PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Newport Shines at our Open Day
What a fabulous day! Yesterday’s event certainly highlighted our wonderful Newport community. The community spirit was felt very strongly by everyone. The opportunity to showcase many of the varied activities our students participate in was appreciated by all who attended. What wonderful performances we had from our talented musicians, singers, dancers, actors, chess players and our snowsports team. Both parents and staff were very proud of the achievements of the children. A highlight for families is always the opportunity to visit their children’s classrooms; and these were very welcoming. A wonderful morning tea was provided by our canteen. Thank you Tammy and your team of helpers.

I would like to thank Natalie Baldi, Deborah Deratz, Shane Clements, the staff and our many parent volunteers for the work they did in ensuring the day ran smoothly. Thank you to our wonderful Year 6 students who were great hosts for the day. Congratulations Newport on a wonderful community day.

Young Artists Showcase – Sculptures by the Sea
This year we have combined our Young Artists Showcase with our Open Day activities. All the classes have been engaged in creating fabulous sculptures to display in our ‘Sculptures by the Sea’ walk. As part of our Open Day activities families were encouraged to follow the ‘Sculptures’ walk and enjoy the talents of our students. On Tuesday the children took great delight in exploring all of the exhibitions. We certainly have some very creative students and teachers at Newport. I must thank Bronwyn Green and her Creative Arts Committee for the organisation of this fabulous event.

Peninsula Community of Schools Music Festival
On Monday night students from Newport participated in the annual PCS Music Festival. Our students sang beautifully in the massed choir. I also enjoyed the performances of our two dance groups. The children showcased the wonderful talent to be found within Newport Public School. I was very proud of all their performances. I would like to thank Jenny Falconer, Marianne Gutherson, Ashleigh Mallin, Emily Jefferys, Ashlee Rohowicz and Karen Hulme for their work with the choir and dancers. Thank you also to Sandra Nicol, Ange De Bellis, Ellie Pretty, Jamie Blazejewski, Bronwyn Green and Mauna Saraswati for their contributions to this festival on the night and their ongoing commitment to our Newport students.

Congratulations to our Drama Groups
On Thursday the 24th of July KJP, KAJ and 4SC performed at the National institute of Dramatic Art in Kensington (NIDA). The Kindergarten group were outstanding and opened the show with their brilliant play ‘Numbers in My Head’. The audience were taken into a little boy’s mind, as he dreams of all his numbers and rhymes he has learnt at school. They performed with confidence and no doubt made both their teachers and parents very proud. BRAVO KJP and KAJ!

4SC performance of ‘Boat People’ was both clever and creative. It highlighted the memorable milestones throughout Australia’s history and featured some of our favourite and colourful icons. Their piece was met with great applause from the audience. Thank you to Mrs Parker, Miss Jeffreys, Mrs Clements, Mrs Green and all the parent helpers for ensuring such successful performances. Well done both groups. We are so proud of you.
Congratulations to our Newport Senior Chess Team
Last Friday our Senior Chess Team won the Championship Grade of the Manly-Warringah Zone NSW Junior Chess League. They competed against Oxford Falls Grammar, with a 2 all draw, which ensured the championship win. Congratulations to Aaron Hughes, Thiago Ortiz, Thomas Poppleton and Nina Lindley. Thank you to Mark Tickle and Edson Ortiz for their ongoing coaching of our teams. We are very proud of this win, in a very tough competition. We are a very happy chess club, as the Junior Chess team also won their competition earlier this term.

Young Musicians Showcase Auditions
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 who can sing. Again this year we will audition our musicians for the showcase all on one day. Students need to make sure that their performance pieces are age appropriate, particularly with lyrics. Mrs Cruickshank and Mrs Parker will hold auditions on Wednesday 6th August. Detailed information about this process is included in this week’s Natter. Please return your audition notes by Monday 4th August.

