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## Principal's Report

### 130 reasons to smile!



What fun we had on Thursday. In the words of some of our guests,

"I would like to thank you, your lovely staff and volunteers for the fantastic 130 year celebration events. The amount of work and organisation involved was truly appreciated and the presentations by your students were wonderful. My friends and I had a great time and as ex-students it was a very special day."

An amazing event was staged with wonderful memories still lingering on. There are many ways to measure the success of an event such as this – student learning outcomes, community participation, meeting our need to connect, celebrating the past and the future, bringing people together, the entertainment, the fun and the memories made. On any of these measures, Thursday's event exceeded expectations and a huge congratulations must go to Trina Jones and the 130 Years Committee, along with our amazing staff, our talented students, our hard working volunteers, and our generous sponsors, for their "can do attitude," creative ideas, attention to detail, organisation skills and the ability to bring student learning to life, coupled with a wonderful party for everyone. Thank you to our fantastic community for supporting us by coming and having a great time and to everyone who played a hand in making the day a success!

- The staff who worked with students to develop driving questions around syllabus linked projects;
- The students who presented, performed, educated, informed, flash mobbed and proudly shared their learning;

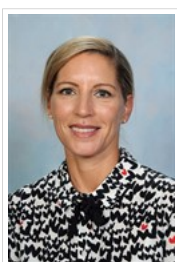
- The office staff who emailed, laminated, communicated, problem solved, letter box dropped, organised, risk assessed, organised, distributed, collected and answered questions;
- The parents who designed murals, painted backgrounds, gathered project materials, took photos, hung artworks, taught students as "experts" in their field and supported project based learning;
- The Royal Motor Yacht Club and The Newport for generously sponsoring the event;
- Sotto Sopra and Newport staff for donating to the raffle;
- Megan Moxham for 130 Years designs and logos;
- Zubi for keeping us "coffeed up";
- The wonderful Memorabilia Board Team- Ana Arruzza, Lisa Brown and Rita Eriksson as well as to everyone who contributed artefacts, for the nostalgic and entertaining trip back in time;
- Jodi Newton and Bruce Baker for catering and lighting;
- Nic Parker for recording the events on film;
- Our wonderful musicians, (both young and younger) who filled the marquee with music and got us up off our chairs including the Tickle Family duo with the pipe band;
- The set up crew who hung posters, assembled, decorated, arranged, collected, cut, sourced, organised and transported goods;
- Keiva Baker, Louise Woods, Kylie Ryan and Natalie Sampson for organising and selling the merchandise;
- Tammy and the wonderful crew of volunteers who set up, prepared and served the delicious afternoon tea;
- The staff who controlled traffic, cooked the BBQ, drove buses, collected donuts, laminated, coloured in, pushed gelato carts, sold books and merchandise, supervised children, organised the pipe band, lead the dancing and taught us the moves;

- The Newport Pot Shop for providing us with the decorative pots and Jess The Plant Stylist for adding sophistication to the outdoor scene in the nick of time;
- Uncle Neil who welcomed everyone under the marquee;
- Jessica Deathridge who helped with the Guard of Honour and Cara McCauley who organised the Year 6 helpers;
- Nick Rogers who advised us on power;
- Ian Homes who made the beautiful garden signs;
- Alana Smit and Zoe Letts for keeping us hydrated;
- Meg Minkley for transposing the students' fish onto a beautiful mural (not quite finished);
- Newport Surf Club volunteers for the first aid station and the BBQ;
- Alana Smit and Zoe Letts for keeping us hydrated.
- Mal, Oscar and Leonor who prepared, cleaned up and packed away;
- Paul Doyle and Doyle Bros Waste;
- The pack up crew who turned up again when everyone was tired, to make it look like nothing ever took place.

My wish is that, like the generations we met last Thursday, our current students will look back on the celebration and indeed all their days at Newport, with great gratitude and affection. In years to come they may not remember all the novels studied or the way spelling was taught, but they will remember the friendships and the support that comes with knowing they were and are a part of the "Newport family".

Please email any photos to Newport-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or newportps130@yahoo.com so we can begin an archive of the celebration.

**Kind regards,  
Natalie Baldi**



## Dates for Diary

<b>Tue 30 Oct</b>	P&C meeting 7pm Library
<b>Wed 31 Oct</b>	Kindergarten Orientation 9.15-11am State Athletics Carnival
<b>Thu 1 Nov</b>	State Athletics Carnival
<b>Mon 12 Nov</b>	Year 5 Day Pittwater High School

<b>Thu 15 Nov</b>	K-6 Banner Assembly
<b>Thu 22 Nov</b>	Book Fair books for sale – 3.30-7pm Library

## Sports

### Sydney North Softball



Sophie L. attended the PSSA State Girls Softball Championships, playing for the Sydney North team in the last week of Term 3.

Sydney North came 2nd, winning the silver medal. They won 11 out of 12 games over the 3 days. Sydney South West came first, finishing the competition undefeated.

Sophie proudly acted as a joint captain of the team throughout the training and competition process. She should be proud of being selected in a Sydney North team. Well done Sophie!

### State Knockout Touch Footy

On Monday the Senior Girls' State Knockout Touch Footy Team travelled to the Central Coast to play Copacabana Public School in Round 6 of the state KO Competition. The girls were leading 4-1 at half time. Copacabana came back and the score was 4-3. Newport scored again and went on to win a tough game 5-3. They are now the Sydney North Champions and will go to the Finals' day which was on today, however the Natter went to the publishers before the results were in.

Good luck girls!

### State Knockout Cricket

On Wednesday the Senior Girls' State Knockout Cricket Team played Thornleigh Public School in the State KO Competition. The girls played down at Lake Park. Thornleigh batted first and Newport were able to bowl them out for 53 runs. Newport went into bat and chased down the runs for the loss of 4 wickets.

