DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Welcome Back BBQ Cancelled
Unfortunately we had to cancel this event last Friday. The Year 6 parents organising this event have had a difficult time over the last two weeks. Unfortunately we have cancelled this event this year. They will run a range of alternate fundraisers throughout the year. Our Trivia Night on 5th April would be a great opportunity for parents to get together for a social event. It promises to be great fun.

Band News
Our six music ensembles have all kicked off for the year, including a new Jazz Band that started rehearsing on Monday. This is a great opportunity open for every student and it is not too late to join the training band or violin program. For the first time the Music Committee is offering free instrument hire for certain instruments including the trombone, tuba and bassoon. I would like to encourage you to read further details under Music News later in the Natter.

Pittwater Zone swimming Carnival
Congratulations to all students who represented Newport at the Pittwater Zone Swimming Carnival. It was a successful day and all students gave their best. Newport came a close second in the point score. Congratulations must go to Mona Vale PS who were successful on the day. Thank you to Ms Brandenburg and Mrs Clements for organising the event.
The Northern Sydney Carnival will be held on Monday 18th March. Good luck to all students who have made it to this level.

Allergy Update
Thank you to all parents who returned allergy notes to the school. Follow up notes have been distributed to some students in cases where further information is required.

Parent Teacher Interviews
During the week beginning Monday 8th April (Week 11), all class teachers will be conducting parent/teacher interviews. The Term 1 interviews will give you the opportunity to share your knowledge about your child with his/her teacher and to discuss your child’s educational needs, successes and areas for development. Mr Moran has again set up an on-line booking system for parents this year. He will provide details for parents shortly.

Cross Country Carnival
Wednesday 27th March
On Wednesday 27th March we will hold our annual Cross Country Carnival at Newport Oval. All children from Years 3 – 6 participate in the carnival. Children from ages 8 – 10 run a 2km course and 11 – 13 year olds run a 3km course. It is a great afternoon and we look forward to seeing you there. Put the date in your diary.

Stuart St Parking
Lately there have been a number of parents using Stuart Street as a kiss and drop or parking zone. Please be aware that most of Stuart St is a ‘No Stopping’ zone and cannot be used for this purpose. Council officers attended the school several times in the last week and have been issuing fines. Penalties exceed $250. The Kiss and Drop zone on the northern side of Queens Parade is rarely used and is easily accessed by students using the eastern pedestrian crossing. More frequent use of this area will help alleviate some of the parking pressure in our other kiss and drop zones.

Regards,
Anthony Moran
Deputy Principal
IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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MERIT AWARD WINNERS

KDF Sophia Urban, Lauchlin Griffiths  
3LS Evie Bracey, Daniel Richards
KEE Indigo Hinton-West, William Miller 
3GB Aaron Hughes, Jackson Zaraza
KAJ Cael Melville, Isabelle Osborne 
3MR London Stephenson, Daniel Anstey
KJP Markus Sampson, Eva Bell 
3BF Thiago Oritz, Ema Maguire
KSO Mia Pettitt, Jonah Richardson 
4NE Thomas Butler, Gabrielle Bryant
KEJ Haddon Bateman, Lily Jagger 
4KH
KMG Sielo Compos, Ned Parker 
4LC
1JG Alexis Proctor, Kieran Bryant 
4SC Lucas Toy, Halainah Smith
1JJ Jett Binks, Sophie Lowry 
5LH Grace Fisher, Tyson Cogan
1DD Daisy Reffold, Alexandra Murray 
5TD Taylah Christensen, Hugh Downey
1SN Amelia Boss, William Phelan 
5RW Ethan Sinfield, Jade Gregory
2BG Eva Hawkins, Ned Masters 
5/6AH Roxy Quinn, Charlie Belic
1/2JF Toby Anstey, Elsa Hudson 
6GM Bettina Cilia, Madison Wade
2SC Zoe Turner, Reilly Fitzgerald 
6KK Sophie Warr, Oscar Press
2BN Lucy Brown, Laura Patterson 
6IW Renee Rounds, Alex Magno
2AM Quentin Willman, Tilley Dakers

CHESS NEWS

There are a number of competitions coming up in terms 1 and 2. Competition players should take note of these dates.

Northern Beaches Primary Schools Chess Challenge
Date: Wednesday 27th March 2013 (same date as Newport’s Cross Country)
Venue: Mona Vale Public School

NSW Junior Chess League After School Tournament
Date: Monday 27th May 2013
Venue: Curl Curl North Public School

Entry forms and permission notes will be given out at chess training. Please note competition players now meet in Mr Hill’s room at 1pm on Thursday lunch for training and social players meet in Mr Tickle’s room at the same time.

Mark Tickle

LIBRARY NEWS

Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC).
You are now able to log on to the PRC website and enter the books you have read, as well as looking up the booklists. The web address is http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge/. 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.

