulate the students for their outstanding performance and thank Karen and David for their efforts with the group and all the parents for their continuing support.

### Open Day

The celebrating continued last Wednesday on Open Day which was another example of what can be achieved when talent, dedication and collaboration all come together. As the morning warmed up, so did the buzz in the school as we showcased learning across our classrooms, spectacular dancers, chess champions, persistent musicians, budding actors, our songbirds and our Snowsports stars. The Year 6 students were wonderful role models and leaders during the day and the “Artwalk” highlighted the 4Cs of creativity, collaboration, communication and critical thinking – the importance of expressing ourselves through art. The success of the day can be attributed to the combined effort of staff, students and parents.



Many thanks go to Ashlee Rohowicz and Jane Logan for coordinating the fabulous event including producing the art guidebook. A very big thank you must also go to our Library Team, including Gine Svendsen, Angela Cohen, Linda Maclaurin, Sue-Ellen Bennett, Kelley Cheney and Helen Braund for the preparation and ensuing success of the “Open Day Book Donations.” Ordering, covering, taking donations and labeling the books is a huge task and one that contributes greatly to our library. Thank you to Tammy and her team of helpers in the canteen for catering for all the grandmas and grandpas who wanted to treat their grandchildren on the day and to the staff who gave our best cafes a run for their money in tea and coffee service. Thank you too, to our parents and grandparents for joining us on the day – it certainly wouldn’t be as much fun without you and if you visited the book stall you helped us raise \$1906.





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### *Semester 1 Report Survey*

Consultation and authentic collaboration with our school community is very important to us - evident in the way in which together, we problem solve, create opportunities and bring ideas and initiatives to fruition. In this spirit we appreciate your feedback which is an important part of these processes. Please take a couple of minutes to read 5 statements about our new report format and give a rating for each. Your time and opinions are much appreciated. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZLGLNCP>

### *Semester Accounts*

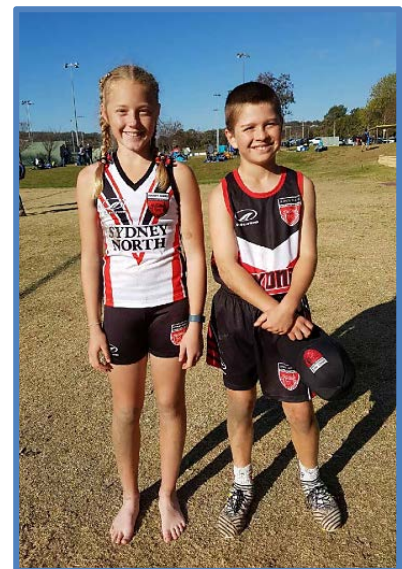
Thank you for getting on board with our new system for paying the Semester 2 account. The office staff have again, done a fabulous job in ironing out any glitches. Your input in updating family details and correcting email addresses, which we anticipated would be an issue, as well as your patience, is much appreciated.

### *Premier's Spelling Bee*

Last week the stage finals were held for the Premier's Spelling Bee to find representatives for the regional finals to be held in September. I would like to congratulate all students who participated in this this competition at a class and stage level. The words Stage 3 students had to spell in the final were difficult including *disembodied* and *distraught*. Lucy B. and Amelia S. were the eventual winners. While in the Stage 2 final Jethro B. and Reef N. were victorious. Nicola Elliot has written a detailed report later in the Natter.

### *Sport*

I would like to mention some sensational individual sporting performances from last week. Anaia C. and Archie S. both competed in the Sydney North touch football teams in the State carnival at Wagga Wagga. Both their teams won their respective competition and Anaia went on to make the State team; a really outstanding performance. Also, Sophie L. and Bethany L. were selected into the Sydney North softball team after rigorous trials. Congratulations girls!



We have another wonderful week coming up with our fabulous PCS Music Festival Concert tonight and our Senior Choir performing at the Town Hall for the Arts Alive Concert Series. In addition to our productive classroom experiences, we have the Sydney Academy of Chess Interschools tournament being hosted here on Wednesday and a school tour on Thursday to share our learning community with our new enrolments starting in 2018. I look forward to another great winter week.

Warmest regards,  
Natalie Baldi  
Principal





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## Dates for the Diary

Mon 7 Aug PCS Festival of Music Pittwater High School 7pm  
Tue 8 Aug PCS Festival of Music Pittwater High School 7pm

## UNSW Mathematics Exam

UNSW Mathematics exam will be held next Tuesday 15 August (Week 5) at 8am.

We will meet upstairs outside the Year 6 classrooms. Please bring a 'B' or '2B' pencil, a ruler and an eraser.

Ms Kellie Cheney

## Premier's Spelling Bee – Stage 2 and 3 Finals



In an exciting final, Year 3 and 4 students competed to represent Newport School at the Premier's Spelling Challenge Regional Finals in September.

After a thrilling final round, Jethro B. and Reef N. emerged winners! Our reserve speller is Marlon R. Teachers would also like to acknowledge Megan F., Matthew B. and Jessica H. who stepped up to compete when illness prevented their classmates from participating.

Similarly, in the Year 5 and 6 final, 16 students put their best spelling skills to the test to battle for Stage 3 spelling supremacy. After four rounds and some extremely difficult words, Lucy B. and Amelia S. were victorious.

Well done to all students – the words were, at times, tricky and unfamiliar, but as usual, you took it in your stride and did your very best!

