DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents,

On a number of occasions over the last two weeks, I have been fortunate in having various sources ‘feed back’ on the behaviour and conduct of our students; from Cerebral Palsy Australia who conducted the “Just Like You” program for Year 5, NSW PSSA staff, organisers of the Zone Athletics Carnival, Interrelate and the Broken Bay Sport and Recreation Camp. In all instances, a special point was made of commenting on the students’ manners and their willingness to get involved, at times during difficult conditions. Making a contribution and taking pride in yourself and your school are important characteristics to foster and it is a pleasure to hear and share such positive news about our students.

Kindergarten 2015
Our Kindergarten Orientation program for students starting school in 2015 is only 4 school weeks away. Unfortunately we don’t as yet, have enrolment forms for all of the students who have registered for orientation and who are hoping to start school at Newport next year. If you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2015, please see the office as soon as possible to complete an enrolment form. Due to the success of our format from last year, we will again be holding Kindergarten Orientation on Wednesdays over 3 consecutive weeks and host interactive parent workshops on social emotional wellbeing, literacy and numeracy.

Year 4 Camp
The students in Year 4 will have much to add to their memory bank after camp last week. I am sure you have heard some of the stories already; the flying fox, county fair, big swell, the mud and of course the breakfast when the students stood up in unison, performed some pre-rehearsed dance moves then went back to eating their breakfast, for the purpose of acknowledging an instructor who was leaving. The buzz in the room when I started talking to 4SC said it all. Many thanks to Shane Clements and the Year 4 team, Lesley Cruickshank, Greg Moran and Nicola Elliott for their thorough organisation for the excursion, their participation over the two days and for rearranging their schedules to accompany the students to Broken Bay. The main message from the students themselves was “We learnt how to work together as a team and try new things - even though they might scare us at first.”

Young Communicators
This week we have been entertained, informed and in some cases persuaded by talented speakers at our Young Communicators Showcase. Throughout this term, the students have been working on the speaking and listening aspects of our New English Syllabus in order to:
“Deliver short presentations using familiar and learned vocabulary” in Kindergarten;
“Communicate with a wide range of audiences on familiar and introduced topics to achieve a variety of purposes” in Years 1 and 2;
“communicate expressively and clearly with growing proficiency about ideas and information in classroom, school and social situations for a range of purposes” in Years 3 and 4 and;
“Communicate effectively, using considered language to entertain, inform and persuade audiences for an increasing range of purposes” in Years 5 & 6.

Congratulations firstly to all students who wrote and presented a speech to their class. If you “had a go” and did your best, you can be proud of yourself. Congratulations also, to those students who were chosen to represent their grade and to those who entertained us yesterday afternoon (and who will again tomorrow). You were outstanding examples of excellence in public speaking; well prepared, skilled and engaging for your audience. Congratulations! Later in this Natter, is an example of a speech written by a Year 4 student as part of the teaching/learning experiences with the new English syllabus. Many thanks to Mrs Clements for co-ordinating the program and to Mhairi Dunsmore and Kyle Ambrosius for so capably hosting the showcase.
NAPLAN

Parents of students who were present for the NAPLAN Assessment will receive the report on their child’s performance this week. NAPLAN assesses aspects of literacy including reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar and writing, as well as numeracy. The tests provide us with valuable information on the literacy and numeracy skills of children that are essential for ongoing learning, and we review these in conjunction with our school-based assessments.

Snowsports Success

A huge congratulations to our amazing Snowsports Team for their participation and success at the State Interschools Snowsports Titles held at Thredbo last Thursday and Friday. Aside from the rain on the cross country at Perisher, it was fair weather skiing and blue skies. Our team participated in the cross country relay and cross country freestyle, Snowboard Boarder X and Snowboard GS plus Moguls and Skier X. In addition to some excellent individual and team results, our snowboarders were the overall champion school in the state from 13 snowboarding schools. Newport was placed first with 38 points, The Scots College 2nd on 33 and Jindabyne 3rd on 22. Our congratulations must go to all the students for outstanding personal bests in addition to an excellent team effort. Also many thanks to Mark Tickle and Anita Jeffrey for leading, organising and accompanying the group. Many thanks also to our dedicated parents who continue to support the program and particularly to those parents who marshalled during the events. The Nationals will be held at Perisher next week and we wish all the students the best of luck – happy skiing and boarding!

