RELIEVING PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents,

The funeral for Mrs Green’s husband Col, will be held on Tuesday 26 May at 2pm at St Marks Church Avalon. 16 of our teaching staff will be attending the funeral and whilst arrangements have been made to supervise students during the afternoon at school, the regular teaching and learning program will not be operating. During the afternoon, we have a number of staff visiting from our neighbouring Peninsula Community of Schools (PCS) to help us at Newport and I must express our appreciation to our local school Principals and their Staff, for their generous and kind offer of support.

The funeral will be podcast at http://funeralcast.com.au/funerals/view/colin-green

This year it is mandatory for our school to participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) on school students with a disability, which aims to assist the Government in planning more effectively for students, through reliable data. The NCCD will ensure that information about students with disability across Australia, and the level of adjustment provided to them, will be identified and captured in a consistent, reliable and systematic way. We will be collecting and reporting information already available in our school, about the support that is being provided to students and the data collection will have no direct impact on your child. An NCCD Frequently Asked Questions document for parents can be found at http://docs.education.gov.au/system/files/doc/other/150420_faqs_parents_and_carers_0.pdf and further information and links about the data collection can be found on the Australian Government Department of Education website: http://education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability

The Maths Olympiad kicked off last Thursday for students in Years 5 and 6. The Olympiad is a state wide program that aims to foster in students, a greater interest in and awareness of the power of mathematics and a desire to succeed in solving mathematical problems. 30 of our students participated in the first of 5 challenges and the questions certainly got the students thinking! The program also provides teachers with solutions including detailed discussion materials. We look forward to hearing the results from round 1.

Last week, Year 4 was involved in hands on teaching and learning experiences as they investigated our universe and space exploration techniques through a “Fizzics” incursion. The students explored the following questions; What did the big bang
really look like? Where is Earth in the Solar System? What technological developments were necessary to allow astronauts to work and survive outside of Earth’s atmosphere? How do we observe distant galaxies? What is our atmosphere made of anyway? The students particularly enjoyed the demonstration of the Space Shuttle heat shield’s insulation properties and investigating why people who walk in space require appropriate safety equipment.

Achievements to Celebrate...

Congratulations to the 48 Newport Students who attended the Pittwater Zone X Country Carnival at North Narrabeen on Thursday. It is a great achievement to make the zone carnival and we are proud of all the students who represented Newport with pride. Newport won the overall points tally and were the winners of the Zone Carnival for the 2nd year in a row! Well done to the students and Ms Ingrid Mailler, for their hard work and dedication to training. Thank you also to Mr G. Moran for accompanying our group. Training for the Sydney North Carnival will continue with Ms Mailler from Monday Morning. Some outstanding performances from the day that were reported by Mr G. Moran include:

Tom Tullett 1st: 10 year old boys
Hamish Douglas 2nd: 10 year old boys
Emma Lowry 2nd: 12/13 year old girls.
Lara Hanks 3rd: 10 year old girls
Joseph Moy, Olivia Alvarez and Ana Cruickshank all finished in the top 6 in their races and will be joining Tom, Hamish, Ema and Lara at the Sydney North Carnival in Gosford on the 11th June. Newport also came first in several age divisions including: 10 years girls and 12 years girls.

Also to celebrate, was the win by the senior boys knockout team, in round 1 of the knockout competition where they played Harbord P.S. at Harbord Park. Mr Michael Renkert reported that as it is now winter, the boys were a little rusty and had to shake off the cobwebs while they were fielding. Accurate bowling was delivered by Henry and Luke, who made it hard for the other team to get anything more than a dot ball. With the bat, Tom stayed in for a solid 20 runs not out and Luke backed up his bowling with 35 runs after being given a few lives. In the end we chased down the 4/75 total with 10 overs to spare. Well done boys and good luck in round 2! Thank you to Mr Renkert for coaching the team and for the great sports commentary!

Last week we also hosted ‘Ditto’s Keep Safe Adventure Show’ for students in Years K-3. The show reinforces our child protection program and teaches children about personal safety describing “yes and no” feelings, private parts and privacy and that if you don’t feel safe, run and tell someone you can trust. Child Protection is a mandatory part of the NSW curriculum.

We had a very successful school tour last Thursday, led by Mr Shaun Michaeli, one of our Assistant Principals. At least 45 people participated in the tour, many who have children starting Kindergarten in 2016. The audience enjoyed hearing about our learning programs and seeing the students in action, particularly the Kindergarten classrooms.

This week coming our students in Years 3-6 will be involved in a first aid course, some students will be participating in auditions for the upcoming Music Festival and Arts North Drama Festival. We also have a soccer and netball knockout game and the staff will be fundraising on Friday for the Cancer Council with the Biggest Morning Tea.

