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Principal's Report

Dear Parents,
Working Bee



Every little bit of help at our working bee made a big difference



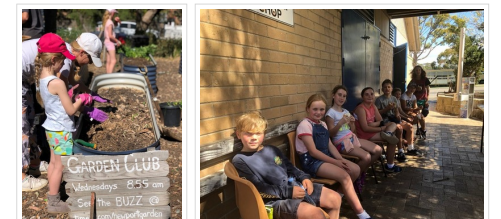
fossilised rocks in the garden and the planting



rubbish collection, sand worm and water play



Thank you Tim Seaton for the composting workshop and Mal & Bob for the BBQ lunch



A small but mighty and committed group took time out of their weekend to assist us on Saturday at the working bee. It was

lovely to see some new faces and of course, our regulars who generously give their time every year, to this “call out” and many others across the school. It is certainly so much appreciated. Thank you to the following families; Sampson, White, Stritt, Reeman, Leslie, Jones, Newton, Bradfield, Meares, Lobb-Nagle, Meek, Osborne, Dann, Renn, Nyquist, Atkinson, Crawford, Letts, Collingridge, McCoy, Baldi, Deratz, and Miss Rohowicz, Miss Borrowman, Mrs Nicol, Miss Troy, Mrs Moore, and of course, to Bruce Baker for co-ordinating the day and also to Bob Major and Mal French for firing up the BBQ and ensuring nobody went hungry!

PCS Science Fair



Students demonstrating aquaponics and solving erosion through vegetation

Project based learning in action at the PCS Science Fair - 'Newport's happy H2O' certainly gained lots of attention and the students spoke well, about what they had learned throughout the process. Congratulations to Lulu P., Penny S., Fin JM., Jake C., Oscar S., Harper W., Natasha B., Amelia B. and thank you to Miss Cowling and Miss Schneider for leading the group.

Maths Olympiad

The Maths Olympiad's focus on problem solving certainly exercises the brain – congratulations to all of the students who participated in the Olympiad this year and to Daniel R., Caleb R., Will B., and Cohen D. who achieved a score of 20 or more out of a possible 25. Many thanks to Anna Walter for supporting this program.

Premier's Spelling Bee



Congratulations to Daniel R., Josh B., Ambrine D., Lillie M., who attended the Premier's Spelling Bee Challenge Regional Finals at Mona Vale PS. Many tricky words were spelt correctly and although our spellers didn't make the finals we are very proud of their efforts and achievement to get this far. Congratulations!

ICAS English Competition Results



Congratulations to Alannah P., Ava Z., Raya S., Lexie M., Summer W., and Daniel R. who received Distinctions in the ICAS English competition, the latest in the series. A very special congratulations to Lillie MP. who has achieved a High Distinction (her 2nd High Distinction for the year in ICAS assessments!).

Snowsports



Congratulations to our Snowsports Team, Rose H., Keisha T., India P., Zara M., Milla B., Jada B., Abbie L., Rene G., and James T., on achieving third placed school overall at the National Interschools competition behind Snowy Mountains Grammar School and Jindabyne Central School! Thank you also, to Mr Tickle, Mr Moran and Miss Blazejewski, as well as to the fantastic parent team that supports the program.

Rugby Union KO



Our winning Rugby Union champions! Congratulations to the team, their coaches, Mr Hearne, Miss Blazejewski, Mr Aroney and Mr Walsh for an awesome campaign. We are very proud of your skill, talent, commitment and achievements.

Our Girls' Rugby and Cricket KO teams, alongside our Boys' Softball Team are all still competing and we wish you all the best in the next round. Congratulations also to all of our PSSA teams for your sportsmanship, skill and competitive spirit throughout the winter comp and to your coaches for the time, effort and expertise they share with you. Additionally, to our Boys' Senior Rugby League Team who won their grand final – awesome effort against Elanora in a tough game. Congratulations too, to our students who competed at the Zone Athletics Carnival. Some great individual results with Newport achieving equal first place with Mona Vale and coming first on handicap.

Year 5 Leadership Night



Last Thursday, Year 5 boys and their parents were involved in a very successful and enjoyable evening centred around the idea of leadership, relationships and the students' responsibilities as the elders of the school next year.

Guest speaker, Matt Stevens was the highlight of the evening discussing his military leadership, outlining the skills and qualities needed to be a successful, productive member of a group and leader.

Matt discussed the attributes of leading by example, moral and physical courage, commitment, understanding self, responsibility, and respect.

These ideas were discussed between the boys and their parents, linking the ideas to their roles as part of the leading cohort next year.

My sincere thanks goes to Matt for his time, inspiring the Year 5 boys and giving us ideas and a reference point when discussing leadership with them. Thank you to Ashleigh Burnet, David Cox, Christeena Hurst and Adam Hearne for their efforts in organising and facilitating the evening.

I'm looking forward to the Girls' night out this Tuesday, where Stella Campbell, ex-Newport student and national cricket representative will share her perspective of leadership with the Year 5 girls and their mothers.

State Dance Festival



Our Year 3/4 Sydney North Dance Group was stunning at the Seymour Centre last Monday night. Congratulations to this group of very talented students, and to Mrs Nicol and the team of parents who work to put the extra-ordinary performance together.

