PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Welcome to our first digital Natter. Each week a link to the current Natter will be emailed to all parents. This will take you to our school website where the Natter can be accessed. It is important for families to keep their email address up to date with the school as this will be an increasingly common form of communication in coming years.

Congratulations Peninsula Community of Schools supporting indigenous communities
Each year the 13 schools from the PCS have collected Coles Sports for Schools vouchers. These vouchers have been donated to support remote indigenous schools in the Katherine Group of Schools in the Northern Territory. Over these past years much needed sports equipment has been transported to these very appreciative schools. This week our school captains, Jess and Zane, attended a special assembly with all PSC school captains at Bilgola Plateau PS to hand over last years donated equipment to the Coles ambassadors, Cathy Freeman and Preston Campbell. Both Cathy and Preston expressed the great gratitude these communities have for our continued support. At the end of May six staff from our PCS schools will travel to the Northern Territory with Preston Campbell to handover the three crates of sporting equipment that have been donated. As PCS Principals we are very proud of the continued commitment of our communities to providing, in some part, equity of access to equipment to support the children in these remote communities.

Annual Music Camp
This weekend our talented musicians will be attending the annual Newport Music Camp at the Collaroy Centre. The children participate in a range of tutorials, rehearsals and activities throughout the weekend. The weekend culminates in a fantastic concert on Sunday afternoon. It is always amazing to hear the growth in their musical development. I am sure the children will have a wonderful time and I look forward to hearing their performance on Sunday.

Term 2/3 Friday School Sport
If your child is in Years 3-6 and is not involved in the winter Primary School Sports Association (PSSA) Program they will have received a note outlining their choices for Friday Sport. We would appreciate your guidance in helping your child to choose one activity for sport this term before next Friday 17th when we will hand out specific notes for their chosen sports.

Permission and money should be handed into the office by Thursday 23rd May or they will not be able to participate. Please note that we must have a minimum of 30 students for each activity to proceed, with the exception of indoor sports where we need a minimum of 50. To avoid disappointment please choose an alternative just in case the first choice is not available.

The Term 2/3 sports program runs for 11 weeks from 24th May (Term 2) to the 16th August (Term 3).

Pittwater Zone PSSA Cross Country
Friday 17th May
This Friday our team of talented athletes will represent Newport Public School at the Pittwater Zone Cross Country Carnival. The children have been training regularly with Mrs Keogh. She reports that they are all very enthusiastic and keen to do their best. This carnival will be held at the oval at Narrabeen North Public School. I know they will be wonderful representatives of our school. Good luck everyone!

Year 5 Opportunity Class Applications for 2014
Applications close this Friday
If you are interested in applying for this class for 2014 applications should be made online. The website where you find all necessary information is www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. If you have any queries please contact Mr Anthony Moran.

State Knockout Netball Team
Last week our Netball team played Warrawee PS in the first round of this competition. The girls put on an impressive display winning 33-2. Congratulations girls on a fine effort.
Boys' State Knockout Cricket
Unfortunately the Boy's State Knockout Cricket Team only had a short two game season this year. After an extremely promising start to our campaign where we beat Narraweena by more than 100 runs, we were convincingly beaten by Manly West last week. Being all out for 36 runs was never going to be enough to beat the strong batting Manly West side. Although we did bowl and field very well, Manly West beat us with six wickets and 13 overs remaining. The six week gap between games didn't give us the best preparation and I think we are a much better team than the result showed. Never mind boys, cricket is a funny game. I'm sure we'll bounce back next year.
Our hopes of cricketing success now lie with the girls' team who play West Pennant Hills next Thursday. Good luck girls. Thank you Mr Hearne for your support of this team.

Regards,
Margaret Charlton
Principal

Academic Enrichment News
At Newport we have many outstanding students who excel in our classes and strive for academic excellence in a range of extracurricular activities every day. This new section of the Natter aims to inform our community of the wonderful achievements of our academically talented students.

