NEWPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday 20th February 2013

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Parent Information Evening
Our Information Evening was a great success, with many of our families taking the opportunity to gain information about their child’s new class and learning program for the year. They always provide valuable information for parents. I would like to thank all our teachers for the work they put into ensuring the sessions were informative for parents. I would also like to thank Mr Moran and Mr Franki for the literacy and numeracy sessions they provided for parents.

Welcome Back BBQ
Friday 22nd February, 5.00pm
Every year our energetic team of Year 6 parents organises the Welcome Back BBQ. It is a great social event that gives parents and staff an opportunity to meet and socialise. We are looking forward to your family joining us this Friday. Due to the number of families attending it is not possible for children to bring bikes, scooters or skateboards. Please leave these at home. We would also ask parents to make sure that their children do not bring water bombs to school on the night. They make a difficult mess for our cleaners to have to collect.

Peninsula Community of Schools (PCS) Extension Class Test 2014
The PCS Year 7 Extension Class Test 2013 will take place on March 12. Each local PCS High School runs an extension class stream. To be considered for placement in these classes in 2014 students must complete the Extension Class Test. An information package and applications for the test will be available from the front office. Applications are due to Cromer PS by March 1st. A flyer is attached to the Natter.

Newport School Parliament
Newport has a strong student parliament program where each year the eight elected ministers join with the School Captains along to form a cabinet to help pass new bills to improve school life at Newport Public School. We are proud to announce the newly elected ministers and their portfolios:

- Student Welfare and Safety: Alec Jones and Ishbel Dunsmore
- Sport and Leisure: Tara Stuart and Flynn Murray
- Fundraising and Charities: Anya Kastowsky and Oliver Webster
- Grounds and Environment: Jonathon Byrnes and Bettina Cilia

Our first parliamentary sitting will be in Week 6 where we are sure the students will introduce some great topics for debate.

Cyber Safety Presentations
Tuesday 26th February
Parent Session, 6.30pm
Next week we are running a series of workshops about cyber safety at our school. They will be running sessions for Years 4-6, staff and parents. Our parent session will be held at 6.30pm in the school library. We held these sessions last year, with parents valuing highly the information they gained.

Friday School Sport
The Term 1 Friday afternoon sports program commences this Friday February 22nd and runs for seven weeks until Friday 22nd March. Friday sports activities for Term 1 are:
- Yoga, Box Cardio, Tennis, Lawn Bowls, Rugby Touch, Futsal Soccer, Cricket Skills, and School Sport.

Newport Quality Behaviour Program
As you know, a number of recommendations around Student Welfare came from our School Evaluation process at the end of 2011 and consequently, our Student Welfare committee has been very active throughout 2012/2013 in reviewing and developing some of our K-6 programs. With the Natter this week, is a one page overview which explains some of the theory underpinning our welfare program, how all of the “pieces” fit together and what this looks like at Newport School.
Dogs at School
I would like to remind parents that dogs are not allowed on the school grounds. This is a standard policy of the Department of Education and Communities and is set in place for the safety of all children. Please refrain from bringing your dog onto the school grounds, or tying them up to the school fence. We would hate for any child to be bitten by someone else’s pet.

Regards,
Margaret Charlton
Principal

ALLERGY UPDATE
During the last fortnight, allergy update notes were issued to all students recorded as having an allergy. This is part of our annual review of students with specific health needs. If you DID NOT receive a note and your child has an ASCIA plan, has been hospitalised with an allergic reaction or has been prescribed an adrenaline autoinjector, PLEASE IMMEDIATELY CONTACT MR MORAN IN THE OFFICE.

