Dear Parents,

Another wonderful week of learning, performances and opportunities to become involved for a purpose. Last week, 7 of our students, along with their families, travelled to Mr Buller for the National Snowsports Interschools competition. The Cross Country girls put on a valiant performance finishing 6th in cross country relay and 5th in cross country freestyle and the Newport Junior Girls came 5th overall in the snowboard GS. Congratulations to Allen Kirby who came 5th in Australia individually, in the snowboarder cross and congratulations to the team for your dedication and performance and many thanks to Mark Tickle for accompanying and supporting the team as well as our many parents acting as marshalls on the course and supporting the program. Of the 31 co-ed schools from Australia competing, Newport Public School finished equal 9th overall on points in the co-ed school division.

Newport has had lots of other sporting news over the past 2 weeks also with some exceptional performances at the Sydney North Athletics Carnival at Homebush, students playing representative sport at the higher levels of the PSSA competition and the start of the spring competition. The highlights can be found in the sporting section of the Natter.

Wednesday was a day and a night of performing arts entertainment as our young musicians entertained us with a range of talent from DJ Hailey Carter to songbird Polly Phelps and so many beautifully polished performances in between. Congratulations to all of our talented musicians, our Band Captain compères Tom, Chloe, Lucinda and Jasmine and thank you to Julie Parker and David Cox for co-ordinating the show.

The entertainment and talent continued into the evening with a spectacular Showcase Concert including all of our current performing arts groups; choir, drama, dance and our music program. Congratulations to all of the performers who truly did shine on stage and to your teachers for their time and expertise in teaching your group. Congratulations and thank you to Anita Rosser, Sandra Nicol and the organising committee for pulling it all together, to Nina and Lachie for leading us so smoothly through the program, to Evan Jefferys and the students for sound, lighting and back stage organisation and to our supportive audience who made it such a fun evening.

Superhero Day was a successful fundraiser for Stuart House and many thanks for
supporting the students to come dressed up with their gold coin donation.

On Saturday a great number of families turned up to assist at our annual working bee. The focus for the day was gardening and as you can see from some of the before and after photos, much was achieved. The garden beds have been tidied up and mulched, the area at the bottom of the eastern astro turf planted out and much needed weeding was accomplished.

Many thanks to Carla and Phil Pettitt who directed operations on the gardening, to Mr Moran for organising mulch and firing up the BBQ, Tammy for morning tea and to the following families, and staff, for giving up your time on Saturday – it was very much appreciated. Families Moxham, Pettitt, Pierce, Sampson, Baker, Stritt, Moore, Sergeant, Newton, Letts, Daddo, Wright, Benton, Bransby, Davey, Watton, Reeman, Lisle, Hanks, Gowen, Glaesel, Stevens, McCoy, Stelzer-Hill, Lye, Wandl, Crawford, Peterson, Baldi, and Mr Hearne, Mrs Windon and Mr Michael. Our challenge now, is to keep the new plants watered and the mulch in the garden beds.

Before                                                        After

Friday was International Day for our Kindergarten team as part of an English Unit of work called Yoko by Rosemary Wells. The unit was about acceptance and friendship and your time in assisting with dress ups and international food was very much appreciated.

Coming up this week we have our Banner Assemblies on Tuesday and Thursday, staff will be involved in Grade Planning for Term 4, our Year 2 and Senior dance groups will be performing at the State Dance Festival at the Seymour Centre, Kindergarten are going off for their Teddy Bears Picnic, we have a knock out cricket game and students have been asked to bring in a bar or block of chocolate for the fete (before Thursday)

Many thanks as always, for your support with our school initiatives and after such a productive and exciting term, we hope you have a lovely holiday break with your family and friends. The students return to school on Tuesday 6th October in their summer uniform as we look forward to another fabulous term 4.

 Regards,

Natalie Baldi
Relieving Principal
Newport has been busy as usual in the last few weeks with its sporting commitments. In the Senior Girls' Softball Knock Out the girls put in a valiant effort against a strong Harbord PS team. The scores were locked until the end, when Harbord came away winners 6-5.

Last Monday, 9 Newport students competed in the Sydney North Athletics Carnival at Homebush. To make it to a regional Athletics Carnival shows a huge amount of talent and all of the students should be congratulated. Some exceptional performances on the day included; Senior Girls’ Relay: 1st Place (Emma Lowry, Esme Sergi, Edie Burke, Olivia Alvarez). Tom Tullett: 1st Place, Junior Boys 800m. The Senior Girls Relay Team and Tom will be progressing to the State Carnival on the 14th and 15th of October. Anaia Cruickshank: 4th place, Junior Girls’ Shotput. Hamish Douglas: 6th place, Junior Boys’ 800m. Anaia and Hamish were both unlucky not to make a top 3 finish which would have seen them progress to the State Carnival. Dylan Fawle, Leah Harder and Lucinda Bensley also participated and were competitive, however unfortunately will not progress to the state level. Lucinda also needs to be recognised for the part she played in getting the Senior Girls Relay Team through the Pittwater Zone. Well done, you should all be proud of your effort and achievements.

