PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Education Week Grand Open Day
Wednesday 30th July
This promises to be another vibrant and exciting event. Staff are very busy preparing for the day. There will be a mix of class visits, student performances and demonstrations. We are looking forward to parents and grandparents visiting our school next Wednesday. Mrs Baldi has included more detailed information about the day in this week’s Natter. Unfortunately we are not able to set a backup day in the event of wet weather. We look forward to a lovely sunny day and hope to see many of our Newport families.

Arts North Drama Festival
Thursday 24th July
On Thursday our drama groups will be performing in the Arts North Drama Festival at NIDA. The children have been rehearsing for this performance throughout the year. I would like to thank Mrs Clements, Mrs Green, Mrs Parker, Miss Jeffrey and all our supportive parents for their efforts in preparing our students for this event. I know they will do a wonderful job and enjoy their performances.

Peninsula Community of Schools Music Festival
Next Monday students from Newport will perform at the annual PCS Music Festival. Students in our PCS choir will sing as part of the massed choir. Our talented dance groups will also perform. The children will showcase the wonderful talent to be found within Newport Public School. I look forward to watching their performances next Monday. Good luck everyone.

Newport Dance Program
Our Newport Dance program is again very strong this year, with great success and enjoyment experienced by the students. I am always in awe of the talents of the students, staff and parents each time I see them perform. This program only continues to flourish due to the dedication and support of our parents. I would like to acknowledge Karina Brown for her work with the 3/4 Dance group and Noemi Ratcliff for her work as Treasurer of our Dance Program. (My apologies for omitting them last week). Our next groups of dancers are busily preparing for the PCS Music festival. I can’t wait to see them perform next Monday.

Young Musicians Showcase
The Young Musicians Showcase is held at Newport School every year to celebrate our dedicated and talented musicians. It is open to all children from K–6 who are capable of playing an instrument or can sing. Again this year we will audition our musicians for the showcase all on one day. Mrs Cruickshank and Mrs Parker will hold auditions on Wednesday 6th August and will provide detailed information about this process through the Natter in the coming weeks.

Sick Students
This week, and last week, we have had a large number of students sick with a vomiting bug. We now have a few teachers suffering from the same. Please keep your child at home if they are unwell.

Good luck to our PSSA Knockout Teams
On Friday our PSSA Knockout Girls Softball team will play Harbord PS Next Monday our PSSA Knockout Netball team will play Balgowlah North PS I know you have all been training hard with Ms B. Good luck to the girls in both these teams.
State Cross Country Success

Last Friday, Hamish Douglas and Ashlie Edwards travelled to Eastern Creek to compete in the State Cross Country Championships. Hamish finished in 62nd place and Ashlie finished in an incredible 8th place. This is a fantastic achievement for Hamish and Ashlie and a great honour for Newport School to be represented amongst the top athletes in NSW. Congratulations Hamish and Ashlie!

Congratulations to our talented sports girls

Ashlie Edwards is representing Sydney North at the State PSSA Netball carnival at Penrith this week. Good luck Ashlie!
Stella Campbell and Emma Lowry have just been selected for the Sydney North Softball team, with their PSSA state competition to be held in Manly in August. Congratulations Stella and Emma!

Next P&C Meeting
Tuesday 29th July
7.00pm, Library

Regards,
Margaret Charlton
Principal

Dates for your diary

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SCHOOLS NATIONAL TREE DAY

On Friday July 25 Newport School will be celebrating Schools National Tree Day. This special day promotes planting and caring for native trees and plants and supports local bio-diversity. National Tree Day started in 1996 and since then, more than 2.8 million Australians have planted 20 million seedlings. On Friday, 3LW and 4NE will be planting 50 shrubs around the school. These plants were supplied to the school by Pittwater Council. We hope to see our students caring for the shrubs and reaping the benefits of having beautiful surroundings.

BOOK CLUB 2014

All K-6 classes have received Issue 5 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. Write the credit card holder’s name on the receipt not your child’s name. Please send K-2 orders to Mrs Falconer and 3-6 orders to the Library.

Orders are due back by FRIDAY 25th July.
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!

MUSICA VIVA

It was great to have Musica Viva's TIGRAMUNA visit us on Monday. The children had been learning songs and studying the instruments of Latin America previous to the concerts so could sing along and appreciate the wonderful music live. Some of our Latin American community also joined us for a morning tea and community language chat (in mixed Portuguese and Spanish) before watching the concert. Many thanks to Musica Viva once again for providing such a wonderful experience for our children and keeping music LIVE!

