RELIEVING PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Yes, it is Monday and for the remainder of this term we are trialling sending the Natter out on Mondays, with a summary of the week prior and to give information about the week ahead. Of course, at times, information changes due to unforeseen circumstances, for example the postponed date for the Zone Cross Country Carnival, and if this arises we will use the phone app and email system to alert you to any change of plan.

Today especially, I must especially thank Tammy, Pip, Emma and Petrina in the canteen, who ensured that all students who ordered their lunch were appropriately catered for and didn’t go without, even though the power wasn’t restored until 1.50pm - just at the end of lunch! Many thanks for your efforts to go “on with the show” despite the challenges faced.

The sun was certainly shining last week, especially on Thursday with our School Parliament fundraiser for “Waves for Water” and the “Nepal appeal” and our fabulous Mothers’ Day Stall. The mufti day raised $1062.50 and the stall sold over 1400 items. Sarah Hudson and the Mums for Mums team worked very hard all day to cater for our buyers, (especially those with very particular gifts in mind) who were purchasing for aunts, nannas and special friends too. The fundraiser was a P & C initiative and will go towards their donations to the school for upgrading the BBQ area and the longer term plan for shade over the Year 1 and 2 seats. Many thanks too, to Anthony Moran for assisting with the organisation.

A big congratulations to Lucas Searles, Chris Magno and Will McCreery for winning the Mothers’ Day raffle.

PSSA Sport begins this week after a bye for Newport in the first round last week. In order to experience the benefits of competition which “inspires us to perform better whilst teaching valuable lessons about teamwork, goal setting, and staying cool under pressure,” our students have been reminded to; show honour and pride in our school, show good sportsmanship to team mates and opposition, respect decisions given by referees and umpires, play to the best of his/her ability as an individual and a team member, accept and learn from successes and losses, maintain the fine attitude and efforts of past students, be attired in the correct...
uniform, attend training sessions promptly and be proactive in learning. We know our teams will represent us proudly and wish them all the best for a great start.

Our School Sports program also began last Friday with students engaging in a wide range of experiences including sports such as yoga, tennis and lawn bowls, in addition to experiences that focus on developing skills in netball, soccer, backyard league and Pittwater Tag. We hope for sunny skies on Fridays throughout the term and that the students enjoy engaging in physical activity, appreciating the opportunities offered to them.

Congratulations to Newport school for receiving an award from Stewart House for raising $1900 in donations through the school disco. Our student leaders, Nina, Lachlan, Lulubelle and Beau attended a ceremony at Stewart House with Miss Jefferys last Friday, to accept the award. They used this visit as an opportunity to take photos and research what Stewart House does for children and families and will be sharing this briefly with the students, at our upcoming assemblies. Thank you to Naomi Deathridge for transporting the students.

Last week, Science Club resumed its program of exciting, safe experiments. Miss Mailler, Mrs Walter and Mrs Elliott are running Science Club as a team this year. Year 3 and 4 students are invited to join up in Terms 2 and 3 for a nine or ten week program. Week 3 saw the students making Lava Lamps. Surprisingly, there was no lava involved; just water, food colouring, vegetable oil, glass jars and a mystery ingredient which is proven to add gas and fun to the experiment. The students and Mrs Elliott thoroughly enjoyed Lava Lamp making and are looking forward to Mrs Walter’s activity in Week 4.

A person who attends Newport PS has been diagnosed with Whooping cough (Pertussis).

For further information please refer to the NSW Health factsheet on whooping cough attached or contact the Northern Sydney Public Health Unit on 9477 9187.”

