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Principal's Report

As I write this, we have a little over three weeks of school left for the year. Despite the Christmas break approaching there have been no signs of students or teachers 'slowing-up' with much learning taking place and many exciting activities planned for the coming weeks.

Teachers have been analysing student assessment results and preparing the Semester 2 reports. When reading your child's report, the statements under each heading tell you what a child in that particular grade should be able to do at this point in time. If your child is achieving a sound (or 'working at' for Kindergarten), he or she is able to complete the task or demonstrate the knowledge or skill at their grade level. If your child is achieving limited or basic for the statement, he/she hasn't demonstrated proficiency in this yet. If your child is achieving a high or outstanding for the statement, he/she is demonstrating greater ability in this particular area of knowledge/skill or understanding.

This semester we will email reports to families. Printed reports will only be available on request from the school office. Reports will be sent to your primary email address as indicated on your child's enrolment form and only one report will be sent per family. If you have extenuating circumstances and need multiple reports emailed, or you need to update your email details, you will need to make changes by emailing Newport-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or via the school office by Friday 7 December. Reports will be emailed on Thursday 13 December.

Teachers have also been upskilling themselves in how to identify personality types by studying the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) at a recent professional learning afternoon. The aim of the study was to improve self-awareness to ultimately increase the productivity of teams. If you're interested in knowing more about MBTI, click on the link below.

<https://www.myersbriggs.org/my-mbti-personality-type/mbti-basics/home.htm?bhcp=1>

Planning for 2019

Please let us know if you have a child in Years K-5 who will not be returning to Newport in 2019. Our staff and class planning depend directly on our student numbers so this information is important. If your holidays will extend beyond the first day back at school for students which is Wednesday 30 January, please advise the school in writing so we know your child will be returning to school albeit late, and can allocate a place for him/her.

Much time and effort goes into class placements, taking into consideration individual student needs, both academic and social, ensuring classes are parallel (a range of abilities represented) and using our knowledge of the students to create class combinations conducive to optimal learning. The number of students in each class, as well as the number of boys and girls is also considered and we ensure that all students have at least one other student from their 2018 class, moving into their new class with them.

Learning and Activities from the past fortnight

Captains visit Parliament House

Congratulations to Zara and Jesse who proudly represented Newport as student leaders. When asked what they learnt about leadership their insightful answers included leaders needing to encourage everyone to help them make a difference along the way and leaders being selfless, being role models and being able to influence others.



Final Parliament Meeting

Congratulations to our Parliament Ministers for capably leading the final Parliament meeting for the year. The group has worked together to achieve a number of initiatives, including designing a record-breakers certificate, getting additional bike racks installed, reviving lunchtime Art Club and managing student fundraisers.



Here also are a collection of photos of some of the excellent work undertaken in the classrooms, as well as some wonderful cooperation in the playground.



Banner Assembly

Congratulations to our Banner recipients for this semester, Jude J., Hamish R., Jett W., Oliver M., Jasmin D., Chester S., Lulu P., Sofia A., Evie O'S., Coby F., Zac D., River E., Evie S., Lauren C., Marlon R., Macy H., Bronte A., Joel N., Molly J., Maximus M., Summer R.S., Sophie L., and Finn W.

Also, thank you so much to Karen Lienbach and the String Orchestra for your performance during the assembly, it was fantastic.



Year 3 Coastal Environment Excursion

On the rock shelves at Long Reef students learnt about natural forces that shape our coastline as well as life cycles and environmental health.



Year 1 Fizzics Incursion

Our budding scientists in Year 1 were visited by Fizzics Science where they learnt about the "material world". Amongst other activities, students conducted experiments that showed the particle composition of paper and changes in the state of matter.



NSW Police Visit for Year 5

Thank you to our police youth liaison officer, Senior Constable Robyn Jennings, for organising lessons for Year 5 last week centred around civic responsibility, bike and cyber safety. The lessons were timely reminders for students about their responsibilities to themselves, the school and the wider community as they ready themselves to be our next cohort of Year 6 leaders.

Mathematics Challenge Camp

Two weeks ago, some of our highly skilled mathematicians, Jess H, Sophie R, Nick A, and Declan B, along with 81 other students from surrounding schools participated in the Maths Challenge camp.

