RELIEVING PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

The Twilight Concert last Tuesday evening was a wonderful opportunity to hear the progress that has been made over the year, by our talented musicians. The evening was very entertaining with a great mix of pieces being played such as Bunyip Blues, Haunted, Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star, Area 51, Happy and the very timely James Bond theme as well as Star Wars, which was played as a combined piece. Our Year 6 Music Captains, Jasmine Adams, Lucinda Hickson, Chloe Shepherd and Tom Watson all spoke beautifully about the people who have contributed to their success and that learning music is more than just practising every week but teaches persistence, getting along with people and giving everything a go. We are very fortunate to have such a sophisticated music program at our school, with many talented and dedicated conductors, tutors, managers and parents. Many thanks to Julie Hickson for co-ordinating the evening and congratulations to everyone involved, including the students who performed beautifully on the night.

A list of Year 6 music students, recognised for their dedication to the Music Program over the last 4-6 years has been included in latter part of the Natter.

This year, we will be farewelling John Stone who was the founder of our Music Program, 25 years ago. We couldn’t let 25 years of passion, commitment and dedication to the Music Program pass without acknowledging the impact John has had on so many people, as a conductor, tutor and mentor to many young musicians. On Friday 11 December at 2.15pm our music students will be putting on a little concert on the eastern astro turf, to thank John for his time at Newport. Everyone is welcome.

Last week we celebrated our last Banner Assembly for 2015 with a number of students from Kindergarten to Year 6 being recognised for being living examples of our CARE code – to cooperate, achieve, respect and engage. Congratulations to these students, their teachers and families who have obviously been such a positive influence on their lives.

Congratulations to our Year 4 students who toiled long and hard to create gifts to sell at Year 4 Market Day on Wednesday. The students raised $1920.00 which will be donated to the Happy Day Cambodian Village School founded by Mike Pawley. [http://www.happydayscambodianvillageschoolinc.org.au/home](http://www.happydayscambodianvillageschoolinc.org.au/home). Congratulations Year 4 on being other person centred and thinking about “giving,” as opposed to “getting,” at Christmas time.

Congratulations to our Girls’ Cricket Knockout Team who travelled to Maitland on Tuesday to play the last two rounds of the competition. The girls won their first game against Blayney Public School and lost their second game against Nemingha Public School. Congratulations to all of the wonderful bowlers, batters and fielders for their efforts and to Mr Renkert for coaching the team.

This week, your child will be bringing home his/her 2015 Semester 2 Report. The purpose of these reports is to communicate information to you about your child’s learning including his/her level of attainment and the progress he/she has made when compared with syllabus expectations. Teachers consider the requirements from the syllabus and make a “point in time” judgement about what a student should be demonstrating halfway through the year and then again, at the end of the year so each student’s achievement is compared with the expectations described in the syllabus document. If a student achieves a “sound” it means they are achieving at a level that is expected, according to the content and skills covered in that semester. Much time and effort goes into writing these reports and we hope you find them both valuable and informative.

Coming up this week we have our Kindergarten 2015 Celebration Assembly, our P & C Christmas Market fundraiser which will run in much the same way as our Mother and Father’s Day stalls, Years 1-6 Presentation Assembly, Year 6 surf lifesaving, a mini-concert by our musicians from the Music Program and the P & C will be thanking and celebrating another successful year with staff, on Friday afternoon. We are looking forward to seeing you at these events.

Regards,

Natalie Baldi
Relieving Principal
UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

New Hat Policy
Last reminder to purchase a broad brimmed hat for next year! We still have plenty of hats in stock to get everyone prepared. You can also order one online on flexischools during the holidays.

Stocktake
The Uniform Shop will be closed for stocktake on Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th December. The last open this year is Monday the 7th and Tuesday the 8th to purchase items for next year. The last online orders for delivery to your child before the last day can be placed up until 5pm Friday, 11th December.

