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## Principal's Report

Dear Parents,

We are so proud of our students who scored credits in the ICAS Maths Competition: Zach S., Jamie L., Harley P., Ela M., Austin G., Jessica H., Sophia U., Faith S. And of course, of our students who achieved distinctions: Ava Z., Jacob T., Alannah P., Lillie M., Amber R., Nicholas A., Caleb R., Daniel R., Zachary P., Cohen D., Amelia B.

### External Validation

Congratulations and many thanks to the executive team, for the work put into the External Validation process. Here is a snapshot of feedback shared by the visiting panel;

*"From the moment we entered the school gate we felt welcomed by everyone and please thank the school community on our behalf for being so welcoming. It is clear you know your purpose and you have high expectations for all. External Validation is just a snapshot into the everyday hard work of everyone at Newport Public School, as I mentioned yesterday. Paddy was so inquisitive about your Project Based Learning and technology in the school and wanted to know so much more about your context, which is testament to the submission your team put together, when a colleague just simply is inspired by what they have read about your school."*



Our wonderful new 2019 Kinder cohort enjoyed their introduction to school. Thank you to Nicole Troy, the Kinder Team, office and support staff for facilitating such a successful transition program. I must also congratulate our Year 5 students

for their excellent leadership throughout the program. We had many complimentary comments about the way the students managed themselves in their role as student ambassadors and mentors.

### Read-a-thon

Many thanks to all those who stretched themselves to read and donate to the Read-a-thon this year. A big thank you to Olivia Shortall, Ashleigh Rohowicz and Krys Ramalli, for co-ordinating the "a-thon." 1JL will be enjoying the pizza lunch

### Chicken Pox

We continue to have reports of students with chicken pox. For more information on this infectious disease, see the NSW health fact sheet.

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/chickenpox.aspx>

### Bilgola Sculpture Trail

Congratulations to Year 2 who installed rocks at Bilgola with parents looking on as children played in the sand and watched the whales perform. Thank you to Karen Hulme and Bronwyn Green for co-ordinating this.



### Year 4 Wardens Collecting Data in Stuart Street

4NE is investigating the use of Stuart Street for parent drop offs during the morning between 8:55 and 9:25. They will be wearing vests marked with the words "Traffic Warden" and will be standing behind the fence collecting data. The students

have come up with a number of creative ways to address this issue which is undermining the safety of our students. Some of their letters have been included in the Natter.

## Highlights

Enjoy some pictorial highlights from the classroom and playground last week.



**Kind regards,  
Natalie Baldi**



## Dates for Diary

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| <b>Thu 15 Nov</b>              | K-6 Banner Assembly  |
| <b>Tue 20 Nov</b>              | Yr 3 Coastal Environment Excursion 3/4SN, 3JJ, 3HC<br>Music Information Evening - Strings 6.30pm, Band 7pm – Hall    |
| <b>Wed 21 Nov</b>              | Yr 3 Coastal Environment Excursion 3KS, 3JB<br>Yr 2 Coastal Environment Excursion 2KH, 2JF<br>Yr 1 Fizzics Incursion |
| <b>Thu 22 Nov</b>              | Book Fair books for sale – 3.30-7pm Library  |
| <b>Fri 23 Nov</b>              | Last day sailing   |
| <b>Mon 26 -<br/>Thu 29 Nov</b> | Year 6 Camp  |
| <b>Wed 28 -<br/>Thu 29 Nov</b> | Year 4 Camp  |
| <b>Tue 27 Nov</b>              | Helpers' morning tea   |
| <b>Thu 29 Nov</b>              | School tour – prospective parents 10am   |
| <b>Tue 4 Dec</b>               | Year 6 - Public High Schools' Orientation Day<br>Twilight Concert Newport Music Program – 7pm Pittwater High School  |
| <b>Fri 7 Dec</b>               | PSSA & School Sport ends   |

## Sports

### State Athletics

On Thursday 1 November nine Newport students attended the State Athletics Carnival at Homebush. The students competed in sweltering heat displaying great sportsmanship at all times. The students should be extremely proud of their achievements, competing at a NSWPSA event.

Zac P. competed in the 11Years Boys' Shotput and finished 19th overall. The Junior Boys' Relay team consisting of Darcy K., Liam D., Ben W. and Aston M. made it through their heat to the semi-finals. However this was where their journey ended.

The Junior Girls' Relay team consisting of Charlotte B., Gracie D., Alannah P. and Lillie M. won their heat, progressed through the semis and finished 7th overall in the final. This is an incredible result. All of the students should be extremely proud of themselves and their commitment to training.

**Well done!**

### State Touch Footy Knockout

On Monday 29 October the Girls' State Touch Footy KO team travelled to Parramatta to compete in the Finals' Day of the State Touch Footy KO competition. The girls came up against a strong team from Boronia Point and went down 6-1. In the next game the girls played Orange and won 5-2.

The girls should all be very proud of their achievements; finishing 3rd overall in the state is a great result and the furthest a Newport team has progressed in the Girls' Touch Footy KO competition.