Congratulations Newport Scientists
This year 58 students sat the International Competition and Assessment for Schools for Science. This paper assesses students' skills in the key scientific areas of interpreting data, applying data and higher order skills including problem solving. Newport PS was awarded 1 High Distinction, 8 Distinctions, 30 Credits and 19 Participation Awards. Congratulations to all students who sat the test. Special mention and congratulations to the following students:
Edward Ashe - High Distinction
Jonathon King - Distinction
Kyle Ambrosius - Distinction
Grace Fisher - Distinction
Dane Urban - Distinction
Riley White - Distinction
Noah Meinrath - Distinction
Mia Molloy - Distinction
Alec Finkeldey - Distinction

Congratulations Ashlie Edwards
Ashlie represented Sydney North in the State PSSA Netball tournament last week. She helped her team to a joint state championship. This win was topped off with her selection in the NSW Netball team. She will travel to Queensland later in the term for this national competition. Well done Ashlie.

Congratulations to our PSSA Knockout Teams
Our Girls Softball Knockout team defeated a very strong team from Harbord PS in Round 3 of the state knockout competition. Well done girls.
Our Newport Netballers defeated a very strong team from Balgowlah North PS, they showed great spirit to come from behind and win the game. They now progress to Round 5. Well done girls.

Regards,
Margaret Charlton
Principal

Dates for your diary

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MERIT AWARD WINNERS

KOP  Marlon Riley, Charlotte Bensley  2BG  Lachlan Wade, Brooklyn Cate
KAJ  Ryder Sewell, Hunter Mitchell  3LW  Toby Urban, Ruby Kennedy
KEP  Arthur Davis, Caitlin Brown  3KH  William Bensley, William Matthews
KJP  Dominic Lowe, Kaitlin Mulligan  3AR  Kaelan Gregory, Charlie Arnott
KEJ  Louis Johns, Billie Pretty  3RB  Oliver Field, Bianca Shepherd
KMG  Lucinda McNabb, Osha Ward  4NE  Zac Blaivis
1SN  Isabelle Osborne, Soraya Shah  4GM  Jasper Upton, Elle Hodgson
1JJ  Eva Bell, Declan Barlow  4LC  Mia Marsh, Matthew Zabel
1DD  Lily Reid, Matilda Reid  4SC  
1AD  Misha James, Max Davey  5AW  
1JB  Summer Rowland-Smith, Ben Matthews  5JL  Bella McNamara, Hugo Lowe
1CC  Jethro Browne, Katya Benschop  5/6AH  Jade Hodges, Edward Stokes
2JF  Alex Murray, Eli Dent  5SM  Lucas Toy, Natasha Pierce
2BN  Jesse Cavanaugh, Finn Webster  6KK  
2AM  Isabelle Banbury, Jet Crighton  6W  Hugh Downey, Seb Mills
2SC  Joel Attewell, Daisy Reffold  6IM  Stella Campbell, Marlie Smith

CHESS NEWS

Last Friday in the NSW Junior Chess League’s Ten Week After School Tournament Newport A Seniors had a 2 all draw with Oxford Falls Grammar A team in the Championship division. Newport had been in the lead up until this final round and while they were hoping for a straight win, only a score of 2 points was required to take out the entire point score. So congratulations to our Newport A Chess Team (Aaron Hughes - captain, Thiago Ortiz, Thomas Poppleton and Nina Lindley who replaced Finn Sadler while he's away in Term 3). This team is the Manly Warringah Champion Team along with the Juniors who won their point score at the end of last term. Our players should be very proud of themselves as should coach Edson Ortiz, father of Thiago and Rafael.
To celebrate this double victory our players and ALL reserves are having a sausage sizzle in the BBQ area today at 3:30pm.