Regards,
Anthony Moran
Deputy Principal

MERIT AWARD WINNERS

KDF  Eva Calleia, Gus Molyneux
     3LS  Wilson Spinks, Albany Gibson-Healey

KEE  Chloe Cogan, Kaelan Giddy
     3GB  Charles Proctor, Felicity Read

KAJ  Jack Jones, Isabelle Osborne
     3MR  Lani Crighton, Harvey Smith

KJP  Mishia James, James Collingridge
     3BF  Zoe Bracey, Lara Hines

KSO  Luke Moore, Nikki Burlinson
     4NE  Lachie Hanks, Tegan Nebauer

KEJ  Raya Stelzner-Hill, Felix Dawe
     4KH  Cody Twohill, Chloe Shepherd

KMG  Zara Leslie, Finn Lange
     4LC  Aja Phelps, Monty Pate

1JG  Britt Penders, Thomas Perrottet
     4SC  Archie Blacklock, Daniel Fethers

1JJ  Lucy Bates, Joshua Tailby
     5LH  Rueben Dutch, Mhairi Dunsmore

1DD  India Pratt, Xavier Smith
     5TD  Kai Davis, Jemima Thomas

1SN  Zara McCauley, Sophia Lockhart
     5RW  Mac Omm, Tabitha Sides

2BG  Dylan Hurst, Bethany Lever
     6GM  Lily Rowe, Lauren Tinni

1/2JF  Ellie James, Zach Paul
     6KH  Jessica Deathridge, Timothy Ramsay

2BN  Tegan Phelan, William Heslop
     6IW  Jasmine Wells, Oliver Webster

LIBRARY NEWS

Premier’s Reading Challenge.
Hopefully, many of you are well under way in the Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) for 2013. It is open to all students from Kindergarten to Year 9. All the details (booklists and rules, etc) are available on the website: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge/. You will be able to enter the books you have read into your Reading Record at the PRC website after 4th March, 2013 (keep a record of them until then). Once at the website, log on using your school user name (first name. Last name – no ‘@edu’) and password and select ‘student reading record’. Type in the PRC book ID code (get from booklists at website) or the title and author, then click ‘add’. If the book is a free choice book, click on the ‘add a choice book’ tab near the top and follow the instructions. You will be able to access the PRC website in the library during second half lunch, Monday to Thursday, if you are having problems at home. Ask at the library if you have any questions.

For those families not familiar with the Premier’s Reading Challenge, it has four categories: K-2 – children must ‘experience’ 30 books (read either by, to or with them – teachers included), Years 3-4, Years 5-6 and Years 7-9 (these three groups read 20 books each). Of the total books for each category, students can read up to 5 books not from the official booklists (free choice). Students can read books from booklists above their category, but not from lists below (except ‘choice’ books). The ‘challenge’ finishes at the end of August, 2013. So, happy reading!

Stephanie Bracey, Sylvia Fisher and Rita Ericsson.
UNIVERSITY OF NSW COMPETITIONS

The University of NSW runs competitions in Science, Writing, English and Maths to provide opportunities for capable students in Years 3-6 to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external exam. Students who participate will receive a certificate and a detailed results letter highlighting student’s strengths and weaknesses. Please note as these are externally set written tests they may be more suited to children with high language skills. Participation in these tests is optional.

Information notes for these competitions will go home with the students this week. If interested, entries must be returned to the office no later than Friday 12th April. Additional entries can be obtained from the office or from Mrs Clements.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL APPLICATIONS HAVE YOUR CHILD’S NAME LEGIBLY WRITTEN ON THE SUBMITTED SHEET TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.

SNOWSPORTS NEWS

The Interschools Snowsports Races for our Northern Region will this year be held at Perisher during the first week of our July school holidays. Disciplines include Ski Alpine, Ski-X, Moguls, Snowboard G.S and Snowboard X. Cross Country Ski is held during the August State Titles. Other race days are also hosted by independent Schools throughout the July school holidays i.e. Scots Cup, Redlands Cup & Knox/Pymble Cup.

Newport’s Snowsports program promotes a healthy sporting attitude, fitness through dry land training, alpine awareness and safety in the snow, race technique and a fair amount of family social fun. Being able to ski and board IS a prerequisite however you don’t need to be an expert i.e. level 3 and up.

An information evening will be held later this term for all interested families. Information regarding the Interschools can be viewed on their website at www.interschools.org.au

Information regarding Newport’s Snowsports program can also be gained via the website www.wix.com/newportsnowsports/newportsnowsports#home/mainpage.

Newport works very closely with Bilgola Plateau Public School’s Snowsports program. A joint school ice skating afternoon just prior to the season opening is a great “ice breaker” for the children. Accommodation, training and communications involve both school and are a great PCS i.e. Peninsula of Schools incentive.

This year Newport is looking to recruit lots of new snow enthusiasts to boost its numbers as well as new interested parent committee members.