Science Fair

The Peninsula Community of School Science Fair is being held today at Narrabeen High. The theme is “Food Fair” and the students from our Science Club, who meet on Tuesdays at lunchtime, have developed an experiment around solar ovens to present during the fair. We also have fifteen students attending as audience members and participants. They will move from station to station to observe experiments being presented by a range of schools. This is a wonderful opportunity to highlight the importance of scientific enquiry. Our thanks go to Ingrid Mailer and Lauren Orazio who is one of our student teachers, for preparing and supporting the students.

Writing Competition Results

This year 63 students from Years 3 - 6 took part in the International Writing Competition and Assessment for Schools which is administered by the UNSW. The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Writing is an English language writing test which assesses students’ ability to write an extended response to a given task. This year 28 students received Participation Certificates, 7 received Merit Certificates, 22 received Credit Certificates, 5 received Distinctions and 1 student received a High Distinction. Congratulations to all students on their participation and successful results. Special mention and congratulations to the following students:

Eleanor Yetts-McKernan - High Distinction
Brooklyn Plunkett - Distinction
Lullubelle Ryberg Neale - Distinction
Zoe Turner - Distinction
Noah Meirath - Distinction
Ella George - Distinction

Netball Success

Our netballers travelled to Bateau Bay to play Wamberal Primary School in the last 16 teams of the PSSA Knockout Competition and won the game 41 to 18! This means the girls have progressed through 3 draws of 32 schools and are now Sydney North champions. Congratulations! They now progress to the state finals which will be held on Monday 15 September at the netball centre at Homebush. The team played outstanding netball, combining the elements of knowledge, skills and teamwork.

Rugby Gala Day

I was greeted by many excited boys early on Tuesday morning, kicking their footballs and all prepared for a day of rugby at Rat Park. Six senior and four junior teams competed in the Warringah 7-a-side competition. The boys who participated simply had to register their name and be involved in the skills session on Monday lunchtime where basic skills and safe practices were reviewed. Nearly 90 students were involved which shows the depth of interest in rugby in the school and it was wonderful for so many boys to have this opportunity and experience. Many thanks to Mr Hearne, Ms Blazejewski and Mr Aroney for helping the students and providing such a wonderful experience.
Band Photos
If you are interested in purchasing a band photo, they are available for viewing at the school office or alternatively on the Advance Life website at www.advancedlife.com.au. To order online, quote Order Code: QCF LL1 LKB.

Warm regards,
Natalie Baldi

Dates for your diary

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MERIT AWARD WINNERS

KOP  Ella O'Mahoney, Arno Scamps
KJ  Jackson Wheeler, Madison Schooley
KJP  Jojo Warren, Harper Lovett
KEJ  Max Baker, Zia Cole
KMG  Alyssa Kelso, Joshua Walter
1SN  Alexander Baldi, Milla Brown
1JJ  Sam Macewan, Holly Sledmere
1DD  Kane Twohill, Markus Sampson
1AD  Eva Calleia, Max Searl
1CC  Noah Wandl, Jess Arthur
2JF  Sophie Lowry, William Bryant
2BN  Avalon Johnstone, Jesse Cavanaugh
2AM  Dean Rogers, Ella Tailby
2SC  Lilyana Wawawanua, Cyrus Rosenwax
2BG  Mya Hodges

NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE
This is a correction to the information in last week’s Natter. Students will receive their certificates at the end of Term 4 (not this term).