Mark Tickle
MERIT AWARD WINNERS

KOP  Billy Anderson, Ava Renaud, Charlie Williams, Kayla Hasankhani
      Matilda Meek, Reef Nagle
KAJ  Ryder Sewell, Isabella Fleming, Indigo Capp, Drew Ockwell
KEP  Eva Maclean, Frankie-Grace Nash, Charlie Williams, Joe Warren
KJP  Annabelle Sampson, Oscar Wilson, Bailee Raymont, Kayla Hasankhani
KEJ  Oscar Ryan, Dylan Searl, Elisha McNamara, Mikayla Kwan
KMG  Natasha Barton, Niamh Lange, Ava Jeans, Jake Jessop-Mrkic
1SN  Lexie McCoy, Grace Osborne, Joel Newton, Summer Roach
1JJ  Jonah Richardson, Sienna Pangallo, Jesse Heslop, Maisie Young
1DD  Smith Davis, Cielle Wilson, Xavier Finkeldey, Scarlett Dakers
1AD  Harry Benton, Summer Williamson, Max Searl, Tiana Hadzic
1JB  Niomi Newall, Beau Eiffe, Mia Cox, Chelsea Hayes
1CC  Seren Thomas, Lily Nicholson, Vishal Fisher, Kealan Giddy
2SC  Henry Walsh, Jada Driscoll, Lachlan Zaraza, Lilyana Wawavananua
2BN  Caleb Robinson, Monte Bransby-Wright, Faith Stewart, Toby Harper
2AM  Lara Silver, Romy Cormack, Rafael Ortiz, Elsa Hudson
2BG  Ben Bancroft, Alexis ProctorLuca Bianchinotti, Lewis Wilson
3GW  Tia Simington, Aiden Russell
3KH  Laura Paterson, Mia Molloy
3AR  Phoenix Davidson, Garth Boyd
3RB  Sebastian Stritt, Polly Phelps
4NE  Brodie Grainger-Markham, Hamish Webster
4GM  Eva Maclean, Frankie-Grace Nash
4LC  Ella Gale, Ryan Fitzgerald
4SC  April Wiles, Jayke Jecks
5AW  Chris Magn, Tess Masters
5JL  Louisa Mitchell
5/6AH  Esme Sergi, Jonny Vaughan
5SM  Alberto Meucci, Lauren Robertson-Towner
6KK  Tyson Cogan, Grace Fisher,
6LW  Malakey Dakers, Scarlet Valas
6IM  Lucinda Bentley, Cody Harker
6IW  Malakey Dakers, Scarlet Valas

CHESS NEWS

Last Friday Newport A had a 3.5 to .5 win against Collaroy Plateau A. This has extended their lead in the competition with John Colet A now 2.5 points behind them. This Friday in the 9th and final round Newport A will play Oxford Falls Grammar A in a home match.

Mark Tickle

MUSIC NEWS

Thank you everyone for a great Music Camp. Thank you to all students, teachers and helpers who made the Music Camp such a great event. A special thanks to Karen Berge for all her hard work.

Music Committee Meeting on tonight, Wednesday 23rd July at 7.30pm. It will take place in the main staff room at 7.30pm as usual. All welcome.

School Open Day, Wednesday 30th July. All Music Ensembles will be playing at the School Open Day, please see scheduled times below. All students are expected to wear their band uniform (except V1s and V2s)

Dates for Diary

23rd July  Music Committee Meeting
30th July  School Open Day
9.35am  Performance Band
9.50am  Stage Band
10.05am  String Orchestra
12.15pm  V1s and V2s
12.25pm  Training Band
12.30pm  Concert Band
10th August  Performance Band playing at NSW Music Festival, Kensington
12th August  Stage Band playing at Pittwater High School, time to be confirmed
14th August  Training Band playing at Primary Assembly
21st August  Concert Band playing at Primary Assembly
25th Nov  Twilight Concert
Canteen News
Calling all helpers PLEASE!!! Open day is Wednesday 30th July. IF you are going to be at school and could spare 30 mins to help with tea & Coffee please let Tammy in the canteen know by email or come and sign up at the canteen.
Newportcanteen@hotmail.com

Roster
Mon 28th: N Cronan, N Taluby, F Sickenger, L Salder
Tues 29th: K Robinson, P Moore, A Whiley, S Bloomer
Wed 30th: OPEN DAY P Shields, K Ockwell, M Davidson EXTRA HELP NEEDED
Thurs 31st: A Springail, D Callaghan, J Hellmich
Fri 1st: S Maunder, M Lindsay, T Gowen, M Dian

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

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.

