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Principal's Report

Natter Week 9, Term 4

'Tis the season to be jolly' and, can I suggest, a time to reflect, look back and think about the learning that has taken place and the achievements that have been accomplished in 2018.

In only the past two weeks students have been involved in:

Year 6 and Year 4 Camp

Thank you to the Year 6 (Sharon Smithies, Anna Walter, Ian White and Greg Moran) and Year 4 (Nicola Elliot, Ingrid Mailler, Lisa Body and Scott Cooper) teachers for giving their personal time in Week 7 to take students to camp. The photos speak for themselves; great fun was had by all and plenty of learning achieved in regard to stepping outside personal comfort zones, setting challenging goals and working as part of a productive group.



Life Education

The Life Education van has been at school for the past two weeks in which students participate in lessons that complement their in-class learning about personal health and development. Perhaps you could ask your child what Healthy Harold taught them this year.

<https://www.lifeeducation.org.au/>

Just Like You

Thank you Natalie and Paul from the *Just Like You* program for teaching Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5 over the past two weeks. The biannual program educates students to develop understanding, acceptance and inclusion of people with a disability, learning that people with a disability really are *Just like you*.

<http://www.justlikeyou.org.au/>

Read-a-thon

Congratulations to 1JL the winners of a pizza lunch for the read-a-thon.



Outstanding Writing

Please enjoy reading an outstanding example of creative writing from Lillie M. in Year 4.

Helpers' Morning Tea

Two weeks ago, I was able to personally thank a group of parents over morning tea for their continued support of our school. If you give your time in any way to help us educate students, I would like to extend our gratefulness to you. Whether your support for our students comes through a one off contribution at a whole school event or you regularly commit to class reading groups; whether you cover books for the library or volunteer time to support the arts or sporting programs; whatever it may be, and the range of support is vast, we truly appreciate your contribution and believe it's the community involvement that makes Newport such a great place of learning and a truly special school.

Scripture and Ethics

We had our final scripture and ethics classes for the year last Tuesday. I would like to extend my gratitude to all our volunteer teachers for their continued support of these programs.

Twilight Concert

The Twilight Concert last Tuesday evening was extremely entertaining and a great opportunity to hear the sophistication and skill of our talented musicians. Thank you Mrs Power and Mr Cox and Ben Swatton as well as a few other friends and acquaintances, for sharing your musical skills as part of the performances. Our Year 6 Music Captains Keisha T., Sam M., Will B. and Olivia M., all spoke beautifully as they led us through the evening. We're extremely lucky to have such a well-supported music program at our school. I would also like to thank Melanie Cogan and the Music Committee for coordinating the evening and for their work throughout the year to support our program.



Year 4 Market Day

Congratulations Year 4, supported by the Year 4 teaching team and parents, for raising over \$3400 for the Cambodian Village Happy Days School. The students' effort in making products to sell and the learning that went along with that is something

to really celebrate. Thank you also to Mrs Nicol and 3/4SN for promoting the idea of supporting children in parts of the world less fortunate than Australia. The photos tell the story.



Christmas Stall

Thanks so much to Trina Leslie and her band of merry helpers for organising and operating the Christmas Stall last Friday. I am sure all the thought that children put into choosing a gift will be really well received on the big day. All proceeds will go to the P&C, ultimately coming back to the school to support learning.



Kindergarten Push and Pull Project Based Learning Exhibition

Congratulations to all the Kindergarten students for their work involved in understanding force as part of their Science unit. The projects based on Rube Goldberg's machine, presented to a large audience of parents, grandparents and friends last Thursday, demonstrated not only their understanding of the concept but also the skills needed to work well together, to be able to plan their own learning and accept constructive feedback.



Kindergarten Presentation Assembly

Thank you Miss Troy and the Kindergarten team for organising the beautiful celebration of achievements for our youngest students. Congratulations Kindergarten for all you have achieved this year.



Drama Performance

Our local drama group 'Smarty Pants Drama' have a fun and colourful performance taking place on Saturday 22 December at the Newport Surf Life Saving Club and all profits will go to KidsHelpLine. Those interested in watching their adaptation "Robin Hood and His Band of Merry ... Persons" are able to book through the link below:

<http://www.trybooking.com/ZGNY>



Coming Up

Enrolments

It's still not too late to enrol new students for 2019. If you know anyone thinking about joining Newport, please ask them to contact the school office for enrolment advice.

Alternatively, if your family is leaving the school next year, we need notification in writing to Newport-
p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Reports to be emailed Thursday

Just a final reminder that we will email reports to families on Thursday this week. 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. We have updated email addresses as per your requests.