Regards,

Natalie Baldi
Relieving Principal

Just a couple of reminders, If you could remember when ordering lunch to put hot and cold things on separate bags. Also I am happy to put ice blocks in the freezer to celebrate birthdays, if possible can they be dropped of in the morning as it gets very busy around lunch time and we have to get all the lunch orders out. thanks

Mon 18: A Dalgleish, F Bianchinotti, L Burgess
 Tues 19: C McCauley, R Wilson, , A Robinson
 Wed 20: M Holliday, Z Letts, E Eccles, M Langley
 Thurs 22: K Paul, J Whitaker,
 Fri 23: N Sampson, V Watkin, L Barlow, M Press,
 S Warren

Only 4 sleeps until Music Camp. Hopefully everyone has handed in their completed forms and payment. We would like to remind parents that the camp is an integral part of Newport’s Music Program and takes place only one weekend a year. It is important that all music students attend for the entire weekend. We ask that Music Camp takes priority over sporting commitments for this one weekend. Please remember that the camp begins after dinner on the Friday night, so please ensure you child has eaten before they come to camp.

If you are able to help with transporting of equipment from the school to the Collaroy Centre on Friday 15 May please email Karen on Karen@cadgrouppeople.com.au

The Music Camp Concert is the last activity of the camp. It will take place on Sunday 17th May between 2.30 and 3.30pm. Everyone welcome.

Dates for Diary
15th – 17th May Music Camp
17th May Music Camp Concert
3rd June Music Committee Meeting

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Amelia Boss

Claudia Fitzgerald
Billy Cardiff

Jessie Cavanaugh
Aron Brennan

Maeve Mulcahy
Evie Bracey

Sophie Lowry
Ben Bancroft

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Jasmine Thomas
Thomas Richards

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Daniel Wheeler

Laura Patterson
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On the 6th and the 7th March we went to “If You Like Art studio” in Brookvale for an extension art camp. On the first day we made sculptures and on the second day we used mixed media to create art. Ben made a fantastic shoe from clay and we all did paintings as you can see in the photo. We painted landscape pictures and created collages. We all learnt so many tips and tricks and we’re sure they will help us when we’re doing art in the future. We would definitely recommend this opportunity for other children who love art. The camp taught us so many things that will help us be great artists in the future. We’re so glad that we were chosen to go to this amazing camp.

Isabelle England, Ben Jones, Nova Bellic and Lauren Robertson-Towner
Whooping Cough (Pertussis)

Last updated: 30 March 2015

What is whooping cough?

Whooping cough can be a life threatening infection in babies. Whooping cough in babies can lead to apnoea (pauses in normal breathing), pneumonia, feeding problems and weight loss, seizures, brain damage and, in some cases, death. Older children and adults can get whooping cough too and pass it on to babies.

What are the symptoms?

- Whooping cough usually begins like a cold with a blocked or runny nose, tiredness, mild fever and a cough.
- The cough gets worse and severe bouts of uncontrollable coughing can develop. Coughing bouts can be followed by vomiting, choking or taking a big gasping breath which causes a “whooping” sound. The cough can last for many weeks and can be worse at night.
- Some newborns may not cough at all but they can stop breathing and turn blue. Some babies have difficulties feeding and can choke or gag.
- Older children and adults may just have a cough that lasts for many weeks. They may not have the whoop.

How is it spread?

- Whooping cough is spread when an infectious person coughs bacteria into the air which can be inhaled by people nearby. If they are not treated early, people with whooping cough are infectious in the first three weeks of their illness.
- Whooping cough spreads easily through families, childcare centres and at school.

Who is at risk?

- Anyone can get whooping cough. People living in the same household as someone with whooping cough are especially at risk.
- Immunisation reduces the risk of infection but immunity fades over time. You can still get whooping cough even if you’ve been immunised.

How is it prevented?

Whooping cough vaccines provide good protection from infection but immunity fades which means that boosters are needed.

Immunisation for babies

- Babies need to be immunised at 2 months, 4 months and 6 months. The first dose can be given as early as 6 weeks of age.
- Getting your baby vaccinated on time gives them some protection when they are most at risk of severe illness.
- If your baby’s vaccines are overdue, see your GP now to catch up.