Bring On Winter
Mark Tickle

CHESS NEWS

Newport’s Chess Club promotes both social and competitive play. If you know the rules and moves of the game come along and join in the fun. There are great educational benefits in playing chess. Our calendar in a typical year runs something like this…….

Social Chess
Held every Thursday lunch in Mr Tickle’s Music Room at 1pm. bring your lunch, no fees or registration required. All children Years 1 to 6 welcome. (Kindergarten begin in Term 4)

Competition Chess
Tournaments are held throughout the year for competitive minded chess enthusiasts often with division based on age, gender or ability level and usually always in team format. The following contest calendar is an indicator of dates.

Northern Beaches Primary Schools Chess Challenge – Term 1 at Mona Vale P.S
This is a great contest and gives trophies and prizes to the top three teams plus best overall Junior and all Girls team. The event is run by Mona Vale P.S and Chess Club.

The NSW Junior Chess League 10 Week Tournament – Terms 2 & 3 Home & Away
For truly dedicated players who are willing to play every Friday after school and train another afternoon week after school throughout the tournament. Newport generally enters a Championship team and a Junior Rookies team in this region/zone tournament. Our teams of 4 players fall in the Manly=Warringah region.

State Girls Tournament – September, Latvian Centre Strathfield.
This event is hosted by the Sydney Academy of Chess and doesn’t invite the boys on this occasion. Very high standard of competition open to Kindergarten to year 12.

Scots College Chess Challenge – Semester 2, hosted and held at Scots College
Junior and Senior divisions for boys and girls.

Sydney Academy of Chess Interschools Chess Challenge
A series of one day tournaments with the winning school determined by adding the scores of the top 4 players from each school. A school can send 4 or more players. There are State Finals for qualifying teams. This new event was introduced just last year.

Newport Public School Lunchtime Tournament – Last weeks of Term 4 in Mr Tickle’s room
A fun contest for all competitive players including newcomers, recently targeted Kindergarten players and all those who may have just missed selection for the other contests held throughout the year. A favourite with the Year 6 children as it will often be their last ever school competition. Generally six or so rounds with the ratings carried over for the following year’s team selection into Mona Vale contest.

Training for selected players is held in Mr Tickle’s room with our chess wiz Edson Ortiz (Thiago’s Dad).

Hope you can be a part of our program this year.

Mark Tickle
NO WRAP WEDNESDAY
Just a reminder to all families that every Wednesday is NO WRAP LUNCH day at Newport School. NO WRAP LUNCH is an initiative that aims to reduce the amount of packaging bought and waste produced. We are educating the students, parents and staff about where our waste ends up and how we can, as individuals, make a difference to the amount of waste we generate. No wrap lunches favour the use of reusable food and drink containers while discouraging the use of prepackaged foods, plastic bags, juice boxes and the like. So, for example if your child likes cheese in their lunch box, cut a chunk of cheese off a large block rather than buy a plastic wrapped cheese stick. Whether the plastic is in your bin at home or here at school, it is still an item in our waste stream that will not ever decompose. NO WRAP LUNCH RAFFLE: every Wednesday, children who bring no wrap lunches to school (grease proof paper is fine) are given a raffle ticket. At the end of each month the raffle is drawn and prizes are given to the winners. Prizes include reusable lunch bags, drink bottles and snack bags and are a reward for considering the environment! Thanks from the Environmental Management Team.

MUSIC NEWS

Wednesday 20th February 7.30pm Music Committee Meeting in the staff room, all welcome. This is the first meeting of the year and we will be planning and considering the music program for the year ahead.

Regards,
Jude Knott

NEWPORT SCHOOL FETE CLASS ALLOCATIONS

Just a reminder that we are holding the Newport Fete this year on Saturday 19th October. As with the previous Fete a couple of years ago, we will be allocating stalls to each class, and asking the class patrons (Mums or Dads) to lead their class and follow up on duties and organizing for their classes assigned stall.

Although a daunting prospect, it has been very successful in the past and quite enjoyable. Kate Long and myself will be with you every step of the way to ensure the smooth running of things.

If there is a particular stall you would like your class to do or a particular skill you have, then please don’t hesitate to contact me on 0417 481 070 to discuss.

We will be holding monthly fete committee meetings so class patrons and anyone else helping out with the fete can come and communicate their needs and thoughts.

