Dear Parents,

The “Just Like You” program finished last Friday and it was evident from talking with the students about what they had learnt, that Sandra’s presentations were a success. Sandra has cerebral palsy and the stories and messages about motivation, determination and resilience that she shared and encouraged the students to take away, aligned with our Quality Behaviour Program and will benefit the students in dealing with life’s ups and downs, if they choose to take them on board. Many thanks to Sandra, the Cerebral Palsy Alliance and Adam Hearne for co-ordinating the learning experiences.

Last week, our Year 5 students enjoyed a fabulous “high school experience” as they visited our local Pittwater High School, to have a taste of the “big pond.” High school will soon be the next chapter in the lives of our Year 6 students (though they still have a lot of weeks left, a lot of learning and a lot of experiences to come) but we are glad that this little taster has whet the appetite of the cohort below and enthused them about their move into the leadership role at Newport next year. Please note that information was sent out last week, regarding the application process for a place in a Selective High School in 2017, as well as the PCS Extension Class Application forms for 2017.

Last Thursday afternoon was a buzz in the library, with the Book Fair in full swing. Many parents and teachers made the most of the opportunity to purchase early Christmas presents and the students were certainly enjoying the opportunity to get involved in literature. Many thanks to our library team – Stephanie Bracey, Sally Morgan, Rita Ericsson and Sue Punton, for their efforts in bringing the Book Fair to fruition and to our parent community for supporting the event.

We had a very successful week last week on the sporting front with both our Girls’ Cricket Team and our Boys’ Softball Team winning their knock out game and
progressing to the semi-finals. I must particularly thank the families of our softball boys, who made arrangements in their schedules and budgets, to accommodate a flight to Coolangatta and back to Sydney in a day, to play at Banora Point. A special thank you too, to Greg Moran, for coaching the team and organising the event and to Anthony Moran for accompanying the group. Our cricketers didn’t have to travel quite so far – Newport Oval - and put on a great show for the spectators with 140 runs to 63 (off 25 overs) win. The finer points of these games have been reported on in the sports section. Congratulations to both teams and thank you to Mr Renkert and Mr Aroney too, for coaching our cricketers.

Congratulations to our amazing “Mums for Mums” team, for another successful fundraising event on Saturday night at Bilgola Surf Club. Many thanks from all of us, for your vision, hard work and the time you put into supporting families in need, as well as helping everyone have a bit of fun along the way.

This week our Year 5 students will be involved in the nomination process for Year 6 leaders for 2016. A note will be in students bags today, which explains the process in full for parents.

Next week the staff will be baking up a storm to cater for our Helper’s Morning Tea to be held on Tuesday 24 November, in recognition of your contribution to the life of the school and support for all that we do. The morning tea will be held under the awning of the hall and we hope you will be able to spare some time to join us for this special event.

Thank you to those of you who have responded to a number of surveys this week, as part of our school evaluation process as well as community consultation on the proposed new soft shell jacket from our Uniform Committee. Your time and perspective is valued by us and reflected upon, in our future planning.

This week coming, we have our combined Christmas Scripture Assembly and Year 5 nominations for leadership positions next year. On Tuesday night at 6.30pm in the Library, our Music Committee will be holding a Music Program Information Night for all parents interested in finding out more about joining our bands or orchestra, the violin program, accessing music tutors or general enquiries about how you and your child can become involved in all things musical.

This week, our Year 6 students embark on The Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens and alongside this, we have been refining our school practices around food sharing and food related activities at school and on excursions. Please take some time to read the following information about these issues.

Important Message About Anaphylaxis

As you would be aware, due to the size of our school, we have a significant number of students, from Kindergarten to Year 6, who have food allergies or anaphylaxis. Anaphylaxis is a severe and sometimes sudden allergic reaction. It can occur when a susceptible person is exposed to an allergen (such as a food or an insect sting). Reactions usually begin within minutes of exposure and can progress rapidly. Anaphylaxis is potentially life threatening and always requires an emergency response. We all want to keep our children as safe as possible and the school, with guidance from the Department of Education, has considered the best ways to minimise these potentially life threatening risks. One option open to us is to ban all foods that are known to be dangerous to our anaphylactic students. We have decided not to implement a ban as evidence shows that a total ban can cause a false sense of security. Therefore, we are asking all parents and students to be aware of the severity of anaphylaxis (that exposure to an allergen can be fatal) and to be mindful of this when deciding what foods are to be brought onto school grounds. While there are more than 170 foods identified as causing anaphylactic reactions, most fatalities have been caused by peanuts and tree nuts. We ask the school community to be especially aware of foods that contain any form of nuts, including nut bars, nut flour and nut butter. On a general day to day basis, the students are asked not to share food at school, as sharing could cause a friend with allergies, to become very sick. It should be noted that both the school and the Department of Education have a very strict ‘no food sharing’ policy while students are on excursions and camp. Your support in reinforcing this message with your child is important for keeping all of our students safe.

