PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

As I walk around the school it is wonderful to see the children so engaged in their learning. It is a great time of year, full of enthusiasm and with minimal disruptions. As the year progresses we do become busier and children have many opportunities to be involved in a wide range of activities that enrich their learning and their life at school. Our Kindergarten children are enjoying their new playground equipment. Thanks to our hardworking P&C.

Pittwater Zone Swimming Carnival
Congratulations Newport on another fabulous effort. Newport came 2nd on Handicap points and 3rd in the Overall Points score at the Pittwater Zone Swimming Carnival. Well done to all our swimmers. It was a fantastic team effort. Congratulations to Emily Gudmunson, Matthew Francis, Mac Omm, Luke Morley, Kyle Ambrosius and Jasper Upton who will go on to represent the Pittwater zone at the Sydney North Carnival at Homebush on Tuesday 25th March.

Classroom Accommodation
The new classroom for 1CC has arrived. The Asset Management Unit of the Education Department is currently connecting utilities to the building. We are hoping to move in within the next few weeks.

Congratulations to our Newport Cricketers
We have had both girls and boys representing Newport and Sydney North in NSW PSSA State Cricket Carnivals this term. Charli Yeats, Ashlie Edwards, Harriet Burke and Stella Campbell competed in the girl’s cricket competition. They played in Barooga, coming 5th in the state competition. Luke Morley played in the Sydney North Boys team in Wyong last week, winning the state title. Well done! Stella Campbell has made it into the NSW squad from which the NSW team will be chosen for the national competition. Good luck Stella!

Puppet Show for Year 1
Last Wednesday, students attended a puppet show presented by Tony Bones in the school hall. The purpose of the incursion was to further develop students’ understanding of the fairy tale genre and puppet shows as a form of drama. Three fairy tales were presented in different puppet forms: Goldilocks and the Three Bears using shadow puppets, The Three Billygoats Gruff as marionette puppets and The Three Little Pigs using hand puppets. The students were very engaged throughout the show and enjoyed the student participation sections. They have also written some very interesting recounts of their experiences.

Year 2 restaurant excursion
As part of our Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE) unit on celebrations, 2SC and 2BG had the pleasure today, of experiencing a “long lunch” at the Hong Kong restaurant in Newport. The children walked to the restaurant, were seated in groups around the tables and took pleasure in sampling from a menu including vegetarian spring rolls, honey chicken, rainbow lamb, rice noodles with vegetables and fried rice. Chinese traditions were discussed and the children enjoyed taking in information with all their senses, which will assist them with their following descriptive writing task. 2AM, 2JF and 2BN will have their restaurant experience to look forward to next week. Many thanks to Angela and her team at the Hong Kong restaurant for catering for Year 2 so well.

K-2 Easter Parade
Thursday 10th April
Our Easter Parade will be held on the Thursday before we break for the Easter holidays. Students from Kindergarten to Year 2 participate in this parade. The parade will start at 2.00pm in the western playground. I look forward to seeing all the students’ wonderful creations.
**Parent Teacher Interviews**
During the week beginning Monday 7th 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. More information about booking procedures will follow in the coming weeks.

**Athletics Carnival – Years 1 - 6**
**Friday 28th March**
**Sydney Academy of Sport, Wakehurst Parkway, Narrabeen**
On Friday 28th March we will hold our annual Athletics Carnival at Narrabeen. This year children from Years 1 – 6 will participate on the day. The early date has been a result of availability of the Sydney Academy of Sport for our event. Put the date in your diary.
Due to the early timing of this event this year Kindergarten will have a separate Sports Carnival later in the year at Newport Oval.

**Student Safety – Dogs at School**
The Department of Education has very rigid guidelines concerning the safety of students. **To ensure the safety of students, dogs are not allowed on school grounds.** This applies also to dogs on leashes. It only takes an instant for a dog to bite a child. Please do not bring your dogs to school. I appreciate your assistance in keeping all our children safe at all times.

**Next P&C Meeting**
**Tuesday 18th March, 7.00pm in the library**

Regards,
Margaret Charlton
Principal

**Dates for diary**

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**UNIVERSITY OF NSW COMPETITIONS**
The University of NSW runs competitions in Science, Writing, English and Mathematics 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 letter detailing results which highlight students’ strengths and areas for development. 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. Entries must be returned to the office no later than Friday 11th April 2014. No late entries can be accepted. Additional entries can be obtained from the office or the school website.

