PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

It is with mixed feelings I will be leaving Newport PS this week. I have enjoyed nearly six rewarding years as the Principal of this outstanding school. Newport has a very special school community that has supported me in my leadership during this time. I have had the privilege to work with happy, friendly and respectful children, incredibly dedicated and talented staff and immensely supportive and committed parents.

There have been many changes since I arrived. We have had two major construction projects that have changed the face of the school. Staff have moved forward with a number of curriculum initiatives over this time, for the benefit of the children. Newport has also experienced major staff changes, as long term teachers of our school reach retirement. One of the strengths of Newport has been the capacity of the school leadership team to support the school through times of change, working alongside one of the most committed and talented teams of teachers I have had the pleasure to work with. I am confident that they will work together to continue to move Newport forward, whilst maintaining the outstanding reputation of the school. Both Natalie Baldi and Anthony Moran have great leadership strength and will work together to ensure the smooth operation of the school.

The relieving arrangements for the remainder of 2014 are as follows.

- **Relieving Principal:** Anthony Moran
- **Deputy Principal:** Natalie Baldi (Off class Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday)
- **Rel. Deputy Principal:** Adam Hearne (Off class Thursday, Friday)

Anthony Moran will remain as Principal until the end of Term 1 2015, when Natalie Baldi will take over as Principal for the remainder of that year. Sharon Oscroft alongside Anthony Moran will fill the second Deputy Principal role for 2015.

The timeframe for my transition to my new position has been extremely brief. Whilst Tuesday was my last official day as Principal of Newport PS, I will be visiting the school over the next few weeks to complete the handover to Anthony and Natalie. As this is my final Natter message I realise that I will miss this wonderful Newport community immensely. Thank you all for a wonderfully rewarding and fulfilling time as Principal of Newport Public School.

**Congratulations Newport Rugby Team**

On Monday our PSSA Rugby Knockout team played Parkes Public School for a place in the finals competition. Newport won the game 40-5. Well done boys, we are very proud of you. Thank you to Mr Hearne and Miss Blazaewski who have been training the team this year, and travelled to Bathurst for the game. Thank you to all the parents who have been so supportive of the boys this season. Good luck to all in the finals. I’m sure there is space for yet another Newport plaque on the Brian Palmer Shield.

**Year 5 Debate**

On Thursday our Year 5 debating team will go to Bilgola Plateau Public School to participate in their very first inter-school debate. This competition is part of the friendly debates within the PCS which introduces students to debating against other schools. We have many Year 5 students who spend one lunch time a week with Mrs Clements and Mrs Windon learning the art of debating. Our team for this week is Hailey Carter, Nova Belic, Lucy Dawson and Violet Haylen. We wish them the best of luck.
K-2 Sports Carnival – put the date in your diary  
Wednesday 27th August  
Due to the wet weather earlier this year, we had postponed the K-2 Sports Carnival. Please put this date in your diary. The carnival will be held down at Newport Oval. More information about the day will be sent home in coming weeks.

Premier’s Spelling Bee  
Each year Newport participates in this spelling competition. All Stage 2 and 3 classes have held their class Spelling Bee and the top two students will participate in a spell-off this coming Thursday. The top two spellers from each Stage will then be invited to compete at the regional level. The regional final will be held at Collaroy Plateau Public School on Tuesday 16th September. Good luck to our champion spellers!

P&C Sport-a-thon  
Thursday 4th September  
This year we will be holding our bi-annual A-thon. This year the theme will be the Commonwealth Games, and the children will complete a range of activities during the Sport-a-thon. This is the major fundraiser for the P&C this year. The proceeds of this event will assist the school to install synthetic grass on the dirt area in the western playground. We hope that you will get behind the event and assist with the fundraising. More information about the Sport-a-thon will be sent home this week.

Year 2 Ducklings  
Great excitement abounds in the Year 2 classes this week. Their ducklings arrive on Monday. This is always an exciting time in these classes. I am sure the children will enjoy watching and learning about the ducklings.

End of Year dates  
For your information I have include the dates for our end of year activities.  
Music Twilight Concert: November 25  
School Concert: December 4 & 5  
Kinder Presentation Assembly: December 8  
3-6 Presentation Assembly: December 10  
Year 6 Farewell: December 15  
Picnic Day: December 16  
Last day of Term: December 17

Absence Notes  
A quick reminder to parents, that we legally require a note for absences due to sickness. The current numbers of sick students has highlighted that parents may not be aware of this requirement. Even if you call the school office, a written note is required. Thank you for helping with this.

PSSA  
This Friday will complete the Winter PSSA sport competition. There are a number of teams in contention to win their competition. This Friday will play the wash-out round from June 13. Good luck to all our competitors.