MUSIC NEWS

Dates for Diary
14th September  NSWWE Band Festival in Chatswood. Stage Band performing at 4.00pm. Performance Band meeting at 5.45pm.
25th November  Twilight Concert

CANTEEN ROSTER
Just a reminder that you can order your lunches online at flexischools.com.au.

In the past couple of weeks we have had lot of families trying to ring the canteen in the mornings to place orders, but we are very busy at 9:30 and cannot answer the phone. I do apologise for this, but if you can try and do your orders before 9am that would be a great help.

Mon Sept 8th:  J Masters, S Law, S Carter, K Macguire
Tues Sept 9th:  P Hitchman, J Pepper, K Ryan, F Wilson, K Ginsburg
Wed Sept 10th:  M Smith, M Oakley, L May
Thurs Sept 11th:  S Lowe, V Brown, C Thomas, V Gordon
Fri Sept 12th:  A Surfeild, J Parums, M Ramsey, N Simpson

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Summer Uniform
With just over 2 weeks of the term remaining, now is the time to think about summer uniforms for Term 4.

Term 4 – First Open
The first open for Term 4 will be Tuesday, 7 October at 3pm. (Online orders placed during the holidays will be delivered to your child on this day)
Leaving Newport?
If your child is leaving Newport Public School at the end of 2014, please consider donating unwanted uniforms to the uniform shop. All profits go to the P&C.

Online Ordering (during school terms)
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. Order forms can also be collected from the office or emailed on request. Please contact us if you have any order queries.

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.

YOUNG WRITERS AWARDS
The following written works were composed by two talented Year 1 students.

My Rainforest
In my rainforest there are lots of colourful birds and snakes and frogs. There are flowing rivers and there are fish jumping out of the river. It was raining and soggy and hot. I saw carved trees and a waterfall. It was the best rainforest ever and I’m going to come back again!
Written by Kealan Giddy ICC

Spiders
General Statement
A spider is an animal. It is a mini beast with eight legs. There are many different spiders.

Description
Spiders can have long legs, short legs and normal sized legs. Most spiders have eight eyes others have six. Spiders have two body parts and eight legs.

Habitat
Spiders can live in the alps, rainforests, the seaside and underground. Leaf curling spiders live in curled up leaves in the middle of their webs. Wolf spiders live in burrows underground. Hunting spiders have lots of houses everywhere.

Diet
Spiders eat things that fall into their webs. Huntsmen spiders chase their prey. The flower spider blends into flowers and jumps out. Spiders do not chew. When they paralyse their prey it turns the inside of the body into liquid and the spider drinks it.

What spiders do with silk
All spiders have silk but not all spiders have webs. Spiders use silk for making shelters. Some spiders use silk to make nets to catch their food. The spitting spider glues its prey on the ground and eats it. Spiders can use silk to float on the wind. Spiders also use silk to protect their eggs.

Spiders and people
Some spiders have very sharp fangs and are very poisonous to people for example a red-back spider, a wolf spider and a funnel web spider.

By Jesse Heslop 1JJ

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by volunteering to host one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2015 for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan and USA will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship.
This work sample is the script for a spoken presentation composed by a Stage 2 student. This work sample relates to a number of Stage 2 Outcomes and the related Content:

**EN2-2A Writing and Representing Outcome 1:**
Plans, composes and reviews a range of texts that are more demanding in terms of topic, audience and language;

**Content:**
Students identify key elements of planning, composing, reviewing and publishing in order to meet the demands of composing texts on a particular topic for a range of purposes and audiences.

**EN2-6B Speaking and Listening Outcome 2:**
Identifies the effect of purpose and audience on spoken texts, distinguishes between different forms of English and identifies organisational patterns and features.

**Content:**
Students identify organisational patterns and language features of spoken texts appropriate to a range of purposes. Students plan, rehearse and deliver presentations incorporating learned content and taking into account the particular purposes and audiences.

