NEWPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL’S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Thursday 13th November 2014

RELIEVING PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

2015 Strategic Planning
On Thursday evening, 20th November we will be running our first community consultation workshop to help us build a shared vision for Newport Public School moving towards 2020 and beyond. Rob Stokes will speak at the workshop before parents and teachers engage in activities to help set our vision. The workshop will start at 7.30pm. All families will be receiving invites to this event shortly. In preparation for the workshop please consider this question. What skills will students need to learn to ensure they are productive, global citizens in the future?

Year 5 Leadership Program and Formal Leadership Selection Processes
Currently, Year 5 is involved in lessons every Wednesday afternoon to learn leadership skills to equip them in their role as leaders of the school next year. Part of this program will teach the students the skills they will need to work in formal leadership positions. The election processes for school, house, band and ferry captains will be commencing soon. Year 5 students will be advised of the specific dates and requirements soon. I’d like to wish all those aiming for a formal leadership position for next year the very best of luck.

Scripture Christmas Show
Our end of year scripture show will be held this coming Tuesday 18th November during the students’ usual scripture times. At this time of year I like to express our gratitude to all the volunteer scripture and ethics teachers. We truly appreciate their commitment to teaching our students throughout the year. Our last scripture and ethics classes will be on Tuesday 25th November.

 Helpers’ Morning Tea
Our helpers’ morning tea will be next this Tuesday 25th November at 11am. It’s during this time we like to formally thank all the parents who have contributed to the students’ learning throughout the year. Although there is an invitation later in this Natter, I would personally like to invite everyone who has helped enrich the lives of our students by volunteering their time at school this year.

Year 5 Visit to Pittwater High School
Last Monday, Year 5 visited Pittwater High School and was involved in a whole day of high school lessons. They were privileged to see the excellent teachers and facilities at the school first hand. From talking to the students they learned a lot on the day, and although it is over 12 months away, are really looking forward to high school. Please see the full report latter in this Natter.

Year 6 Camp
Next week Year 6 is heading to the Great Aussie Bush Camp for four days of team building lessons. They will be put out of their comfort zones in the outdoor activities and will learn a lot about themselves and the people they work with. I’m sure they will have a very enjoyable, rewarding experience and I’m looking forward to hearing all about it on their return.

Year 3 and 4 First Aid Lessons
Earlier this week, Year 3 and 4 students were involved in First Aid lessons run by the St John’s Ambulance. The children learned vital knowledge to equip them with the skills to help other people in an emergency situation. There is a more detailed report latter in the Natter. I would like to thank Mrs Shane Clements for organising this very worthwhile initiative.
Are You Leaving Us?
At this time of year we are well into our planning for 2015. We would appreciate knowing if your child/children will not be returning to Newport PS in 2015. This information is important for our class organisation and staffing for next year. We also need to know if your child/children are returning to Newport after the start of the 2015 school year. I require a short note to confirm that they will be returning and on what day so they can still be counted in our enrolment numbers and placed in their 2015 class. Please send the information to the office.

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.

Music Information Evening, Thursday 13th November 6.30pm School Hall
As mentioned last week, Newport Public School is privileged to have a great Music Program. The current Program includes about 159 students participating in 7 ensembles; 3 string ensembles and 4 wind bands. That’s nearly a quarter of students from Year 1 to 6 involved in music tuition at our school. The String Program is available for students from Year 1 onwards and the Band Program for Year 3 onwards. Tonight all four conductors will be available to discuss our music program and answer any questions you may have. The Information Evening will include instrument demonstrations and testimonies from current musicians. I would encourage everyone to attend.

Regards,
Anthony Moran
Relieving Principal

Dates for your diary

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<td>Kindergarten Presentation in the School Hall</td>
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<td>Mufti Day for students</td>
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<td>Year 6 Graduation Dinner in the School Hall</td>
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<td>Picnic Day K-6</td>
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MERIT AWARD WINNERS