At the moment, our chess teams are involved in the After School Tournament, competing against a range of schools from across the Northern Suburbs. The Newport A team consisting of Finn Lindley, Finley Sadler, Thomas Poppleton, Anja Kastowsky, Michaela Douglas and Jasmine Wells had a two all draw with Northern Beaches Home School last week. Congratulations to the Newport B team consisting of Aaron Hughes, Thiago Ortiz, April Wiles, Arshvir Singh and Rafael Ortiz who beat Seaforth Juniors 3.5 to 0.5 last week.

Mr Tickle and Edson Ortiz have been doing a great job training these excellent players to outwit their competitors and compete in this challenging sport of the mind. We would like to wish both teams the best of luck next week when the Newport A team play Wheeler Heights and the Newport B team play Avalon.

Also running this term is our Science Club that will extend students’ thinking in line with the Science curriculum. Emma Zontisch, Kai Ess, Nina Lindley, Thomas Watson, Daniel Links, Isabelle Holdsworth, Ben Jones, Zoe Sturzaker, Chris Magno and Matthew Francis will participate in this enrichment program every Tuesday at lunch time. They will be learning about a range of scientific phenomena, developing their understanding of formal scientific investigation processes and problem solving skills. Thank you Mrs Elliot for giving these students this wonderful opportunity.

This semester, a group of talented speakers have had their public speaking skills extended in the Multi-Cultural Speaking Program. Students have learned how to control their nerves, project their voice, use eye contact and write entertaining, engaging and informative speeches about the theme The Same but Different.

Jess Deathridge, Mia Deathridge, Jasmine Lerpiniere, Chloe Geeves, Sarah Lowry, Bettina Cilia, Mhairi Dunsmore, Charli Wiles, Glenn Sands, Edward Ashe, Jemima Thomas, Luke Stonier and Grace Fisher have been taught by Mrs Clements during lunch times and have been presenting their speeches during our whole school assemblies on a Thursday afternoon. The level of public speaking has been fantastic, showing the whole school how powerful the spoken word can be and teaching us about issues such as racism, the importance of acceptance, and tolerance. Thank you Mrs Clements for running this fantastic program.

Regards
Mr Hearne
(GATS Coordinator)

Change of Date for next Mums for Mums event:
Please save the Date:
Saturday 24th of August 2013 for our Annual Cocktail Party
Book in the babysitter now for a great night out, with your partner, friends and community whilst at the same time also supporting this great charity!
Watch this space for details on how to purchase tickets

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MERIT AWARD WINNERS

KSO Luka Tailby, Cielle Wilson
KAJ William Stonier, Maisie Young
KEE Chelsea Hayes, Kaelan Giddy
KDF Jesse Heslop, Sophia Tailby
KJP Zara Zebelak, Noah Wandl
KEJ Tiana Hadzic, Jethro Browne
KMG Aiden Bullen, Harry Letts
1SN Thor Skene, Zachary Zabel
1JJ Gemma Fleming, Jett Binks
1DD Caleb Robinson, Faith Stewart
1JG Cian Sargeant, Alexis Proctor
1/2JF Kai Ainscough, Miles Ryberg-Neale
2BN Lachlan Sweet, Emma Poppleton
2AM Alana Cleary, Mischa Sullivan
2SC Tyron Cleary, Chilli Wilson
2BG Sienna Jones, Freddy May

WRAP WITH LOVE
You are bound to have heard about Wrap with Love – they are an organisation that sends knitted blankets to people in need all around the world. Wraps have been sent as far as Peru and Ethiopia and as near as Papua New Guinea and to the victims of the Victorian Bush Fires.

Wrap with Love are always looking for knitters of squares, people that can sew squares into blankets, and donations of 8 ply wool or acrylic yarn.

If you would like to help the Wrap with Love cause: “Cold humanity is our concern, people caring for other people”, please leave donations of wool, squares, etc in the front office of the school. If you would like to offer your knitting or sewing services, please leave your name and I will get the information and/or wool to you!

Instructions on how to knit the squares may be found at: www.artsandcrafts.nsw.com.au/Wrap.htm or simply by googling “Wrap with Love”.

Thank you for any assistance or donations you may be able to give.