Newport Breakers Netball Club is looking for Netta Players: 8 year olds (born on 2005) and 9 year olds (born 2004).
Competition commences on Saturday 6th April.
Please contact our Registrar Liz Dunn on 0419 289 453.
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.

Community Environmental Update

Exciting news for recyclers!! You can now take your biscuit packets, bread bags, rice and pasta bags, newspaper covers and many more soft plastic items to Coles to be recycled. Recyclers RED group along with manufacturer Replas and Coles have developed this program to give us a responsible and useful way to dispose of soft plastics (including single use and recyclable shopping bags). The plastics are made into outdoor furniture.

Please see redcycle.net.au for more information.

Show your support by collecting these items and dropping them in the green bin with the Recycle sign on it at your local Coles supermarkets.

All the best

Environmental Management Team

MUSIC NEWS

Jazz Band Has Started

Fiona Gudmunson is a parent at our school and also a talented musician and music teacher. Fiona has started a small stage/jazz band; musicians from Performance Band and Concert Band have been invited to join. This morning was the first rehearsal of that band and they sounded great! I can’t tell you how amazing it was to walk into the hall at the end of that rehearsal and hear a very competent and funky rendition of "Somebody I Used to Know" as if this was a band used to playing together and knowing their pieces intimately. This is a credit to Fiona’s teaching/conducting and to our talented musicians. It also reinforces the amazing job that our conductors John Stone, Andrew Laurich and Karen Leimbach (and her Violin tutors) have done with the regular ensembles.

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

Training Band rehearses on Wednesday mornings from 7.10-8.15. 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.

Violin 1 rehearses on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8.20 to 9.15, there is still a place left. Please contact Megan Moxham on 0411 697 922 for details.

NSSWE – A parent’s perspective

This year my Year 6 son has joined the Northern Sydney Symphonic Wind Ensemble (NSSWE) in the Primary Orchestra. He has been in the Newport Band for a year and at Artarmon School Band for two years before that and he was ready for a new challenge to push himself and get involved with a wider music community. About four weeks into the program I have been to watch a couple of the rehearsals and have been really impressed with the level of discipline and technical training the kids are receiving. His conductor is very engaging and keeps the kids on their toes.

Our other interest in joining was to increase the performance opportunities, and with quite a few scheduled at the Concourse at Chatswood and a tour in the Hunter Valley area this year, that will certainly happen. Each week they are mentioning they can welcome even more kids in the group so it’s not too late to audition. Rehearsals are Tuesdays 4.30 till about 6 pm and we have a little car pool shared transport thing going on too.

This week they emailed us to let us know that Tuesday 12th March is "Bring a Friend" night at NSSWE, so email me if you are interested in coming along; melissa.turnock@pilatesscene.com

Dates for Diary

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GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club will be on **Thursday 28th March 9:30-11am, meeting near the western shelter at ‘the Star’**. For those that don’t know, it’s a group of mums and dads that get together once a month to look after our school by weeding, pruning and helping out with small projects. It’s a great opportunity to meet other parents and a chance to share some tips and tricks about gardening. We are looking forward to meeting new mums and dads this year. No experience is necessary and children are more than welcome to come along too. Please bring hat, drink, gloves and a friend. The more the merrier... If it should rain on the day, we will meet under the Western shelter (kindergarten area) to discuss what the plans are for the year. Please contact Carla Pettitt 0413 804 015 for further information.

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Canteen News

**Monday March 11th**: N Roach, M Stidwill, P Clinton

**Tuesday March 12th**: N Sampson, J Turner, M Burlinson

**Wednesday March 13th**: P Hitchman, b Skene

**Thursday March 14th**: M Smith, F Douglas, k Tulloch, S Lowe, N England

**Friday March 15th**: K Meek, V Watkin, I Barlow, T Leslie

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

**TRIVIA TRIVIA TRIVIA**

Come along and have some fun at our trivia night. Great prizes to be won. Tickets at Canteen or Flexischools. 5 April Friday night

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UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

**Second-hand Uniforms**

We currently have a great supply of quality second-hand uniforms at very reasonable prices. It’s a great time to stock up on a spare uniform. A spare hoodies is a great idea coming into winter.

**Hats**

Hats are stocked and available for purchase at the office every day if you cannot wait until our opening times.

**Hemming**

Thank you to Rachel Wilson who has volunteered to hem uniforms purchased at the uniform shop for free. Please 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.

**Opening Hours**

The Uniform Shop is open Mondays 9-10am and Tuesdays 3-4pm For enquires, please contact newportuniformshop@hotmail.com or Carla Pettitt 0413-804-015 & Kate Raffles 0413-519-872.

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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

Regards,

Mums for Mums Newport
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