Dear Parents,

Kindness’s original meaning of kinship or sameness has stretched over time to include sympathy, altruism, generosity, benevolence, humanity, compassion and empathy. Stories and experiences that help students to see these values in action are beneficial and again this year, our Year 1 and 2 students will be involved in preparing Christmas boxes to be sent overseas. Currently, we are also collecting the Earn and Learn stickers for Tempe Public School a small school in southern Sydney. Thank you to Mrs Logan, Mrs Falconer and Mrs Green for facilitating these opportunities and to our parents and students for your support.

Congratulations to our Junior and Senior Girls’ Chess Teams who competed in the Interschool Girls’ Teams Challenge at Strathfield last week. The Junior team with Charlotte Watton, Keisha Tickle and Olivia Bourke were placed 7th overall and the Senior Team with Nina Lindley, April Wiles and Lucy Dawson were placed 4th on the day. Congratulations to all the girls on their performance and conduct. Chess is a great game to develop thinking skills and Mr Tickle is always looking for more girls to learn the ropes of competitive chess.

Last week 6 students attended an extension art camp for two days at Brookvale. Matilda, Mitchell, Tamara, Maya, Sophia and Peri all reported having had a fantastic time and as you can see, produced some fantastic pieces of art.

The band photos that were taken on our photo day are now available to be ordered. The photos are on display on our noticeboard. Order forms are available from the School Office.

Congratulations to the Boys Softball team who played Thornleigh West in the State Knockout competition last week. Mr Moran reports that it was a tight game and went right down to wire in the last innings with the team showing determination and grit to come away with a 7-6 win. They are now the Sydney North champions and we await the North Coast results to determine the next team and location which will likely involve a road trip. Congratulations to the team and coach Mr Moran.

Last week, more than a couple of drivers were spotted by staff on duty at the Kiss and Drop zone on Beaconsfield Street, doing u-turns and then proceeding down Crescent Road. For the benefit of our students and the Newport community, please think about safety before convenience particularly during the busiest times of the day around morning drop off and afternoon pick up.
Next Tuesday, 53 students will be heading to Narrabeen Academy of Sport to participate in the Pittwater Zone Athletics Carnival. Many of the students that are competing in the track events have been turning up at Newport Oval each Tuesday at 8.15 over the past few weeks for sprint training with Matt Bourke and Lisa Brown. The students have enjoyed these sessions and have all shown improvement. Many thanks to Matt and Lisa for giving up their own time to help coach the students - it is truly appreciated and best of luck the students who we know, will represent Newport with great sportsmanship and pride.

We also will be wishing our rugby union team all the best this week as they compete in the finals day of the State Knockout competition on Wednesday. The team has learnt a lot over the past few weeks, thanks to their coaches Peter Aroney, John Walsh, Adam Hearne and Jamie Blazejewski and have played with grit and determination. We know you will do your best on Wednesday. You can read more about the rugby in the sports section of the Natter.

This week is a great week of celebrating the joy of quality literature as Book Week is being celebrated across the country under the banner of “Books Light Up Our World.” Mrs Bracey and Mrs Morgan have been sharing some of the short listed books with the students during their library lessons and passing on the benefits and joy of reading.

Thank you for supporting the uniform policy as the students are certainly looking smarter as we near the end of winter. Coming up this week and in those to follow, we have Year 4 camp, our snowsports team competing in the State Interschools Championships our Showcase Concert and our Working Bee. We also have PSSA trials for the spring season. Please look for the organisation and policy information around this, in the sport section of the Natter.

Regards,
Natalie Baldi
Relieving Principal

WRAP WITH LOVE - THANK YOU!!!

I recently put out a call for help for Wrap with Love – we are looking for squares and wool to craft the blankets that are sent all around the world. In true Newport style, I have received loads of squares, wool, and strips of blankets and am deeply thankful for your generous and kind donations. The work carries on though, so please continue to send in your donations of wool or acrylic yarn (8 ply) or 10 cm x 10 cm knitted squares. These donations may be left in the front office where I will collect them. Instructions on how to knit the squares may be found at: www.artsandcraftsnsw.com.au/ Wrap.htm or simply by typing “Wrap with Love” into your search engine.