Nicola Elliott

Chess News

Last Friday in the NSW Junior Chess League After School Tournament Newport A scored a 2 all draw against Northern Beaches Home School A and Newport B Juniors had a 3 ½ to ½ win over Seaforth D Juniors.

This Friday is a home match with Wheeler Heights A (Championship) and Avalon C (Juniors).

Mark Tickle

Snow Sports News

Dry land training begins Tuesday 21st in Mr Tickle’s room. Please bring along your signed permission note if you haven’t already returned it.

Snow Sports Committee

Iodine and learning
Iodine is needed for the thyroid gland, growth and brain development. Sources of iodine include:
- cow’s milk, yoghurt and cheese
- seafood
- seaweed – as used in sushi or nori rolls

Did you know…?

Sedentary living causes over 20 different health problems including heart disease, type 2 diabetes and some cancers. Obesity can make nine different conditions worse including chronic back pain and stroke. Get active and stay healthy!

NO WRAP WEDNESDAY

Congratulations to Mike Hogan of 5RW and Tyson Cogan of 5LH! Mike and Tyson won the NO WRAP WEDNESDAY prize for April. The boys chose recyclable and reusable lunch items. Each Wednesday, students who bring in a NO WRAP lunch receive a raffle ticket for a reusable prize which is drawn monthly. Well done, Mike and Tyson! Keep up the good work on those NO WRAP lunches.
MUSIC NEWS

Music camp is this weekend! Please read the following reminders:
* Year 6 arrival time is 4.30pm, all others at 5.00pm. Please do not arrive before this as your child will not be signed in and there will be no adult supervision.
* All medications must be signed in with Greg Moran at registration, please have all medications labelled clearly.
* For hygiene reasons a fitted sheet MUST be used, even with sleeping bags. Please also bring a pillow case.
* Overnight parent helpers please arrive at 5.00pm.
* Don’t forget the talent quest on Friday night. Prizes to win!!!
* Parents who have volunteered to help with activities Saturday afternoon, please arrive at 3.00pm, meet outside hall.
Year 6 parents whose children are doing the Big Swing activity please arrive at 2.30pm
* V2 arrive on Sunday at 1.00pm, meet conductors outside hall.
* Parents concert is on Sunday at 2.30pm.

Dates for Diary

16th May Concert Band performing at primary assembly
17th – 19th May Music Camp, Collaroy Centre
6th June Training Band performing at primary assembly
11th & 13th June Stage Band performing at school assemblies
18th & 20th June Violin 1s and Violin 2s performing at school assemblies
25th & 27th June Performance Band performing at school assemblies

Canteen News

Next Week’s Roster
Monday May 20th: N Roach, M Stidwell, D Clinton, B Griffiths
Tuesday May 21st: L Brown, n Sampson, M Burlinson
Wednesday May 22nd: B Wilson, P hitchman
Thursday May 23rd: M Smith, F Douglas, K Tulloch, S Lowe, N England
Friday May 24th: V Watkins, L Barlow, K Meek, T Leslie
If you are unable to make your rostered day, please call Tammy on 9979 6504 or email the canteen
newportschoolcanteen@hotmail.com
Hot Chocolate is back $2.00 a cup:)
Pumpkin or chicken noodle soup
Our sushi is gluten free. I have had a few people ask and I have double checked and it is Gluten free. Also the corn chip melts at morning tea are also gluten free
**Sam Bloom – Mums for Mums Raffle Fundraiser**

Cameron and Sam Bloom, a fit and active couple from Newport on the Northern Beaches, decided to take their three boys (Newport School students) to Thailand for a few weeks holiday over Christmas. Their idyllic holiday ended on the 7th January when an unsecured rooftop railing gave way and Sam had a tragic fall.

Unfortunately, Sam was critically injured fracturing her skull and back (T7) resulting in extensive damage to her spinal cord. She was operated on and treated at three separate hospitals in Thailand before returning on a Medivac flight to Sydney at the end of January. Sam went on to spend 3 months in Royal North Shore Hospital’s Spinal Unit, her rehabilitation program stalled due to a serious bedsore that has been operated on three times. This has almost healed now and Sam is currently at the rehab centre in Ryde, where she will spend at least 6-8 weeks.

