RELIEVING PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents,

Reports will go home on Wednesday this week and as always, much time has gone into providing parents with a ‘point in time’ judgement (assessment of learning) of the student’s overall progress and achievement in relation to the relevant syllabus standards and using the five-point achievement scale. The comments have been written to identify both areas of student strength and those for further development (assessment for learning). Aligning reporting to parents with the new syllabus documents is on DEC’s agenda at the moment and the current policy, “Curriculum planning and programming, assessing and reporting to parents K-12,” is currently under review. In relation to syllabus documents, we are implementing the new English, Maths and Science curriculums and are still working to align our report proforma accordingly. Please see me with questions about the report proforma and your child’s class teacher, for specific questions relating to his/her report.

This Thursday will be the first of our Banner Assemblies to celebrate the achievements of students who have achieved the pinnacle of our award system, a Newport Banner. The new award system has been operating for 18 months and aims to recognise students who demonstrate our CARE code which forms the basis for teachers giving students a bronze/silver award. The students needed to receive 3 Bronze Awards = a Silver Award, 3 Silver Awards = a Gold Award and 3 Gold Awards to achieve a Newport Banner. Congratulations to Lily Dann, Alexander Baldi, Austin Gibbes, Bella Bracher, Sienna Sinfield, Mia Molloy, Maya Kinsman, Rikki Burlinson and Zoe Moore. We are very proud of you. Many thanks to Jill Matthews and Anthony Moran for the impressive banner design.

This week we will be participating in NAIDOC celebrations along with our PCS colleagues, to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The PCS theme is “One Community Many Stories” and on Wednesday an art exhibition showcasing work from students in Kindergarten to Year 12 will be held at Avalon Primary School from 5-7pm. Many art works from Newport students will be on display also and admission is through a gold coin donation. On Thursday, 10 of our Newport students will be joining their PCS peers in visiting Palmgrove Park for a nature walk with Aboriginal elders, engaging in indigenous games and story-telling, followed by dinner and over-night
camping at Avalon Primary School. Many thanks to Scott Cooper, Adam Hearne, Karen Hulme and Marianne Gutherson for organising and supporting the students and NAIDOC events.

Safety issues regarding our Kiss and Drop Zones have again dominated discussions around the school last week. I have included the tips for using the P2 zones in this Natter but would like to highlight the point about moving to the top of the P2 zone when possible. We are teaching the students to wait until their car has stopped (hopefully at the top of the queue) before saying goodbye to the teacher and walking to their car. Moving to the top of the queue improves the traffic flow around the kiss and drop and minimises the need for other cars to reverse into a spot.

Barrenjoey High School is hosting a presentation by Andrew Fuller, a well known clinical psychologist who works with many schools and communities in Australia and internationally and specialises in the wellbeing of young people and their families. The presentation is on 23 July at 6.30pm at bookings can be made through Berkelow Books Mona Vale. Andrew regularly writes articles for Generation Next an organisation working towards tackling the myriad of social, cultural and emotional challenges affecting young people in today’s increasingly complex world. It is well worth a look.

Congratulations and thank you...

Last week, our Year 2, 3/4 and 5/6 dance groups, “wowed” the audiences at Glen Street with their truly impressive performances. The choreography by Miss Jefferys, Mrs Nicol and Ms B was technically sophisticated and cleverly pieced together. The students’ and teachers’ hard work paid off as they danced beautifully, never missing a beat or step and maintaining their positions and demeanour throughout the performances, from the smiles of “That Special Word,” to the very suave, “To Dance or Not To Dance” and the very serious, “Of Gauntlets and Gallantry”. I must also pass on a huge thank you to Wendy McLean and her incredible and creative team of parents who travelled to the night (just in the nick of time). Your support, time and dedication must also pass on a huge thank you to Wendy McLean and her incredible and creative team of parents who travelled to the night (just in the nick of time). Your support, time and dedication...

On Tuesday our Year 6 team had their second debate of the season against Bilgola Plateau Public School.

The topic for the debate was “Violent video games should be banned.” Newport was the affirmative team and Mrs Windon reports that although Newport lost the debate, it was a very close competition with Nova Belic, Grace Green, Lucy Dawson and Jasmine Adams all doing a fantastic job of convincing the adjudicator that violent video games are not suitable for children. The girls will use the positive feedback from the adjudicator to help them prepare for their next debate on Thursday against Narrabeen North. Thank you to Mrs Windon for her work with the team and we wish them luck.

Congratulations to our 2 chess teams who participated in the Scots College competition on Friday. The Newport A team finished up equal 4th overall.

Many thanks to our Year 6 students and parents who baked up a storm last week to stock the fabulous cake stall that had all the students smiling and buzzing by noon Thursday. I must say that the advertising campaign including the beautiful signs pitched near the kiss and drop zones were very impressive and the array of treats was vast and very well received with almost everything selling out before lunch.

Many thanks to all families for supporting the cake stall and to those parents who also gave up their time to sell treats on the day.