Young Musicians



Just some of the stars from our 2018 Young Musicians showcase of talent

Congratulations to all of our musicians who performed as a part of our showcase last week – you are super talented and possess some of the skills that will assist you to be successful in life; committed, persistent, reliable, self-disciplined and collaborative.

Read-a-thon



How many books have you read and recorded for the Read-a-thon? We had much fun dressing up last week and now is the time to collecting sponsors. The money raised will go towards progressing our playground plans which you can see underneath the staffroom window.

Canteen Closed

Our 130 Years Celebration day is coming up and our school canteen will be closed on this day for recess and lunch. There will be no orders processed through flexischools and the canteen will not be available for the students to buy morning tea or lunch. Please arrange for your child to bring their own morning tea and lunch on Thursday 25 October.



Looking for a certified electrician

In preparation for our 130 Years Celebration, we are looking for a certified electrician to tag



and test our electrical equipment/lights. If you are able to help, please contact our school office.

Kindergarten 2019

Have you completed the paperwork for Kinder Orientation? It's coming up next month. Please complete an enrolment form and bring this to the office along with the student's Birth Certificate and Australian Childhood Immunisation Register, as well as original documents providing proof of the student's residential address.

<https://schoolsequella.det.nsw.edu.au/file/8a02d9b7-f934-401e-b96a-0949f04a3e14/1/detsef.pdf>

Evacuation Drill

We had a very successful evacuation drill 2 weeks ago and one reminder to come from the drill was the importance of visitors signing in as well as out, when coming on site as a volunteer. Many thanks to those visitors who, for the purpose of safety, are following our process.

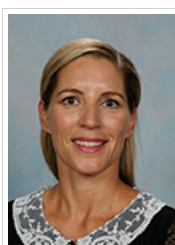
More Happenings



Our Sydney North Dance Groups and Senior Choir visited Eurobodalla Retirement Village in Newport last Thursday. Their performances delighted staff and residents.

Best wishes to those competing in the Sydney North Athletics Carnival and coming up we have Bushlink visiting, our wonderful senior choir performing at the Sydney Opera House as a part of the Arts Alive Choir Festival and grade planning in week 10. I hope you have a wonderful spring break which brings whatever is needed for you and your family and thank you for your support and participation in the life of our school across the term.

**Kind regards,
Natalie Baldi**



Dates for Diary

Mon 17 Sep	Sydney North Athletics Carnival
Tue 18 Sep	Year 5 Girls' Night 6.30pm School Hall

Wed 19 Sep	Girls' Cricket KO Warriewood Oval 10am
Thu 20 Sep	Senior Choir Concert at Opera House all day – Arts Alive Intermediate Band performing at Pittwater High School 7pm
Fri 21 Sep	PSSA finishes
Fri 28 Sep	Last day Term 3 – students return for Term 4 Mon 15 Oct

Snowsports

During Week 8 Newport's top state snow sports qualifiers headed to Perisher for the Australian Interschools Snow Sports Championships. All nine participants had qualified through the Regional Titles in July and the State Titles in August, both held at Thredbo. Perisher played host to the National event with racers coming from as far afield as Victoria and Queensland. Newport had several teams and individuals racing in Snowboard GS, Snowboard Cross, Alpine Ski and Skier Cross. Our Newport families were treated to fantastic snow conditions once again with the entire resort open for spring skiing and boarding. Lots of our children achieved personal bests and a couple of podium appearances made for a great week. The Division 4 Senior Girls achieved an amazing result placing 3rd overall in Australia behind winners Snowy Mountains Grammar and runners up Jindabyne Central School. Their bronze medals were well received as the girls have trained very hard this season. Rose H. also placed 4th in the country individually with a couple of blazing runs in this race. Rene G. also finished 3rd overall in the Boarder Cross winning himself a bronze medal and just narrowly missed the podium with a very credible 4th in the Snowboard GS. James T. was the last standing Division 6 participant and finished 8th overall in the Alpine.

A big thankyou to all our families who travelled south for the event and a special thankyou to all our volunteer marshal and team manager parents, as without your support we could not run such an event. Our next event will be our end of season Bavarian BBQ held in October to celebrate the end of the season.

Results - Teams at Nationals

Division 4 Snowboard GS Girls' A Team - 7th
Division 4 Snowboard BX Girls' B Team - 8th
Division 4 Skier Cross Girls' A Team - 3rd

The Snow Sports Committee, Mark Tickle



In action - India P. Division 4 Boarder Cross, Abbie L. Division 4 Snowboard GS, Rose H. Division 4 Skier Cross, Zara M.

Division 4 Skier Cross, Milla B. Division 4 Boarder Cross, Keisha T. Division 4 Boarder Cross, Jada B. Snowboard GS, Keisha T. Division 4 Alpine, Rene G. Division 5 Boarder Cross, Keisha T. Division 4 Skier Cross, James T. Division 6 Alpine

Sport News

It's been a big couple of weeks as per usual at Newport in terms of Sport.