KOP  James Catterson, Denver Paul  2BG  Jake Clarke, Holly Tulloch
KAJ  Pearl Pride, Madison Schooley  3LW  Lily Playle, Ruby Kennedy
KEP  Megan Fisher, Jason Bloomer  3KH  Lachlan Francis, Harrison Riddle
KJP  Kaitlin Mulligan, Joe Warren  3AR  Sienna Sinfield, Tom Tullet
KEJ  Elsa Murphy, Ryan Wilkinson  3RB  Joseph Moy, Kai Dryden
KMG  Joshua Walter, Alexandra Watton  4NE  Holly Hunt, Tully Heather
1SN  Jada Brown, Grace Osborne  4GM
1JJ  Corey Schwerdtfeger, Molly Jones  4LC  Fynn George, Josie Moore
1DD  Harry Letts, Lily Reid  4SC  Charlie Bentley, Arshvir Singh
1AD  Maya Kinsman, Luka Tailby  5AW  Sarah Wheeler, Wil Colless
1JB  Madison May, Zara Duffield  5JL  Nina Lindley, Daniel Wheeler
1CC  Katelyn Benschop, Kealan Giddy  5/6AH  Charli Yeats, Dominic Murphy
2IF  Asha Watkin, Kobie Searles  5SM  Hayley Carter, Tyger Cox
2BN  Olivia Bourke, Toby Harper  6KK  Annalena Bartnitzky, Kyle Ambrosius
2AM  Jacob Harder, Amelia Boss  6IW  Jasper Frost, Madison Walsh
2SC  Lachlan Zaraza, Zara McCauley  6IM  Dylan Shah, Emily Moy
**FIRST AID COURSE**

On the 10th and 11th November Year 3 and 4 attended a first aid course held by St John’s Ambulance in our school hall. The short course covered what to do in an emergency, how to contact help using emergency services and other vital information that was useful in emergency situations. The students learnt that checking the surrounding area for danger before attempting to help someone was very important. They realised the importance of knowing their address and phone number and how to put an unconscious person in the recovery position. We would like to thank Maria who was the volunteer from St John Ambulance who ran the course.

Mrs Shane Clements

**High School for a day!**

Year 5 is on a roll! On Monday all of Year 5 spent the day at Pittwater High School (PHS) for a high school experience day. We had to meet at the school at 8:30am, quite an early start for some students! The students were then allocated to groups and were led around by some wonderful PHS Year 9 students. All of Year 5 spent a period making delicious raspberry muffins in Food Technology and meeting the animals in Agriculture. Year 5 also experienced a variety of other subjects such as Maths, Science, History, English, Drama, French and Woodwork. We had our recess, lunch and even afternoon tea there and were treated to a concert showcasing the dancers and musicians of PHS. It was a wonderful day and a great introduction to high school for all our students.

Year 5 Teachers

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Now is the time to start looking for misplaced/lost library books. All library books will need to be returned to the library by the end of Week 8 (Friday 28th November), in preparation for our end-of-year stocktake.

Stephanie Bracey, Sally Morgan and Rita Ericsson.
BOOK FAIR! BOOK FAIR!

Our Book Fair is in the library today, **Thursday 13th November, from 3.30 – 7.00 pm**. All books are discounted, some greatly. Why not do some early Christmas shopping and help the library at the same time – the more books you buy, the more books we get.

Eftpos and credit card facilities will be available (Visa and Mastercard only). If you cannot attend in person, credit card payment slips are on the back of the ‘wish lists’ and can be sent to school with your child/ren (or cash or cheques made out to ‘Carnival Fairs’) on Thursday or Friday. Alternatively, you can now pay on-line at the Carnival Fairs website.

You, your family and friends are most welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.  
*Stephanie Bracey, Sally Morgan and Rita Ericsson.*

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<td>EN2-2A plans, composes and reviews a range of texts that are more demanding in terms of topic, audience and language</td>
<td>Plan, draft and publish imaginative, informative and persuasive texts containing key information and supporting details for a widening range of audiences, demonstrating increasing control over text structures and language features.</td>
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**EN2-3A** uses effective handwriting and publishes texts using digital technologies

- Use a range of software including word processing programs to construct, edit and publish written text, and select, edit and place visual, print and audio elements.

**EN2-9B** uses effective and accurate sentence structure, grammatical features, punctuation conventions and vocabulary relevant to the type of text when responding to and composing texts

- Incorporate new vocabulary from a range of sources into students’ own texts including vocabulary encountered in research.
MUSIC NEWS

**Music Information Evening;** Our Information Evening for 2014 is taking place tonight (13th November) at 6.30pm in the hall. If you have any friends who have expressed interest please let them know. All our conductors (Karen Leimbach, John Stone, Andrew Laurich and Fiona Gudmunson) will be there. It is a great chance to ask questions and get the best answers. There will be an opportunity to register on the night but it is totally obligation free.

**Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on Wednesday 19th November at 7.00pm at the Royal Motor Yacht Club.** A number of parents who have children in Year 6 will be leaving us this year and we always welcome new faces. Joining the Music Committee is a great way to meet new people and become involved. Please come and see what it’s all about.

**Dates for Diary**

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<td>Avalon Market Day. All wind ensembles will be performing between 11.00am and 12.00 noon. Full band uniform required.</td>
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<td>Annual General Meeting. All welcome.</td>
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<td>Combined Twilight Concert Rehearsal. Starting at 8.30am. All ensembles.</td>
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<td>Twilight Concert. Pittwater High School starting with BBQ at 6.00pm.</td>
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<td>School Disco BBQ. Parent helpers required.</td>
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<td>11th &amp; 12th Dec</td>
<td>Auditions for Concert Band students who would like to move into the Performance Band. Audition times will be organised by your Band Manager</td>
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<td>Instrument Return. 8.00am to 9.15am outside school hall.</td>
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**UNWANTED SCHOOL UNIFORMS**
The office is in desperate need of second hand school uniforms for spares. If you have any you could donate it would be much appreciated.

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**To our helpers, Scripture and ethics teachers**

The Staff of Newport public School would like to invite you to a Morning tea at 11am on Tuesday 25th November on the verandah of the Hall.

The Morning tea is hosted by the staff to acknowledge your valuable contribution to our school.
Canteen news
It is that time again for next year’s roster to be done.
The new roster is up in the canteen if you would like to come and help in 2015.
Please come and add your name, or email me at newportschoolcanteen@hotmail.com
Thanks again :)  
Mon 17th Nov: J Masters, S Law, S carter, K McGuire  
Tues 18th Nov: P Hitchman, J Pepper, K Ryan, F Wilson, K Ginsburg  
Wed 19th Nov: M Smith, M Oakley, L May  
Thurs 20th Nov: S Lowe, V Brown, C Thomas, V Gordon  
Fri 21st Nov: A Surfeild, J Parums, M Ramsey, N Simpson

Christmas Pudding & Gingerbread House Fundraiser
It’s that time of the year again!!! With only weeks till Christmas it is time to order your puddings or gingerbread houses.

Tammy in the canteen is making puddings & gingerbread houses.
The puddings come in three sizes:
250g (perfect teacher gifts), 500g or 1 kg.
Gingerbread house comes in two styles
Family sleigh with reindeers
Or family size house

If you would like to order, please fill in the form below and return to Tammy in the canteen, with the correct money no later than Monday 1st December.

Thank you for your participation and enjoy your Christmas goodies
Merry Christmas
The fundraising team

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Gluten Free (add $3.00)
Join the Training Band in 2015

Information Night Thursday 13\textsuperscript{th} November 6:30pm

Newport’s music program commenced in 1991 with 15 students and since then it has steadily evolved and currently boasts seven instrumental ensembles consisting of 3 wind bands and 3 string ensembles plus a stage band.

The Training Band, as the name indicates, is for beginners or children starting an additional instrument. The Training Band practices each Wednesday from 7.10 to 8.20am. Please note that the canteen opens around 8.30am and offers a breakfast menu for band kids.

Children may enter the Training Band or String Orchestra from Year 3, however it is never too late and older students are encouraged to join also.

If you are interested please come along to our Information Night
- Registrations
- Information on Instrument allocation
- Instrument demonstrations
- Instrument Hire information

Queries
John Stone (musical director) johnnomuzik@hotmail.com
or Fiona Gudmunson (president) fgudmunson@bigpond.com

**Special***Free Instrument Hire*** Save $200**
The Music Program is offering free instrument hire for Trombones, Tuba, Euphonium, Bassoon and Bass Clarinet
It’s time
to consider volunteering for the Music Committee

Whether you can commit to a specific position or would just like to offer a few hours to help on an ad hoc basis, we would welcome you to the Music Committee.

What makes the Music Program so special

In 2014, 159 children participated in the Newport Public School Music Program. That equates to 23% of children from Years 1 to 6. The Program costs $100,000 to run of which registration and Band Camp fees cover 75%. The P & C Association generously contributes $5,000 and the remaining deficit we try to cover through fundraising.