We will all have another productive week this week with grade planning of teaching/learning programs for all staff in preparation for next term, Sydney North Dance Performances, Kimbriki Tip excursion for Year 4, NAIDOC week celebrations all before a well-earned rest over the weekend. I hope your winter holidays bring, rest, relaxation, unstructured time with family and friends or whatever it is that is on your wish list. Be safe and enjoy.

Regards,

Natalie Baldi
Relieving Principal
Congratulations to all the ensembles that played in the Northern Beaches Instrumental Festival over the past couple of weekends. Each ensemble played beautifully and did Newport Public School proud.

The next Music Committee Meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 22nd July (Week 3, Term 3). It will be held in the main staff room at 7.30pm as usual. Everyone welcome.

**Dates for Diary**

- **Tues 23rd June**  
  String Orchestra playing at infants assembly

- **Thurs 25th June**  
  String Orchestra playing at primary assembly

- **Tues 21st July**  
  Performance Band playing at NSW University Band Festival

- **Wed 22nd July**  
  Music Committee Meeting

- **Sun 14th Sept**  
  Performance Band and Stage Band playing at NSWWE Spring Festival
Young Writers Award
By Tom Silver KAR

This coming week 35 skiers and snowboarders from Newport Public School will head to Perisher for the annual Northern Regional Interschools. They will be joined by PCS friends Bilgola Plateau Public School who have accompanied Newport for several years now sharing accommodation, training and communications. Racers will compete in Ski Alpine, Skier Cross, Moguls, Snowboard GS and Snowboard Cross. After a term of dry land training it will be a great experience for the children to transfer their skills from the element of asphalt to snow. There are a heap of new schools from across the region competing this year so it should be a great week. Newport will kick off its season with its annual WINTER SOLSTICE SEASON LAUNCH tomorrow night at Pittwater RSL. The winter celebration begins at 6pm and promises to be a heap of fun. Dress is blue and white with prizes for best dressed.

Let it snow,
The Snow Sports Committee

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Term 2 to Term 3 – Last and First Open

The last open for Term 2 is Tuesday, June 23rd, 3-4pm. The Uniform shop will open again on Tuesday July 14th. (Online orders placed during the holidays will be delivered to your child on this day).

Second-hand Uniforms

Thanks to the generosity of parents, we currently have a great supply of hoodies available at great prices.

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. Orders placed during the holidays will be delivered on Tuesday July 14th.

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.

Young Composers Award
NEWPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL would like to say thank you to SkiJapan.com for their ongoing sponsorship and support of the Interschools Racing. 

Snow Committee

SOFTBALL MODBALL TEEBALL

Want to play a great team sport?

Want to learn some new skills?

Want to have fun with a summer sport?

Want to be in a team with your friends plus make new friends?

Newport School will again be forming school based teams to enter into the summer season of Manly Warringah Softball Association. Games are played on Saturday mornings at Abbott Rd Harbord. The competition starts early September.

If you played last season, you should have received your rego papers.

If you would like to start playing and would like more information you could –
- contact Jacqui Paton on 0408 767 418
- check the Pittwater Softball Club website
- see me at the registration afternoon here at school.

If you just want to play, have fun and learn new skills, softball is a great summer sport.

Newport School teams play with Pittwater Softball Club. There are notices near the school entrances.

Alternatively, you can download all papers from the website or register online.

Thank you,
Sue Brandenburg, (Ms B)
ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES AND GIVE BLOOD

Mobile Blood Service visiting:

Avalon Beach
Bowling Green Lane Car Park, Avalon Parade

Wednesday 15 July  9.00am – 2.00pm
Thursday 16 July   9.00am – 2.00pm
Friday 17 July     9.00am – 2.00pm

Drink up! Have 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate
Eat! Have a good sized breakfast or lunch
Please bring photo I.D. with you

TIPS ON USING P2 ZONES
8am - 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4pm on school days

- Park no longer than 2 minutes.
- Stay near the vicinity of your vehicle at all times.
- If no parking spaces are free, keep driving and DO NOT stop.
- Do not use bus zones or no stopping zones to wait for a parking space in the P2 zone.
- Park as close to the top of the P2 zone as possible.
- Watch out for pedestrians and other vehicles.
- Stop, Kiss and Leave.

Thank you for keeping the roads safe for your children!

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A special invitation is extended to,
NAIDOC Committee

Peninsula Community of Schools
One Community Many Stories - Art Exhibition
Avalon
Public School
24th June 2015

You are invited to attend the Peninsula Community of Schools Art Exhibition in celebration of the Guringai Festival, "One Community Many Stories"

Please come along and enjoy the "One Community Many Stories" Art Exhibition, showcasing student work from Kindergarten to Year 12 by the Peninsula Community of Schools. The collection of artworks reflect the Guringai Festival's theme, "Story of Place", the Reconciliation theme, "Thankyou" and the 2015 NAIDOC theme, "We all Stand On Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate."

Where: Avalon Public School
Old Barrenjoey Rd Avalon

When: Wednesday 24th June 2015

Time: 5:00pm – 7:00pm (Official Welcome at 5:30pm)

Admission: Gold coin donation
(Funds raised in support of Indigenous youth)

Enquiries: sharon.smithies@det.nsw.edu.au

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