Final Natter for 2014

Farewell Sue Brandenburg and Lesley Cruickshank
This year marks the end of an era at Newport Public School with the retirement of Sue Brandenburg and Lesley Cruickshank. Sue has worked for the Department of Education since 1976 with the last 22 years of this at Newport whilst Lesley has worked with us at Newport for the last 16 years. Both Sue and Lesley have made a significant contribution not only to the children at Newport Public School but to the Newport community as a whole. Sue and Lesley are both talented classroom teachers in their own right but have contributed to our community in many other ways. Sue and Lesley's contribution to performing arts at Newport cannot be understated with their significant work with the Sydney North Dance Festival over a number of years.
Sue's contribution to school sporting programs has been exceptional and has been recognised with life membership of the PSSA. We wish them well in their retirement and hope they will return to see us in the future after taking a well deserved break.

Student Reports
This week, your child will be bringing home his/her 2014 Semester 2 Report. The purpose of these reports is to communicate information to you about your child’s learning including his/her level of attainment and the progress he/she has made when compared with syllabus expectations. Teachers consider the requirements from the syllabus and make a “point in time” judgement about what a student should be demonstrating halfway through the year and then again, at the end of the year so each student's achievement is compared with the expectations described in the syllabus document. If a student achieves a “sound” it means they are achieving at a level that is expected, according to the content and skills covered in that semester. Much time and effort goes into writing these reports and we hope you find them both valuable and informative. Year 6 will receive their reports at their graduation ceremony next Monday

Congratulations 5/6AH on Stuart Street Project
Over Terms 3 and 4, 5/6AH has been working with Mrs Baldi, Mr Hearne and Pittwater Council on improving the safety, functionality and aesthetics of the path on the corner of Stuart Street and Queens Parade West. 5/6AH inspected the area and used a problem solving model to identify the possible causes, data needing to be gathered to investigate the problem as well as devising possible solutions upon which they would need to act. To this end, they gathered some data to find out more about the problem and to use to support their arguments for gaining some support from Pittwater Council. They decided on two courses of action; firstly, to write a persuasive text to council to enlist their assistance and support for addressing the problem and secondly, to promote the use of the footpath with the students and the school community. The letters received by council had the desired effect and Michelle Carter the Road Safety Officer visited the site with an engineer and work will be done on the footpath and the surrounding grassed area over the holidays. Yesterday, Michelle Carter came to talk to 5/6AH about the process council went through to approve the project under their maintenance program. Congratulations to 5/6AH on their success in having the issue addressed and many thanks to Michelle Carter and Pittwater Council for making it a worthwhile learning experience for the students with a successful outcome. Later in the Natter you will find an example of one of the letters that was received by council.

Staff Professional Learning
On Thursday and Friday the staff will be engaged in professional learning based around assessment across the school, the new science curriculum, our strategic planning, reverse interviews in preparation for new classes and time spent in grade/stage groups. Although we too will be tiring from the term, we wouldn’t want to miss an opportunity to tie up loose ends and cover aspects of our school programs that need to be addressed prior to the start of next year.
Organisation for 2015

As you would be aware, much time and thought is currently going into our organisation for 2015 as we value a smooth transition from one year to the next and a positive start to Term 1, for all of our students and families. Below is an outline of our current focus and future plans regarding organizational matters.

- Staff have been working on draft class placements, taking into consideration individual student needs, both academic and social, ensuring classes are parallel (a range of abilities represented) in addition to the one class (across grades 2-6) with a small cluster of very academically capable students. The number of students in each class, as well as the number of boys and girls is also considered. We also ensure that all students have at least one other student from their 2014 class, moving into their new class with them.

- For all students, it is beneficial for important information about their learning and development to be passed from their teacher in 2014 to their new teacher. This occurs in the form of brief interviews where information about students’ academic and social needs are shared, as well as any other relevant information that will help teachers get to know their new cohort. For some students with particular needs, this occurs in an exchange meeting during week 11 and includes members of our Learning Support Team as well as the students’ teachers (if possible), both current and future.