Good luck Mike, Jake and Mac  
Next week Mike Hogan, Jake Barnabas and Mac Omm will represent Sydney North at the NSW PSSA Rugby competition in Kiama. Good luck boys. Have a great game.

Regards,  
Margaret Charlton  
Principal

Dates for your diary

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RUGBY UNION NEWS

Congratulations to our senior rugby union team for winning their quarter final in the state wide Bryan Palmer shield on Monday. Playing at Bathurst, the team convincingly beat Parkes Public School 40 to 5, despite Parkes scoring the first try and having some excellent players.

It was extremely pleasing to see Newport successfully use many of the moves we have been practising all year and defend their line so strongly against a determined opposition in the dying stages of the game. Mac Omm scored two tries and converted five goals. Ricky Charlton scored two tries and Wilson Hall and Jordan Maunder scored one try each.

Our team has two weeks to continue to practise before we go to T.J.Milner oval at Eastwood to compete in the final’s day. In the semi-final we will play Tacking Point Public School and in the next game (whether it be the grand final or the play-off for third) we will play either Ben Venue or John Warby Public School.

I would like to thank all the parents who supported the team on their trip to Bathurst and our fantastic coaches, Peter Aroney, John Walsh and Jamie Blazejewski for their total commitment to the team.

On the representative front, we would like to wish Mac Omm, Jake Barnabas and Mike Hogan the best of luck this week as they travel to Nowra to play in the Sydney North team in the state wide carnival.

Adam Hearne.

MERIT AWARD WINNERS

| KOP | Millie Forster, Lachlan Strachan |
| KAJ | Oscar Sickinger, Anna Wilson |
| KEP | Jason Bloomer, Megan Fisher |
| KJP | Amy Halakas, Liam Gregory |
| KEJ | Phoenix Woods, Sofia Suttling |
| KMG | Evie Newton, Ben Higgins |
| 1SN | Alexander Baldi, Elliot Moore |
| 1JJ | Ariel Lynch-Burns, Cael Melville |
| 1DD | Harry Letts, Sophia Urban |
| 1AD | Will McCrea, Poppy Playle |
| 1JB | Madison May, Lana Marie |
| 1CC | Chloe Cogan, Patrick Crichton |
| 2JF | Brooke Flynn, Austin Hulley |
| 2BN | Luke Ambrosius, Hannah Higgins |
| 2AM | Summer Brennan, Ahren Langton |
| 2SC | Daisy Reffold, Cyrus Rosenwax |
| 2BG | Jack Alexander, Lucas Strachan |
| 3LW | Archie Sergi, Ella Hadzic |
| 3KH | Lex Raffles, Harrison Riddle |
| 3AR | Chloe Carr, Alex Harrison |
| 3RB | Brody Reeves, Reilly Fitzgerald |
| 4NE | Ashton Davey, Piper Lerpiniere, Tully Heath |
| 4GM | Ema Macguire, Kai Ess |
| 4LC | Kipp Day, Olivia Hunt |
| 4SC | Kai Raffles, Elia Vartuli |
| 5AW | Henry Thomas, Emma Jobbins |
| 5JL | Jack Bates, Nova Nelic |
| 5/6AH | Dane Urban, Dominic Murphy |
| 5SM | Jonah Watkin, Elanor Harrison |
| 6KK | Hunter Hansen, Roxy Quinn |
| 6IW | Nathan Bryant, Gace Stimson-Thurecht |

LIBRARY NEWS

Library Book Donation Sale

A big 'Thank You' to all the grandparents, parents, students and their friends who donated books to the library during our Open Day. It really encourages the children to borrow when they can see new and up-to-date books in the library collection. Most of the children who donated books will have already borrowed them. If you still have overdue books at home, bring them back to the library so you can borrow your donated book! A special 'Thank You' to our helpers on the day and also to our book coverers, who covered the hundreds of new books for the donation sale.

NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge

Most of you have finished reading your books for the PRC. Fantastic! You have until 22nd August to enter your books onto the website: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge/. We then have to validate your reading records on the website for you to receive your certificate at the end of the year, and we cannot do this if all your books have not been entered. So, if you are having problems entering your books or reading the required number of books, come and speak to us in the library as soon as possible so that we have time to do something about it. We can help you find books to complete the PRC.

Happy reading,
Stephanie Bracey, Sally Morgan, Rita Ericsson and Sue Punton.
CANTEEN ROSTER

Mon 21 July: K Meek, M Langley, L Barlow, V Watkins, Emilie
Tues 22 July: r Wilson, Y Brennan, C McCauley, A Robinson
Wed 23 July: M Stidwell, K Davis,
Thur 24 July: N Mirkic, J Pride
Fri 25 July: A Upton, T Berkley, N Jones, J Jobb

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Thank you
Thank you to those parents who continue to support our Uniform Shop. All profits from the Uniform Shop go to the P&C to spend on things such as teaching support staff and improvements to the school facilities.