The Premier’s Spelling Bee is on again.

There are 2 categories:
- Junior: Stage 2 which is Years 3 and 4
- Senior: Stage 3 which is Years 5 and 6.

The Spelling Bee is open to all students in Years 3 – 6. Junior words begin at Level 1 and go to Level 5. Senior words begin at Level 2 and go to Level 7.

Each class will be having a ‘Spell-off’ to determine the 2 class finalists during week 4. The two class finalists will then compete in the Stage Finals.
Stage finals will be held during week 5.
The regional finals will be held during weeks 8 and 9. Details of dates and venues for each zone final have not yet been released.
If you or your child wishes to view the lists, see Mrs Hulme for the password and then follow this link:

Karen Hulme
Next Monday, July 28, is the PCS Music Festival at Pittwater High School. Our Junior Choir and Miss Jefferys’ dance groups are performing. If you still require tickets, please contact Mrs Gutherson in KMG.

2014 ARTSNORTH PRIMARY CHORAL CONCERT
Tuesday 19 August 7pm  Sydney Town Hall
Tickets for this concert are selling fast!! Parents of the Senior Choir, please ensure you have purchased the tickets you require.
All tickets will be sold through the City Recital Hall Box Office on 8256 2222, or online at www.cityrecitalhall.com
We would like to invite you to our Open Day on Wednesday July 30th from 9.30am to 1.15pm. "Lighting the way to a better world."

This year Education week will be celebrated across New South Wales from Monday 28th July - Friday 1st August. The theme “Lighting the way to a better world” commemorates sixty years of Education Week celebrations.

Our Open Day is set to be a wonderful celebration of our exceptional teaching/learning programs at Newport. In a similar format to last year, performances, demonstrations and teaching/learning experiences will be occurring concurrently in different locations across the school much like a festival, with our aim being to showcase the range of educational experiences and the wonderful talent we nurture at our school.

We are hoping that all our Newport families including our much loved Grandparents will join us for this special occasion and visit the various events throughout the school grounds.

Below are a few tips which may help with your planning:

- The day begins at 9.30am on the Western Asphalt with a welcome from Mrs Charlton and performances by the various groups in our music program.
- Kindergarten, Years 1 and 3 will be performing as a grade.
- Newport Sculptures by the Sea exhibition can be viewed in various locations around the school.
- There will be performances by our drama groups, our Sydney North and Music Festival dance groups, our PCS and Arts North choirs and our incredibly talented Violin groups, Bands and String Orchestra.
- Our chess players will be demonstrating their skills on our oversized chess board and our famous Snowsports demonstration will be a highlight.
- On the technological side, there will be many digital stories running across classrooms.
- Books will be on sale to donate to the library on the western asphalt.
- Morning tea will be held between 11.00 and 11.30am. We are asking parents to pack a picnic, including a blanket, to enjoy with their children and grandparents. There will also be a range of delicious picnic treats for sale at the canteen.
- Please note, we will not have enough seating for all visitors at all locations so if you have a light, fold up stool or chair, it might come in handy on the day, especially for our more elderly grandparents.
- Tea and coffee will be available during our picnic morning tea (any volunteers for the canteen would be much appreciated - please see Tammy) in the area around the hall, but extreme care must be taken to ensure the safety of our students.
- Attached is the map of our school which, combined with the event outline will help you to make the most of our Open Day.

Your enthusiasm, energy and support always makes Newport Open Day so memorable and we look forward to celebrating our outstanding school community achievements with you.
Visit the book donation sale at the top of the western asphalt – 9.30-1pm
Play a game of chess near the hall – 10am
View Newport Sculptures by the Sea throughout the morning

Approximate times only

**9.30** Welcome by Mrs Charlton
Hall awning/Western asphalt

9.35 Performance Band
9.50 Stage Band
10.05 String Orchestra

**10.00** K-2 classrooms open
K-2 classrooms

10.00 Chess Demonstration
In the play equipment area near the Hall.

**10.30** 3-6 classrooms open
3-6 classrooms

10.45 Year 1 Singing – 1DD, 1SN, 1AD, 1JJ, 1JB, 1CC
Hall Awning

**11.00-11.30** Picnic Morning Tea
Western Playground / Asphalt / Play Area
No food on the astro turf below the netball court.

