

Natter Week 5 Term 3 2017

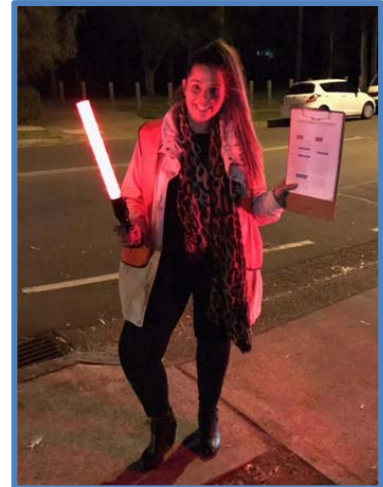
Dear Parents,

PCS Music Festival

Performing Arts continued in the spotlight last week with the fabulous feel good concert of the year, the PCS Music Festival being held at Pittwater High School. Our talented choralists and dancers entertained the audience with beautiful uplifting songs and very polished dance performances which were enjoyed by everyone in the audience. Our Captains Emma and James were fabulous compares for the evening and we all watched on proudly as they did a superb job of guiding us through the evening's program with many laughs along the way.



Congratulations to all of our talented performers and to Mrs Frazer and Miss Body for leading the choir, to Miss Kafkis and Mrs Smit for working with the year 6 group on Rhythm of the Night and Miss Rohowicz and Miss Pretty for working with the 3/4s on Runaway. Thank you also to our very supportive parents for your assistance with costuming, hair, makeup, transport and for being our cheer squad. Congratulations must also go to the PCS Music Festival organising committee which Mrs Falconer co-chairs and thank you to the many staff members who assisted on the night. It was a wonderful night of entertainment which came together through the combination of committed teachers, talented students and supportive parents.



Arts Alive Choral Festival

On Tuesday night our fabulous Senior Choir performed at the Town Hall as part of the Arts Alive Choral Festival. It was a beautiful evening with a very special solo on the bagpipes played by Keisha T and Brooklyn C singing as part of the specially selected Arts Alive Combined Schools Choir. Congratulations to all of our students who were a part of this event, who behaved so well during the day and sang so beautifully into the night. Many thanks to Mrs Gutherson and Miss Mallin for their time and expertise in preparing and leading the Senior Choir.



Parental Permission

Currently we are using Mathletics and Reading Eggs, two non-Departmental websites that support teaching and learning. It is important for you to know that these websites require a student's personal information including their name, date of birth and class to be entered, in order for them to use the resource and this requires your permission as your child is under 18. If you do not want your child's information to be used in this way for Mathletics and Reading Eggs, please contact the office as soon as possible.

Chess Tournament

Although Mr Tickle and Edson Ortiz (for many years) and more recently, Mr Cooper have been championing chess at Newport, on Wednesday we hosted our first Sydney Academy of Chess Tournament and our Newport Team came 3rd (only half a point behind second place). Congratulations to the students who played on the day and to Mr Tickle for promoting chess within our school and across the community. Congratulations to our fabulous chess players who continue to exercise and challenge their brain through strategic thinking skills. More results and stories from the day and the weekly after school tournament can be found later in the Natter.



Amidst much illness (both staff and students) this week, Kindergarten started the week with a fabulous day learning about volume and capacity. The photos show students involved in their explorations.





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Best wishes to our group of state snowsports qualifiers who will return to Perisher next week, for the NSW State Interschools. Our team will be competing in Alpine Ski, Skier-Cross, Moguls Ski, Cross-Country Freestyle and Relay, Snowboard GS and Snowboard-Cross. We wish you all a safe and successful competition and look forward to the stories upon your return.

Contact Information

Do we have the correct and up to date contact details for you? Our new payment system has been good for updating our records and we ask that you make sure the school office has your current email address. This can be done over the phone or by emailing Newport-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

What is a semester? Terms 1 and 2 together, make up Semester 1 and Terms 3 and 4 together make up Semester 2.