New All-weather Jackets
We have ordered limited stock of the new soft shell jacket. If you would like to ensure that you receive the new jacket please place an order via flexischools or come to the uniform shop to order one. We will keep the records for when the jackets arrive in March 2016.

School Holiday Open
The Uniform Shop will open 9-10am Wednesday, 27 January for those last minute purchases. It can be a busy day so if you know what you need, order online and collect on the day to avoid the queues. Online orders are collected from a separate area in the hall on the day. (Online orders for collection next year must be placed no later than Friday, 22 January 2016.)

Are you able to volunteer on this day?
Our special school holiday open is usually a busy day and not all of our regular volunteers are available to help. If you can spare 1-2 hours on the day, it will be very much appreciated.

Leaving Newport?
If your child is leaving Newport Public School at the end of 2015, please consider donating unwanted uniforms to the uniform shop. All profits go to the P&C.

Online Ordering – During Term
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 - School Term
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.

Year 4 Market Day!
Last Wednesday, Year 4 held their Market Day. The students had worked hard to design, produce and sell their handmade items to fellow students. A happy day was had by all. Many of younger students enjoyed the freedom to browse and purchase items with their own money and were able to take home lots of goodies!

All proceeds from the Market Day will be donated to Happy Days Cambodian Village School Inc. The Year 4 teachers are happy to announce that over $1900 was raised on Wednesday. Thank you to all participating students and teachers. Your kindness will help children in need.

Year 4 team.

SNOW SPORTS NEWS
As the days grow longer and warmer we can reflect on the success and good times of yet another great year. Newport families participated in a variety of races and enjoyed the social side of our program with a winter solstice season party, Christmas in July and our end of season Japanese bbq. This year some of our skiers and boarders also made it to Victoria for the National Titles held in Mount Buller. While the season officially ended over two months ago, some of our competitors will be heading to the Northern Hemisphere this summer to catch a slice of winter. There are several programs held in the overseas resorts specific to Interschools training and racing.

The SkiJapan.com Junior Training Academy is holding specially moulded progressive camps that are fun, safe and challenging in the competitive disciplines of Alpine GS, Moguls, Skier Cross and Snowboard Cross/GS. These camps are held in Hokkaido Japan and saw quite a few Northern Beaches Interschools competitors along with International students participating this year. For more information contact http://WWW.SJTA.NET.

For anyone interested in participating in next year’s Interschools, our Northern Regionals will be held in the first week of the July school holidays at Thredbo. Please see Mr Tickle if you are keen. Thanks again for a great year.

We’re dreaming of a White Christmas,
The Snow Sports Committee.
TECHNOLOGY NEWS

2015 has been a busy year with technology at Newport Public School.

Wi-Fi access points have been installed across the entire school now; making accessing technology easier from more places and helping us make better use of our mobile computing devices.

Mr Michael in his role as ICT coordinator at Newport Public School has been upskilling staff and also working with classes to increase familiarity with, and effective use of, technology to support and enhance learning outcomes.

Earlier this year, Kindergarten classes commenced computer mentoring sessions with Mr Michael, making use of the computer lab and learning how to familiarise themselves with the terminology of ICT, log-in to the desktop computers and accurately control the mouse. It is a big stretch for little fingers to press Control, Alt and Delete and we made use of the rabbit ears (two left hand fingers for Control and Alt) and carrot (pointer from right hand) method for hitting those keys simultaneously. The Tux Paint program was utilised to help students gain control of navigating a mouse and using the left click mouse button, and within a few sessions students were creating masterpieces.

Year 5 students became familiar with Padlets and have used them to successfully share ideas and collaborate with students around the world about the novel *Fish In A Tree* as part of the Global Read Aloud 2015. They also utilised SKYPE to video-call schools overseas and discuss the novel, and acted out and filmed a scene from the book using school iPads.

Famous Explorers were researched with Year 4, who used their critical thinking skills to locate and summarise key information and use facts, pictures and timelines to create colourful, visually appealing, infographic assignments with Microsoft Publisher.