- For families who have another child starting in Kindergarten next year, our Best Start appointments, which occur during the first week of school, will be held in and around our library in 2015. Therefore, our current Kindergarten students who will be moving into Year 1 next year, will remain with their 2014 class cohort and where possible, in their 2014 classroom, for those first few days. Furthermore, on that first day, our Kindergarten teachers from 2014 will be available to catch up with their class for a short time, prior to starting their Best Start appointments.

- Textbooks for 2015 can be ordered online through www.dominie.com.au up until 15 January 2015. Details for each grade, on how to order your textbooks can be found on our website.

- Stationery Items for 2015 can be purchased through flexischools.com.au or alternatively, you may source the items yourself. The list of requirements for each grade are attached with this Natter and can be found on our website. Items need to be brought to school by Friday 6 February.

- At this stage we will be welcoming 138 new Kindergarten students and 21 new families in Years 1-6, to our school, though as you know, we cannot be sure to proceed with our structure for 2015, until the end of the first week when our anticipated student numbers can be confirmed.

- The first day back for all returning students in Years 1-6 will be Wednesday 28 January. When the bell rings at 9.25am on this day, the students will line up in their usual spot, where they will be met by their 2014 teacher (where possible) and walked to the Western Shelter for a welcome back assembly.

Concert

What a wonderful week of fun and celebrating we have had. Last week’s concerts were a testament to the values we place in participation, excellence, team work and fun. All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 were involved in the concerts, the quality of the performances reflected a level of excellence, the team work between staff, parents and students was needed to bring the concerts to life and the fun had by both the audience and the performers could be felt by everyone. Congratulations Newport on a stunning performance and thank you to Ms B for coordinating the concerts, and to Miss Jeffery, Mrs Cruickshank, Mr Tickle and our senior students for working backstage.

Presentation Assembly

Yesterday’s Presentation Assembly was also a reason to celebrate. Mr Hearne and Mrs Clements coordinated a very stylish event which gave us all the opportunity to recognise the talents, efforts and successes of our students, staff and community. Congratulations must go to all of our students for their achievements in their own personal learning journey this year. Also to our award winners who were recognised during the assembly, to our outgoing student leaders who led and spoke at the assembly so capably and to our new student leadership team for a wonderful start to their role. Many thanks must also go to our guest speaker Rob Stokes, for delivering such a valuable message for us all.

The Final Day for Students

Next Wednesday is the final day for students. At approximately 3.00, all the students and staff gather on the eastern side to form a tunnel through which the Year 6 students leaving the school, followed by students in other grades and teachers, will pass so that we can farewell them. Many parents join us for this event and students are not dismissed until the usual time of 3.25pm

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Thank you
Finally, on behalf of the staff, we would like to thank you all for your contributions to our school community. In particular to our P & C Committee led by Jason Ramsay, Dennis Fitzgerald, Shani Law and Caroline Thomas, who make time to represent our parent community and share thoughts and feedback with us. To Tammy Carter in our canteen, Carla Pettitt and Kate Raffles in our Uniform Shop, Jo Newton and Carla Pettitt in NOOSHC and Fiona Gudmunson from the Band Committee, thank you so much for your efforts and input to our school’s incredible programs and support networks. To all of our families, whether it be as a volunteer, an audience member, a survey respondent, a fundraiser, a member of a committee, a supplier of photos and feedback, a supporter, or simply someone who catches up with the staff every now and again, in and around the playground, we value your time and commitment to being a part of our community and hope that your holiday break is whatever you wish it to be.

Warmest regards,
Anthony Moran and Natalie Baldi

MERIT AWARD WINNERS

KOP  Arno Scamps, Jasmine Joiner
KEP  Jason Bloomer, Amy Niddrie
KJP  Noah Turner
KEJ  Harry Perkins, Juliette Rosenwax
KMG  Ava Jeans, Jorgie King
1SN  Finn Lange, Tom Cardiff
1JJ  Jessica Hazelwood, Beau Dolphin
2AM  Elsa Hudson, Amelia, Boss
2SC  Covey Brown, Jada Driscoll

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Stocktake
The Uniform Shop will be closed for stocktake on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th December. The last online orders for delivery to your child before the last day can be placed up until 5pm Friday, 12 December.

