PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

We have come to the end of another busy term. Students and staff have been involved in such a wide range of activities that have enriched school life. They have been involved in various sports, dance, music, public speaking, debating, excursions, Science Club, and choir. What a great term it has been. I am sure we are all looking forward to a well earned rest. I hope everyone has a safe and restful holiday.

I would like to thank Mr Renkert for the fabulous job he has done, stepping in to so capably look after 5TD this term. He has done a wonderful job ensuring the learning of this class was not interrupted this term. I know our Newport community are very appreciative and wish him well in his next school. I would also like to thank Christeena Hurst, who has worked with 1JJ, whilst Mrs Matthews has been on leave. Mrs Hurst is an invaluable member of our casual staff, who so capably steps in to support the learning of our students across the school. Mrs Matthews returns next term, and I am sure Mrs Hurst will go on to support another of our classes during the year.

Semester 1 Reports
It has been wonderful to see the gains that the children have made over the first half of the year. Both students and staff have worked hard throughout the semester. Well done everyone!
I would like to remind parents that staff at Newport are accessible for parent interviews throughout the year. If you are concerned about your child’s progress at any time, please contact your class teacher for an appointment to discuss your concerns.
Student reports will be sent home with children tomorrow. We have had a few printing problems last week.

Festival of Instrument Music
What a wonderful day and evening it was on Monday at the Opera House for the Festival of Instrumental Music. Eleven students from the school band were selected to perform with over 300 primary and high school students from around the state. The children have spent the last few months learning their music at band rehearsals and also attended a special rehearsal at Croydon Public School earlier in the term. The children were required to learn 3 pieces of music off by heart.

The children spent the day taking part in the final rehearsal. It was a very long day but the result was worth it! After a short break the children returned to the Opera House and put on an amazing concert. Well done to Mhairi Dunsmore, Thomas Poppleton, Caly Maguire, Kyle Ambrosius, Emily Moy, Ruby Moxham, Evie Robinson, Mike Hogan, Jasmine Adams, Lucinda Hickson and Billie Norman. A huge thank you to Lara Windon and all the parents who assisted with transporting the children to and from the rehearsals and Opera House, and to the band teachers for all your hard work and assisting the children to prepare for the big concert. What an amazing opportunity to perform at the Opera house. What an amazing opportunity to perform at the Opera House, I am sure it is an experience you will never forget. You put on a fantastic show and should be very proud of yourself!

Premier’s Debating Challenge
Our Debating team competed in round 3 of this competition today, against Elanora Heights PS. The topic for the debate was ‘That animals should not be used in Australian circuses’. Newport was the affirmative and won the debate. Congratulations to Jazmine Lerpiniere, Jemima Thomas, Riley White and Brooklyn Plunkett. Their next debate will be against Narrabeen Lakes PS early next term. Thank you to Mrs Windon for the work you have put in to preparing our debaters for each competition round.
Sydney North Dance Festival
Over these last two weeks we have had the pleasure of watching our fabulous dance groups at the Glen Street Theatre. Once again the talented students from Newport shone throughout the night. Our Year 2 Dance group performed ‘If I Only Had a Brain’ and shone in their fabulous costumes. Thanks to Mrs. Nicol for her work with this group. The Year 3 & 4 Dance group who performed ‘Ritz and Glitz’, gave an outstanding performance. Thanks to Mrs. Nicol for all her work with this group. Called ‘Gypsy Glen’ our Year 5 & 6 Dance group also gave a wonderful performance. Thanks to Mrs. Brandenburg for her work with this group.

Our students will be attending matinee performances this Friday at Glen Street Theatre. They will be in for a treat. The performances at the festival have been outstanding. Thanks to Miss Blazejewski for coordinating this. It is a huge organisational undertaking.

These fabulous performances could only be achieved through the great team effort of teachers and parents. A huge thank you must go to the wonderful parents for their costume design and production. The children looked wonderful; your support of our dance students is very much appreciated.

Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition
Wednesday 27th June
Lulubelle Ryberg Neale and Grace Green represented Newport at the Multicultural Speaking Competition this week. The competition was extremely tough, with a very difficult impromptu speech ‘For Whom the Bell Tolls’. The girls were fine representatives of Newport PS and we are very proud of their efforts. Well done! Thank you to Mrs Clements for the continued work she does with all the Newport public speakers.

