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19 March 2019

Principal's Report

P&C Meeting

The second P&C meeting will be held this Tuesday 19 March from 7pm in the library. The issue of School Fencing will be discussed. As always, everyone is welcome.

Colour Run

Thank you Mr Moran for beginning to organise the Colour Explosion, the major P&C fundraising event of the year. The children have been extremely excited (see photo) about the prospect of the event and lure of prizes dependant on the amount of funds they raise. The most efficient way for children to maximise their fundraising efforts is to create an online account. Event details are attached later in this Natter.

Zone Swimming

Congratulations to our swimmers for achieving fantastic results against other schools from our Zone. Our team was second overall and second on handicap. Please see Mr Moran's full report for specific details.

PBL

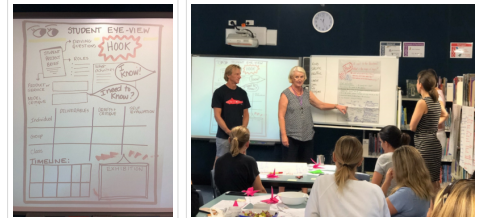
Project Base Learning (PBL) continues to be a whole school focus this year. After the initial great success demonstrated by the student projects displayed at the 130 year celebration, teachers upskilled themselves further around the pedagogy last Saturday.

Led by David and Claire Price, the website below teachers refined established projects and designed new ones, focussing on project authenticity (developing driving questions that have real meaning for students), assessment and student skill development (literacy, numeracy, collaboration, feedback, critique, research, time management, questioning, self-assessment, team working).

<https://engagedlearning.co.uk/about-us/>

The Professional Learning session on Saturday resulted in teachers reflecting on the excellent work they have already

done in this area, refining their project development and delivery skills and renewing their confidence in the pedagogy's effectiveness to simultaneously teach syllabus outcomes and future focussed skills.



Year 6 Parent Meeting

On behalf of the parent steering committee for Year 6 fundraising and events, Louise Woods, Meilani Fisher, Bruce Baker and Rebecca Simmons, I would like to thank the 48 parents who attended the group's first meeting. A theme for the Year 6 social dance was decided upon, fundraising events mapped for the year and the budget reviewed. It looks as though Year 6 will have a great send off at the end of the year, with a memorial year book and gift to give back to the school. They're very lucky.

Parliament

The ministers, led by our captains are continuing to work productively and selflessly. They have ordered new tables and chairs to improve the playground environment. Their report is later in the Natter.

Captains- Halogen Young Leaders Conference

Last Monday our captains attended the Peninsular Community of Schools (PCS) Halogen Young Leaders Day.

<http://www.halogen.org.au/index.php>

Summer W., Sielo C., Vishal F. and Josh B. were able to meet and share ideas with other captains from across the PCS group as well as learn from the inspirational talks from Tim Diamond from the Cotton On Foundation, Tamsin Janu, an award winning author, Cate Campbell, gold medal winning Olympian and Holly Ferling.

At assembly on Thursday our captains shared their experience with the Year 3 – 6 students highlighting the main lessons

learnt, 'one small action can make a huge impact' and 'the importance of being unique, challenged and to learn from setbacks'. Well done students, thank you Mr Cox for accompanying the children.



Considerate, Careful Driving and Parking around the school

I'm appealing to everyone, when driving and parking around the school. Please consider the safety of our students and the potential, horrific consequences of an accident involving a child.

Vigilance and care is needed when using the 'Kiss and Drop' zone on the southern side of the school. The safety of this 'Kiss and Drop' zone is compromised by cars turning left from Crescent Road directly into the zone. It is safer, and I ask everyone, to join the 'Kiss and Drop' queue by driving east on Beaconsfield Street and joining the back of the line.

Despite our regular safety reminders, parents continue to use the 'No Stopping' zones in the Stuart Street cul-de-sac to drop their children to school. This area is often busy and is not a safe place for children to alight from cars.

Similarly, parking on the grass verge near the car park in Trafalgar Park poses a risk to children walking in the area.