The goal of the camp was to get students to work like a mathematician by investigating the big ideas of Plato, Pascal, Fibonacci and Escher. All participating students reached the goal and had a great time in doing so. Thank you Mrs Lomas (Elanora Heights PS) for organising the opportunity and Mrs Walter for teaching at the camp.



Girls’ Cricket and Boys’ Softball KO

What great seasons for these two teams! Both finishing in the top eight of the state.

Thank you so much Mrs Smit and Mr Aroney for the time and effort spent this year training our team of excellent cricketers. The girls have been training every week since Term 1 and were really unlucky to have their season ended by only seven runs against Wellington last Friday.

Similarly, the Boys’ team were beaten in a close match against Wyrallah Rd PS in Lismore. They too have trained all year and were great ambassadors for Newport. Thank you Mr Moran for all your time, effort and expertise with the team.



Year 4 Market Day

How many sleeps until Year 4 Market Day? Students and parents alike have been hard at work, preparing their products to sell. Billie, Tilly and Macy didn't know how to sew, prior to preparing their scrunchies so congratulations to all students working outside their comfort zone and thank you to parents and teachers for supporting them. Remember, all gifts sold at Market Day have been made with love and the money raised goes to a very worthy cause-Happy Days Cambodian Village School

<http://www.happydayscambodianvillageschoolinc.org.au/who-we-are>



Book Fair

I'd like to extend my thanks to Mrs Bracey, Mrs Svendsen and Mrs Erickson for organising, promoting and selling books in our Book Fair. Many families now have more engaging literature in their homes and the school library will be able to replenish supplies with the money earned. Everyone wins, thank you.



Kind regards,
Natalie Baldi



Dates for Diary

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| Mon 26 - Thu 29 Nov | Year 6 Camp |
| Wed 28 - Thu 29 Nov | Year 4 Camp |
| Tue 27 Nov | Helpers' morning tea 11am Hall P&C meeting 7pm Library |
| Thu 29 Nov | School tour – prospective parents 10am |
| Tue 4 Dec | Year 6 - Public High Schools' Orientation Day |

Chess

On Sunday, our senior chess team travelled to North Sydney Boys’ HS to compete in the NSW finals of the Primary Schools One-Day Tournament. Congratulations Will B., Vishal F., and Jethro B. for representing our school so well, especially during the weekend. The level of competition at this tournament was extremely high. We scored 10 out of a possible 21, placing us 32nd in the state. Thank you again, Mr Edson Ortiz for your commitment to training our chess players.

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| | Twilight Concert Newport Music Program – 7pm Pittwater High School |
| Thu 6 Dec | Kindergarten Project Exhibition - 2.30-3.15pm School Hall |
| Fri 7 Dec | PSSA & School Sport ends |
| Mon 10 Dec | Kindergarten Presentation Day - 10am School Hall Music Committee AGM- 7pm Staff Room |
| Wed 12 Dec | Year 1-6 Presentation Day 10am Pittwater High School – parents attending by invitation only |
| Thu 13 Dec | Reports emailed home |

Sports

Sydney North Cricket

Sophie L. attended the NSW PSSA Girls Cricket Championships last week in Maitland, playing for the Sydney North team. They played four days of cricket, with Sydney North remaining undefeated to go into the grand final.

They played against Mackillop in the Grand Final and won 69 to 46. It ended up being a low scoring game due to a wet turf pitch.

Sydney North came first winning the gold medal. The team showed great talent, cohesion and camaraderie throughout the week. A special mention should go to the coach Mr David Hancock who guided the team to the win. Sydney North is the first team ever to win three years in a row, which is a new state cricket championships record.

Well done Sophie!



State Knockout Softball

On Monday the Senior Boys' Softball KO Team travelled to Lismore to play Wyrallah Rd Public School in Round 6 of the State Knockout Competition. The boys started strongly and got out to a 4-2 lead. Wyrallah Rd made a comeback and ended up running away winners 11-4. The boys should be proud of making it to the quarter of the state-wide competition. Over the season, they all made fantastic progress in their knowledge and skill of the game as well as their commitment to training.

Well done boys!