Dear Human Body Corporation,

I would like to introduce myself, The Kidneys. I’ve many reasons not to fire me, so listen carefully. I’m important for waste disposal and blood cleaning and bad things will happen if you get rid of me. Enjoy!

I, The Kidneys, am preciously important for waste disposal. I filter some liquid wastes and suck blood out to clean it and make urine. Let’s say that you had some water. I’m the one that cleans it! The waste system would be disorientated if I was not here!

Blood, circulation, clean blood, that’s what you need and if would be as clean if not for me. I filter blood as well as urine which is why I’m two! The live and the heart helps, a bit, but for totally clean blood you need me! Blood is so important, you couldn’t fire me unless ready for consequences.

Find out what will happen if you fire me. You will shrivel and contaminate before finally dying. You may be thinking of only firing one kidney but then you need to pay for a fake. See, keep me or die.

Yours truly,

The Kidneys.
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
About Us

Mums for Mums charity was formed in 2011, initially to raise funds for a dear friend who was diagnosed with a second brain tumour in 7 years, which required surgery, chemotherapy and radiotherapy. With the funds raised on our very first night we were able to support her, her husband and their 4 children with a cleaner, a laundry service, meals and car pooling the children to school and various after school activities. From this one fundraiser MUMS for MUMS was born.

After the fundraiser MUMS for MUMS was approached by other mums at Newport Public School who asked if we were able to help their friends who were dealing with various critical illnesses. Mums for Mums is to support families at NEWPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL through times of illness or death of a loved one so they can spend quality time as a family. Since its inception we have helped over 20 families, and we are currently supporting five families at school.

Our ultimate goal would be to have a MUMS for MUMS organised in all school communities along the Peninsula.

How Can You Help?

Each year we hold several major fundraising events. This year it’s the SUNSET DISCO (SEE POSTER BELOW). Now for a few facts about the disco

- It’s Adults Only – you will have much more fun without the kids
- Cost is $40 per head which includes yummy food from our incredible caterer Sundweesh, a welcome drink and fabulous entertainment from DJ Kit Kat (yes she started as an adults DJ)
- Drinks can be bought at the Surfclub Bar at surfclub prices
- There is NO theme or dress code
- No raffles, auctions or additional requests for money on the night

We would like the school and greater Newport community to come together for a pre-silly season party to have a great night out while helping raise much needed funds for the Mums for Mums support group so we can continue helping those who need us.

Please check out our website www.mumsformums.org.au

We would also love you to spread the word via social media by liking our Facebook page Mums for Mums.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have. Email mumsformumsnewport@gmail.com

Tickets are available at trybooking.com – see the link on the poster below

GET YOUR DANCING SHOES ON AND SEE YOU ON THE 25TH OCTOBER!!!
Adults Only

Sunset Disco

Saturday October 25 2014

7PM - 12AM
Newport Surf Club

Featuring DJ Kit Kat and food by Sundweesh.

$40 per ticket. Click here to purchase or visit www.mumsformums.org.au

Proudly presented by MUMS for MUMS
www.mumsformums.org.au
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.

**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 – AGM - Tuesday December 2nd Week 9 & End of Year Celebration. 6.30pm.
For catering purposes please advise the staff if you are going to attend.
Newport Surf Lifesaving Club Nippers Registration

14th & 21st September at Newport Surf Club

Season Starts October 12th.

Nippers is about learning and having fun in a safe beach environment. At Nippers kids learn and gain confidence in swimming, body boarding, board paddling, dolphin diving, spotting a rip, beach sprints, flags and more. Nippers teach kids life skills and safety knowledge while at the beach however it’s not all hard work! They learn new skills and make new friends in a friendly fun community environment. Nippers is for kids from 5-14 years.

For further information contact:

Karen HENNESSY, Newport Nippers Chairman – henn2kar@optusnet.com.au

Or

Monica LERPINIERE, Business Development Manager – almonz@bigpond.com

Or look at the website

www.newport surfclub.com.au