Rangers are often present and concerned citizens can report dangerous parking practices at:

<https://help.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/s/article/Illegally-parked-cars>

Parent – Teacher Interviews, Week 10

Bookings for interviews will be open at 4pm, Friday 22 March and can be made at the link below using the code **zd52t**

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/>

The Interview process is described on the School Interview site as:

On your allocated interview day your interviews will be conducted in the library. If your interview is outside these days, it will be conducted in your child's classroom.

The allocated interview days are: Monday 1 April - Years 2 and 4, Tuesday 2 April - Years 1 and 6, Wednesday 3 April - Years 3 and 5, Thursday 4 April - Kindergarten Interviews are strictly 10 minutes only.

The smooth running of our parent-teacher interviews relies on all parents keeping to the timetable. Please consider other parents and end on time. If you need more time with a particular teacher, arrange a separate meeting or phone call.

These are teacher/parent conversations and students are not to attend as subjects of a sensitive nature may be discussed.

To make the most of your interviews, parents may wish to consider the following questions:

1. *What are your child's strengths?*
2. *Where would you like to see your child develop further this year?*
3. *What are your child's interests?*
4. *Is there anything in your child's life outside school that could be impacting on their educational development?*

Tell Them From Me Surveys

Again this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

You may remember that our students participated in Tell Them From Me student surveys in 2018. Asking students to complete the survey each year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

More information about the survey is available at:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 25 March and 12 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being emailed. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to the school office by Friday 22 March. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

Learning across the School



National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence - Bullying. No Way!

Newport's Anti-Bullying Policy states that bullying behaviour is deliberately hurtful either physically or psychologically, a misuse of power in relationships, and repeated over time. Throughout varied programs across the year all students are involved in lessons to help them combat unacceptable behaviour.

Last Friday was the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.

Thank you Mrs Jill Matthews and all teachers for supporting this significant day by reiterating those lessons that have been previously taught throughout the year including the importance of by-standers standing up to protect students against inappropriate behaviour. The anti-bullying slogans in the front office and classrooms have, once again, highlighted the school's total condemnation of bullying in any form.

<https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/NationalDay>

World's Greatest Shave

Selflessness is an extremely valuable personal quality. Congratulations Oscar H. and his dad. By shaving your heads to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation and sharing your experience with us, you have highlighted the Foundation and the importance of thinking of others over and above ourselves.



Correction

I need to correct an error from the previous Natter in which I stated that Lily R. broke four records at the school swimming carnival. In fact it was Lillie M. who swam so well and broke the records. My apologies to both Lillie M. and Lily R. for my mistake.

Amended Date School Photos

School Photos will be held Thursday 27 June.

Students will need to wear their full winter school uniform.



**Kind regards,
Adam Hearn
Relieving Principal**

Dates for Diary

Mon 18 March – Wed 20 March	Year 5 Camp
Thurs 21 March	School Tour 10am, meet at the School Office
Friday 22 March	Last day for School Sport Term 1
Mon 25 March	Orchestra Concert @ Pittwater High School 6.30pm
Mon 1 April – Thurs 4 April	Parent/Teacher interviews
Tues 2 April	4RB & 4CM Geography excursion
Thurs 4 April	4SC & 4KH Geography excursion
Tues 9 April	Combined Scripture assemblies
Thurs 11 April	ANZAC assembly
Fri 12 April	K-2 Easter Parade
Thu 27 June 2019	School photos

Sports

Zone Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday 6 March thirty six Newport students attended the Pittwater Zone Swimming Carnival at the Warringah Aquatic Centre. The students demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship and school spirit at all times. It was fantastic to see the students cheering each other on; there was a real sense of camaraderie.

It is a fantastic achievement to make a Zone Carnival and the children who were competing should all be proud of themselves. There were some fantastic results with many students making finals across many different races. Students, who finished first, second or third in a 50m Freestyle final or first or second in any other final will progress to the Sydney North Carnival at Homebush on March 28.