Thank you for any assistance or donations you may be able to give.

Nicola Elliott
Bryan Palmer Shield

Congratulations to our senior rugby union team for winning their fourth round Bryan Palmer shield match against The Junction Primary School from Newcastle, 12 to nil last Thursday.

Playing at Morisset, the team showed improvement on their first 3 games. Their work in controlling the ball in the ruck was excellent. The Junction was a big, strong team and to outplay them with controlled rugby skills is something the whole team can be proud of.

Our next game will be against Orange PS in the semi-final at T G Millner Oval on Wednesday 26th August. If successful, we will play either East Maitland PS or James Erskin PS in the final.

Mr Aroney, Mr Walsh and Miss Blazejewski continue to provide their invaluable coaching and support which we sincerely appreciate.

Sydney North Representatives

We would like to wish Luke Morley, Jonah Watkin and Henry Thomas the best of luck this week as they play for Sydney North in the state wide completion at Rat Park. We’re sure the boys will represent us extremely well at this high level.

Regards
Adam Hearne

Over the next two weeks we will be conducting trials for the Spring PSSA competitions. The trials will be held each Friday from the 2nd lunch bell in week 7 and 8. All gear will be provided and all students are more than welcome to trial. Year 4 will be away at camp during the first trial in week 7. To accommodate this we will hold an extra trial just for year 4 students Friday morning from 8am at Newport oval in week 8 (Friday 4th September).

The Spring PSSA competition will commence in Week 9 (11/9/15) and continue through until week 7 (20/11/15) in term 4.

The sports offered for the Spring Competition are:

- Senior Boys Cricket
- Senior Girls Softball
- Junior Boys Softball
- Junior Girls Eagle Tag

Regards,
Greg Moran

This week, students from Newport School are competing in the NSW and ACT State Interschools Snowsports competition being held at Perisher. Students from Newport are entered in a range of ski and snowboard events taking place throughout the week. We wish them well and we know they will be fantastic representatives for our school.

We are cheering for you Newport!

Young Writers Award KMG

By Alannah Paul KMG

If you miss cut off for flexi schools or have forgotten to do a lunch order please be patient when calling the canteen, if we are not answering the phone we are making the ordered lunches and getting morning tea ready for the students. Thank you

Mon 31st Aug: N Cronan,
Tues 1st Sept: M Stillwell, D Lee, p Moore
Wed 2nd Sept: N Scamps, V Brown, S Lewis
Thurs 3rd Sept: N Sampson, N Holland
Fri 4th Sept: L Brown, K Searl, Phoebe, J Pepper

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS from the CANTEEN

Great news from Tammy on the environmental front! She has decided to do away with the juice served in plastic bottles and is now purchasing juices from Harvey Fresh. These juices are served in recyclable containers. The Environmental Management Team are really pleased that Tammy is as keen as we are to make Newport School a greener place!
**Young Composers Award 5/6AW**

**Limerick**

The icicles are glowing  
The snowflakes are showing  
One icy touch  
Can be too much  
Outside it is snowing

**Cinqaine**

Seals  
Are enjoying  
The cold Antarctic seas  
Splashing, swimming, playing  
All day

**Haiku**

The snowflakes are falling  
In the darkest time of night  
Still frozen in time

*By Mia McDonald, 5/6AW*

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**NSWWE Spring festival** is taking place on 12th - 13th September in Chatswood. Performance Band will be playing in the 1pm concert on Sunday 13th September. Tickets are required to attend this event, please see attached flyer. Stage Band will be playing at 4pm in the Concourse Forecourt (free).

All ensembles are playing at the Newport School Showcase on Wednesday 9th September, further information will be sent out by email.

**Dates for Diary**

- **Wed 9th Sept**  
  Newport School Showcase, 7pm at Pittwater High School.
- **Thurs 10th Sept**  
  BBQ Fundraiser at school disco
- **Sun 13th 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
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!
Selection of Sport Teams Policy, Sport Code of Conduct and Example Permission Note

Rationale:
At Newport Public School sport is an integral part of our school curriculum. Sport is provided on a class, stage and whole school basis. School representative teams play in the Zone PSSA competition. Individual students may represent the school at Zone, Area and/or State in various sports.

