Dear Parents,

The celebrating and “feel good” performances continued on Tuesday night as the families of our talented choralists and dancers tapped their feet and sang along from the audience, at Pittwater High School, for the PCS Music Festival. The members of the choir who were on stage throughout the whole performance, have been learning an album full of songs for the last 2 terms and on Tuesday night, they sang them with smiles and enthusiasm which lifted the whole performance space. Congratulations to Mrs Gutherson, Miss Mallin and Miss Body for leading and preparing the choir so well. We also had our 3/4 Dance Group entertain the audience with, “It’s a Hard Knock Life” where they cleverly combined dance moves, props and costumes to tell the story of a tough life in an orphanage of the past. Our Year 6 Dance group also thrilled the audience with their performance of “Revolting Matilda.” The students didn’t miss a beat and did a great job of playing along with the theme of being “revolting.” Congratulations to the students, Mrs Rohowicz, Mrs Hulme, Miss Pretty and Miss Jewell, for a fabulous performance and to our very supportive parents who have helped with costuming. Congratulations must also go to the PCS Music Festival organising committee of which Mrs Falconer is the treasurer and thank you to the many staff members who assisted on the night. It was a wonderful night of entertainment which came together through the combination of committed teachers, talented students and supportive parents.

Last Monday Night Mrs Windon accompanied 2 of our students, Nova Belic and Victoria Smyth-King to the Opera House to play at the Festival of Instrumental Music and reported that the concert was beautiful. Many thanks to Mrs Windon for accompanying the students throughout the day and the evening and we hope they enjoyed the experience of performing at such a prestigious venue.

Congratulations to Charlotte Watton and Toby Anstey, (Stage 2) and Jasmine Adams and Francesca Early (Stage 3) who won the Newport Spelling Bee competition. These students will now be representing Newport at the regional finals being held at Curl Curl North Primary School in September.

In recent weeks our Junior Rugby League knockout team received a wild card entry to the State Carnival held at Penrith. Miss Blazejewski reported that they successfully made it to the quarter finals after wins in their pool games. The team have gained great experience and skills. A big thank you to Miss Blazejewski and the parents for accompanying the team on the day.

This Tuesday night, we have our Senior Choir performing at the Arts Alive Primary Choral Festival at the Town Hall. It should be a spectacular evening and Mrs Gutherson and Miss Mallin who have been coaching the choir, have set the scene by saying the audience is in for a real treat. So we are very much looking forward to seeing our students on stage and hearing their beautiful singing.

Coming up this week we also have a combined PCS professional learning session on student assessment for staff, on Tuesday afternoon, duck eggs arriving for Year 2,
Lastly, I would appreciate your support on ensuring the students are wearing their correct school uniform. Looking at the students in the playground last week, it was difficult to see a sense of pride in their school and uniform with so many “add ons” and variations. If your child feels the cold, please encourage them to add layers underneath their school jumper.

Regards,
Natalie Baldi
Relieving Principal

Year 3 and 4 Spelling Bee Winners

On Monday, the Year 3 and 4 students filled the hall in anticipation of the Spelling Bee Final. While it wasn’t quite like a television show, the contestants were nervous (as were the teachers!) but eagerly awaiting the challenge of spelling new and unusual words. After several gripping rounds, our winners were Charlotte Watton from 3RB and Toby Anstey from 3LO. Congratulations to all of our finalists. The students demonstrated high levels of concentration and resilience to captivate the audience and it was pleasing to see that the audience members showed respect and admiration for their peers. Congratulations to Charlotte and Toby and our very best wishes go with you for the Regional Final at Curl Curl North Public School on September 11.

Nicola Elliott
Young Composers 4AG

UNSW Mathematics Competition

UNSW Mathematics Competition will be held tomorrow morning Tuesday 11th August (Week 5) at 8am.

Please meet at the entrance of the library and then we will proceed to the Year 3 classrooms upstairs.

Please bring a ‘B’ or ‘2B’ pencil and an eraser.

Regards, Jenny Falconer
Library Book Donation Sale

A big ‘Thank You’ to all the grandparents, parents, students and their friends who donated books to the library during our Open Day. It really encourages the children to borrow when they can see new and up-to-date books in the library collection. Most of the children who donated books will have already borrowed them. If you still have overdue books at home, bring them back to the library so you can borrow your donated book. A special ‘Thank You’ to our helpers on the day and also to our book coverers, who covered the hundreds of new books for the donation sale — a mammoth task!

NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge

Most of you have finished reading your books for the PRC. Fantastic! You have until 21st August to enter your books onto the website: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge/. We then have to validate your reading records on the website for you to be able to receive your certificate at the end of the year, and we cannot do this if all your books have not been entered. So, if you are having problems entering your books or reading the required number of books, come and speak to us in the library as soon as possible so that we have time to do something about it. We can help you find books to complete the PRC.

Happy reading,
Stephanie Bracey, Sally Morgan and Rita Ericsson.

Canteen

Mon 17 Aug: A Dalgleish, F Bianchinotti, L Burgess
Tues 18 Aug: C McCauley, R Wilson, A Robinson
Wed 19 Aug: M Holliday, Z Letts, E Eccles,
Thurs 20 Aug: K Paul, J Whitaker,
Fri 21 Aug: V Watkin, L Barlow, M Press, S Warren,

Choir News

Newport’s choirs are beautiful!
The Junior PCS Choir sang magnificently on Tuesday night and Brooklyn was amazing on Monday night. The children had lots of fun and we were very proud of everyone! Thank you to Miss Body for helping to train this choir.
The Senior Arts Alive Choir perform tomorrow night at the Sydney Town Hall. We have worked hard to learn our parts and are excited to be performing with a massed choir in this beautiful venue. Thank you to Miss Mallin and Mrs Rulli for training the beautiful sopranos.

Parents and carers please be aware that the tickets for this concert are now for sale, online, at the City Recital Hall Box Office.

Warm regards,
Miss Body, Miss Mallin, Mrs Rulli and Mrs Gutherson

Minutes of the meeting dated 4th August 2015

Meeting commenced at 10:40am. No apologies were received.

1. Ministers’ reports.
a – Ministers for Student Wellbeing reported that they still need to follow up with Mrs Elliott and investigate the establishment of a Year 5 and 6 Science Club.
b – Ministers for Sport and Leisure reported that they would explore questions and more information around tuition for students, in foreign languages. Leading options include French, German, or Italian.
c – Ministers for Charities and Fundraising reported on a multi day fundraiser on the theme of Superheroes, to be held on 10th September 2015. Students are asked to bring a gold coin to donate to Stewart House.
d – Ministers for Grounds and Environment reported that the posters made by a senior class with their buddies, will be put up around the bike racks soon to promote the correct use of bike racks in the school grounds.

2. Special Presentation.

Mrs Baldi explained a proposal by Sam from Year two, to move the school flags to a position adjacent to the words of the National Anthem so that students can both face the flags and read the Anthem during assembly. Sam saw Mr French about this and Mr French was able to move the flags. Congratulations Sam on a great example of student initiatives making great changes for the benefit of others.

3. Minister’s Topics

a. Sport and Leisure Ministers responded to a request that skating be a part of school sport but the ministers were concerned that skating and surfing are not appropriate for school sports due to safety issues.
b. Ministers for Student Wellbeing proposed that teachers wear hats as well as students during recess and lunchtime. This proposal was formally put, and carried unanimously. Hailey and Grace both spoke in favour of the motion, whilst Sam and Lucas spoke against.
c. Grounds and Environment Ministers submitted a motion for the establishment of litter scouts recruited from year six students. The motion was formally put, and was defeated. Jonah spoke for the motion, while Max and Edward spoke against.
d. Ministers for Charities and Fundraising proposed the creation of a common school currency. The motion was formally put, and was narrowly defeated. Sarah and Finbar both spoke in support of the motion, whilst Brody and Jasmin spoke against.

Meeting closed at 11:05am.
2015 YOUNG MUSICIANS SHOWCASE

The Young Musicians Showcase is held at Newport School every year to celebrate our dedicated and talented musicians. It is open to all children from K – 6 who are capable of playing an instrument or can sing. The children are divided into the following sections:

- K-2 Piano
- K-2 Instrumental
- Junior (3 & 4) Piano
- Junior Instrumental
- Senior (5 & 6) Piano
- Senior Instrumental
- Vocalist section for solo singers only
- Instrumental ensemble section

(Pianists need to be able to play with both hands together.)