Please remember that school reports are a *point in time judgment* of your child's skill and knowledge as measured against NSW syllabus outcomes. The reports aim to provide you with an understanding of what your child has learnt as well as providing information about what they need to focus on to improve.

If a student achieves a "sound" it means they are achieving at a level that is expected, according to the content and skills covered in that semester. Much time and effort goes into writing these reports and we hope you find them both valuable and informative.

Presentation Assembly

Our Presentation Assembly for Years 1 to 6 will be held this coming Wednesday. In advance, I would like to thank Mrs Walter, Mrs Burnett and their team of helpers for organising such a large scale event. Our guest speaker this year will be Jason Waterhouse, past Newport student and sailing Olympic medalist. I'm really looking forward to his address for the assembly and to see our captains, Jesse and Zara present at such an important event. Parents of award winning children have already been formally invited and, as always, it will be fantastic to celebrate their children's accomplishments as well as highlighting the personal achievements of all students throughout the year. Everyone is welcome to attend the assembly.

Picnic Day

This Friday we will again be celebrating the end of the year with a picnic for K-2 students at Billarong Reserve and for 3-6 students at The Basin. The forecast is for rain. Students need to wear suitable clothing including raincoat, enclosed footwear and shirts with sleeves to cover their shoulders. Despite the forecast they should bring sunscreen, a hat, morning tea and lunch and plenty of water. Please remember on this day that there is no food sharing. Students K-2 and Year 4 need to be at school by 9.25am. Students in Years 3, 5 and 6 need to be at school by 8.30am.

Year 6 Farwell

Next Monday we will celebrate the achievements of our Year 6 cohort, along with the end of their Primary School Chapter. Thank you to Sharon Smithies, Ian White and Anna Water for all you hard work with the cohort this year and with preparing for the ceremony. A large team of parents are also involved in organising the event. I'm sure the hall will look fantastic and the memories of the evening will stay with the children for a very long time.

Final Day for Students Wednesday 19 December

Next Wednesday is the final day for students. At approximately 3.00, all the students and staff gather on the eastern side to form a tunnel through which the Year 6 students leaving the school, followed by students in other grades and teachers, will pass so, that we can farewell them. Everyone is welcome. At the end of the event, the K-5 students go back to their classrooms with their teacher to be dismissed. Year 6 is dismissed by their teachers, from the playground.

Looking forward to next Year

Recently, teachers have been forming classes for next year, taking into consideration individual student needs, both academic and social, ensuring classes are parallel (a range of abilities represented) in addition to the one class (across grades 2-6) with a small cluster of very academically capable students. The number of students in each class, as well as the number of boys and girls is also considered. We also ensure that all students have at least one other student from their 2018 class, moving into their new class with them.

The first day back for all returning students in Years 1-6 will be Wednesday 30 January. When the bell rings at 9.25 on this day, the students will line up in their usual spot, where they will be met by their 2018 teacher (where possible) and walked to the Western Shelter for a welcome back assembly. Any students starting at Newport in Years 1 to 6 for the first time should present at the school office.

For families who have another child starting in Kindergarten next year, our Best Start appointments, which occur during the first week of school, will be held in and around our library again in 2019. Therefore, our current Kindergarten students who will be moving into Year 1 next year, will remain with their 2018 class cohort and if possible, in their 2018 classroom, for those first few days. Furthermore, on that first day, our Kindergarten teachers from 2018 will be available to catch up with their class for a short time, prior to starting their Best Start appointments.

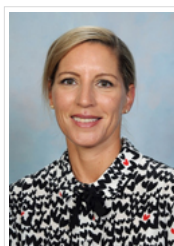
Conclusion

As this is the last Newsletter for the year, I would like to thank the executive team and all of our staff who work tirelessly to bring out the best in each student and to make Newport such a fantastic place to learn and work.

On behalf of the staff I would like to thank all our parents for the support given to us to educate your children. In particular to our P & C Committee led by Shani Law, Kerri Paul and Todd Woods and those who make time to represent our parent community and share thoughts and feedback with us. To Tammy and Petrina in our canteen, Louise and Keiva in our Uniform Shop, Jo, Nicky and Carla in NOOSHC and the Music Committee team, thank you so much for your efforts and input to our school.

I would like to wish everyone a very safe and happy Christmas and a holiday season that is everything that you hope for.