PSSA Teams

Junior Teams will be selected from students who are at least in Year 3 and who turn eight, nine or ten years of age within the calendar year.

Senior Teams will be selected from students who turn 11, 12 or 13 in the calendar year.

Selection Criteria

If more students indicate an interest in a team than there are positions, trials will be held.

- Selections will be held over two sessions (minimum);
- Two reserves selected (minimum);
- For senior teams, students in Year 5 and 6 will compete in trials as equals with no preference given to students in Year 6;
- Children do not have to participate in this sport out of school to be eligible to try out for the team;
- The selections will be made according to performance during selection sessions;
- Children who are absent due to illness or holidays on all selection days may be given a chance to trial at the discretion of the principal;
- If a child is absent for one of the selection days, due to other school commitments e.g. Zone sports or Selective High School Tests, then another selection session will be held to determine if his or her sporting capabilities meet the selection criteria;
- All teams will be selected by two teachers/selectors; All children to be selected will have equal time on the field/court during the selection;
- Parents are requested not to discuss the selection process with selectors;
- Parents may discuss the logistics of the trials; the dates, times and venue; and
- Once selections have been made, decisions are final and must be respected.
- When selecting students during trials, consideration will be given to those who display:
  - Ability and strong skill level;
  - Sportsmanship;
  - Knowledge of the game;
  - Coachable qualities;
  - Cooperation and attitude; and
  - Commitment to training sessions.

   **Representative Tryouts**

- Students will be made aware of the trial dates; and
- Due to the limited number of students who are able to participate from each school only those students who demonstrate exceptional skills relative to the sport will be considered.
- The selection process will be based on either:
  - Tryouts if there are more than the desired number of representatives;
  - Consistent performance in PSSA sporting teams and/or
  - Proof and evidence of sporting achievements.
- It is not mandatory for the school to select students for representative trials if the required skill level is not matched.

Gala Days

The selected PSSA teams for the current year will participate in gala days.
**Player Code of Conduct and Dress Code**

When chosen to represent the school at PSSA, Zone, Area, State, at Gala Days or any other external sporting event, students are expected to behave in an exemplary manner both on and off the sports field. This includes wearing full school sport’s uniform.

When representing the school students may be expected to wear representative uniforms.

Full school sports uniform includes wearing a school hat and necessary safety equipment for specific sports (e.g. helmet, shin pads, mouth guard etc.) Studs are only to be worn while playing sport. They must be removed upon return to school. The same applies to shin pads and other safety gear.

Students are to sign a Player Code of Conduct prior to attending PSSA sport, Gala Days (competitive and non-competitive) and any other external sporting event. It is expected that students uphold the Player Code of Conduct at all times, which they must agree to and sign. Failure to do so will result in behaviour management procedures being put in place, as stated in the school’s Student Welfare Policy.

Players, parents, spectators, teachers and coaches must all abide by the Pittwater Zone PSSA Constitution, Code of Conduct Policy.


As representatives of Newport Public School, students are expected to uphold the highest levels of sportsmanship and behaviour both at sport and at school. Failing to do so may see students permanently or temporally excluded from representing Newport Public School in sport.

**Sport Code of Conduct**

“It isn’t whether you win or lose, but how you play the game.

(Grantland Rice)

1. Show honour and pride in our school.
2. Show good sportsmanship to team mates and opposition.
3. Respect decisions given by referees and umpires.
4. Play to the best of his/her ability as an individual and a team member.
5. Accept and learn from successes and losses.
6. Maintain the fine attitude and efforts of past pupils.
7. Be attired in the correct uniform and equipment for each sport.
8. Attend training sessions promptly and be prepared to discuss practice, learn rules and tactics.

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**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

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.
Newport Year 6

CAKE STALL

WEDNESDAY
16TH SEPTEMBER

Tasty Cakes Multi-Coloured Jellies In Demand Toffees
Assortment of Slices Gluten Free Options

Reminder to Year 6 Students/Parents:
Please drop cakes off to school hall, NOT canteen.
Please use disposable trays or mark names clearly.
 Helpers are welcomed from 10am.