School Holiday Open
The Uniform Shop will open 9-10am Tuesday, 27 January for those last minute purchases. It can be a busy day so if you know what you need, order online and collect on the day to avoid the queues. Online orders are collected from a separate area in the hall on the day. (Online orders for collection next year must be placed no later than Friday, 23 January 2015.)

Are you able to volunteer on this day?
Our special school holiday open is usually a busy day and not all of our regular volunteers are available to help. If you can spare 1-2 hours on the day, it will be very much appreciated. We are also looking for new volunteers for Mondays and Tuesdays in 2015 so please contact Carla or Mari (details below) if you are able to spare one hour a fortnight in 2015 or an hour or two on 27 January 2015.

Thank you
Our thanks once again to our team of volunteers - Tracy Gowen, Jenny Smith, Ana Arruzza, Mari Simpson, Louise Woods, Katie Brennan, Karen Spence and Sue Lowe. We couldn’t do it without you all.

Online Ordering – During Term
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 – School Term
The Uniform Shop is open Mondays 9-10am and Tuesdays 3-4pm. We accept cash or cheque. Credit card payments are accepted when ordering via flexischools.com.au.

LIBRARY NEWS

We would like to thank all the people who were so generous with their time and assistance in the library this year: Sue Punton, Tina Bracher, Virginia Schultz, Lloyd Davies, Caroline Thomas, Cindy and Brett Menzies, Simone Crighton, Yasu Sannomiya and the Year 6 library monitors. Your help with book covering and repairing, book fair, circulation, shelving and tidying shelves is invaluable.

Please return all library books this week. Contact the library if you have any problems or questions.

Stephanie Bracey, Sally Morgan and Rita Ericsson.
YOUNG WRITERS AWARD

Santa Claus
Today I am describing the most jolliest man in the world, his name is Santa Claus. Some people call him other names like Saint Nick. I am guessing he loves cookies, milk and beer because I don’t know about you, but we always leave some out for him. As I had said before he is the most joyful man that has ever lived in this whole universe. His ruby red cheeks are so so red that you can just always tell that he is happy. His white soft beard drifts down like the first snow flake. His favourite colours are most definitely red and white. I have always wanted to see how he gets in his house. Does he go through the front door like you and I, or does he take the chimney? He has big black boots like Puss in Boots, hey he might even be his pet cat. I bet he loves Christmas like crazy. Under the tree he sneaks in our presents whilst we sleep and he dangles the baubles as he leaves. When he goes he shouts, “Good night to all and to all a good night.”

Merry Christmas HO HO HO
By Indira Mellers

YOUNG WRITERS AWARD

Good things about being Santa
1. You get to wear fluffy clothes.
2. You fly in a sleigh.
4. You get to tell the elves what to do.
5. You own nine pet reindeers.

Bad things about being Santa
1. You have to wear red every day.
2. You would get a sore tummy from eating all the cookies.
3. You could fall off the sleigh.
4. You have to feed the reindeers every day.
5. You might get a sore throat from always telling the elves what to do.

Summer Smith    KEP

MUSIC NEWS

Instrument Return will take place on 11th and 12th December between 8.00am and 9.15am. Our volunteers will be there to help with the paperwork. The instruments will then be sent away to be cleaned and serviced. Please make sure you bring hired instruments in on one of these two mornings.

Performance Band Auditions: All children in the Concert Band and some from the Training Band have been invited to audition for the 2015 Performance Band. By now each student should be aware of the time of their audition and the requirements. Please contact your band manager if you do not have these details.

Registrations: We have attached a band registration form for 2015 in this Natter. Your prompt payment will help us plan for next year. Completed forms need to be placed in the Band Box near the school office.

We look forward to seeing you all next year.

Dates for Diary
10th Dec       Performance Band playing at Presentation Ceremony.
11th & 12th Dec Auditions for Concert Band students who would like to move into the Performance Band.
              Audition times will be organised by your Band Manager.
11th & 12th Dec Instrument Return. 8.00am to 9.15am outside school hall.
Important Information Regarding Violin 1 2015

If you are interested in your child joining the V1 program in 2015 please email your interest to sherri@pittwaterresearch.com.au

The V1 program for 2015 is already at capacity. We may be able to create an additional class however we need to know if we have enough interested children to make this feasible.