NAPLAN Online for Year 3 & 5

We have been preparing for the NAPLAN online trial which will assess our technical capacity to administer the NAPLAN online. The results we receive from this assessment will be around technical information gained, not student results. Please note that parent permission sought for students' special needs to be accommodated (additional time / rest breaks) will apply in this instance also and of course, if you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to get in contact.

Working Bee

This year, we have Newport Rugby Club conducting some voluntary work for us on Saturday 30 September which is during the Spring holidays. At this time, we are also going to hold our regular Working Bee. Details and a job list to sign up to is coming soon. I would like to also take this opportunity to thank Adam Ginsberg for assisting our Snowsports Team and Gardening Club (as well as myself) with Buzzy this year. It has been a great resource to use to assist with communication and information sharing and is very much appreciated.

Father's Day Stall

Our P&C will be organising a Father's Day stall again this year on Friday 1 September. Please keep an eye out for further details.

Keep up the good hygiene habits amidst this influx of bugs and enjoy the first week of swim school Year 2!

Warm regards,

Natalie Baldi
Principal





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Dates for the Diary

Mon 14 - Fri 18 Aug Year 2 Swim School
Wed 16 Aug Math Olympiad 8am
Fri 18 Aug PSSA Final Series
Mon 21 - Fri 25 Aug Year 2 Swim School

Sports

National Cross Country

On Thursday Tom T travelled to Tasmania to compete in the Australian Titles of the PSSA Cross Country. The weather was close to freezing and Tom got pushed to the back of the pack at the start of the race. He worked his way forward and finished 17th which is an absolutely outstanding achievement. I believe this is also a record for Newport Public School. Well done Tom!

Tom competed in the Cross Country Relay today which is 5 x 1500m and 5 x 3000m with the four other runners from the state against teams from each Australian State and Territory.

NSW competed extremely well winning the gold medal in the 1500m event and bronze medal in the 3000m. This was a massive effort by Tom and his NSW team mates. Very well done Tom, you should be extremely proud of you achievements.



Winter PSSA Competition

The regular season of the Winter PSSA competition is now finished and the Finals Series will commence. Teams finishing 1st – 4th will compete against each other. This Friday 18 August will be the semi-finals where 1 vs 4 and 2 vs 3. The winners of these games will then progress to the Grand Final on Friday 25 August.

Well done to all students who have competed in the PSSA Competitions. All students have competed with pride and enthusiasm to the best of their ability. Our coaches Mrs Keogh, Mr Cox, Mrs Orazio, Ms Mallin, Ms Body, Ms Blazejewski and I have had a great time coaching them.

There will be more information with game times and locations to follow on the Skoolbag App. We wish those teams competing in the Finals Series the best of luck.





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Summer PSSA Competition

The Summer PSSA Competition from Term 1 will resume in Week 1, Term 4.

We will begin training again during Friday afternoon sport time starting in Week 8. Training before school on Thursdays and Fridays will begin in Term 4. The teams will remain the same from Term 1.

Senior and Junior Girls' Eagle Tag – Mrs Keogh
Senior and Junior Boys' Eagle Tag – Miss Blazejewski
Senior and Junior Boys' Cricket – Mr Cox
Senior and Junior Girls' Cricket – Miss Gilder
Junior Boys' and Girls' Teeball – Miss Mailler
Senior Boys' and Girls' Softball – Mr Moran

Music

The Local Council elections are being held on Saturday 9 September and the Music Committee have been offered the coveted position of fund-raising through a sausage sizzle and cake stall on the day. This is a major opportunity to raise some well needed funds to support the music program in ways such as purchasing new instruments. We are calling on volunteers to assist on the day with serving and cooking at the BBQ plus helping out on the cake stall. Please select from one of the time slots in the SignupGenius link below to assist in planning. Feel free to select multiple slots if you are available for more than one hour. If you aren't available on the day you can still help out by baking a sweet treat to sell at the cake stall. We are also looking for a volunteer to coordinate busking on the day if your child is keen. Please let Michelle Lee know via email (cranomore@hotmail.com) or phone (0431 864 542).

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c4daea923a7fa7-election>

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 these dates.

