PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

It is with great sadness that we face the sudden loss of one of our much loved fathers Tim Francis. Tim was a dedicated co-ordinator and supporter for the Newport Surf Lifesaving Club and will be sadly missed by our Newport Community.

All of our thoughts are with Kim, Matthew and Lachlan at this difficult time.

Welcome Back BBQ
Friday 1st March, 5.00pm

Our energetic team of Year 6 parents have organised the Welcome Back BBQ for this coming Friday. 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. 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.

Clean Up Our School Day
Friday 1st March

On Friday the students in Years 4 and 6 will participate in the Schools Clean Up Day. This is an initiative of Clean Up Australia Day. Whilst we don't expect to pick up much rubbish at Newport, we do hope that this day will help students to be mindful of keeping our lovely environment clean of rubbish so that everyone can enjoy it. We envisage that each grade will participate in a similar day once a term.

New Demountable Classroom

Tomorrow morning, 28 February, our new demountable classroom will be delivered to the school. The building is being installed on the Eastern side of the school and it is envisaged that all lifting work will be completed by approximately 9am. Consequently, the entire Eastern side of the school, including the school office, will be closed to students and parents until at least 9.25am. Any music lessons occurring on the Eastern side of the school will be relocated for this morning. Following the delivery process there will be a short wait until we can use the classroom whilst essential services are connected. We are sure that students from 3BF will be very excited to see their new classroom.

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.

It’s Academic

It’s Academic screens on Channel 7 at 4pm every weekday afternoon. Some of Newport’s brightest minds will play in teams of 3, trying to out-smart their competitors in the quiz based game. The It’s Academic Team will travel to Fox Studios at Macquarie Park this Thursday to compete in the children’s Channel 7 game show. We will let everyone know their screening dates soon.

Good Luck!

PSSA Knockout Competitions

This year Newport will enter teams in netball, soccer, rugby, cricket (girls and boys), softball (girls and boys) and girls’ touch football. These are statewide competitions and are different from weekly PSSA sport played on Friday. If selected children need to commit to one to two training sessions prior to each game. This will increase if the team progresses well into the competition. All transport is provided by parents to and from the venues. We will have some home games close to school. If the team is successful and progresses well into the competition travel to venues some distance away will be required. These are great competitions for our talented young sports people, and Newport has been state champions in a range of sports over many years. Good luck everyone!
Pittwater Zone Swimming Carnival
This Thursday our talented swimmers will be representing Newport at the zone carnival. I would like to wish them all good luck. I know they will fabulous representatives of our school

Communication Channels
From time to time parents may need to approach the school in order to:
• discuss the progress or welfare of own child
• express concern about actions of other students
• enquire about school policy or practice
It is therefore necessary to have procedures that will help solve problems as soon as possible so that a safe and harmonious school environment is maintained. On occasion, concerns may cause frustration and anxiety. At such times it is always important to organise a time to talk with school staff in an unhurried and confidential atmosphere. The best results usually flow from working together.
Where the concern involves:
- the academic progress or welfare of your child; parents need to directly contact their child’s teacher. For ongoing or serious concerns contact the school office, state your concern and a time will be made to meet with the appropriate staff member. This may be the grade supervisor (Assistant Principal), Deputy Principal or Principal.
- the actions of another child; contact the class teacher. For ongoing issues and playground issues contact the grade supervisor or Deputy Principal. Please do not attempt to resolve issues with children outside school.
- school policy or practice; contact the school office. State the nature of your concern and make an appointment to see the Deputy Principal, Principal and/or appropriate staff member.

Regards,
Margaret Charlton
Principal

Parking around the school
The issue of illegal parking in “2 Minute Kiss and Drop” zones around our school has been raised once again. Drivers using this area as a long term car park cause significant traffic congestion around the pedestrian crossing to Trafalgar Park. As a result, student safety when using this crossing is compromised. In “2 Minute Kiss and Drop” zones drivers may stop for a maximum of 2 minutes and must stay within 2 metres of their vehicle. This week, compliance officers from Pittwater council visited our school, enforcing this rule. Fines exceed $80. We also remind our community that double parking, both in the street and in the Trafalgar car park compromises student safety and is illegal. We ask all parents and members of our community to obey parking regulations around our school. Please assist us in keeping your children safe.