Elijah F. also broke a record in the Junior Boys' Butterfly at the Newport Swimming Carnival which was not previously mentioned with a time of 42.15. Well done!

We wish them the best of luck!



Boys' Cricket Knockout

The Senior Boys' Cricket Knockout team travelled to Harbord Oval to play Harbord in Round 1 of the State Knockout Competition. The boys scored 50 runs with the bat in hand. Harbord came into bat and through some accurate bowling

and tight fielding had them at 3-8 before Harbord went onto to score the required runs. The boys are to be complemented for their “never say die” attitude. Well done boys and better luck next year!

Zone Trials

We have had numerous students trial across a variety of sports over the last few weeks and upcoming weeks.



SPORT	NAMES	NAMES	NAMES
Boys' Cricket	Josh B	Max B	Haddon B
Girls' Cricket	Sielo C	Jaz J	Charlotte B
Boys' Football	Will M	Joel L	Jesse B
Girls' Football	Chelsea C	Mia L	Summer W
Boys' Rugby League	Alex B	Smith D	Haddon B
	Eddie B	Bailey B	Aston M
	Darcy K	Marlon R	
AFL	Sielo C		
Basketball	Izak H		
Netball	Sielo C	Jaz J	Zoe M
	Tiana W	Charlotte B	Grace O
	Annika S		

All of the students trialled strongly and should be proud of attending the trials. Sielo C. and Jaz J. have both made it through to the next level in Girls' Cricket. Well done!

School Colour Explosion and Cross Country

This year we are combining the school Cross country with a School Colour Explosion on Wednesday 1 May to help fundraise for new equipment and resources for the school. Students will run the Cross Country as per usual. Once all the events have finished we will get one year group at a time, K-6 to run through a shorter course as a Colour Explosion. Students will need to raise a minimum of \$10 to participate in the Colour Explosion.

Students can obtain a sponsorship form and collect cash as we have done in the past. Students can also create a student profile page at the link below where they can raise money online. There are some fantastic prizes and giveaways. Have a look at the note for more information.

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

We encourage everyone to get behind this initiative as it is a great opportunity to raise some money for the school. The average amount of money raised for other schools using online fundraising has been a staggering \$120 per student.



From today, we commence the School Run4Fun Colour Explosion which is major P&C fundraiser this year so we do ask for your support. The more money we raise the more the P&C we can support the school to improve teaching and learning.

The School Run4Fun Colour Explosion will be held on **Wednesday May 1** starting after the cross country carnival. We do ask that you bring a spare change of clothes to school, most importantly a plain white shirt as the students will be covered in powder from head to toe. The day's focus is on fun and fitness with the added benefit of raising funds for our school.

Colour Powder

The colour powder used in our event has been sourced direct from India, the home of Holi Powder. It is made of high quality corn starch and permitted food colours. It's non-toxic, biodegradable, skin safe and environmentally friendly. Toxicological Risk Assessment and ingredient listings can be obtained from the School Office upon request. Students with asthma are advised to be careful in their decision to participate.

How Does My Child Fundraise?

Students have now received a Sponsorship Form with instructions on how to raise money and order prizes. Students obtain donations in cash using the Sponsorship Form together with online fundraising.

Students who raise as little as \$10 or more will receive an incentive prize for their efforts. But why not aim higher? You have the option to choose up to five (\$5) prizes and this will set your fundraising goal. Family and friends are your greatest supporters, so ask them first for your support. You will reach your fundraising goal in no time.

Student Profile Page

Create a Student Profile Page at www.myprofilepage.com.au which is unique to you. There are also some great features like recording your sponsorships and selecting your prize goal.

You can also register for online fundraising. It's the easiest way to help your child raise money and to reach your fundraising goal sooner.

WIN A SHARE OF \$200,000 WORTH OF FREE SPONSORSHIP DONATIONS.

Create a Student Profile Page at www.myprofilepage.com.au and enter your unique code found on page five (5) of your Sponsorship Form to see if you're an instant winner. Give your fundraising goal a kick start!

How to Order Prizes?