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

Dates for Diary

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





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Snow Sports

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Let it snow,
The Snow Sports Committee,
Mark Tickle

Chess

At the end of the NSW Junior Chess League's Ten Week After School Tournament Newport Junior B team has topped the point score yet again, albeit with the same score as Collaroy Plateau B Juniors so an equal first. Newport Juniors had the same scenario last year with John Colet Juniors so they have affectively not lost this title for over 5 years. Seeing the progressing scores unfold in week 8 it was always going to be a close event and with Edson Ortiz's dedication and focus on the Juniors in training they were able to grab some big scores in the last two rounds. Congratulations to Will H (captain), Liam D, Elijah H, Harley C, Arthur D and Eddie B. Congratulations also to Edson for another great result and congratulations to Collaroy Plateau B Juniors. The Senior A Championship team finished 3rd overall in a highly competitive field with Mona Vale taking the win.

Last week Newport Public School hosted the Sydney Academy of Chess One Day Tournament. This was the first time Newport has ever hosted an Interschools tournament and it proved to be a great day. Once again Mona Vale was the winning school with St Rose 2nd and Newport 3rd. The top three teams will now be invited to compete at the next semi-final round later in the year.

During the Sydney Academy of Chess contest Will B in year 5 actually moved to the top table so was rated top player at the time. He lost his game on time but was able to avoid a checkmate throughout the 30 minute game. Will and Jethro B were awarded a medal for being the top scoring players from Newport.

Mark Tickle

Library

NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

There are still a few students who have started the PRC but have not yet entered all the required number of books onto the website. You have until Friday next week (25 August)



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to do this. If you still need to read a few more books, come and see us in the library now, so we can organise books for you to read by Friday week. We would like to see all of you complete the Challenge.

Book Week

Next week (19 - 25 August) is Book Week – ‘Escape to Everywhere’. While we in the library consider every week to be Book Week, perhaps you could set aside some extra time to read and enjoy books with your family during Book Week. Come and visit us in the library where we have the Shortlisted books from the Children’s Book Council of Australia awards on display. More information about Book Week and the Children’s Book Council of Australia can be found at their website: www.cbca.org.au/.

Stephanie Bracey, Gine Svendsen and Rita Ericsson.

Garden Club

Adopt A Patch of Playground

Don't miss out! Lots of people have started to adopt patches of playground. Visit the Buzz www.tinyurl.com/newportgarden and let us know what patch you would like to choose. It can be as small as a little section of the fence line that you keep free from weeds as you walk past.



Fact sheet for parents and carers

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Planning has begun to move NAPLAN from a pen and paper assessment to an online assessment.

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What are the benefits of NAPLAN Online?

Results will be faster and more precise

- Your child's individual results will be returned to you within just a few weeks of the NAPLAN testing.
- Online assessment will reduce the time it takes to mark and provide feedback to schools, teachers and parents.
- Improved precision and timing of results will help teachers to tailor their teaching more specifically to address students' learning needs.

Tailored tests will provide better assessment

- The online format allows for 'tailored testing', where the test adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match their achievement level.
- Students in each year level start with the same set of questions which can then branch into a different set of questions based on their responses to the first set of questions.
- This means that students will be directed to questions that may be easier or more challenging depending on their responses.
- This test design will allow students to better demonstrate their literacy and numeracy skills.
- Students find online assessment is more engaging*, which means they are encouraged to persist longer and try harder.

* Research by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) into online assessment has shown that students have engaged well with electronic tests.

NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test

NSW schools will participate in a school readiness test between 14 August and 22 September 2017.

The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technology ahead of NAPLAN Online. The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability. The readiness test allows schools to:

- become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test format and processes
- check whether they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online
- provide students in NAPLAN years 3, 5, 7 and 9 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN online test.

For more information

Parents, students and schools interested in familiarising themselves with the NAPLAN Online format can access the NAPLAN Online demonstration site that includes sample tests for each NAPLAN year. Use the following link:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site>

Further information about NAPLAN Online is available on the national ACARA website:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online>

Contact your school principal or visit the ACARA NAP website for more detailed information:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/online-assessment.html>



Frequently asked questions

Which students will participate in the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate.