With seven ensembles – V1, V2, String Orchestra, Training Band, Concert Band, Performance Band and Stage Band, the Music Committee is always on the look out for new recruits. We need help with managing instrument hire, supporting rehearsals and performances, equipment transportation, fundraising and social activities. You can take on a specific role or help on an as needs basis, when and where it suits you.

To find out more, join us at this year’s AGM meeting on Wednesday, 19 November at 7.00pm at The Royal Motor Yacht Club, 46 Prince Alfred Parade, Newport and hear about how you could help over a glass of wine and some nibbles. Not only will we appreciate your help, but your child and the rest of the children in the Music Program will love your involvement too.

The Music Committee

Key events

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<td>Sydney Opera House</td>
<td>Several members of the Strings Orchestra played at this iconic venue</td>
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<td>NSSWE</td>
<td>Performance Band and Stage Band played at Chatswood Concourse</td>
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<td>Festivals</td>
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<td>Band Camp</td>
<td>100+ children, intensive development</td>
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<td>PCS</td>
<td>All bands play at PCS and school events such as concerts &amp; assemblies</td>
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Positions vacant: Fundraising committee members, instrument hire manager, graphic designer, on call helpers
NEWPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAM

Join the Violin Program in 2015

The Newport School Instrumental Music Program boasts 7 instrumental ensembles consisting of 4 wind bands and 3 string ensembles.

The Violin ensembles represent a wonderful introduction to music for younger children, and they can join in Year 1 or Year 2. The children begin in the ‘V1’ class, and move into the ‘V2’ class the following year.

Rehearsals are Tuesday & Thursday mornings 8:20am to 9:20am

Parents are very much encouraged to stay and be involved in the lessons - this benefits both the tutors and your child!

After graduating from Violin program, children can move into the String Orchestra (on Violin or another string instrument such as Cello or Double Bass) or join the Training Band on a wind instrument.

Classes are capped at 12 students so places are limited
Cost is $580 for the entire year, which can be paid in 2 instalments

For more information and to register please come along to our

Music Information Night Thursday 13th November 6:30pm

Additional registrations forms will be attached to the Natter

Musical activities provide children with important experiences, which can help them develop physical co-ordination, timing, memory, visual, aural and language skills.

Queries: Megan Moxham
mocnnegs@bigpond.com
2015 Enrolments at NOOSHC for both permanent and casual positions.

It’s coming to that time of the year again – all families should have received the enrolment packs for 2015 – if you have not received same please contact NOOSHC immediately as they are due back by Friday November 7th (current families) & new enrolments by Friday Nov 14.

Any enrolments (current & new) made after these dates will be received and placed on the waitlist list in order of submission.

If your child is not currently enrolled and you would like a 2015 Enrolment package for your new kindy (2015) or current NPS student please ring or drop into the centre and collect an enrolment package.

Association Membership / Registration fee

$ 40.00 per family (annual)

Please ensure that when returning your enrolments packages that you include the association membership / registration fee so that your placement can be processed.

Enrolment packages will not be accepted unless ALL components are fully completed.

Enrolments packages are also reviewed each year to ensure that all required information is detailed on the forms/brochure etc – the 2015 forms have been updated in line with the Education & Care Services National Regulations and have new additional information required included on them.

Please ensure that each child has an individual enrolment package – this is filed under the various individual groupings of “K” (Kindergarten) “I” (Yrs 1 & 2) and “P” (Yrs 3, 4,5 & 6) – especially important for staff to easily access if your child does not turn up at care and we need to contact you ASAP.

NOOSHC provides essential, convenient, quality before and after school care on-site, enabling parents / carers to work, undertake study/training or other activities, with the knowledge that their child/ren are being well cared for in a safe, healthy and happy environment. The centre offers before and after school care during the school term. Your child/ren must be enrolled with NOOSHC to use the centre on either a permanent or casual basis.

All enquiries should be directed to: Centre Manager - Jo Newton or Assistant Centre Manager – Judy Longworth  02 9979 9874
ALL WELCOME

Parent & Committee Meeting dates for 2014

Term 4 Week 4 – Tuesday 28 October (PMC only)

Term 4 Week 9
– Tuesday 2 December
7.00pm

AGM (election of PMC – if you are interested in joining the PMC ask Jo for info and nomination form)

& End of year celebration.
– Thursday December 11
6.30pm

Drinks & nibbles.

Please RSVP by Friday the week prior to meeting.