Next year sees the introduction of more mobile technology at Newport Public School and a focus on project based learning in history and science, where students actively explore real-world problems and challenges and acquire a deeper knowledge through research and using technology to present their learning in new and exciting ways.

A lunchtime Robotics Club has commenced with 16 students from Stage 3 taking part in weekly sessions using Lego Mindstorms NXT robots. Students taking part in these sessions have been introduced to basic programming and robot design and are learning how to use ultra-sonic, infrared and touch sensors to accurately control their robots. Mr Michael and Mrs Logan have been running the Robotics Club and look forward to continuing it into 2016.

“Afternoon i-Tea” sessions have been running to introduce staff to a variety of useful programs and apps, and help them better integrate technology into their teaching to enhance and support student learning.

Our technology mentoring would not be possible without the generous contribution from the Newport community and we thank the P&C for their funding to allow these sessions to take place. Mr Michael will continue to work with Newport students and staff in 2016 and regular updates will be posted in the Natter.
CHESS NEWS

What a great year it has been for our chess players with contests and social chess. The standard of play has really lifted and I can honestly say this is the most competitive I’ve seen our players for some time. The lunch time end of year tournament (which has just one week to go) has attracted 44 Newport players in total. With the long hot summer days upon us now and the holidays just around the corner, a chess game to fill in the afternoon after the beach is just the thing to keep the mind sharp. Chess boards are also generally reasonably priced and make great Christmas gifts.

Mark Tickle

MUSIC NEWS

We have organised for the music students to play for the entire school on Friday. The Performance Band, String Orchestra, Concert Band and Training Band will play the combined pieces from the Twilight Concert, ie. Star Wars and Mambo No.5. The concert will start at 2.15pm. All students will need to bring their instruments. Please look out for an email from your ensemble manager.

The Annual General Meeting of the Newport Music Program Committee will be held on Thursday 10th December starting at 7.00pm at the Royal Motor Yacht. Everyone is welcome. Attendance is obligation free, however there are a number of vacant positions if you would like to join our friendly and active committee. Please see further details below.

Know of someone interested in joining the Music Program next year? A registration form is attached to this Natter, otherwise they are available at the office. Completed registration forms need to be placed in the Music Program box just outside the Office. We need to remind parents there will be limited places for Violin 1 next year - two classes of 12.

Thurs 10th Dec Annual General Meeting, Royal Motor Yacht Club, 7.00pm
Fri 11th Dec Combined concert for school
20-22/5/2016 2016 Music Camp

The Music Committee seeks

NEW MEMBERS FOR A NUMBER OF ROLES

There are 150 children enrolled in Newport Public School’s amazing Music Program. The Program costs $100,000 to run and is managed by a committee of around 26 parents. We have a number of roles to be filled including Ensembles Manager, Fundraising Co-ordinators, Recruitment Manager, Publicity Manager, Event Manager. We would also like having people on board with video production and design skills. We invite you to consider coming to our AGM and next Music Committee meeting:

When: Thursday 10 December
Where: Royal Motor Yacht Club, 46 Prince Alfred Parade, Newport
Time: 7.00pm

Whatever your skills or time availability we’d appreciate your help. We hope to see you on Thursday. If you have any queries, please contact the Music Committee President Toby Gudmunson by email: t.gudmunson@bigpond.com

The Music Committee

A few people in the Music Committee would like the year 6 music students recognised for their dedication to the music program over the last 4 to 6 years
Ruby Abercromby (clarinet)
Nova Belic (violin)
Tyger Cox (tenor saxophone)
Emma Fletcher (clarinet and alto saxophone)
Matthew Francis (clarinet and alto saxophone)
Emily Gaynor (alto saxophone)
Lucinda Hickson (cello)
Oscar Hooghuis (trumpet)
Brody Hurst (trumpet)
Emma Jobbins (clarinet)
Beatriz Kostnar Frundt (oboe)
Zachari Lutherborrow (trombone)
Louisa Mitchell (clarinet)
Tegan Nebauer (flute)
Sarah Ramsay (keyboard)
Chloe Shepherd (flute)
Victoria Smyth-King (violin)
Ethan Stidwill (drums and percussion)
Edward Stokes (trumpet)
Jasmine Vidler-Adams (cello)
Tom Watson (trumpet)
Riley Wilson (bass guitar)
LIBRARY NEWS