How should I prepare my child for the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test?

Your child will not need any academic preparation for the school readiness test. This is not a test of their literacy and numeracy skills, but an opportunity for them to experience the online test format and for their school to assess its online testing capability.

How long is the school readiness test?

The school readiness test is expected to include two assessments: a writing assessment* and a combined numeracy/literacy assessment. The duration of each assessment will be approximately 40 minutes.

** Year 3 students will only be expected to complete the combined numeracy/literacy assessment.*

When will my school participate in the readiness test?

One week within the test period in August and September will be identified for each school to conduct readiness testing.

How will students be prevented from using the internet or spellcheckers when completing the test?

The NAPLAN Online assessment platform will have state-of-the-art security protections. The assessment is delivered inside a locked-down browser. This ensures students cannot access the internet or spellcheckers while completing the test.

Will schools and parents be provided with information on the results of the readiness test?

There will be feedback to schools about the technical information gained from the readiness testing. There will be no reporting of student test results from the readiness test.



Not in front of the children!

by Michael Grose



The things parents say in front of their children have wide-ranging effects on their learning, confidence and behaviour.

Ever said something about another person in front of your children, only to hear one of the kids repeat those words in public when the subject of your comments is around? Yes, children's blatant honesty can embarrass the hell out of their parents. We need to be mindful of what we say in front of our children.

But being embarrassed by our children is only half the communication story. As celebrated US psychologist Martin Seligman found in his ground-breaking research about optimism, children usually reflect the explanatory style of their primary parent by the age of eight. So, for instance, if a parent is a raging pessimist there's every chance that their kids will pick up and convey the same 'woe is me' way of viewing the world from an early age. As parents, this means we need to be really mindful of how we present the world to our kids.

Kids take their cues from parents as trusted adults

But it's not just with optimism or pessimism that we need to be careful about our messaging. Kids take their cues from their parents as they work out how to behave and belong in all sorts of ways. Tell a child he has a learning difficulty and he'll believe it. Tell a child she has a behaviour problem and she will believe that. Tell them they are no good at maths and the message will more than likely stick. And why not? Children look at parents as wise, trusted adults who know a thing or two about the world. Even adolescents, who are renowned for wanting to challenge the authority and world view of their parents, still use their parents as significant reference points.

Parents who talk down other people – including teachers, friends and family members – in the vicinity of their children are teaching those kids to devalue those same people. Even when we vent about someone else out of sheer frustration we are shaping our children's views about those people.

For all these reasons, as parents we need to be so careful about the messages we give out.



'I don't have to do that work'

Recently I heard how a thirteen-year-old girl refused point blank to work for a teacher as her mother had said that the teacher's expectations were unreasonable. Miss 13 cited her mother's views when she refused to get to work saying, "My mum says I've got a problem with learning. She says you need to take it easy on me but you don't. I don't have to do your work!"

This type of entrenched view is very difficult for a teacher to encounter without ridiculing the parents and the young person. However stories like this are more common than most people think. They reinforce the notion that parents need to be mindful of what they say in front of their children, whether that be about the child's abilities, their teachers or anyone else.

Negative views can easily shut down kids' learning. Some children are quicker than others to latch on to even a skerrick of their parents' negativity as an excuse either not to work or to lower the expectations of others.

Sometimes it best to say nothing at all

As adults we have all sorts of opinions that don't necessarily need to be shared with our kids. We may hold strong political views for example, but if young people are to formulate their own opinions then it may wise to curb our opinions when they are around.

Similarly, it may be smart to keep mum if our views about religion, sexuality and ethnicity are intolerant or don't follow the mainstream. That's not to say we don't discuss these issues at home. Children and parents in healthy families are able to discuss all manner of issues, with even extreme views tolerated and challenged rather than mindlessly expressed and held as if they are the only possible truth.



Michael Grose

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's the author of 10 books for parents including Thriving! and the best-selling Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It, and his latest release Spoonfed Generation: How to raise independent children. A trailblazer in the parenting and educational scenes Michael regularly appears in the media throughout Australia in programs including The Project, The Today Show and ABC radio.