Zone Athletics Carnival

On Monday September 3, over 60 Newport students attended the Pittwater Zone Athletics Carnival at the Narrabeen Academy. The students all competed in wet and miserable conditions, however demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and Newport spirit at all times.

The cheering and encouraging each other helped Newport come equal first in the overall score with Mona Vale and win the Handicap score.

To progress to the next level, students needed to finish 1st, 2nd or 3rd in the 100m final or 1st or 2nd in and other final event.

We had 20 Newport students achieve this and will compete at the Sydney North Carnival at Homebush on Monday 20 September.

Well done to all students who competed at the zone carnival, it is a big step up from a school carnival with many talented athletes competing.

Good luck to all the students at the Sydney North Carnival.

Thanks you to all the parents who helped coach the athletics team. It is truly appreciated and has made a difference.

State Rugby Union KO Champions

The Senior Boys' Rugby Union Team travelled to Endeavour High School to compete in the Finals' Day of the Brian Palmer Shield. In the first round they played Wellington PS. The boys put in a dominant display winning 57 nil.

In the final against Valentine PS, Newport were off to a good start before Brodie H, was taken away in an ambulance after fracturing his humerus/ shoulder joint. The boys showed excellent composure, team spirit and sportsmanship to deal with this setback and run away winners 29 nil.

Well done to all the boys and the coaching staff, this is now the 12th time Newport has won the Rugby Union State Knockout Competition.

Softball Knockout

The senior Boys' Softball KO team travelled to the Central Coast to play Wamberal PS in the Softball State KO Competition.

It was a tight game with both teams struggling to get home due to excellent fielding. Eventually Newport was able to hold on and win 9-2 in a much tighter game than the score reflected.

The boys will now play the winners of the North Coast region which may mean a road trip.

Well done boys!

Touch Football Knockout

The Senior Girls' Touch Footy Team played Harbord PS in the State Touch Football Competition. The girls played strongly and were able to beat Harbord 4-1. The girls will now play Cherrybrook PS in the next round. Well done girls and good luck!

Cricket Knockout

The Senior Girls' Cricket Team played Blaxland East in the Girls' Cricket Knockout Competition. Blaxland ended up 7-48 with our girls reaching the 49 runs needed without losing a wicket.

Winter PSSA Competition

The Winter PSSA Competition has now concluded. Well done to all of the boys and girls who participated in the Winter PSSA Competitions. We had teams reach the semi-finals in soccer, netball, AFL and Rugby League.

The Senior A and Junior C teams in Netball made the Grand Final and ended up finishing up runners up. The senior Boys' Rugby League team won their Grand Final against Elanora in a tight game 12-6.

Well done to all students who competed in the finals series.

Summer PSSA Competition

We will resume training for the Summer PSSA Competition before school at the beginning of Term 4 with the competition set to resume on Friday 19 October in week 1 of Term 4. This will be the same teams that competed in term 1. There will be some disruption to training with Newport Oval being out of use until the end of December. We will put messages on the Skoolbag app and in the Natter as well as messages at assemblies regarding where and when training will be held.

The closure of Newport oval will also affect boys' cricket. We have posted a new draw in the Natter and it is also on the Team app. Please download the Team App if you have not already done so as this will have the results, draw, ladder and other relevant information. We have attached instruction for how to download the app.

Return Jerseys

With the Winter PSSA Competition now ended, if you haven't already could you please return all rugby league, rugby union and soccer jerseys.

Uniform Shop

Summer term is fast approaching, do you have your uniform ready? Go to the website below and place your orders and we will have them to you before term break. Or pop into the shop Monday 9-10 am and Thursday 3-4 pm.

<http://www.flexischools.com/>

Do you have your Celebration polo? Our birthday celebration is next term. Be part of the fun with your polo that has the unique 130 years logo.

We would love you to go through your uniforms to see if there is anything you might be able to donate to our second hand clothing pool. Especially summer uniform items.

Thankyou, Louise and Keiva

We Need Shoes!



Mrs Matthews and Mrs Elliott recently met a lovely teacher from Canley Heights Public School. Her name is Mrs Petrie and the students in her school come from a diverse range of backgrounds and cultures. One of the problems that Mrs Petrie helps the students with is shoes. Sometimes the children don't have any shoes to wear to school. We knew that our beautiful Newport community would be sad to hear this and would want to help kids who are less fortunate than us.

HOW YOU CAN HELP: if you have some shoes that you have grown out of, that are still functioning and are fairly clean, please send these to school with your child. These shoes may be delivered to 4NE or 3JJ. All sizes, all colours, all makes and models are welcome!

WHAT WE WILL DO: We will make sure the children at Canley Heights PS receive their shoes (we might throw some fresh socks in too).

Community News

Live Life Well @ School

GO4FUN



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Healthy • Active • Happy • Kids

GO4FUN IS A FREE TEN WEEK HEALTHY LIFESTYLE PROGRAM FOR KIDS AGED 7-13 YEARS WHO ARE ABOVE A HEALTHY WEIGHT.

Sessions run once a week for two hours after school, during school term. The program is run by a trained and qualified health professional.

For more information:
www.go4fun.com.au

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