Regards,
Anthony Moran
Deputy Principal

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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MERIT AWARD WINNERS

| KDF    | 3LS  | Fabian Stacey, Sophia Tailby      |
| KEE    | 3GB  | Joel Lever, Laura Kelso           |
| KAJ    | 3MR  | Declan Barlow, Ben Matthews       |
| KJP    | 3BF  | Alexander Baldi, Jemima Witanowski|
| KSO    | 4NE  | Summer Rowland-Smith, Kane Twohill|
| KEJ    | 4KH  | Max Searl, Annika Staunton        |
| KMG    | 4LC  | Milla Brown, Patrick Crighton     |
| 1JG    | 4SC  | Lucas Strachan, Avalon Johnstone  |
| 1JJ    | 5LC  | Chu Yu Zhuang, Reily Kingdon      |
| 1DD    | 5LD  | Luke Ambrosius, Aron Brennan      |
| 1SN    | 5RW  | Stella Hein, Summer Brennan       |
| 2BG    | 5/6AH| Jack Robards, Daisy Daddo         |
| 1/2JF  | 6GM  | Asher Ginsburg, Tyler Bailey      |
| 2SC    | 6KK  | Joe Moy, Heide Adams              |
| 2BN    | 6IW  | Finn Eppllett, Orlando Moore      |
| 2AM    |      | Noah Meinrath, Anna Stokes        |
| 1/2JF  | 6GM  | Julia Hallgren, Jarrah Sheppard   |
| 2SC    | 6KK  | Thomas Bell, Alexandra Nielson    |
| 2BN    | 6IW  | Dylan Upton, Britney Spinks       |
| 2AM    |      |                                 |
The teachers involved with sport at Newport School have selected their teams for Friday PSSA sporting competitions with Round 3 being played this Friday.

In Term 1, teams play competitions in Teeball and Pittwater Tag for girls and Cricket and Softball for boys.

Next term there are PSSA teams selected in Netball, girls and boys Soccer and Rugby League while the Spring Competitions include similar sports to summer. In all these PSSA teams we compete against the other eight schools which make up Pittwater PSSA Zone. These competitions are played on Friday afternoons.

If children are not selected in these teams, they have been placed into school sporting teams, where they compete each Friday or they may be given the opportunity to do activities like Yoga or Futsal.

At Newport, we also enter state wide knockouts which involve schools from all over NSW. These competitions are organised by the NSW PSSA and are run as strict knockouts. Over the last few years, we have been State Champions in Rugby Union, Netball, girls’ and boys’ cricket, girls’ softball and boy’s soccer.

As well as Newport teams, individuals are given opportunities to represent at the highest level. In most of these sports, children are selected by the school to attend Pittwater Zone trials. From there, they can be chosen in Sydney North Area teams which compete at State Carnivals. They may then be chosen to represent NSW at Australian Exchanges. In some sports we do not play at Newport. There are also Sydney North teams. We always want to give children the opportunity to attain representative honours in these sports. However we need your help.

If your son or daughter plays the following sports, could you please see me so that I can give you the appropriate information, forms, etc. concerning trials. Remember, they should play at a high level and they will be competing against all primary age children.

* Diving – must have training
* AFL
* Hockey – girls and boys
* Golf – girls and boys – must have recognised handicap or similar.
* Water Polo – must play
* Discus – as part of the Athletics Carnival

Tennis and basketball have been completed. Congratulations to Mac Omm who was selected to attend the Tennis Sydney North trials.

If you have any other queries, please feel free to see me.

**Sue Brandenburg**

**Debating and Public Speaking**

It was very exciting to see so many Year 5 and Year 6 students turn up to Debating on Tuesday. These students will spend Tuesday lunchtimes refining their debating skills with Miss Shoebridge and Mrs Clements. Year 5 students will have the opportunity to participate in the PCS friendly debates later in Term 2 and 3. Year 6 students have been entered into the Premier’s Debating Challenge and will have the opportunity to advance in a Round Robin style competition. We wish all students the best of luck.

Newport will again participate in the Multicultural Perspectives Speaking Competition in 2013. Students from year 3 to 6 have the opportunity to prepare and present their speeches at Thursday assemblies.

For their prepared speech students need to choose from the following topics.

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Two students from each stage will be chosen to advance to the local final which is held at Collaroy Plateau School in Term 2.

Any student wishing to participate in this competition needs to see Mrs Clements before the 1st March.
**Clean Up Australia Day**

Since 1992, school communities across Australia have demonstrated their support for caring for the environment through participating in Schools Clean Up Day. In 2012, over 2,600 schools registered nationwide cleaning up the streets, school grounds, parks and waterways. In 2013 we will continue to participate in Clean up Schools Day with Year 4 and 6 cleaning up our school grounds on the 1st March. Year 3 and 5 will clean up a date to be advised in Term 2. Students in Year 4 and 6 have been asked to bring in gloves and bags to put the collected waste in. Any student not wishing to participate must return the note which has been sent home.

Regards,
Shane Clements

**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/](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.**

**MUSIC NEWS**

**Why we are glad we joined the Music Program**

I played an instrument in the school band as a kid but my husband never had the opportunity to learn music and regrets it. My son loved the trumpet from the start. He was a quiet, shy boy and it was great to see how playing music slowly gave him more confidence. He hated getting up for news or presentations, but was happy to get up and play the trumpet. I think music balanced well with all his sporting activities. Last year he was appointed Band Captain, which gave him another confidence boost. The speeches he made as Band Captain were a huge improvement on his talks in Year 2. He auditioned and was accepted into Pittwater High’s Music Extension Class at the end of last year, which has made his transition to High School this year that much easier. He is enjoying the band at Pittwater High, even though he is one of ten trumpets. I can already tell that Pittwater High’s extensive music program will also be good for him. I hope both my daughters get as much out of music as my son has.