Again this year we will audition our musicians for the showcase all on one day. The date for ALL children who wish to audition for the Young Musicians Showcase in 2015 is **Wednesday 19th August**.

If your child would like to audition could you please ensure they fill out the form below and hand it in to Mrs Parker or Mr Cox by **Friday 14th August**.

Please ensure your child has their instrument and music with them on this day. We will send for your child in their classroom when it is time for them to perform in the hall.

To avoid disappointment, if your child is a vocalist please ensure their choice of song is age appropriate with suitable lyrics. This should involve a parent reading through the lyrics of the song to make sure the message and words are suitable for a primary school performance. If you are unsure of suitability requirements please speak to either David or Julie prior to the audition date.

Should your child get in to the final, we anticipate the showcase for the Young Musicians Award this year will be held on **Wednesday 9th September**.

Kind regards,
Julie Parker & David Cox

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YOUNG MUSICIANS AWARD 2015
Auditions Wednesday 19th August

Child’s Name: ___________________________ Class _________

Instrument: ____________________________

Section entered: _________________________

Name of piece to be played: ________________

Special Requirements (CD player, keyboard etc): ____________________________


Dear Natalie,

I would like to help at the WORKING BEE on Saturday, 12th September 2015.

Parent's Name:

_________________________________________  

Child's Name & Class:

_________________________________________  

Specific Skill or Project (if applicable):

_________________________________________  

Please tear off and return slip to the office
Uniform Shop

Are you able to volunteer?
Would you be able to spare an hour every fortnight to help out at the uniform shop? We are looking for parent helpers to lend a hand on Tuesdays 3-4pm. Please contact Mari on 0438-773-006 to find out more about volunteering at the Uniform Shop.

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.

Dates for Diary
Wed 19th August Young Musician auditions
Wed 9th Sept Young Musician showcase
Thurs 10th Sept BBQ Fundraiser at school disco
Sun 14th Sept Performance Band and Stage Band playing at NSWWF Spring Festival
Thurs 15th Oct Music Committee Meeting
Sat 17th Oct School Fete
Tues 1st Dec Twilight Concert

Players needed for Pittwater Softball
Players Yrs 1/2 for Teeball
Players Yrs 3/4 for Modball
Please contact Jacqui Paton on 0408 767 418
Skater HQ is coming to NOOSHC !!!!!!!!

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

4.00pm – 5.00pm (approx)

Term 3 activity for ‘P’ group – children in Year 3 to Year 6.

Skater HQ will be coming with a van filled with skateboards, inline skates and scooters along with protective gear and helmets and some apparatus that the children can use such as jump ramps and boxes. Skater HQ provides a coach who is highly experienced and teaches skills, and the children, both boys and girls love it!

If your child is in Years 3 to 6 and attends NOOSHC on a Thursday and/or Friday afternoon they will have the opportunity to participate in this free activity (NOOSHC will be including this as part of their program for ‘P’ group). A Waiver / Consent form will need to be signed prior to your child taking part. Skater HQ also reserves the right to remove a person from the event if, in the opinion of Skater HQ or its representatives, the person is acting in a negligent and / or dangerous manner.

The activity will run from 4.00pm to 5.00pm (approx) – for all children to benefit from this activity the children (& staff) have requested that you do not arrive before 5.15pm so that you do not disrupt the Skater HQ activity (& coach). If you anticipate that you will be arriving prior to 5.15pm – please advise and we will keep your child involved in other activities.

As there are only 30 places available each afternoon for children to participate in this fantastic activity – we would appreciate you notifying us, with as much notice as possible, if your child is going to be absent so that the activity can be offered to another child who may like to attend.

CASUAL PLACES - There are limited places available – Skater HQ caters for 30 children. If your Year 3 – Year 6 child does not attend NOOSHC on a Thursday or Friday afternoon and they would like to participate in Skater HQ - ring NOOSHC to check if a casual place is available and once a waiver/consent form has been completed they may attend NOOSHC for the afternoon and join in the Skater HQ activity. First in, first served!!!!

Your child needs to be enrolled at NOOSHC to participate in this activity. Casual enrolments are available.

Enrolment enquiries welcome – drop in for an enrolment package.

NOOSHC Phone: 9979 9874 Centre Manager: Jo Newton