School Development Day
Monday 14th July
Staff only return on the first day of term. On this day we engage in a range of professional learning activities designed to enhance our teaching and learning programs across the school. Staff will be participating in professional learning activities throughout the day, focusing on the new Maths syllabus.

Term 3 Sports
Term 3 sports commence on Friday of Week 1. Students have already chosen their sports earlier this term. Please ensure that any notes and fees that are due have been handed to the office before the end of Term 2. If you require another note please see the office.

Regards,
Margaret Charlton
Principal

Dates for your diary

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RUGBY UNION NEWS

Bryan Palmer Shield
Congratulations to our senior rugby union team for winning their fourth round Bryan Palmer shield match against Balgowlah North 55 to nil last Wednesday. Playing at Newport oval, the team showed improvement on their first 2 games. Their work in controlling the ball in the ruck and the open, running rugby they played was excellent. Our next game will be against the winner of Parks PS or Narromine PS. Mr Aroney, Mr Walsh and Miss Blazejewski continue to provide their invaluable coaching and support which we sincerely appreciate. We will have a well-deserved break over the holidays and resume our training Thursday morning, first week back.

Regards
Adam Hearne
**MERIT AWARD WINNERS**

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**LOST PROPERTY**

Parents please label your children’s jumper and hats clearly.
We have a large number of jumpers in our lost property with either no name or names of students that have left the school.
The jumpers with no names on them will go to the Uniform Shop to be re sold.

**CHESS NEWS**

Last Friday nine Newport students met at 7:30 am and headed to Bellevue Hill for the Scots College Chess Challenge. The three teams Newport A Girls, Newport B Seniors and Newport C Juniors played seven rounds of chess against students from schools throughout Sydney. Newport B finished a credible 6th overall. A huge thankyou to Irina Lindley, Duncan Hughes and Les Browne for transporting the children to and from the event and supervising them throughout the day. Following the Scots contest several of the students headed straight back to Newport to play in the NSW Junior Chess League’s After School Tournament. A weary Newport B Juniors were defeated 3 to 1 by Oxford Falls Grammar Juniors while Newport Seniors had a 2 all draw with Seaforth A. The progressive score for this contest looks very promising for Newport, particularly the Juniors who played their last round of the tournament on Friday. There is no training or game this week. The tournament resumes on the first Friday back in Term 3.

Mark Tickle

**SNOW SPORT NEWS**

The big dump has finally arrived! Interschools organisers, schools and the resorts are all geared for a snow filled couple of weeks following a much needed huge dump of snow to kick start the season. Newport's skiers and snowboarders celebrated in style with a Winter Solstice Season Launch last night. Roc Koren (keyboard teacher at Newport) and singer Grace Brown (former Newport student) introduced the evening with some stirring renditions of winter classics like Let It Go, California Dreaming, Skyfall and Stormy Weather.

A big thankyou to all our families who attended and made the night a great success.

Next week 25 of Newport's students will head to Thredbo for the Regional Interschools. Racers will compete in Ski Alpine, Skier X, Moguls, Snowboard GS and Snowboard Boardercross. Individual, team and school prizes will be awarded in a similar style to the Winter Olympics. We wish all our families the best of luck in the races.

**LET IT SNOW!**

The Snow Sports Committee

**STEWART HOUSE CLOTHING APPEAL 2014**

Today you will receive a Stewart House Bag. They are due for collection on Friday 18th July (Term 3).
Please ensure they are returned to the infant's veranda by that day

**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

**Term 3 – First Open**

Our first open for Term 3 will be Tuesday, 15 July. All online orders placed this week and during the holidays will be dropped to your child’s class on 15 July.

**Thanks to our volunteers**

The Uniform shop runs smoothly because of our dedicated volunteers. Thanks to Ana Azzurro, Mari Simpson, Katie Brennan, Sue Lowe, Jenny Smith, Tracy Gowen and Louise Woods.

**Contacts**

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

If your child is in the Junior Choir or Newport Dance Groups they will be performing in the PCS Music Festival in Week 3, Term 3. Tickets for this performance evening are available now from Mrs Gutherson. Second round offers will be made available today.