Sadly, for Sam and her family, she is completely paralysed from the chest down and has also lost her sense of smell and taste as a result of her head injury.

If you would like to help assist with Sam’s ongoing medical expenses, Rita Ericsson and one of our parents, Tina Bracher, are selling raffle tickets. Please see us in the library (the raffle will be drawn on the 23rd May). Thanks everyone!
Perhaps you are working, studying/training (rebates for eligible families may apply), attending to appointments or just need a little time to catch up on things….

Are you looking for somewhere for your child/ren to play safely, join in some interesting and fun activities?

NOOSHC – offers you a solution, providing essential, convenient, quality before and after school care on-site. We run a child focused program during the morning and afternoon with a wide and varied range of activities for your child to choose from, have a play with their friends, make new friends. The children rave about the afternoon tea menu – fruit and a varied menu (spring rolls, cheesy macaroni, party pies & sausage rolls, nachos, hummus)

Your child/ren must be enrolled with NOOSHC to use the centre on either a permanent or casual basis. NOOSHC is run as an Incorporated Association with a Centre Manager (trained teacher), experienced permanent and casual staff, a part time book keeper and a parent committee who meet twice a term.

For all enquiries please phone 02 9979 9874 and speak to either the Centre Manager Jo Newton or Assistant Centre Manager Judy Longworth.

NOOSHC REMINDER TO PARENTS re Absent Children:
If your child is NOT attending for their booked session (especially afternoon - casual or permanent) please phone the centre (answer machine available) to let us know preferably by 2.30pm, this saves considerable time and worry for all concerned. The safety and wellbeing of your child are of upmost importance. If you do receive a message concerning the whereabouts of your child PLEASE phone the centre back ASAP to confirm that you have received the message and that your child is actually absent. If your child goes home from school sick etc. PLEASE let NOOSHC know – it is not the responsibility of the school to do so.

ALL WELCOME

NOOSHC
Parent & Committee Meeting
THURSDAY MAY 21
7.00PM
at the NOOSHC centre.

Drinks & nibbles.
Come along and have a say
~ This is your centre as well.
FIND US ON FACEBOOK – OUR FACEBOOK PAGE IS UP AND RUNNING

The Newport Public School Fete Facebook page is now live. Please go onto Facebook and search “Newport Public School Fete” to find us. Please find us and like us soon!

All current details for the fete will be posted on our Facebook page including fete committee meeting dates. All businesses and people supporting the fete shall be publicised here.

TERM 2 FETE MEETING DATES – ALL IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY @ 7PM

TUESDAY 4TH JUNE
TUESDAY 25TH JUNE

We look forward to seeing as many Class Parents and Stall Helpers as possible to address any questions and needs regarding their stall. Please also feel free to attend should you wish to help with any other aspect of the fete.

JAM HELP – CAKE STALL NEEDS YOUR HELP!!

To all the bakers and makers out there we need your help! As well as cakes this year, we will also be selling jams and preserves (jams, chutneys, relishes, lemon butters…..anything you can preserve!)

Now is the time to start making our jams as it is the season for all the delicious stone fruits. Please Catherine Yetts on cyetts@yahoo.com if you are able to help make some.

We also need jars for the jams. Please bring in any jars (with lids) and give them to class 3LS or 3MR.

Happy preserving!

DONATIONS DONATIONS DONATIONS!!!

The success of the fete relies heavily on the donations of the school community. If you have or are able to obtain anything that would be great as a substantial raffle prize or smaller chocolate wheel prize, your donation will be greatly appreciated. Please contact the fete organisers if you have any prizes you can provide.

We also need lots of donations for our White Elephant, 2nd Hand Clothing, Books and CD/DVD Stalls. Until July, we will open the storage container to receive goods by appointment – please contact Kate below. From July onwards, the storage container will be opened on a weekly basis. Opening days and times are to be advised.

Many thanks from the Fete Organisers
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