Library / Book Fair

Book Fair Thank you

We would like to extend a big 'thank you' to all the students and their families who purchased books at our Book Fair last Thursday. You made it a wonderful success and your support for this library fundraiser is greatly appreciated. Hopefully, many of you were able to do some early Christmas shopping. Most, if not all, students should receive their orders by the end of this week. Come and see us in the library if you have not received your order by the beginning of Week 8.

All library books must be returned to the library by the end of this week, so that we can organise the library for our end-of-year stocktake. There are still many children with overdue books. Look on bookshelves, under beds, in the car, at nana's, in the classroom, in a sibling's bedroom or at your friend's house for that elusive book! Contact the library if you have any problems or questions.

Stephanie Bracey, Gine Svendsen and Rita Ericsson.

Music

Save the Date: 4 December Newport Music program's 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 Christmas hamper, can be left at the school office up until 28 November.



There are still a few spots to be filled in the roster for helpers for the Twilight concert. Please refer to the email from Natalie Sampson sent 20/11 for the link to the Sign Up Genius roster.

Music Committee Annual General Meeting

The Newport Music Committee will be holding the Annual General Meeting at 7pm 10 December in the Newport PS staffroom. 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.

Music enrolments for next year

Thanks to all those who helped out and came along to the Music Information night on 20 November.

If you were not able to make the Information Night but want to know more about the Music program, please go to the Newport PS website at the link below or drop us an email newportpsmusiccommittee@gmail.com and we will get in touch. Alternately you can register your interest online at the link below.

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

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

Rehearsal timetable for 2019

The draft timetable for rehearsals has been released and is included below for your reference. We release this early so parents can make adjustments to NOOSHC bookings and plan for the year ahead.

BAND TIMETABLE 2019 (Draft)

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 8 - 9am | Stage Band | Training Band | Performance Band | Intermediate Band | |
| 3:30 -4:30pm | Performance Band | Intermediate Band | | Training Band | |

STRINGS TIMETABLE 2019 (Draft)

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--------------|--------|---------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|--------|
| 8:15 -9:15am | | String Orchestra V1's & V2's | | String Orchestra V1's & V2's | |

Got It!

The tip sheets this week are on the interesting topics of, "Talking about our children's strengths" and "Spending quality time with our children".

Bookclub 2018 – Issue 8

Your child will have received a new booklet for Issue 8. This is the last issue for 2018.

A big thank you to all parents and carers who are using the LOOP system to order their books.

At Newport, Book Club is run as **cashless**. Please place your order online using the LOOP(Linked Online Ordering & Payment) platform to pay by credit card. Please see the attached flyer to learn how easy it is to order. Make sure that you select '**NEWPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL**' and then your child's teacher's name. If your child has two teachers then select the one teacher's name. Cheques are also accepted but must be returned with the order form to Mrs Falconer by **FRIDAY 30 November**.

All orders must be completed online and cheque orders returned by **FRIDAY 30 November** for **Issue 8**. All LOOP orders will close by 4pm that day.

Please allow 2 weeks for your books to arrive. If you have any questions, please see Mrs Falconer.

Remember to READ EVERYDAY THAT YOU EAT!

Uniform Shop

Thank you to all our volunteers throughout the year, especially our lovely regular ladies who give their time each week. We pride ourselves on being a friendly face to our new families and our school community and these women are so caring, happy and helpful to everyone. Thank you to Joanna Pepper, Susan Lewis and Maxine Oakley and Kylie Ryan.

Thank you to everyone for your second hand donations throughout the year, we truly appreciate your generosity as do our families who buy them !

Thursday the 13 December is the last open day for the shop for 2018. The Uniform Shop will be open (extended hours) until 5 pm and we are having a HUGE Second Hand SALE.

Please note the following shop hour changes due to end of year events:

- Thursday 6 Dec - shop closed (deliveries will still be made)
- Monday 17 Dec - shop closed due to stocktake (this will be the last day Flexischools deliveries will be made, orders must be placed by midday the 16 Dec for deliveries on the 17 Dec)
- please note we will be OPEN the day before school starts in 2019 from 9-11am - you can place your flexischool orders over the holidays and we will have them packed ready for quick collection.

Thank you everyone for a great year, we have some exciting new items available for next year: school track pants with logo, raincoat with logo and new library and school bags all made from 100% recycled materials. We are excited about these and look forward to helping you in 2019.

Merry Christmas and have a safe holiday, Louise and Keiva