## Sports

### *State Touch Footy Carnival*

Last week Archie S. and Anaia C. travelled to Wagga Wagga to compete in the boys' and girls' State Touch Footy Carnival. They were both representing Newport and Sydney North and were playing in near freezing conditions, running onto the field when it was three degrees.

Both the boys' and girls' Sydney North teams went on to win their tournaments, beating the other regions from all over the state to be crowned state champions. Both students should be extremely proud of their achievements.

Anaia has been chosen in the State Girls' Touch Football team and will represent NSW at the National Titles in Adelaide against teams from all over the country. This places Anaia as one of the best touch football players for her age in the entire state. This is a huge accomplishment of which she should be extremely proud. We wish her the best of luck.





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### *NSWRL All Schools Gala Day*

Last Monday the Senior Boys' Rugby League team travelled to Penrith to compete in the Open A Division of the State Rugby League Gala Day. The boys played really well as a team but were unable to repeat their success from the previous gala day. Newport demonstrated strong defence, particularly on their own try line, when they were able to hold the opposition team out for three and four sets of 6 tackles in a row. Well done boys, a great effort.

### *1500m Event*

Last Thursday we trialled those students who finished 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 800m or Cross Country events at the Newport Athletics or Newport Cross Country Carnivals. Students who finished 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> at the trial will represent Newport in the 1500m at the Zone Athletics Carnival.

### *Sydney North Trials*

Over the past month we have had students trialling for the boys' and girls' Sydney North Softball teams. Luke B. and Finn E. trialled strongly for the boys' team but unfortunately were not selected. Sophie L. and Bethany L. both trialled for the girls and made the first cut. They returned for their second trial and were both selected to represent Sydney North. They should be proud of their well-deserved selection amongst a very competitive field. Well done girls!

### *Zone Athletics Team Training*

The Zone Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 1 September at Sydney Sports Academy Narrabeen. There will be training for students commencing this Tuesday.

When: Tuesday mornings 8:15am commencing Tuesday 8 August for four weeks  
(8, 15, 22 and 29 August)

Where: Newport Oval

Events: Relay teams, 100m, 200m, 800m.

Field Event participants and reserves welcome.

It is important for all Junior and Senior, boys and girls relay team members (plus first reserve) to attend these sessions.

Please wear sports uniform and bring a drink bottle.

Lisa Brown and Vanessa Welbourn will be running these sessions.

The children will be accompanied for their walk back up to school at approximately 9:10am. Contacts: Lisa Brown 0422 877 077 and Vanessa Welbourn 0400 044 342





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## Choir

### *Senior Choir*

A reminder that tomorrow is our big day at the Town Hall! Please meet us near Mr Tickle's room at 9:30am. Be sure to be all in black with your ArtsAlive T shirt. If you are wearing something warm over the top, please wear your Newport school jacket or jumper.

Looking forward to a wonderful day,  
Ashleigh Mallin and Marianne Gutherson

## Library

### *Library Book Donation Sale*

We would like to extend a big 'Thank You' to all the grandparents, parents, students and their friends who donated books to the library during our Open Day last Wednesday. It really encourages the children to borrow when they can see new and up-to-date books in the library collection. Many of the children who donated books will have already borrowed them. Others will do so this week. If children still have overdue books at home, they should bring them back to the library so they can borrow their donated books. A special 'Thank You' to our helpers on the day and also our book coverers (especially Tina Bracher and Virginia Schultz) who covered the hundreds of new books for the donation sale – a mammoth task!

### *NSW Premier's Reading Challenge*

This is a reminder to those students participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC). They must finish reading and entering their books onto the PRC website by Friday 25 August, 2017 (the end of Week 6). Please come and see us in the library if you need books to finish the challenge.

Stephanie Bracey, Gine Svendsen and Rita Ericsson

## Music

Congratulations to the students who played at the Opera House last Tuesday night. They were beautifully behaved and their bows were in time with the other 290 students in the combined orchestra. The final piece was played by an ensemble consisting of 300 primary school string players, 700 primary school recorder players, about 5 drummers from Fort Street High, a mandolin and an accordion. Believe it or not they sounded great!

Further congratulations to all students for their performances at Open Day last Wednesday, well done everyone!





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The Stage Band has been entered into the NSWWE Spring Festival in Chatswood on Sunday 10 September and will be playing at the primary assembly on 7 September. It is essential that all Stage Band students attend every rehearsal before this date.

The Music Program will be running a cake stall and BBQ on Council Election Day – Saturday 9 September. We would be grateful if you could put aside some time to bake a cake and/or help out at the BBQ on the day. More information will be distributed closer to the time.

The next Music Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday 31 August.

#### Dates for Diary

Mon 7 Aug	Selected String students performing at PCS concert at Pittwater High
Thur 31 Aug	Music Committee meeting
Thur 7 Sept	Stage Band playing at primary assembly
Sat 9 Sept	Music Program running BBQ and cake stall at Council Elections
Sun 10 Sept	Stage Band playing at Spring Festival in Chatswood





# Avalon Sailing Club

Registration Day

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2017

Registration for the 2017/18 season will be held at the club from 9am to 12 noon. Avalon sailing club is a family friendly club run with a focus on young sailors of primary & secondary school age. We also offer Adult sailing options along with enabling parents to be active participants on & off the water.

This is your chance to sign up for the **learn to sail** Blue Group which is aimed at children in grades 2 – 6. Registration will also open for the learn to sail camp aimed at the older children during the September holidays. Spaces for both are limited.

We have Red Group for those who already have some sailing experience and want to develop their skills, and Gold Group for those ready to race.

Club members and sailors will be available to answer questions.

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