In other sporting news Charli Yeats was in Perth at the State Netball Carnival. Charli was representing NSW which is a huge honour and amazing achievement. NSW finished fourth. Well done Charli. Luke Morley has been selected in The Sydney North Cricket team. This is his fourth Sydney North Team this year, along with Rugby League, Rugby Union and Softball. Well done Luke. Edie Burke, Esme Sergi, Louisa Mitchell, Emma Lowry, Olivia Alvarez and Charli Yeats have all made the next round of selections for the Sydney Norths Girls’ Cricket Team. Well done girls.

Our Spring PSSA competition commenced on Friday with some good wins in the Junior Boys' Softball and Senior Girls’ Softball. Eagle Tag and Cricket were unlucky not to come away with a win. It’s still early in the season and plenty to work on. Well done Newport

Greg Moran

It was a busy Term 3 for the Music Program and we thank all our musicians for their dedication and commitment. Well done everyone! Anna Fletcher has put some photos together later in this Natter

Band photos that were taken on photo day are now available to be ordered. The photos are displayed on our noticeboard. Order forms are available from the school office. We are looking forward to performing at the school fete on Saturday 17th October. All ensembles will have their time slot, further information will be sent shortly.

The next Music Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 15th October (Week 2, Term 4). It will be an important meeting to discuss Term 4 including the Twilight Concert, Band Information Evenings, registrations and costings for 2016, date for AGM etc. Everyone welcome.

**Dates for Diary**
- Thurs 15th Oct  Music Committee Meeting
- Sat 17th Oct  School Fete
- Tues 1st Dec  Twilight Concert

**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

Term 3 to Term 4 – Last and First Open
The last open for Term 3 is Tuesday, September 15th, 3-4pm.
The Uniform shop will open again on Tuesday October 6th at 3pm. (Online orders placed during the holidays will be delivered to your child on this day).

**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 October 6th.

**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 Writers Award 5JL**
Last week Newport’s state representative skiers and snowboarders made the 800 km journey to Mt Buller, Victoria for the Australian Interschools Championships. Victoria did a wonderful job of hosting the National Interschools with a super exciting opening ceremony complete with fireworks and bell ringing. While the National Titles are held in the spring and sometimes lack the pristine snow conditions of mid winter, a cold front delivered a very nice top up the day before the event began turning the resort into a winter wonderland.

Day one began with the Cross Country events. Newport’s Division 5 Junior Girls (Ruby Cumming, Keisha Tickle and Rose Hocking) skied their hardest and managed to keep their NSW opponents behind them however it was an all Victorian affair with the host state’s teams taking out the top four places in the Cross Country Classic with Newport 5th overall. In the Cross Country Relay Ruby proved she is one of the fastest uphill skiers in the country by pushing the team into 3rd for a brief moment but again it was the Victorian teams who took the top five places with Newport coming in a credible 6th.

The following day the junior snowboarders (Jade Carr, Ella Pettitt and Keisha Tickle - Junior Girls team and Allen Kirby - Junior Boys individual) hit the slopes for the Boarder Cross and GS. The junior girls placed 7th overall and Allen came in a strong 5th in Australia. The long GS course proved a testing ground for many. While the slope was relatively gentle the number of gates exceeded any course the juniors had experienced throughout the season. The junior girls had their best result with a 5th overall in the GS while Allen looking like a podium finish unfortunately came unstuck on the very last gate. This event concluded the race season and made for a very exciting finish. Many thanks to the families who made the long trek to Victoria and especially our dads who volunteered to marshal on the race days.

The Snow Sports Committee

UNSW English Results

Merits
Lucinda Hickson Yr 6
Luke Stonier Yr 5
Mia McDonald Yr 5
Amelia Smith Yr 4
Scarlett Rowland-Smith Yr 4
Alexandra Murray Yr 3
Gracie Merchant Yr 3
Jake Clarke Yr 3

Credits
Zachary Paul Yr 3
Caleb Robinson Y r 3
Lewis Whiley Yr 3
Madison Lisle Yr 4
Noah Meinrath Yr 4
Bethany Miller Yr 4
Makayla Meek Yr 5
Jasmine Adams Yr 6
Laura Robertson-Towner Yr 6

Distinctions
Toby Anstey Yr 3
Benjamin Ashe Yr 4
Daisy Daddo Yr 4
Mia Molloy Yr 4
Aiden Russell Yr 4
Edward Ashe Yr 6
Hailey Carter Yr 6
Francesca Early Yr 6
Grace Green Yr 6
Whooping Cough (Pertussis)

Last updated: 30 March 2015

What is whooping cough?
Whooping cough can be a life threatening infection in babies. Whooping cough in babies can lead to apnoea (pauses in normal breathing), pneumonia, feeding problems and weight loss, seizures, brain damage and, in some cases, death. Older children and adults can get whooping cough too and pass it on to babies.