To reward your child for their efforts, they will receive incentive prizes based on the total amount of sponsorship dollars raised in cash, online, and if applicable, any **FREE SPONSORSHIP DONATIONS** won using the unique code on page five (5) of the Sponsorship Form. You have two options to place your prize order:

1. Login or create a Student Profile Page at www.myprofilepage.com.au. Once the fundraiser has finished, click the 'ORDER MY PRIZE' button and then confirm your total amount raised and order your prize/s. **OR**
2. Complete the back page of the Sponsorship Form and return to the school.

Please note, all donations need to be finalised on or before **Wednesday May 1**. Student prizes will be delivered shortly after.

Thank you in advance for your participation, and get ready for a BLAST OF COLOUR! Happy fundraising!

Mr Moran



Library

HELP NEEDED. We would love to have some parent helpers who would be able to cover library books at home. You can do it in your own time – most do it while watching TV. We will show you how and give you the contact and plastic already cut to size. You can take as few, or as many, books as you like and as often, or infrequently, as you like. At the moment we have one mum doing a mammoth job and would love to share it among many. Contact Stephanie, Gine or Rita if you would like to help.

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

Music

It was great to welcome back some of our enthusiastic recorder players and meet some new players at last Tuesday's rehearsal/meeting. The Recorder Group plays every Tuesday lunch at 1:00pm and will run for just over half an hour. The recorder is a fun instrument and a great stepping stone for other woodwind instruments. There is no cost for the Recorder Group so if you are in Years 3 to 6, feel free to come and join us.

Mark Tickle

Music program fundraising BBQ and cake stall at school on Saturday 23 March NSW State Election

The Music program is running the BBQ and a cake stall at the school on Saturday 23 March to feed the punters coming to Newport Public to vote in the NSW State Election. Music families please go to the sign up genius to sign up to help on the day. There are still some time slots available.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0448a8af2fa0f94-electi>
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We would also love baked goods which can be sold singly, as multiples or whole cakes. There are a large number of cake boxes with Tammy in the canteen. You can pick up one or more any day this week. Mel Cogan our fabulous president, will be at the canteen on Friday and can collect your cakes and bickies then, or you can bring them directly to the stall on Saturday morning.

Snowsports

On Tuesday 26 March Newport Snow Sports Team will host its annual information afternoon for the upcoming snow season. The information session begins at 3:30 and should run for about half an hour. Areas of discussion will include contest dates, pre-season dry training, costs, social events, team selection, uniforms and any FAQ. Families are reminded that students should be accomplished skiers and while all ages are encouraged to participate from Kindergarten to Year 6, they should be at least a level 3 skier or snowboarder. This will be a great opportunity for families to discover the joys of Interschools racing and meet the teachers and organisers. We hope to see you and your families there.

The Snow Sports Committee.

Date - Tuesday 26th March

Time - 3:30pm

Venue - Mr Tickle's room (2MT T Block)

Canteen

Flexischools is having an issue on Fridays (I'm sure a lot of you know this). They are working on the problem but at 8am the web site has been crashing. To avoid this they have asked if you could please do your orders on Thursday night or early Friday. Flexischools are working on the issue but do not have a solution yet.

Tammy will be away from 1 April till 9 April. Petrina will be running the canteen, so it will be open as normal. The only thing that will be unavailable will be sushi, (as Tammy makes that).

There are a few days where we have no volunteers, if you would like to help out in the canteen please drop in or email newportschoolcanteen@hotmail.com

**Thankyou as always for your support,
The canteen Team**

Bookclub

Your child will have received a new booklet for Issue 2.

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 one teacher's name. Cheques are also accepted but must be returned with the order form to Mrs Falconer by Friday 22 March.

All orders must be completed online and cheque orders returned by **FRIDAY 22 March** for **Issue 2**. 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!



The flyer features the Scholastic logo at the top, followed by the text 'Book Club LOOP for Parents'. Below this, it explains that LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents. It provides the website www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP for ordering and paying by credit card. At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'GET IT ON Google play' and 'Download on the App Store'.

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