Our Suppliers
Where possible, we try to support local business and are currently receiving many of our Uniforms from a Brookvale supplier, manufacturing in Australia. We have found the service to be excellent and the prices competitive. Some price comparisons:

- School hats/caps – Other retailers $15. Our price $12
- Sport Shirts – Other retailers $31. Our price $25

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.
When kids ask “the” questions . . .

Interrelate has the answers!

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.

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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NEWPORT OUTSIDE of SCHOOL HOURS CARE

OPEN: 7am – 9.00am & 3.25pm – 6.30pm
SCHOOL TERM ONLY

☎ 02 9979 9874

**T 3 & 4 NOOSHC Parent Management Committee meeting dates.**

All parents of NOOSHC are welcome to attend. Meetings are held at NOOSHC. Refreshments & nibbles provided.

**T3 – Tuesday September 9th** - Week 9 – 7.00pm.

**T4 – Tuesday December 2nd** - Week 9 – 7.00pm.

**T4 – Thursday December 11th** - Week 10 AGM - 6.30pm SHARP followed by End of Year Celebration.

For catering purposes please advise the staff if you are going to attend.

Perhaps you are working, studying / training (rebates for eligible families may apply), attending to appointments or just need a little time to catch up on things….

Are you looking for somewhere for your child/ren to play safely, join in some interesting and fun activities?

**NOOSHC** – offers you a solution, providing essential, convenient, quality before and after school care on-site.

Our Educational Leader – Kat Genthner, assisted by staff, run a child focused program during the morning and afternoon with a wide and varied range of activities for your child to choose from, have a play with their friends, make new friends. The children rave about the afternoon tea menu – fruit and a varied menu (spring rolls, quiches, chicken nuggets, party pies & sausage rolls, nachos, hommus …).

Your child/ren must be enrolled with NOOSHC to use the centre on either a permanent or casual basis.

NOOSHC is run as an Incorporated Association with a Centre Manager (trained teacher), experienced permanent and casual staff, a part time book keeper and a parent management committee who meet of an evening during the term.

For all enquiries please phone ☎ 02 9979 9874 and speak to either the Centre Manager Jo Newton or Assistant Centre Manager Judy Longworth.

**NOOSHC REMINDER TO PARENTS re Absent Children:**

If your child is **NOT** attending for their booked session (especially afternoon - casual or permanent) please phone the centre (answer machine available) to let us know preferably by 2.30pm, (staff are prepping afternoon tea for child numbers at that time) this saves considerable time and worry for all concerned. The safety and wellbeing of your child are of upmost importance. A “search & contact” fee will be charged if we need to phone you in regards to your child’s whereabouts. If you do receive a message concerning the whereabouts of your child PLEASE phone the centre back ASAP to confirm that you have received the message and that your child is actually absent. If your child goes home from school sick etc PLEASE let NOOSHC know – it is not the responsibility of the school to do so.

NSEHC Inc. T/A NOOSHC (non-profit) Incorporated Association has been operating at Newport Public School since 1994. The running of the centre is overseen by a voluntary parent management committee and a paid bookkeeper. The parent management committee meets twice a term and we encourage all parents who utilize the service to become involved in the NOOSHC community, this need not be a large time commitment on your part. It could be as simple as donating those toys/games/books etc. that you are thinking of throwing out, lending a hand once in a while with cleaning, engaging with the parent committee to offer your ideas or simply getting involved with fundraising/accreditation. You may have a skill that you can come and demonstrate – a story to tell or just help with a wide range of tasks. Your contribution is invaluable and helps us to ensure you are getting everything you need from the service.
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NEWPORT S.L.S.C. AUSTRALIA
Fathers’ Day Stall Thursday 28th August!

After the amazing success of our Mother’s Day Stall, which was enjoyed by both the children and all their Mothers, the P&C Fundraising Committee will also be holding a Father’s Day stall.

**Thursday 21st August – Gift Donation**

On this day we are asking all children to please bring to school with them a **small** Father’s Day gift with an approximate value of $5. Some gift ideas include mugs, chocolates, stationary, BBQ tools 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.

**Thursday 28th August – Stall please bring $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 a gift. All gifts will be priced at $5.

*If you have any questions regarding the Father’s Day Stall Fundraiser or to offer a helping hand please email Shani Law ([shanilaw@hotmail.com](mailto:shanilaw@hotmail.com)) or see Tammy in the canteen.*

**Thanks for your continuing support!!**
NARRABEEN LAKES SCHOOL MARKET

Lots of fabulous stalls with organic, hand-crafted, aussie made, fair trade and indigenous products. Great food. Live entertainment. Make a day of it.

Saturday 6th Sept

9 am - 3 pm

By the lake, next to the sea
1299 Pittwater Rd, Narrabeen
(Opposite the fire station)