If your child is in the Senior Choir you will have received ticketing information relating to our performance at the Sydney Town Hall in Week 6, Term 3 and a breakdown of our rehearsal commitments. If you have missed any of these notes they are available on the website or from Mrs Gutherson.

Any parent who can help with private transport to and from Belrose PS on August 4th, please contact Mrs Gutherson as soon as possible!

Both choirs have a rehearsal in Week 1, Term 3 on Wednesday 16th July. Juniors at Wheeler Heights Primary School and Seniors at Chatswood High School (Please note that the Seniors will need to be at school by 8:00 a.m on this day!).

Both Choirs will be singing on Open Day in Week 3 next Term. Watch the Natter for further details!

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**MUSIC NEWS**

**CAMP FORMS ARE NOW OVERDUE.** Music Camp registration forms were due on 13th June. If you have not completed your forms and placed them in the band box please do so as soon as possible.

**Thank you to everyone who helped out at the School Disco BBQ fundraiser.** The fundraiser was a great success. We totally ran out of sausages by 7.50pm. A special thankyou to our great fundraising team.

**Northern Beaches Instrumental Festival** at Pittwater High took place last weekend. All four of our primary ensembles took part. Organisers estimate that approximately 2400 students took part in the Festival, including about 100 students from Newport. All the children played brilliantly and did the school proud. We have attached some photos.

**Dates for Diary**

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YOUNG WRITERS AWARD

My best friend is Dog
At the pond I look into the water
Getting on Dog's back to be who I once was
Places to go and see with my best friend
I am Dog's eyes and he is my wings
Enraged at Fox and his behaviour which led me to betray my best friend.

By Beth Maguire
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YOUNG WRITERS AWARD

Behind the old Avalon bookstore there was a dark alley-way and in that dark alley-way there was a box, a rather large box. In that lived a girl (not so rather large though). The girl's name was Tracy McPick. She had lived in that box ever since the dreaded plane crash, surviving on a jar of jellybeans she had won long ago at the State fair. Now Tracy, like any other kid knew how to tie her shoes and count to ten. But she had never learnt to read.
It was the middle of Winter at the dead of night. Tracy was woken by the sound of footsteps and muttering.
The footsteps soon became stomps and the muttering shouts. Tracy could now tell what the mysterious voice was saying.
"CURSE YOU VOLDMONT! CURSE YOU!"
The voice was low and gruff. Tracy was a curious little girl and couldn't help but take a peek to see who the mysterious voice was. She quickly put on her yellow scraggy jacket (her favourite) and crawled out of the box to find Bill smoking a cigar and reading a book.
"Hi Bill," said a confident Tracy.
Bill jumped a little and his cigar popped out of his mouth.
"Oh it's just you Tracy. What are you doing up this late?"
"I was woken by your shouting, Bill".
"Sorry Trace I'm just really into this book, 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone.'"
Bill handed the open book to Tracy and before Tracy could say anything Bill was fast asleep.
Tracy stayed up all night studying the book confused by all the words and intrigued by the few pictures.
By daylight Tracy had woken up Bill to ask him a question.
"Bill, I liked looking at the pictures but I got a little bored after a while."
"What happened? Wait! No, don't tell me. Did you read the end?"
"Bill, can you teach me?"
"What do you mean?"
"Teach me how to read"
"Um... sure where do we get started?"
For the next few nights Bill sneaked some books the old book store had thrown out. Tracy learnt some simple words like 'cat', 'and', 'I', 'be', 'dog', and even 'happy'. Eventually Tracy, with Bill's help, was able to read her first book 'The Cat in the Hat'. One night Tracy read a small chapter book. They celebrated eating liquorice jellybeans.
It was fun and games until one night Bill suddenly froze and clutched his hand to his chest. In the blink of an eye Bill was taken by ambulance leaving Tracy all by herself with three little books and a cardboard box.
Tracy is now a grown woman who works in the Old Avalon book store now named 'Bill's Books.' If you go there you may see her. Make sure you give her a big smile and she may give you a jellybean.

Grace Green
5AW

Mobile Phone and Battery Recycling at Newport Public School

We are committed to recycling at Newport and continue our program of recycling mobile phones and batteries (AAA to 9V only). Please place your batteries and mobile phones in the labelled boxes in the library.