Name withheld.

**It is not too late to join the Training Band or Violin 1 Program.**

Training Band started on 27/2/13, however there is still availability for a number of instruments including Trombone, Bassoon, French Horn, Baritone Horn, Tuba, Tenor Sax, Bass Clarinet and Clarinet.

**“Special Offer”** For the first time we are offering free instrument hire for Trombone, Tuba and Bassoon. Save $200. Hurry as there are only a limited number of instruments. Please contact Melissa Turnock on 0414 452 152 for details.

**There are only two positions left in the Violin 1 Program** for 2013, after these positions are filled we are happy to put names on a waiting list. Please contact Megan Moxham on 0411 697 922 for details.

**Dates for Diary**

Music Camp 17th – 19th May 2013
DANCE NEWS

Our dance program for 2013 jump started with a flying leap during the holidays when 38 enthusiastic and talented students performed during the Opening Ceremony of the Australian Youth Olympics at the Entertainment Centre. It was an experience that Mrs Baldi, Miss Jeffreys and I were thrilled to share with these children as they were wonderful ambassadors for our school and a credit to their families and themselves. It will most certainly remain a special Newport memory for me.

During the past few weeks children from Years 2, 3 & 4 have been auditioning for various dance groups for 2013. All Year 2 children had the opportunity to ‘have a go’ during class time and some encouraging comments were overheard along with some talents discovered!

We have now formed the Year 2 Sydney North Dance Group and Years 3 & 4 Newport Dance Group. The Sydney North Dance Groups will audition for inclusion in the Sydney North Dance Festival held at the Glen Street Theatre, Belrose 17th June – 28th June. The Newport School Dance Groups may audition for the PCS Music Festival held at Pittwater High School in Term 3. All dance groups will perform on Open Day, at the School Fete and in the Showcase Evening at the end of the year.

My thanks go to all the talented students who auditioned during the past few weeks. Your enthusiasm and passion for our program both excites and overwhelms me! Thank you and continue to enjoy your dancing.

Students in Years 5 & 6 will audition for the Year 5 & 6 Sydney North Dance Group and the Year 6 Girls Dance Group during the coming weeks.

Thank you also to the families who continue to donate pre-loved dance shoes. They are very much appreciated and there are always feet waiting for shoes!

Regards,
Sandra Nicol

NEWPORT SCHOOL FETE 2013 MEETING
Fete: Saturday 19th October
Meeting: Tuesday 5th March, 7pm in the library

The first meeting for the Newport School Fete is on Tuesday 5th March at 7pm in the school library. All class parents and any other volunteers able to help in any capacity are welcome to attend.

We will be going through the list of stalls that we need class parents to run and what to expect for the year ahead.

We are keen for volunteers to also come forward to help out with:
* Organising the entertainment (Bands, dances etc)
* Master Of Ceremonies for the day
* Maintenance (Putting up and down marquees, trestle tables, bins etc)
* Security on the day
* Any other skills you may have that you think can help!

Canteen News
I would like to send out a HUGE thankyou to everyone that helped out on Friday the 22nd Feb. Shani Law, Michelle Lye, Saffron Carter, Kath Tulloch, Chris Borg, Cara McCauley and Petrina Nicklin You are all amazing :) Thankyou Thankyou Thankyou

Next Week’s Roster
Monday March 4th: Tiffany, L Tyndall, A Bryan
Tuesday March 5th: R Wilson, C McCauley, T Brennan, A Robinson
Wednesday March 6th: J Robertson, K Davis
Thursday March 7th: L Dawe, M Bensley, R Carter, K Searl, L Brown
Friday March 8th, M Jones, S Maunder, C Thomas, L Camelo

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!
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
UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Our Suppliers
Due to a larger number than anticipated of Kindergarten enrolments in 2013, stocks of some smaller sized items ran low. However, our stock orders of Rain Jackets, Hair Bows (elastics) and size 6 and size 8 PE shirts have now arrived.

Second-hand Uniforms
We currently have a great supply of quality second-hand uniforms at very reasonable prices.

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.

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.

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 at the Queens Pde School Entrance
- Or, at the back to School BBQ on Friday 1st March

Regards,
Mums for Mums Newport

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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 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
**Contemporary Piano and Keyboard lessons**

"Mr Roc" Koren is currently taking enrolments for his piano and keyboard classes:-

- Fun course material for beginners
- Group lessons available for beginners to intermediate
- 2 to 4 students per class held at school in the mornings
- Private tuition also available for students of any age
- Adults also welcome
- Contemporary and traditional repertoire
- London course jazz curriculum and exams for the more advanced students

- Music appreciation, all theory, and concepts for improvisation covered in the lessons

Contact Roc Koren 0408 220 780 rocjay@bigpond.net.au