PENINSULAR NETBALL CLUB INC.

REGISTRATION 2015
FRIDAY 30th JANUARY
Kitchener Park,
Pittwater Rd Mona Vale.
3.30pm-5.30pm
SATURDAY 31st JANUARY
Avalon Recreation Centre
Old Barrenjoey Rd Avalon
9am-12noon
Intending players must be turning 7 years or over in 2015.

All new NetSetGo and Junior Players are required to present a copy of their Birth Certificate
Junior-U17-Senior Players require a passport size photo.

COME JOIN US! FOR FUN, FITNESS AND FRIENDS!
Enquiries: Aileen Brodigan 9918 3314
E: peninsulananetball@hotmail.com • www.peninsulananetball.org.au

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday 28th February 2015
Gates Open 6.00pm
Mums for Mums Newport
Family Outdoor Movie Night
Bert Payne Reserve, Newport Beach
$30 per Family

Enliven in the evening
As the sun goes down, the fun starts up

FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVENT
Robertson Road, Newport
11 & 18 December - 5pm to 9pm
Come along and enjoy what Newport village has to offer...
- Late night Christmas shopping
- Beverages from the travelling pop-up bar
- Live music and Christmas carollers
- Tasty food from our local restaurants
- Kids face painting from the cheeky elf (6-6pm)
- Festive space created by the Enliven Pittwater team

Enliven Pittwater

SANTA’S REINDEER VISIT

SEE SANTA’S FARM & REAL REINDEER
SANTA VISITS WITH TREATS FOR THE KIDS FROM 6PM
BRING YOUR CAMERA AND KIDS FOR A PHOTO WITH SANTA’S REINDEER

NEWPORT ARMS FRIDAY DEC 5 & FRIDAY DEC 12
NEWPORT ARMS HOTEL
2 KALMUMA ST, NEWPORT, NSW 2106
CHECK OUT WWW.NEWPORTARMS.COM.AU

4-8PM
LEGO ROBOTICS
HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS FOR KIDS!

Tuesday 6th January 2015
9am-3pm $66 Ages 10+ ONLY
Macquarie University, North Ryde

Featuring the LEGO Mindstorms EV3 robotics kit. No prior knowledge assumed.

Payment must be in by the 18th December to secure a place!

REGISTER NOW AT
www.macict.edu.au/holidays

Questions? Contact us at:
macictsupport@det.nsw.edu.au or 9850 4310

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6th November 2014

Mr Mark Shaw
Infrastructure Manager
P.O. box 882
Mona Vale NSW 2103

To Mr Mark Shaw,

I am a year five student at Newport Public School and I am writing to you today to inform you about the state of the corner on Stuart Street and Queens Parade. This corner is extremely unsafe not only for the families who attend Newport Public School, but for the whole community.

SOMETHING MUST BE DONE!!!

On this corner, there is supposed to be a safe and wide path to support two people without one of them having to walk on the road or on the grassy hill by its side. However, the corner is an untidy, slippery mess. It is a high traffic area and the slippery, narrow footpath is extremely dangerous. Pedestrians should not have to walk on the road or on a rocky and unstable slope.

Since the corner is council property, could you please help us with this problem? One thing that would make a big difference is to widen the path. This upgrade would be absolutely fantastic as it would provide space for two people to easily and safely walk around the corner with no hazards that could trip or injure them! Another thing that would improve safety is a retaining wall. A retaining wall would put a barrier between the path and the hazardous hill, stopping slippery dirt covering the path.

We can assure you that we will make sure the path stays as you have left it after the job has been done.

Recently, some students from my class surveyed 347 students. In this survey, we found that 55% of students walk on this area at least once a week and that 30% of these students walk on this area at least four times a week. That’s a lot of students in a dangerous area!

I hope this corner will soon be fixed as it is a hazardous area. A wider path and retaining wall would do the job and it would ensure the safety of all pedestrians and avert potential accidents.

Thank you, yours sincerely,

Jasmine Adams
Newport Public School Instrumental Music Program
Registration & Payment form 2015

Forms and payment can be made either at Band Registration Days, or by depositing form and payment in the Band Box in the Primary Office.