Regards,

Natalie Baldi
Relieving Principal

To our helpers, Scripture and ethics teachers

The Morning tea is hosted by the staff

The Staff of Newport Public School would like to invite you to a Morning tea at 11am on Tuesday 24th November on the verandah of the Hall.

This event is hosted by the staff to acknowledge your valuable contribution to our school.

Canteen Roster

| Mon 23rd: | M Smith, |
| Tues 24th: | T Oetojo, K Richardson, |
| Wed 25th: | D Partos, E Links, A Hunt, T Langton |
| Thurs 26th: | M Bensley, R Carter, K Ockwell |
| Fri 27th: | K Meek, A Upton, T Berkeley, M Langley, J Nagle |
SUN SMART NEWS

As you know, UV radiation comes from the sun, but unlike sunlight, it can’t be seen or felt. There are three types of UV radiation: UVA, UVB and UVC. The first two types of UV radiation can contribute to sunburn, skin ageing, eye damage and skin cancer. Your risk of developing skin cancer is related to the amount of UV radiation you are exposed to over your lifetime, particularly in childhood.

By looking at the following website:

The UV Index is a simple and informative way of describing the daily danger of solar UV radiation intensity. The UV Alert is issued when the UV Index forecast is 3 or above. This alert identifies the period when you need to be SunSmart: that is SLIP, SLOP, SLAP, SEEK AND SLIDE!!

SPORT NEWS

The last few weeks have been very eventful for Newport PS in terms of sport. Five Newport girls Edie Burke, Esme Sergi, Louisa Mitchell, Emma Lowry and Charli Yeats attended the State Cricket Carnival in Dubbo. The girls all played extremely well, representing Sydney North and played against other regions from all over NSW. Sydney North finished 3rd overall which is a great achievement.

The senior boys’ softball team flew to the Gold Coast to play Banora Pt in the quarter finals of the softball state knockout competition. Playing in front of a big home crowd, the boys started a little slowly and were down 1 nil after the first two innings. The boys rallied with a couple of strong innings and ended up winning the game 11 - 5.

A big thank you to the parents who made the trip up with us. These days are not possible without your help and support.

Well done boys and girls

Greg Moran

BOOK FAIR THANK YOU AND LIBRARY NEWS

We would like to extend a big thank you to all the students and their families who purchased books at our Book Fair last Thursday. You made it a wonderful success and your support for this library fundraiser is greatly appreciated. Hopefully, many of you were able to do some early Christmas shopping. Most, if not all, students should receive their orders by the end of this week. Come and see us in the library if you have not received your order by the beginning of week 8. Thank you also to Sally Morgan, Rita Ericsson and Sue Punton, for their time and assistance with the bustling Book Fair.

You need to look for misplaced/lost library books now. As all library books must be returned to the library by the end of next week (Friday 27th November, week 8), in preparation for our end-of-year stocktake. There will be no more borrowing after this week (week 7).

Stephanie Bracey, Sally Morgan and Rita Ericsson.
Year 5 High School Experience Day

On Monday last week, Year 5 visited Pittwater High School to prepare us for Year 7. We were divided into six groups and were guided around the school by Year 9 students. The six groups rotated between agriculture, music, PE, woodwork, food tech and science. My highlight of the day was the agriculture session where we learnt about sustainability and got to see the sheep, chickens and vegetable garden. I also enjoyed food tech too. We made miniature pizzas out of english breakfast muffins, ham, cheese, capsicum, herbs, tomato paste and pineapple. The day was finished off by a concert by Pittwater High. My favourite performance was when two siblings sang together with an electric guitar to a song that they wrote called ‘Je m’appelle Madeline’ which means ‘My name is Madeline’ in French. There were many other performances that were all very entertaining. I’m really looking forward to attending High School.