Results
1st - Newport A - 26 points
Equal 2nd - John Colet A - 25.5 points and St John's Narraweena A - 25.5 points

Mark Tickle

SNOW SPORT NEWS

Last night the Newport skiers and snowboarders celebrated Christmas in July. This celebration is becoming more common in Australia due to our Southern Hemisphere Summer Christmas. For Newport’s snow enthusiasts who embrace the cold, it was a great opportunity to come together and celebrate the winter and the recent regional Interschools results from our time at Thredbo earlier this month. A big thank you to everyone that attended, it was a great night!
Competitors are reminded if they haven't yet paid for their uniforms to please forward the money to the uniform shop or make a cheque out to Newport Primary School P & C Association Uniform A/C. You may also pay online through Flexischools (go to www.flexischools.com.au and go to the Newport Public School Section and you will see ‘new’ snowsports soft shell jackets).
If any students are interested in joining our Cross-Country ski team please see Mr Tickle. We are looking for new keen racers. Cross Country skiing requires no lift pass and is a great team sport. The Cross-Country events are held on the Perisher Trails on Tuesday 26th August.
Let it snow.

The Snow Sports Committee

CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday Aug 4th: R Carter, M Bensley, A Bryan
Tuesday Aug 5th: F Griffith, T Oetojo, K Richardson, H Paul
Wednesday Aug 6th : E Links, A Hunt, T Langton, D Partos
Thursday Aug 7th: K Paul, L Osborne
Friday Aug 8th: K Searl, L Brown, P Winterbottom, Phoebe
UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Caps/Hats
Caps (Years 3-6 only) and broad-brimmed hats are available for purchase from the school office. Please be sure to purchase the correct hat for your child as we are unable to accept returns of hats that have been purchased incorrectly.

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 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. The children are divided into the following sections:

- K-2 Piano
- K-2 Instrumental,
- Junior (3 & 4) Piano
- Junior Instrumental
- Senior (5 & 6) Piano
- Senior Instrumental.
- Vocalist section for solo singers only
- Instrumental ensemble section.

(Pianists need to be able to play with both hands together.)
Again this year we will audition our musicians for the showcase all on one day. The date for ALL children who wish to audition for the Young Musicians Showcase in 2014 is Wednesday 6th August.

If your child would like to audition could you please ensure they fill out the form below and hand it in to Mrs Parker or Mrs Cruickshank by Monday 4th August.

Please ensure your child has their instrument and music with them on this day. We will send for your child in their classroom when it is time for them to perform in the hall.

If your child is a vocalist please ensure their choice of song is age appropriate with suitable lyrics. Unsuitable material will not be considered.
Should your child get in to the final, we anticipate the showcase for the Young Musicians Award this year will be held on Wednesday 10th September.

Kind regards,
Julie Parker & Lesley Cruickshank

YOUNG MUSICIANS AWARD 2014
Auditions Wednesday 6th August

Child’s Name: _____________________________________________ Class ________

Instrument: ________________________________________________

Section entered: ___________________________________________

Name of piece to be played: __________________________________

Special Requirements (CD player, keyboard etc): __________________________

Kind regards,
Julie Parker & Lesley Cruickshank
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: http://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/speaking-competitions/2014-premiers-spelling-bee

Karen Hulme

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
When kids ask “the” questions . . .

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Interrelate’s high quality sexuality and relationship education program is coming to your school! With more than 85 years’ experience in this field, Interrelate has a reputation for providing excellence in sexuality and relationship education. Today over 41,000 students and family members participate in Interrelate school and family programs each year.

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**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”

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**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.

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

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**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)

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For more information call 9942 2681.
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
Baseball season is about to start!

Pittwater Baseball Club invites all players to be part of this fun-filled game

Have some fun batting a baseball...

Ages 5 to 16 welcome
Come to our Try-Baseball Day on

Sunday 20 July & Sunday 3 August
North Narrabeen Reserve (Rat Park)
from 11:30am - 2:30pm
Free sausage sizzle & drink

For further information and how to find us, see our website at
www.pittwaterbaseballclub.com.au
or phone Cheryl on 0425 254 293

If you can’t make it on the day, you can still register by downloading forms from our website