**PLEASE ENSURE ALL APPLICATIONS HAVE YOUR CHILD’S FULL NAME AND CLASS LEGIBLY WRITTEN ON THE SUBMITTED SHEET TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.**

**BOOK CLUB**
All K-6 classes have received Issue 2 of Scholastic Book Club. All orders need to be placed in an envelope clearly marked BOOK CLUB with your child’s NAME and CLASS. Cheques made payable to SCHOLASTIC and credit card payments are preferred. You can combine your orders and pay for them as one single payment. Credit card payments can be paid on-line or by phone and your receipt number needs to be recorded and sent back to school with your order. Please send K-2 orders to Mrs Falconer and 3-6 orders to the Library.
Orders are due back by **FRIDAY 14th March**
Please allow 2 weeks for your books to arrive.
If you have any questions, please see Mrs Falconer.
Book Club helps our school to purchase books and equipment for our Literacy programs.

**Remember to READ EVERY DAY THAT YOU EAT!**
**MERIT AWARD WINNERS**

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**PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE**

Hopefully, many of you have started reading for the Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) for 2014. 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/. You will now be able to enter the books you have read into your Reading Record at the PRC website. Once at the website, log on using your school user name (first name. Last name) 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.

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 on the 22nd August, 2014. So, happy reading!

**Stephanie Bracey, Sally Morgan and Rita Ericsson**

**MUSIC NEWS**

**It is not too late to join the Training Band:** Training Band started on 26th March. The band rehearsals have been going well, however we are still looking for more players interested in playing the Trombone, Bassoon, French Horn, Baritone Horn, Tuba, Bass Clarinet, Tenor saxophone or Oboe. If you are interested in your child joining the Training Band and want to find out more please contact John Stone on 0412 622 891 or johnnomuzik@hotmail.com.

**Special Offer** 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 for Elena Casanova on stelanova2@optusnet.com.au for details.

**Registration forms and fees** are now overdue due for all ensembles. If you require an extension of time due to financial hardship please contact Sherri on sherri@pittwaterresearch.com.au. The treasurer is volunteer position and it is unfair if she has to spend large amounts of time chasing overdue fees.

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UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Winter Uniforms
Buy winter uniforms now and avoid the last minute rush. Winter uniforms are worn from the beginning of Term 2 and there’s only 4½ weeks until the end of term. (The Uniform shop does not open during the school holidays between terms).

Online 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.

Opening Hours
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. For enquiries, please contact newportuniformshop@hotmail.com or Carla Pettitt 0413-804-015 & Kate Raffles 0413-519-872.

2014 Newport Public School P&C Association Fundraising!
All New Mothers’ Day Stall!

For our first fundraising event of the year the P&C Fundraising Committee will be holding a Mother’s Day stall on Friday 9th May, so that our children can spoil their mum and support their school at the same time!!

Thursday 10th April – Gift Donation
We are asking all children to please bring to school with them a small Mother’s Day gift with an approximate value of $5. Some gift ideas include mugs, chocolates, stationary, jewellery, body lotion etc. A great variety of gifts will ensure that there is plenty for the kids to choose from! NO SECOND HAND GIFTS PLEASE. If you would like your child to purchase more than 1 gift at the stall please send in the same number of gifts as your child will be purchasing. The gifts are to be placed in your child’s classroom in the boxes provided.

Stall – Friday 9th May - $5
On this day please send in with your child $5 in an envelope with your child’s name and class written 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 be priced at $5.

If you have any questions regarding the Mother’s Day Stall Fundraiser, please email Shani Law (shanilaw@hotmail.com) or see Tammy in the canteen.
$30 PER FAMILY  SATURDAY 29TH MARCH 2014

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0413 514 809

Cromer Kingfishers
Adam Kent
0409 900 545

Forestville Ferrets
Laurie Duffield
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Harbord Devils
Aaron Thompson
0412 327 237

Valley United Spartans
Peter Kelly
0488 344 567

Manly Cove Rebels
Sue Tonga
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Mona Vale Raiders
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