Dear Parents,

Last Tuesday our beautiful Senior Choir, led by Mrs Gutherson, Miss Mallin and Mrs Rulli, performed as part of the Arts Alive Primary Choral Concert. The students and teachers spent a long but rewarding day in the city before they performed in the concert that night, at the Town Hall. The students commented on what a fun time they had and how much they enjoyed the music, the National Anthem being one of their favourites! Many thanks to our parents for your support and to Mrs Gutherson and Miss Mallin who sang alongside the students.

With so much talent across our school in so many areas, we are very happy to have secured a date this term, to hold our Showcase Concert at Pittwater High School. The date is Wednesday 9th September (Week 9) and during the evening we will be able to enjoy and celebrate the various performing arts groups across the school, as well as being entertained by our wonderful musicians who are part of the Band program. Individual teachers will be in contact with you if your child is a part of a performance group and over the next couple of weeks, our “Showcase Crew” will be putting the evening of entertainment together.

Congratulations to Claudia Fitzgerald, Billie Pretty, Oliver Fuller and Killian Mulcahy, whose artwork will be exhibited at Sydney Olympic Park from 5 September to 25 October as a part of Operation Art. Well done to our budding artists and many thanks to Mrs Green for organising this initiative.

Matilda and Emma recently had the opportunity to attend the State Dance Workshops at the Sydney Dance Company. The girls reported that they had a fantastic time and if their state of exhaustion at the end of each day was anything to go by, they worked hard and learnt a lot too. Thank you to Mrs Nicol for organising this experience.

Congratulations to all of our sports knockout teams who, although having experienced a mix of wins and losses over the past two weeks, have played in the spirit of the game and with great sportsmanship. It is a wonderful learning opportunity to be a part of a team and experience the highs and lows of competition and we are very proud of all of our students and appreciative of the staff who coach and guide these teams. Unfortunately our netball team and boys cricket team have played their final games this season. Our touch football, girls softball, rugby union and girls softball team will progress to the next round and we wish them all the best. Many thanks too, to their dedicated coaches (a.k.a teachers) who lead train and support the teams.

This week I have included the recommended advice from the school Safety and Security Directorate which the teachers revise with students on a regular basis during class time. Teaching children about safe practices is also a significant part of
the K-6 Child Protection Program.

Safe People Safe Places - Advice to share with the school community from School Safety and Security Directorate

- Make sure your parents or another adult you know is aware of where you are at all times.
- Always walk straight home or to the required destination.
- Walk near busier roads and streets, or use paths where there are a lot of other people.
- Know where safe places are – a shop, service station, police station, library or school.
- If you are frightened, you should go to one of these places and ask them to call the police.
- Learn about safe adults you can look for and talk to if you need help – police officers, teachers at school, adults you know and trust.
- Don’t talk to people you don’t know and never get into a car with someone you don’t know.
- If a car stops on the side of the road and you don’t know the person inside, do not stop.
- If you are scared and can use a phone, call Triple Zero (000) and tell them you are scared.
- If someone tries to grab you, yell out, ‘Go away, I don’t know you!’ This lets other people know you have been approached by someone you don’t know.

Coming up this week we have the boys softball knockout, Young Musicians auditions and a school tour for prospective families on Thursday at 10am.

Regards,

Natalie Baldi
Relieving Principal

Newport PS is always kept very busy with its many sporting opportunities between the weekly PSSA and school sport as well as the eight different knockout competitions we enter each year. Over the last few weeks we have been involved in many games. In the Netball KO team, the girls played well against a strong team from Harbord but unfortunately went down 24 - 19. The Touch Football KO girls played Mona Vale and were down 1 nil at half time. A great comeback in the second half saw the girls win 3-1. In the Girls Softball KO we played Beacon Hill and came away strong winners 21 - 3. The Boys Cricket KO team came up against a strong team from Gladesville. The boys batted well and scored 94 runs. Unfortunately the Gladesville boys were too strong with the bat in hand and reached the 94 runs with a few overs to spare. In the Rugby Union KO the boys travelled to Morisset to play The Junction PS from Newcastle. It was a tough game and the boys eventually came away winners 12 - nil. On Monday the Boys Softball KO team will play Thornleigh West, we wish them the best of luck. Well done to all the boys and girls who are a part of these many teams. They should be congratulated on their hard work and dedication to training as well as the sportsmanship and skill that they display on the field.