**Well done girls and Miss B.**

## Library News / Book Fair

Our Book Fair will be in the Library on Thursday 22 November (next week, Wk 6) from 3.30-7.00pm. The selection of books from which you can purchase will include a wide range of quality fiction and non-fiction 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 will be able to 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 8.45-9.25am 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.

Now is the time to start looking for misplaced/lost library books. **All library books will need to be returned to the Library by the end of Week 7** (Friday 30 November, 2018), in preparation for our end-of-year stocktake. There will be no more borrowing after the end of next week, Week 6.

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

## Mandarin Classes Starting Soon

The successful Lotus Mandarin Programme already operating in Mona Vale is now bringing its programme to **Newport starting Term 1, 2019.**

Newport School is excited to bring The Lotus Mandarin Programme to offer our students the benefit of learning Mandarin, a great investment for their future and can unlock our children's potential in an increasingly connected world.

See attached flyer for details on how to **enrol by 30 November**, please direct any questions to [jing@ding.id.au](mailto:jing@ding.id.au) (Lotus Mandarin) and/or [hang@allthewildroses.com](mailto:hang@allthewildroses.com) (Newport Mum, assisting)

## Dance

Claire is a talented Year 6 student who has been dancing since the age of 7. She attends classes in lyrical, contemporary and classical ballet. After receiving a Distinction in each classical ballet grade, Claire is currently preparing for her Intermediate Foundation exam.

Last year Claire completed a successful audition and travelled to Melbourne where she participated in an intensive week of training at the Australian Ballet School. She has continued with this elite program again this year.



Claire acknowledges that a highlight of her dancing career to date was her invitation to study dance at the Royal Ballet Summer School last July. She travelled to London where she boarded with students from all over the world. Her room mates were American and French students and although communication through language was a problem, their connection developed through their shared love of dance.

Next year Claire will be attending the Alana Haines Award in Wellington, New Zealand. She will be competing with other talented students for a scholarship to further her dance study.

We have thoroughly enjoyed Claire's performances and contribution as a talented member of our Newport School Dance Program and wish her continued success with her passion for dance.

**Sandra Nicol**

## Music

### Music Information Night - Tuesday 20 November

**6.30pm Strings Information, 7.00pm Band Information in the school hall (see flyer below)**

Come along for an evening of information about our vibrant Music Program at Newport Public School!

Our strings program is seeking new 2019, year 1 students to our preliminary Violin 1 program, and our orchestra is seeking new members from years 3-6. Meet Karen Leimbach, our Strings Conductor to learn more about this exciting program.

Our Band program is seeking new members from years 3-6. **No prior musical experience necessary!** Meet Ben Swatton our Music Director to learn more about the exciting opportunities available in our Band Program.

There will be a small presentation and opportunity to ask questions about the program, as well as musical demonstrations and inspiration.

The Music Program is accessible to all students in years 1-6.

### Why join the Music Program?

Being a member of a band or orchestra is a truly rewarding and unique experience where students learn the benefits of responsible creative risk-taking in a safe and supportive arena. It is an opportunity for a diverse group of students to learn teamwork, self-discipline, confidence, and consideration for others in an empowered and creative environment.

Through performances both in and outside of school hours, our musicians learn to manage their performance persona and impact positively on the broader community whilst earning a great personal sense of achievement. For many, becoming a part of the band or orchestra will instil a life-long love of music that may create further opportunities into high school and beyond. We are proud that our Music Program at Newport is such an important and positive part of school life.

### Save the Date – 4 December – Twilight Concert

The Music program's annual night of nights, the Twilight Concert, featuring performances from all Newport Music Program ensembles, is at Pittwater High School on Tuesday evening 4 December at 7pm. Come early (from 6pm) and feed the family at the fundraising BBQ. Performers are to dress in Christmas casual. Entry to the concert will be by gold coin donation. There will be an amazing array of hamper prizes to be won. Music families are asked to make a donation for the raffle prizes, please see flyer at the link below. New goods, appropriate for a Xmas hamper, can be left at the school office up until 28 November.



If you can't make the Information night but want to know more, please go to the Newport PS website at the link below, or drop us an email [newportpsmusiccommittee@gmail.com](mailto:newportpsmusiccommittee@gmail.com) and we will get in touch. Alternately you can register your interest online at:

<https://portal.msmusic.com.au/NewportPSMusic>

<https://newport-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/learning-at-our-school/music-.html>

### Music Committee Annual General Meeting

The Newport Music Committee will be holding the Annual General Meeting at 7pm 10 December in the Newport PS staff room. All Music program families are welcome. Please come along to listen, put forward your views or put your hand up for a position to help out next year.

## Chess

Newport's chess teams travelled to Mona Vale on Wednesday last week to compete in the Sydney Academy of Chess One Day Tournament. All the boys played extremely well. The A team finished equal 5th which earned them a spot in the upcoming State Semi-Final.

Thank you to Mr Cooper for supporting the team on the day and to Edson Ortiz for continuing to coach Newport chess every Friday morning.