11.30 Year 3 Singing – 3LW, 3KH, 3AR, 3RB
Hall awning/
Western asphalt

11.35 Arts North Senior Choir

11.45 PCS Junior Choir

11.55 KAJ & KJP Drama Performance – “Numbers in my head”
Hall

12.10 4sc Drama Performance - “Boat People”

12.00 Snowsports demonstration
Western Shelter

12.15 Violin 1s and Violin 2s
Hall awning/
Western asphalt

12.25 Training Band

12.30 Concert Band

12.30 Yr 2 Sydney North Dance with Mrs Nicol
Eastern Shelter

12.35 Boys Dance Group with Miss De Bellis & Miss Blazejewski

12.40 Yr 6 Newport Dance Group with Mrs Hulme & Miss Jefferys

12.45 Yr 2 Newport Dance Group with Mrs Nicol

12.50 Yr 5/6 Sydney North Dance with Ms B

12.55 Yr 3/4 Newport Dance Group with Miss Jefferys and Miss Rohowicz

1.00 Yr 3/4 Sydney North Dance with Mrs Nicol

1.10 Kindergarten singing – KAJ, KEJ, KEP, KMG, KJP, KOP
Hall awning/
Western asphalt

1.15 Close
Many parents find it hard to discuss or answer questions relating to sexuality education. We know how to ‘help break the ice’. Interrelate programs are interactive, family focused and presented in the context of caring relationships. Our fully trained and experienced educators, who adhere to a strict code of ethics, conduct the program.

Session 1: “Where Did I Come From?”
1 hour – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
In this session children are eager to learn more about how their bodies work and the differences between males and females. This session extends their understanding of conception, fertilisation, foetal development and the birth process.

Session 2: “Preparing for Puberty”
1 hour – Years 5 & 6
This session helps to prepare children and parents/caregivers for the physical, social and emotional changes associated with puberty. Changing emotions and relationships with families and peers are addressed. Information is also presented on menstruation and wet dreams.

You and your child will benefit from the information presented in this program. The feedback is overwhelmingly positive. What parents have said about us:
“The educator has a great way of putting things simply”  “Provided me with a solid foundation”
“Covered areas I hadn’t thought of talking about”  “Entertaining and informative”

Interrelate SCHOOL SERVICES presents
A SPECIAL EVENING PROGRAM
FAMILY COST: 1 session $25 per family  ●  2 sessions $30 per family
Please Note: The Family Cost is GST exclusive
The GST is payable/claimable by the School/Organising Body

Where:  NEWPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL
When:  Tuesday, 26th August 2014
Time:  6:00 pm SHARP (“Where Did I Come From?”)  7:15 pm (“Preparing for Puberty”)

Please Note: Speciality books are available for purchase on the night.

- - - - - Please complete and return to the school office, with payment in an envelope labelled with student’s name and class - - - - -

- - A SPECIAL EVENING PROGRAM

Name of Family: ……………………………………………………………………………………..

No. attending:  □  Session 1: “Where Did I Come From?”  □  Session 2: “Preparing for Puberty”
Amount enclosed:  $ ……………………  □  Cash  □  Cheque (please make cheques payable to school)

Tel: (02) 8882 7875  ●  Fax: (02) 8882 7890  ●  schoolservices@interrelate.org.au  ●  www.interrelate.org.au

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CALL FOR 2015 FETE VOLUNTEERS

ARE YOU SUPER ORGANISED?
ARE YOU UP FOR A CHALLENGE?
LIKE TO DO SOMETHING THAT REALLY MAKES A DIFFERENCE?
LIKE TO HELP YOUR KIDS AND THEIR SCHOOL?

We are looking for a new volunteer(s) to take on the big and rewarding job of running our next school fete in 2015. A group of two or more people would be ideal to organise the event and manage the team of Class Mums that will manage individual stalls. After a few years without a fete, the last 2 x fetes have been a huge success, raising large amounts of much needed funds for our school. In addition to the financial benefit the fete provides, the fete is a school and local community event that is a memorable occasion for all. It is a very exciting day and major highlight for all of our students.

The 2015 Fete Organisers shall have the support, assistance and guidance of the 2013 organisers.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the head of P&C Fundraising, Shani Law on either 0400 654 253 or shanilaw@hotmail.com