By Jett Pickering 5JL

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

New Hat Policy

According to the school’s new hat policy only broad brimmed hats will be sold and allowed to be worn in 2016. We’ve stocked up on hats so please ensure that your child has an appropriate sun smart hat for next year.

Sun safety

The uniform shop sells Cancer Council’s Ezi Clip suncream for $10. It is easy to clip onto your child’s backpack and a great way to get more protection from the sun.

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. 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 Mari Simpson 0438-773-006 & Louise Woods 0404-164-994.

MUSIC NEWS

Our Music Information Evening is tomorrow night, Tuesday 17th November at 6.30pm in the library. This is a great chance to meet all our conductors and find out about the Music Program at Newport. The evening is totally obligation free, however there will be opportunity to register on the night. A flyer is attached to this Natter, please pass it on to anyone who may be interested in their child joining the Music Program.

Our annual Twilight Concert is coming up on 1st December at Pittwater High School. The End of Year BBQ will start at 5.30pm and the Concert around 6.30pm. Please come and celebrate the achievement of all our musicians over the year. Come and see how much they have improved!

Our fundraising team will be running a Twilight Concert Raffle on the night. They ask that all ensemble members to donate a gourmet food or drink item for the hampers. Please send along non-perishable (and non melty!) goodies for us to package up - we’ll have a box in the band room from now on for your contributions - thank you.

All our wind ensembles will be playing at Avalon Market Day this Saturday 21st November between 10.00am and 11.00am. Further details should have been emailed by your band manager.

Dates for Diary

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Why We Joined the Music Program

Below are extracts from speeches made by our Band and Orchestra captains at the Music Camp Concert in May this year. It gives a small insight into what children get out of the Music Program:

Lucinda:

For all of us Year 6 students, this concert is pretty special to us because it’s our last Music Camp concert. After starting in the Violin Ones (which a lot of us have) all the way to playing the cello in the String Orchestra, I’m so grateful for this amazing opportunity to play an instrument, that I’ll take with me into high school. Music has become a huge part of my life ever since Mum and Dad suggested that I try violin.

Tom:

I play the trumpet. I love it. It’s loud and can be really loud. Both of my neighbours like listening to me practise. At least they say they do. I remember in Year 2, I played to my class and I thought I sounded really good, but I was horrible. Now four years later, I am Band Captain and I think I sound much better. I’ve learnt a lot, but it takes a lot of practise.

Chloe:

Each year we hold this event to improve our music and performance skills. This has really worked to improve my music ability and I am sure all of the other students would have improved too. It has also given us the opportunity to develop friendship, confidence and leadership that I would otherwise not have.
Music Program
Information Evening

Tuesday, 17th November

Whether your child would like to start playing the violin or an instrument for Training Band next year, we can help you work out what would suit your child in Newport’s Music Program.

Come and find out how to join this special program

In 2015, 150 children participated in the Newport Public School Music Program. It covers seven ensembles with the starting points being Violin 1’s (K-Y2 children), Training Band (Y3/4) and Strings Orchestra (Y3).

Violin 1’s – most children commence in Year 1, although can start in Kindy or Year 2. There are two rehearsals a week before school and classes are capped at 12 children. Violins can be hired.

Training Band – for children starting a wind or percussion instrument. There is one practice a week before school and instruments can be hired.

Strings Orchestra – children either continue violin or take up another string instrument. Two practices a week and instruments can be hired.

Information Evening Tuesday 17th November from 6.30pm in the school library
✓ Conductors available for advice about ensembles and instrument choice for your child
✓ Instrument demonstrations
✓ Instrument hire information
✓ Registrations
We hope to see you there.
The Music Committee

*** Special free instrument hire for selected Training Band instruments saving $200 ***
Avalon & Bilgola Plateau Public Schools’ Movie Fundraiser Night

7.00 pm Wednesday 18th November | Tickets $40
Includes: glass of bubbles, a treat on your seat & entry into lucky door prizes

Avalon Cinema
Closed event - no tickets at the door | Pre-book only: http://www.trybooking.com/168504
For more information go to: www.mumsformums.org.au

Proudly supported by
The Music Program proudly presents the

Twilight Concert
Tuesday, 1st December

Come and see what the Music Program is all about. All seven ensembles will be playing from the Violin 1s to the Steel Band. There will be a barbecue and raffle.