Look forward to getting started!
Tessa Blaiklock and Kate Long
Fete Committee

Mums for Mums Outdoor Movie Night Saturday 23rd March

Tickets are selling fast!! So you don’t miss out you can purchase tickets by:

- Emailing us @ mumsformumsnewport@gmail.com
- Coming and seeing us before and after school near the Uniform Shop
- Or, at the back to School BBQ on Friday 22nd February

Regards,

Mums for Mums Newport

A REMINDER THAT THE STEWART HOUSE BAGS NEED –TO BE BACK AT SCHOOL BY FRIDAY FEBRUARY 22
Canteen News

Roster
Monday February 25th: J.Masters, K.Maguire, S.Law
Tuesday February 26th: C.Curtin, N.Deathridge
Wednesday February 27th: K.Rawnsley, J.Rogers, J. Newton
Thursday February 28th: E. Links, D.Giddy, A.Hunt, T.Langton
Friday March 1st: A.Upton/M. Burke, T.Berkeley, K.Ginsburg

If you are unable to make your rostered day, please call Tammy on 9979 6504 or email the canteen
newportschoolcanteen@hotmail.com

Calling All Volunteers for 2013!

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who have already put their names down for 2013. We are still looking for a few more volunteers on Mondays. If you are able to assist in anyway, please let the canteen know. We would love to see you!
The school canteen runs so smoothly thanks to the help of all of our wonderful and dedicated volunteers! Mums, Dads, Grandparents and Grandfriends are all welcome. If you can spare anytime at all between the hours of 8.30 am and 2pm we would love to see you. Even fifteen minutes or half an hour for morning tea service is greatly appreciated! Call Tammy on 9979 6504 or email newportschoolcanteen@hotmail.com

"Volunteers are paid in six figures - S-M-I-L-E-S" - Gayla LeMaire

New to the Menu for 2013

Tammy has been very busy cooking new homemade snacks and meals and is very excited to offer these new additions:

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Please make sure all lunch orders are handed into the canteen by 9.30 am and if you are ordering through Flexischools, please ensure order is placed by 9 am on the day you require your order.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Our Suppliers
Where possible, we try to support local business and are currently receiving many of our Uniforms from a Brookvale supplier, manufacturing in Australia. We have found the service to be excellent and the prices competitive. Some price comparisons:

| School hats – Other retailers $15. Our price $12
| Girls Summer Dresses – Other retailers from $58. Our price from $48
| Boys Blue Shirts – Other retailers $20-24. Our price $20
| Boys Grey Shorts – Other retailers from $20. Our price $20

*Don't forget the free hemming service now available. Contact us for details.

Ordering
Orders placed online at flexischools.com.au prior to 5pm on Fridays will be delivered to your child’s class on the following Monday or Tuesday. Order forms can also be collected from the office or emailed on request. Please contact us if you have any order queries.

Thank you
Thank you to the team of people who volunteer their time in the uniform shop. Jenny Smith, Tracy Gowen, Tina Sharp, Kath Tulloch, Katie Brennan, Louise Woods.

Opening Hours
The Uniform Shop is open Mondays 9-10am and Tuesdays 3-4pm For enquiries, please contact newportuniformshop@hotmail.com or Carla Pettitt 0413-804-015 & Kate Raffles 0413-519-872.
Newport School Training Band 2013

We Need You!

We would love a few more of our Year 3 students to join the Training Band. The music program is a LOT of fun and the children get so much out of it.

There is a band camp mid year & several performance opportunities so they can show off their new skills.

We still have spots left for:

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Registration form is at the back of the Natter or available from the office.
Enquiries John Stone (Conductor): 0412 622 891

Newport Public School P&C Association Presents Their Inaugural Trivia Fundraising Night - With Quiz Master Mr. Peter Phelps

Friday April 5th 2013
In Our School Hall

$400 per table of 8 ($50 per head) which includes a plate of hot nibbles and a cheese platter
BYO
Doors Open 6.30 pm
Questions Start at 7 pm sharp

Theme: P&C - Come dressed as something that's starts with either a P or a C

Prizes for Best Dressed individual and best dressed team. Lucky Door Prizes and lots of surprises!

All proceeds go directly to supporting your school. We look forward to seeing you and your team there!

Questions? Email them to newportschoolcanteen@hotmail.com