We would like to thank all the people who were so generous with their time and assistance in the library this year: Sue Punton, Tina Bracher, Virginia Schultz, Lloyd Davies, Simone Crighton, Caroline Thomas, Cindy and Brett Menzies, Yasuyo Sannomiya, Sam Watton and the Year 6 library monitors. Your help with book covering and repairing, book fair, circulation, shelving and tidying shelves is invaluable.

Please return all library books this week. Contact the library if you have any problems or questions.

Stephanie Bracey, Sally Morgan and Rita Ericsson.

CHRISTMAS STALL

Dear Parents,

Our last P&C Fundraiser for the year will be our Pop-up Christmas Stall on Tuesday December 8th. We have a fabulous range of gifts for the kids to purchase for $5.

The success of previous stalls has been due to the committed volunteers that have helped the children choose their gifts and wrap them up to send home to be put under the Christmas Tree!

If you are able to assist on the stall in anyway it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Shani Law (shanilaw@hotmail.com or 0400654253) if you can help in any shape or form.

Have a lovely holiday season and thank you to everyone who has assisted this year in our fabulous fundraising for our children at Newport Public School!

Kindest Regards
Newport Public School P&C Association

Canteen Closures

The Canteen will be CLOSED on Wednesday December 9th due to the Years 1-6 presentation assembly AND Tuesday December 15th due to picnic day.

Regards,
Tammy
School Special Buses

Important Information for all children who catch School Special buses.

From the start of Term 1 2016 our school special buses will be renumbered.

- 783 becomes 736
- 787 becomes 638
- 790 becomes 667

For detailed information regarding these changes is available on the Sydney Buses website:

www.sydneybuses.info
I have read, understand and agree to the terms of Newport School Instrument Music Program. I agree to pay the fees for my children as per the attached schedule. I understand if my child discontinues with the program, refunds of fees will be at the discretion of the music committee.

Signed: ____________________________ Dated: ____________________________
Printed Name: ____________________________

PAYMENT METHODS

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN PAYMENT METHODS: NO CHEQUES OR CASH PAYMENTS ACCEPTED

➢ Electronic Funds Transfer online (Preferred). Please include your child’s name in ‘contact details’:
  o BSB: 062 211
  o Acct: 0090 0999
  o EFT REFERENCE NUMBER: ____________________________

➢ Credit Card - Visa, MasterCard and Bankcard ONLY

CREDIT CARD AUTHORISATION

CREDIT CARD NUMBER: __________ __________ __________ __________

CARDHOLDER’S NAME: ____________________________

EXPIRY DATE ON CARD: __________ / __________

PLEASE CIRCLE: VISA MASTERCARD BANKCARD

TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE DEBITED FROM CREDIT CARD: $ __________

Signature of Cardholder: ____________________________
Newport Public School Instrumental Music Program
Registration & Payment form 2016

Please place form in the Music Program Box in the Primary Office.

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TRAINING BAND ONLY

PREFERRED INSTRUMENT:

SECOND CHOICE:

*Please note instrument choice will be allocated at a “first paid” basis, however is at the discretion of the conductor to ensure a good balance*

Note: instrument hire can be arranged separately prior to the start of rehearsals in Term 1. Please watch for details in the Natter early in Term 1 2016
MUMS for MUMS

On behalf of the families we support, we would like to say a huge THANK YOU to the teachers, administration staff and the families of Newport Public School for a wonderful 2015. With your support of our fundraising events we can continue helping families in our community.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas.

The Mums For Mums Team
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