Thanks
Environmental Management Team.
NO WRAP WEDNESDAY

Just a reminder to all families that every Wednesday is NO WRAP LUNCH day at Newport School. NO WRAP LUNCH is an initiative that aims to reduce the amount of packaging used and therefore, the amount of waste we produce. We are educating the students, parents and staff about where our waste ends up and how we can, as individuals, make a difference to the amount of waste we generate. No wrap lunches favour the use of reusable food and drink containers while discouraging the use of prepackaged foods, plastic bags, juice boxes and the like. For example, if your child likes cheese in their lunchbox, cut a chunk of cheese from a large block rather than buy a plastic wrapped cheese stick. Whether the plastic is in your bin at home or here at school, it is still an item in our waste stream that will never decompose! NO WRAP LUNCH RAFFLE: every Wednesday, children who bring no wrap lunches to school (grease proof paper is fine) are given a raffle ticket. At the end of each month the raffle is drawn and prizes are given to the winners. Prizes include reusable lunch bags, drink bottles and snack bags and are a reward for considering the environment!

Thanks from the Environmental Management Team.

WRAP WITH LOVE

Perhaps you’ve heard of 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.

How can you help? Donations of wool or acrylic yarn (8 ply) or donations of the knitted squares would be wonderful. These donations may be left in the front office where I will collect them. Instructions on how to knit the squares may be found at: www.artsandcraftsnsw.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

CANTEEN ROSTER

A BIG thank you for everyone who has helped the canteen get through another term!! Have a safe and happy holiday and I will see you again next term

Tam

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If you are unable to make your rostered day, please let Tammy know on 9979-6504 or email the canteen newportschoolcanteen@hotmail.com
You are invited to attend the Peninsula Community of Schools Art Exhibition in celebration of the Guringai Festival “Wellness and Wellbeing for all People”.

Please come along and enjoy the “Land Beyond the Sands Art Exhibition” showcasing student work from Kindergarten to Year 12 of the Peninsula Community of Schools. The collection of artworks reflect the Guringai Festival’s theme: “Wellness and Wellbeing for all People”, the Reconciliation theme “‘Let’s Walk the Talk’” and the 2014 NAIDOC theme “Serving Country: Centenary and Beyond”.

**Where:** Mona Vale Public School
Waratah Street Mona Vale

**When:** Wednesday 25th June

**Time:** 5:00pm – 7:00pm (Official Welcome at 5:30pm)

**Admission:** Gold coin donation
(Funds raised support Literacy Backpacks)

**Enquiries:** sharon.smithies@det.nsw.edu.au
Newport PS Senior Choir will perform in the 2014 ARTSNORTH PRIMARY CHORAL CONCERT
Tuesday 19 August 7pm    Sydney Town Hall

TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets for the ArtsNorth Primary Choral Concert will be available from the City Recital Hall Box Office from **Tuesday 24 June**.

**Please note this concert is at the Sydney Town Hall. Tickets are booked via the City Recital Hall Box Office.**

This outstanding concert featuring young musicians from schools in the Northern Sydney Region is not to be missed. Please order your tickets early to avoid disappointment. **Seating is General Admission.**

TICKETS

- Adults: $30
- Concession/Students/Seniors: $15
- Child under 15: $15
- Family (2Ad 2Ch): $80

All tickets will be sold through the City Recital Hall Box Office on **8256 2222**, or online at [www.cityrecitalhall.com](http://www.cityrecitalhall.com). The Box Office is open from 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday with extended hours on performance days. Online bookings are available 24 hours a day seven days a week.

**PAYMENT**

Payment is accepted by cash, cheque, money order or Eftpos.

Credit Card payment is accepted by VISA and MASTERCARD.

**BOOKING FEES**

For phone, internet bookings: $6.50 per transaction (regardless of number of tickets). All fees are inclusive of GST. No fee if purchased at the City Recital Hall ticket office (Booking fees are subject to change as determined by The City Recital Hall Angel Place)

Tickets cannot be purchased through the school.

**Please Note:**

The City Recital Hall will need to know:

Name of Concert: Arts North Primary Choral Concert
Sydney Town Hall
Date: Tuesday 19 August 2014 7pm

All seats are allocated on a first in, first serve basis. **THERE IS NO QUOTA.** The City Recital Hall assigns seats as they are booked. General Seating.