Regards,

Natalie Baldi
Relieving Principal
St John has been invited to deliver our **First Aid in Schools Program** at your school. This is free program St John (NSW) is offering, to provide school aged children with first aid skills they can use in the event of an emergency.

The First Aid in Schools Program is delivered at your school by St John (NSW) Volunteer Educators.

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45 minutes session / class = 30 students.

For more information please contact 97458740 or email schoolsprogram@stjohnnsw.com.au

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**Waves for Water Fundraiser**

During our recent mufti day we raised $531 for Waves for Water to supply water filters for remote third world countries.

Thank you Asher Ginsburg and the school Ministers for organising this great initiative.

For more information about Waves for Water go to: [http://www.wavesforwater.org/](http://www.wavesforwater.org/)

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**MUSIC NEWS**

A total of 94 children attended Music Camp this year. They all benefitted from the musical skills and inspiration of 12 tutors and had a wonderful, musically enriching weekend. A link to a Picasa photo gallery has been emailed to attending families. If you didn't receive it or would like to see the gallery, contact Anna e: fletcher.rabjohns@bigpond.com. A photo montage of Music Camp appears later in this Natter.

The next Music Committee Meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday, 3rd June starting at 7.30pm in the main staff room. Everyone welcome.

Dates and Times for the Northern Beaches Instrumental Festival have been announced and are listed below. The event takes place at Pittwater High School main hall. Your band manager will send out further information closer to the date.

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**Dates for Diary**

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<td>Performance Band performing at NBIS. Session 2, 6.20-7.30pm.</td>
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Musica Viva

Next Monday Musica Viva’s Pastance will be visiting our school to present a performance for the children. The performance is a journey through the diverse styles and stirring melodies of Celtic and Anglo folk traditions. From well known songs like ‘The Skye Boat Song’ to rarely heard treasures, students will interact and hear the distinctive sounds of harp, recorder, fiddle, Baroque guitar, lute, bagpipes, darabukka and bodran. Through narrative based music, students will meet a Celtic prince, dance a fisherman’s jig, celebrate a wedding and march to bagpipes.

The performance is part of our school’s music program and builds on preparatory work done in the classroom.

Celtic Morning Tea

Celtic parents and community members, or those with a love of all things Celtic are invited to join us for a Celtic morning tea at 11:15am on the deck outside the school hall followed Pastance’s concert at 11:45am.

Mark Tickle

NSW PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

This is a reminder for those students who are still completing the Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) and for those who have not yet started, but who would like to ‘meet the challenge’ for 2015. It is not too late to start – you have until the 21st August, 2015 to complete it.

For those families not familiar with the PRC - it is open to all students from Kindergarten to Year 9. It has four categories: K-2 – children must ‘experience’ 30 books (read either by, to or with them – teachers included), Years 3-4, Years 5-6 and Years 7-9 (these three groups read 20 books each). Of the total books for each category, students can read up to 5 books not from the official booklists (free choice). Students can read books from booklists above their category, but not from lists below (except ‘choice’ books). All the details (booklists and rules, etc) are available on the website: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge/. You can also access the catalogue of PRC booklist books in the school library from home, through the Kidspace portal – School Library. You will be able to enter the books you have read into your Reading Record at the PRC website by logging on using your school user name (first name.last name) and password and select ‘student reading record’. (K-2 children not sure of their user name and password should ask their teachers.) Type in the PRC book ID code (get from booklists at website) or the title and author, then click ‘add’. If the book is a free choice book, click on the ‘add a choice book’ tab near the top and follow the instructions. You will be able to access the PRC website in the library during second half lunch, Monday to Thursday, if you are having problems at home.

The ‘challenge’ finishes on the 21st August, 2015. So, happy reading!

Stephanie Bracey, Sally Morgan and Rita Ericsson.

Mon 1st June  N Cronan,
Tues 2nd June  M Stillwell, D Lee, Moore
Wed 3rd June  N Scamps, V Brown, S Lewis
Thurs 4th June  N Sampson, N Holland
Fri 5th June  L Brown, K Searl, Phobe, J Pepper
You are Welcome
A special invitation is extended to Staff, Parents and Community Members

The Principals, Staff and Students of The Peninsula Community of Schools cordially invite you to join us

When
Saturday 6th June 2015 - 10am to 12 Noon

Where
Coastal Environment Centre
Pelican Path, Lake Park Road, North Narrabeen

Why
To view presentations created by our young local school leaders, designed to raise environmental awareness of marine debris and how we can protect the Green Sea Turtle.

Coastal Environment Centre

We look forward to welcoming you on Saturday 6th June
MUSIC CAMP 2015
94 children shared 12 tutors spread across four ensembles over two days. Massive musical progress was made with all coming together for a concert, joined by the Violin 2s for a 'Star Wars' finale. Thanks to all who made this such a success - children and adults alike.