Greg Moran
**Year 5 and 6 Spelling Bee Winners**

On Thursday August 6, Years 5 and 6 carried out their Premier’s Spelling Bee Final. The following students took part in an exciting contest: Nova Belic and Hailey Carter (6LW); Lachlan Cruikshank and Jasmine Adams (6AH); Francesca Early and Edward Stokes (6IM); Asha Rawstorne and Noah Bloom standing in for Ben Jones (5/6AW); Kiara Dolphin and Megan Hazelwood (5MR); Elani Crichton and Zoe Bracey (5SM); Jett Pickering and Daniel Rogers (5JL). Congratulations to all of our finalists. The winners are: Francesca Early and Jasmine Adams. Well done to Francesca and Jasmine and we wish you all the very best for the Regional Final at Curl Curl North Public School on September 11.

Nicola Elliott

**Year 1 Travel Bugs Incursion**

Last Monday, Year 1 students attended a Travel Bugs Incursion in the Hall. Year 1 is currently studying the Science unit “Schoolyard Safari” and the aim of the excursion was to increase students’ knowledge of mini beasts, their habitats and life cycles.

First up, the whole grade attended an information session about invertebrates and then each class took turns to visit the Hall to have a more in-depth look at the various mini beasts. The children were very engaged in both sessions, asked relevant questions and learnt many new facts about mini beasts.

**MUSIC NEWS**

Good luck to all our students entering the Young Musicians Audition this Wednesday. We have very talented musicians throughout all our ensembles and hope they show the judges their extensive talent.

Last chance to get tickets to see James Morrison and his band who are playing at Pittwater High on Saturday 22nd August. This is highly recommended for all musicians, especially Stage Band and trumpet players. Go to trybooking.com/icrq for tickets.

**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 NSWWE Spring Festival
- **Thurs 15th Oct** Music Committee Meeting
- **Sat 17th Oct** School Fete
- **Tues 1st Dec** Twilight Concert

**Canteen Roster**

- **Mon 24th:** M Smith,
- **Tues 25th:** T Oetojo, K Richardson,
- **Wed 26th:** D Partos, E Links, A Hunt, T Langton
- **Thurs 27th:** M Bensley, R Carter, K Ockwell
- **Fri 18th:** K Meek, A Upton, T Berkeley,
- **M Langley, J Nagle**

**Young Composers Award 3RB**

**Sydney**

*By Covey Brown and Austin Hulley 3RB*

Sydney is the capital of NSW. Sydney is three interlocking harbours mixed together including Port Jackson, Middle Harbour and Sydney Harbour. Sydney is one of the most popular tourist attractions in the Southern Hemisphere. It has 2.7 million national visitors each year. It started off in 1788 as a prison for convicts. Sydney’s most famous landmarks include the Sydney Harbour Bridge, the Opera House and Centre Point Tower.

The Harbour Bridge is the largest arch bridge in the world standing at 141 metres high and 1149 metres in length. The Opera House is the most visited attraction in Australia and in the Southern Hemisphere. It has a unique shape which resembles the sails of a ship. Centre Point Tower, or AMP tower, is the largest in NSW standing at 304 metres high.

Bondi Beach is one of the most famous beaches in Australia because of its great waves, soft sand and crystal clear water. It is a surfer’s paradise. Another famous beach is Manly Beach, only a 30 minute ferry ride from Circular Quay.

Some of Sydney’s famous stadiums include the SCG, ANZ Stadium and Allianz Stadium. These three stadiums have different sports including cricket, NRL, AFL, Union and soccer played within them.

Things to do in Sydney include climbing the Harbour Bridge, watching a performance at the Opera House and taking a helicopter or seaplane to discover the beautiful views of Sydney. Another fantastic way to see the views is to go up Centre Point Tower located above Sydney’s Centre Point Shopping Centre. Another great way to have fun is to go the World Heritage listed Luna Park. It has great rides and fantastic shows. You can also have fun hanging out with the animals at Taronga Zoo. It is one of the most famous zoos in the world not just because of the animals but because of the amazing views of Sydney. A great way to see both animals and views is to go on the on the Sky Safari.

A great way to see Aboriginal artworks and culture in one is to go to the Yiribana Gallery in the NSW Art Gallery or the Museum of Contemporary Art. It has a dedicated curator for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and there are many more ways to honour the true owners of the land.

I hope you have learnt a thing or two about Sydney!

**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

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.

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.

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.
Last Friday the Newport A team (Aaron Hughes - captain, Thiago Ortiz, Blake Donnelly-Schultz, Matthew Francis and Hugo Bundock) played the semi-final of the Sydney Academy of Chess' Interschools One Day Tournament at Willoughby Public School. The boys played exceptionally well coming in equal 3rd place on 18 points out of a possible 28 points. Unfortunately with a count back Newport very narrowly missed out on gaining selection for the finals with just 3 schools being selected. Thiago Ortiz placed 3rd overall individually and was presented with a trophy resembling a medieval castle. Congratulations to such a clever bunch of lads.