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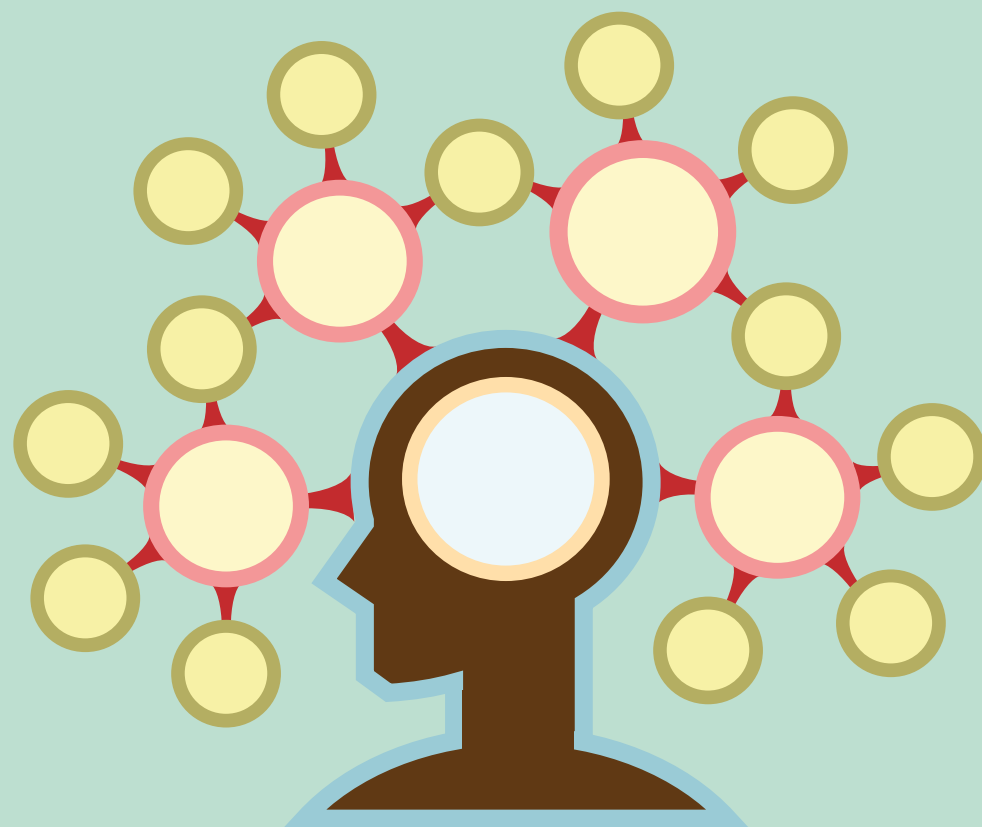
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The Imagination and the Visual Mind

For parents, children, and educators

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The RNSH Hospital School is hosting a very special fundraiser to learn about our inherent visual capabilities and how that directly effects our imagination.



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Please join us to learn more of the importance of visual capabilities and their relationship to one of our most untapped skills: **imagination**.

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WHERE & WHEN?

Auditorium
Kolling Building - next to RNSH
Cnr Reserve Rd and Westbourne St
(Off Herbert ST)
St Leonards 2065

Early bird Tickets

Adult \$25 Child \$5

Afternoon Tea available from 4-430pm



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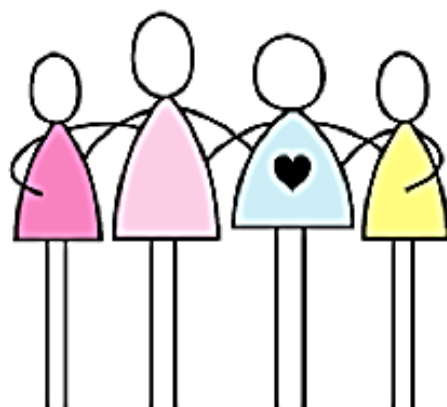
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Avalon Sailing Club

Registration Day

Sunday 27th 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.

Where: Old Wharf Reserve
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