**Kind regards,
Natalie Baldi**



Dates for Diary

Wed 12 Dec	Presentation Day Years 1-6 Pittwater High School 10am-12pm
Thu 13 Dec	Reports emailed home
Fri 14 Dec	Picnic Day
Mon 17 Dec	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony and Dinner Dance
Wed 19 Dec	Last day of school for students, Year 6 farewell 3pm
Wed 30 Jan 2019	First day back for returning students years 1-6

Sports

Dates for the 2019 Diary

Please put these dates in the diary for 2019. Students who are absent for carnivals due to family holidays will not be considered for special entry at later carnivals.

Newport Carnival	Pittwater Zone Carnival	Sydney North Carnival	State Carnival
Swimming Carnival 19/2/19 Warringah Aquatic Centre	Zone Swimming 6/3/19 Warringah Aquatic Centre	Sydney North Swimming 28/3/19 Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre	State Swimming 11/12 and 12/12/19 Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre
Cross Country 1/5/19 Newport Oval	Zone Cross Country 5/6/19 Narrabeen Reserve	Sydney North X Country 21/6/19 The Entertainment Grounds, Gosford	State X Country 26/7/19 Sydney Motor Sport Park, Eastern Creek
Athletics Carnival	Zone Athletics	Sydney North Athletics	State Athletics

Newport Carnival	Pittwater Zone Carnival	Sydney North Carnival	State Carnival
27/8/19 Sydney Academy, Narrabeen	2/9/19 Sydney Academy, Narrabeen	16/10/19 Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush	6/11/19 and 7/11/19 Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush

Summer PSSA Competition

We've had another successful Summer PSSA Competition this year, with the students competing over Terms 1 and 4. The students competed in Eagle Tag, Cricket, Softball and Teeball.

Newport finished 1st and won the patch in Junior Boys' and Junior Girls' Cricket, Junior and Senior Girls' Eagle Tag and Junior Girls' Teeball. Well done to all the students who were involved in a PSSA team this year.

We will begin trialling for 2019 PSSA and State KO teams in the first week of school next year.

Library

We would like to thank all the people who were so generous with their time and assistance in the library this year: Tina Bracher, Lloyd Davies, Elizabeth England, Susan Lewis, Cindy and Brett Menzies, Yasuyo Sannomiya and the Year 6 library monitors. Your help with book covering and repairing, circulation, shelving and tidying shelves is invaluable.

All library books must be returned to the library. All children with outstanding books have been given an overdue notice to take home. Can everyone at home please be involved in looking, as someone may have 'tidied up' and put the book somewhere where you have not been looking. Contact the library if you have any problems or questions.

Stephanie Bracey, Gine Svendsen and Rita Ericsson.

Music

Twilight Concert

We had a an amazing night of music at the Twilight Concert on Tuesday 4 December and many of our young musicians received awards for their efforts and dedication to their musical practice.

Crescendo awards are given to students who have shown the ensemble directors outstanding levels of commitment and effort. A crescendo in music is a direction to get louder and give more. For Training Band, the Crescendo Awards were given to Bryce C. (trombone) and Teaghan F. (saxophone). For Intermediate band the Crescendos were awarded to Billie P. (clarinet) and Pearl P. (saxophone). For Performance Band the Crescendos went to Beau P. (percussion) and Catherine L. (clarinet). For Stage Band the crescendo award went to Caleb R. (bass guitar). For the String Orchestra the Crescendos went to Will B. and Lachlan Z.

The Evelyn Adams award for excellence in strings was awarded to Sam M. (double bass) and for excellence in the wind ensembles the John Stone award went to Keisha T.

Thank you to all the parents who helped out preparing for and running the evening and a special thanks to Ben Swatton our Music Director for all his efforts throughout the year and to the Music Committee President Mel Cogan who devotes many hours every week to ensuring the Music Program runs smoothly and professionally.

Instrument Hire Return

Hired instruments can be returned on Thursday 13th or Friday 14th December between 8.30-9.30am in the school hall. Please contact Eliza with any queries: 0410582276.

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 your views or put your hand up for a position and to help out next year.

Music enrolments for next year

Enrolments are still open for Music ensembles in 2019. If you want to know more about the Music Program, please go to the Newport PS website at <https://newport-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/learning-at-our-school/music-.html> 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://portal.msmlmusic.com.au/NewportPSMusic>

Rehearsal timetable for 2019

The draft timetable for rehearsals has been revised and is included below for your reference.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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 sheet this week focuses on Self Care.



YOU'RE INVITED TO THE DANCE SHOWCASE 2018

The Narrabeen Sports High School Academy Dance Ensemble will perform winning routines from 2018 along with student choreographed works developed with Sydney Dance Company and the accelerated HSC Dance class.

When: Wednesday 12th December 2018

Where: Narrabeen Sports High School Hall

Tickets: Free

Time: 7pm