This Thursday the girls will head to Strathfield for the Sydney Academy of Chess' All Girls One Day Tournament. This year Newport will sport a Senior and Junior Girls' team. Players are reminded to meet at Mr Tickle’s room at 7:30am sharp.

Mark Tickle

Skiers and Snowboarders will be in for a treat for the upcoming State Interschools. The mountains are in great shape thanks to consistent top up snow falls. This week will be the last training session before the team heads south to Perisher again. Newport Snow Sports bells are still available if anyone would like to purchase one. They make great gifts and have a lovely race tone ring

Let it snow,
The Snow Sports Committee

BOOK WEEK

Next week (22nd – 28th August) is Book Week – “Books Light Up Our World”. While we consider every week to be Book Week, perhaps you could set aside some extra time to read and enjoy books with your family during Book Week.

Come and visit us in the library, where we have the Shortlisted books from the Children’s Book Council of Australia awards on display. You can also read the students’ thoughts on how books light up their world and some of their favourite books.

More information about Book Week and the Children’s Book Council of Australia can be found on their website: www.cbca.org.au/.

NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge

You have until Friday this week (21st August) to enter all your books onto the website. Please come and see us in the library if you are having problems or need a few more books to complete the challenge.

Stephanie Bracey, Sally Morgan and Rita Ericsson.

Young Writers Award KJP

By Jacob Turner KJP

Please tear off and return slip to the office

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Dear Natalie,

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

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Parent’s Name:

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Child’s Name & Class:

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Specific Skill or Project (if applicable):

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SILENT AUCTION UPDATE

The responses so far for 2EH’s Silent Auction of the coffee table they made have been fantastic.

After Open Day the current highest bid is $250.

Bidding will continue until the conclusion of the Newport Fete in October.

The winner will be announced in the Natter the following week.

Please see Mrs Hulme if you wish to place a bid at any stage before the fete.

HAPPY BIDDING EVERYONE!!!!

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PITTWATER BIKE PLAN

HAVE YOUR SAY

Help us to develop a bike plan for our community

pittwater.nsw.gov.au/yoursay

WIN A $100 BIKE SHOP VOUCHER

Take the survey by 30 Sep 2015:

#pittwaterlovescycling

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SMARTy Pants

...a fun and fabulous dramatic arts group for children!

On a Monday and Thursday your child can come straight to an
educational, exciting and energetic Drama class straight after
school!

Email to confirm your place for Term 4, 2015 to join the fun
for the Christmas Showcase!

What? Year 1 to 6 boys and girls

When? Monday 9am to 10am & Thursday 9am to 9:30am,
from 3:20pm to 4:45pm

What? Super-fun Drama Classes

Where: Newport Public School in the Library

Fee: $150 per term, payable prior to the beginning of term

Contact: Victoria E. Loebner BA (Hons) Dip. Ed.
Drama & English
Teacher, Tutor and Education Consultant

Telephone: 0405 346 345
Website: www.smartypantseducation.com.au

SMARTy Pants members will put on a small ‘end of class’
performance, once or twice a year, to allow parents to see the
children’s newly developed skills in action.

Look out for the details Christmas Showcase happening in last
dol weeks of Term 4.

Learn through play the SMARTy pants way!

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BUSKERS WANTED

SEEKING MUSICIANS / SINGERS TO ENTERTAIN AT MONA VALE MARKET DAY

SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER, 10AM TO 4PM

- Can you play for a one or two hour timeslot?
- Can you provide your own equipment (no power)
- Do you want to earn some cash?

INTERESTED? REGISTER NOW!

ONLINE Complete an application at

PHONE Call Nikki Griffith - 9970 1165

WWW.PITTWATER.NSW.GOV.AU
Annual Fathers’ Day Stall 3rd September!

After the fabulous success we had with our Mother’s Day stall held earlier in the year, our students will again have an opportunity to purchase some great gifts for dad this father’s day!

Our stall will be held at school on Thursday 3rd September. NO gift donations will be required this year.

Each gift will again cost $5, with a gift tag and bag included in that cost. On stall day please send the money to school in an envelope labelled with your child’s name and class. If possible please send the exact amount of money with your child, it would be a big help to the parents helping on the stall. Children will visit the stall with their class and will have an amazing selection to choose from.

If you have any questions regarding the Father’s Day Stall Fundraiser or to offer a helping hand on stall day please email Sarah Hudson (erhudson@tpg.com.au) or Shani Law (shanilaw@hotmail.com)

Thank you for your continued support!
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