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If your child is entering SO or CB they will require a band shirt, please order below:

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TRAINING BAND ONLY

PREFERRED INSTRUMENT:

SECOND CHOICE:

*Please note instrument choice is assigned on a “first paid” first choice basis*

*Note instrument hire can be arranged separately prior to the start of rehearsals in Term 1. Please watch for details in the Natter*
I have read, understand and agree to the terms of Newport School Instrument Music Program. I agree to pay the fees for my children as per the attached schedule. I understand if my child discontinues with the program, refunds of fees will be at the discretion of the music committee.

Signed: ___________________________________________ Dated: ____________________
Printed Name: ____________________________________________________________________________

PAYMENT METHODS

- **Electronic Funds Transfer online (Preferred).** Please include your child’s name in ‘contact details’:
  - BSB: 062 211
  - Acct: 0090 0999
  - EFT REFERENCE NUMBER: ________________________________

- **Cheque** payable to ‘Newport School Band’ and deposited into the ‘band box’ in the primary office.
  Please write your child’s name on the back of the cheque.

- **Credit Card** - Visa, MasterCard and Bankcard **ONLY**

**CREDIT CARD AUTHORISATION**

CREDIT CARD NUMBER: ____________ ____________ ____________ ____________

CARDHOLDER’S NAME: ____________________________________________________________

EXPIRY DATE ON CARD: _________ / _________

PLEASE CIRCLE: VISA  MASTERCARD  BANKCARD

TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE DEBITED FROM CREDIT CARD: $ ________________________

Signature of Cardholder: ____________________________________________________________
CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL

Support your local charity group by donating a gift and making someone’s Christmas extra special.

- Stewart House caters for children ranging from 6-15 years with donations especially desired for 10-12 year olds.
- Presents to be delivered to your school office before 12 December 2014.
- Unwrapped in a gift bag is best as all gifts need to be checked for suitability.
- Please avoid toys that need too many batteries. New items only. No food.

Wiseberry Real Estate
17 Barrenjoey Road, (opposite Tex Mex), Mona Vale 9997 1977
POP - UP Christmas Stall!

12th December 2014

Like a hand in getting your Christmas shopping done this year?
(We thought you would!)

In conjunction with the last Mufti Day for 2014, the P&C Fundraising Committee has organised for a POP-UP CHRISTMAS STALL. The children will be able to get in to the Christmas spirit, all while helping to raise funds for our school!

NO GIFT DONATIONS REQUIRED. We will be supplying a great & varied range of gifts for the children to choose from – there is something for everyone. Our parent helpers will be on hand to assist each child in choosing just the right gift for Mum, Dad, Granny, a sibling or themselves.

12th December – STALL DAY

On this day please send $5 PER GIFT in with your child in a sealed envelope with your child’s name and class printed on the front.

The children will visit the stall with their class and will be able to make their very important choice of gift! All gifts will again be priced at $5.

If you have any questions regarding the Christmas Stall or to offer a helping hand please email Shani Law shanilaw@hotmail.com or see Tammy in the canteen.
Newport Breakers Netball Club

Come and try netball with the Newport Breakers Netball Club!

Registration Days

Saturday 31st Jan - 9am - 1pm
Monday 2nd Feb - 5pm - 7pm


For more information,
Please contact Jenny or Shahn,
Registrars

m: 0411 863 577

e: newportbreakersnetball@gmail.com
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THE BEST HOLIDAYS HAPPEN AT CAMP

Relaxing  Fun  Great value  Safe

Tick every box this school holidays with a Sport and Recreation Camp. Our popular Kids’ and Family Camps offer a range of exciting activities to keep even the biggest kid entertained. Try your hand at over 40 different activities, including fishing, mountain biking, surfing, abseiling, crafts, kayaking, cooking and more, and relax knowing you’re in good hands. Kids’ Day Camps start from $47; Family Camp weekends start from $168 for kids and $238 for adults. Kids under five years attend free of charge. Cost includes accommodation, meals and activities.

Bonus! Residential Kids’ Camps include supervised transport from:

- Central Station, Sydney
- Penrith
- Lithgow
- Bathurst
- Orange
- Wellington
- Brooklyn
- Mooney Mooney.

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