???: Save the date Tuesday, 1st December ???:

Where: Pittwater High School
Time: Barbecue from 6:30pm
Concert: 7:30pm

Extra: Barbecue and raffle
Admission: Gold coin donation

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Christmas Pudding & Gingerbread House Fundraiser

It’s that time of the year again! With only weeks till Christmas it is time to order your puddings or Gingerbread Houses.

- The puddings come in three sizes:
  - 270g: perfect gift (1.8kgs), 100g per 1kg
  - Gingerbread House come in two sizes:
    - Small: $5/piece, large $7/piece

Or fancy dress.

If you would like to order please fill in the order form and return to Tennyson in the office. All money will be collected up to Christmas Week.

Thank you for your participation and support.

Merry Christmas
The Fundraising team

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Gluten Free (add $3.00)
CHRISTMAS GIFT APPEAL

Support Stewart House and Bear Cottage by donating a gift and making someone’s Christmas extra special.

⭐️ Stewart House and Bear Cottage cater for children ranging from 6-15 years with donations especially desired for 10-12 year olds.
⭐️ Presents to be dropped off to Wiseberry Real Estate (Monday - Friday, 8.30am - 5.30pm) or to your school office before 07th December 2015.
⭐️ For larger donations, please contact Wiseberry for pick up details.
⭐️ Unwrapped in a gift bag is best as all gifts need to be checked for suitability.
⭐️ Please avoid toys that need too many batteries. ⭐️ New items only. ⭐️ No food.

Wiseberry Real Estate
17 Barenjoey Road, (opposite Tex Mex), Mona Vale 9997 1977
CHANGES TO SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME FOR 2016

Attn: Students going from Year 2 to Year 3 who require a bus pass in 2016

Transport for NSW

Fact sheet: The School Opal card

Who's eligible?
To be eligible for a School Opal card, students need to be NSW residents and may need to live a minimum distance away from their school:
• Years K-2 (Infants) there's no minimum distance.
• Years 3-6 (Primary) 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking or further.
• Years 7-12 (Secondary) 2.0km straight line distance or 2.9km walking or further.
Students completing secondary studies at TAFE, boarding school students and students temporarily in Australia may also be eligible for a School Opal card. The eligibility criteria for these students is available at transportnsw.info/school-students.

A School Opal card is provided to eligible students who need to travel within the Opal network. Paper travel passes are issued to eligible students who need to travel outside the Opal network.

Who needs to apply?
Most students or parents won’t need to apply for the School Opal card. The School Opal card will be sent to a student’s school automatically at the beginning of the new school year in 2016. However, a new application is required if:
• The student is just starting school or has not had a pass for travel before.
• The student is progressing from Year 2 to 3, or Year 6 to 7.
• The student is changing schools, including going between primary and secondary school.
• The student’s personal details have changed (e.g. address).
Applications must be made by a parent or guardian for children aged 15 years and under. Applications must be made by the student if aged 16 years or older.

How to apply
Step 1 Complete the application at transportnsw.info/school-students.
Step 2 Print, sign and submit the form to the school for endorsement.
Step 3 The school will then forward the application to Transport for NSW for processing. Once approved, Transport for NSW sends the School Opal card to the home address given in the application.
The application may take several weeks and the applicant’s email address is required.

If the student doesn't qualify for free travel
They may be eligible for a Term Bus Pass which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.
Apply at transportnsw.info/school-students.

Find out more
For more information on the School Opal card and the School Student Travel Scheme (SSTS), please visit transportnsw.info/school-students.
Skater HQ at NOOSHC !!!!!!

ASC Thursday – Weeks 1, 3, 5, 7 & 9 & ASC Friday Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 & 10.

4.00pm – 5.10pm (approx)

For all children (both permanent & casual)
registered at NOOSHC

in Years 3 thru to Year 6

The children who have attended the Skater HQ (in-line skating, skate boarding, rip boards, and scooters) have increased their skills & confidence tremendously over the past term.
Children describe Skater HQ – “This is fun!” “I’m going to get mum to book me in for next week” “Wow – I can stand up” “Now look at me” “It’s the best!” “Can we keep on doing this?” “I just did a big jump!” “I couldn’t do this before – now I can!”

There is no additional cost for Skater HQ – it is included in your ASC fee.

Enrolment enquiries welcome – drop in for an enrolment package.

NOOSHC Phone: 9979 9874

Centre Manager: Jo Newton