The girls will now play Wellington for a spot in the final. Well done girls and good luck!

### Invictus Games



Last Tuesday the Sport Captains attended the Invictus Games at Homebush. It was an early start with the students boarding a bus at 6am at Mona Vale PS. This was an opportunity for all sport leaders in the Peninsular Community of Schools to



explore the ideas of resilience, empathy, service, inclusion and the healing nature of sport and community. We watched the swimming and witnessed firsthand, the passion, camaraderie and how much it meant to these people to be competing no matter which country they were from or whether they finished first or last. The adversities they had overcome to be able to train and compete was truly inspiring.

We also listened to a motivational speaker at the end of the day who only had 6% vision. He was a talented guitar player and played some songs for us and shared some of the stories of the obstacles he had to face growing up. One particular story he told was how he grew up in Tamworth and as a nine year old boy he wanted to ride his bike to the beach. His friends all told him it was impossible, so in the holidays he rode his bike with his dad driving ahead in his car all the way from Tamworth to the beach, camping by the side of the road each night.

It was a great day and the students learned some valuable lessons.

## Summer PSSA Competition

This week is the bye round for Newport so there will not be any games. We will use the Friday afternoon session for a training run.

**Greg Moran**

## Year 4 Art Mural



Stage 2 classes 4NE, 4SC, 4RB, 4IM and 3/4SN have been working on a 130 Year Celebration Mural. The mural represents the changes to our Newport landscape and school over the last 130 years. We would like to thank the parent community for all their donations, time, material and expertise. Thank you also to Mitre 10 Mona Vale for the donation of paint and brushes, the Dawe Family for their donation of fence palings and Sally Stieven and Alisa Nyquist for sharing their amazing skills and artistic talents with us. We are very much appreciative of all the time and effort that everyone has put into creating our beautiful mural.

## Newport Times – 130 Years Celebration Edition

If you missed out on a copy of the 130 Years Celebration edition of Newport Times, copies are available at the front office for \$2 per copy. You can purchase as many as you like.

## Library News / Book Fair

We will be holding a Book Fair in the library on Thursday 22 November (Week 6) from 3.30 – 7.00 pm. The selection of books from which you can purchase will include a wide range of quality fiction and nonfiction books from the best Australian and overseas authors and illustrators. All books are discounted and some are at greatly reduced prices. This is a great opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping while supporting our library at the same time.

Children will be able to look at the books during their library session the week before, when they can jot down a 'wish list' to take home for you to look at. Parents will be able to preview the books in the library between 8.45 – 9.25 am on Thursday 15 and Friday 16 November (Week 5), and Monday 19, Tuesday 20 and Thursday 22 November (Week 6).

**Our Book Fair selling afternoon/evening is:**

**Thursday 22 November, 2018, 3.30 – 7.00 pm in the library.**

Carnival has an option on its website ([carnivalfairs.com.au/](http://carnivalfairs.com.au/)) where you can pre-pay online for books you wish to buy/order at the Book Fair using your credit card. Click on 'Parent Payments' at the top of the page. All you need to do is bring the printed receipt (along with a list of titles you wish to order) to school on Thursday afternoon/evening, or send it to school with your child, to collect or order the book/s. Alternatively, cash, Eftpos and credit card facilities will be available (Visa and Mastercard only) in the library on Thursday afternoon/evening. If you cannot attend in person, credit card payment slips are on the back of the 'wish lists' that children will bring home and can be sent to school with your child/ren (or cash or cheques made out to 'Carnival Fairs') on the Thursday. If you have any questions, please contact the library.

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

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

## Australian Girls' Choir Open Day

Congratulations to girls who recently took part in the AGC assessment workshop at school. By now you should have received your personalised assessment report – either posted to your home or via your school. Everyone is welcome to come along to an Open Day on either Sunday 28 October (in Beecroft and Waverley) or Saturday 3 November (in Caringbah), which will give girls the opportunity to try a complimentary class and attend an information session. Ph 1800 338 142 for more information or visit the link below:

<http://www.ausgirlschoir.com.au>

## Got It!

The tip sheets this week give you some ideas to help you respond to your child's emotions especially *anxiety*.

## ABC Series - The Importance of Music Education

Despite the proven benefits of music education, most schools in Australia don't have the resources for a music program in their curriculum.

Don't Stop The Music is a three-part documentary series to be screened on the ABC channel that follows the journey of a primary school from an underprivileged area of Perth embarking on a music program, and the transformative effects this has on the students, teachers and families involved. The series is fronted by Guy Sebastian, who workshops songs with the students and mentors them as they learn to play instruments and perform in bands.

Starts Sunday 11 November 7.40pm ABC

View the trailer for the series below:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JmHWbQTKZDc>

## Parents of Year 5 Students - Intention to apply for Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2020

Selective high schools cater for high achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 14 March 2019.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2020, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from mid-September 2018 at the link below:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

The application website opens at that link on 9 October 2018 and closes on 12 November 2018. You must apply before the closing date. Late applications will not be accepted.

## Community News



AFL, Baseball, Basketball, Dance, Football, Gymnastics, Netball, Rugby All Code, Skating, Swimming, Surfing, Tennis, Touch Football

Come to a FREE afternoon of training for students in Years 4, 5 and 6 and try an Academy sport followed by a BBQ. Narrabeen Sports High School offers professional coaching and world class facilities through our unique specialist Sports Academy.

**THURSDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2018 3:45PM – 5:00PM**

Please RSVP to: <http://bit.ly/CPOG2018>

For more information about the Come Play Our Game afternoon or enrolments, please contact the school office or visit our website.

Sports to be introduced in 2019/2020 include Cheer Squad, Dance Sport and Surf Life Saving.



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