What are the symptoms?
- Whooping cough usually begins like a cold with a blocked or runny nose, tiredness, mild fever and a cough.
- The cough gets worse and severe bouts of uncontrollable coughing can develop. Coughing bouts can be followed by vomiting, choking or taking a big gasping breath which causes a “whooping” sound. The cough can last for many weeks and can be worse at night.
- Some newborns may not cough at all but they can stop breathing and turn blue. Some babies have difficulties feeding and can choke or gag.
- Older children and adults may just have a cough that lasts for many weeks. They may not have the whoop.

How is it spread?
- Whooping cough is spread when an infectious person coughs bacteria into the air which can be inhaled by people nearby. If they are not treated early, people with whooping cough are infectious in the first three weeks of their illness.
- Whooping cough spreads easily through families, childcare centres and at school.

Who is at risk?
- Anyone can get whooping cough. People living in the same household as someone with whooping cough are especially at risk.
- Immunisation reduces the risk of infection but immunity fades over time. You can still get whooping cough even if you’ve been immunised.

How is it prevented?
Whooping cough vaccines provide good protection from infection but immunity fades which means that boosters are needed.

Immunisation for babies
- Babies need to be immunised at 2 months, 4 months and 6 months. The first dose can be given as early as 6 weeks of age.
- Getting your baby vaccinated on time gives them some protection when they are most at risk of severe illness.
- If your baby’s vaccines are overdue, see your GP now to catch up.
Immunisation for older children

- A whooping cough booster is needed at 4 years of age.
- Check if your child has been vaccinated. Look at their Blue Book, speak to your GP or ring the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register on 1800 653 809.
- A second whooping cough booster is given in high school through the NSW School-based Vaccination Program.

Immunisation for adults

A booster for adults is recommended for:

- Women who are in the third trimester of pregnancy, preferably at 28 weeks. Free vaccine is provided in NSW through GPs and hospital antenatal clinics.
- Other adult household members, grandparents and carers of infants under 12 months of age.
- Adults working with young children, especially health care and child care workers.

If you are a close contact of someone with whooping cough:

- If you have been exposed to someone with whooping cough early in their illness while they are infectious, watch out for symptoms and see your doctor if you get a new cough.
- Some babies and some pregnant women need antibiotics to prevent whooping cough infection if they have had significant contact with an infectious person.

How is it diagnosed?

Your doctor may ask about your symptoms and whether there you've had any contact with whooping cough. If your doctor thinks you have whooping cough, a swab from the back of the nose or throat can confirm the diagnosis.

How is it treated?

- Some babies may need treatment in hospital or in intensive care.
- Antibiotics are used to treat whooping cough in the early stages and can help prevent spreading whooping cough to others. People who are not treated early with the right antibiotics can spread the infection in the first 3 weeks of their illness. After 5 days of antibiotics, you are normally no longer infectious.
- The cough often continues for many weeks, despite antibiotics.

What is the public health response?

Doctors and laboratories must confidentially notify cases of pertussis to the local Public Health Unit. Public Health Unit staff can advise on the best way to stop further spread.

Infectious children are restricted from going to pre-school and school. Unimmunised contacts may be excluded from child care unless they take the special antibiotics.

Identify - Protect - Prevent


For further information please call your local Public Health Unit on 1300 065 055 or visit the New South Wales Health website [www.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au)
Chocolate Box – Donations Needed Please!

The Chocolate Box Stall was one of the most successful stalls at the 2013 Fete. The success of this stall was due to the fabulous contributions from the class parents responsible for this stall and for the amazing donations we received from the school community.

We are looking for Chocolate Box donations for this year’s fete and are asking for your help. On Thursday September 17th we are asking all students to bring in ONE BAR or BLOCK of chocolate to contribute to the stall. Children can bring these into their classroom and they will be collected from there.

The only rule is NO NUTS PLEASE!

Thank you for your continued support for our 2015 Newport Public School Fete.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Shani Law (shanilaw@hotmail.com) or 4IW Class Mum Shantal Rose (shantal_rose@hotmail.com)

2015 WRC School Holiday Rugby Clinics

8th Young Artists Painting Prize

CALLING ALL ARTISTS AGED 6 TO 16

ENTER A ‘FREE CHOICE’ ACRYLIC CANVAS PAINTING
FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN – MIN. & MAX. CANVAS SIZE LIMITS APPLY

Register online at www.ifulikeart.com by 30 October 2015

FINALISTS EXHIBITION – 13 TO 27 NOVEMBER AT IF U LIKE ART STUDIO

$5,000 in prizes

If you don’t have a canvas painting to enter & would like to create one, then book into a 5 hr ‘Paint What U Like’ school holiday workshop at If U Like Art studio in Brookvale.

Workshop Dates: Tue 22, Thu 24 Sept & Thu 1, Fri 2 Oct 10am to 3pm daily

Workshop Cost: $80 incl. all materials & artistic guidance

BOOK EARLY AS SPOTS ARE LIMITED

Contact Daphne 0409 569483

E: daphne.kato@bigpond.com
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