Dear Parents,

After visiting some classes last week, it was wonderful to see the students making the most of their learning time and enjoying getting to know their new teachers and class peers. It was lovely to hear their excitement about all the new experiences that come with the start of the year and their enthusiasm for different ways of working. In this week’s Natter, you will find a page outlining our staff for 2016. I would also like to welcome Skye McCutcheon, teaching 5SM, to Newport and to our Kinder students and parents, who were all smiles (mostly) when they embarked on their school learning journey. I feel certain that new students, parents and staff will be quick to settle into our special community!

Many thanks to Deborah Deratz, Sue Punton and Josie Larosa from the office, who managed the large task of distributing textbooks to classrooms last Friday. Any families who have not yet purchased text books can go online to the Dominie website and make their purchase.

This week, you will be receiving a term account and school fees letter. The Term 1 account has all the paid activities listed that your child is participating in throughout the term. Term accounts are due on the date specified and payments are mandatory if you wish your child to participate in the activities listed thereon. Please ensure that payment is made before the date of the activity. Your school fees levied at the start of each year will appear on your Term 1 account as a separate line item. Whilst the school contribution portion of the school fees is voluntary, it should be viewed as a necessary component of your child’s education, ensuring that the school can continue to provide necessary resources. Should you have any financial difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Baldi or Mrs Ramalli in the office at any time.

Last week, the wrong date for our Parent Information Night was published in the Natter. The correct date is Thursday 18 February, with session times as follows;

- 6.00-6.30pm – Kindergarten, Year 1
- 6.45-7.15pm – 1/2EJ, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4
- 7.30-8.00pm – Year 5, Year 6

We will also be running a reading information session for Kindergarten and Year 1 parents in our Library from 6.45-7.15pm.

The evening is a great opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and to hear about our educational programs and upcoming events. Information sessions will be held in your child’s classroom. Please note: for the safety of our students and community, there is no parking on school grounds.

The Welcome Back BBQ is on Friday 26 February. It is a great opportunity for the community to come together, welcome our new families to the school and catch up with some old friends. This is also a Year 6 fundraising event and more information will be available as the date approaches.

This year all teachers, in consultation with executive staff, were involved in allocating students to classes with much time, thought and consideration being...
given to all students throughout the process. Factors guiding the decision making were the needs of individual students, which may be social, intellectual, emotional and/or physical. The identification of these needs was achieved through professional deliberations of teachers who were familiar with the child, the student’s educational history (previous classes, special circumstances etc.) and any other significant information (health, history, social or emotional factors). Whilst class teachers were involved in this process, it was led and overseen by the Executive Team, with the time and effort taken contributing to a smooth and positive start to the year. If you have any questions or queries about this, please see myself, Adam Hearne or Deborah Deratz.

Warm regards,
Natalie Baldi

Junior Choir News 2016

Next Monday, 15 February at lunchtime in KMG classroom, there will be a meeting of any Year 3 students interested in participating in the Newport PS Junior Choir to take part in the 2016 Peninsula Community of Schools “Kidtacular”.

Dates are: Term 3 Week 4 Monday or Tuesday night - 8th and 9th August.

Our numbers are strictly limited to a maximum of 30 due to the size of the stage and the number of other schools involved. Therefore, the first 30 permission notes returned to Mrs Gutherson, with the payment of $45, will be accepted. Notes will be distributed at the meeting on the 15th February.

Warm Regards,

The Choir Team

Senior Choir News 2016

Next Thursday, 11th February at lunchtime in KMG classroom, there will be a meeting of any students interested in participating in the Newport PS Senior Choir to take part in the 2016 Arts Alive Primary Choral Concert at the Sydney Opera House on August 30.

Our numbers are strictly limited to a maximum of 24 due to the size of the stage and the number of other schools involved. Therefore, the first 24 permission notes returned to Mrs Gutherson, with the payment of $75, will be accepted. Notes will be distributed at the meeting on the 11th February.

The rehearsal and performance dates are as follows:

Tuesday 26 July: Student Rehearsal for Opera House concert at Chatswood High School
Tuesday 30 August: Opera House Concert

Warm Regards,

The Choir Team

MUSIC NEWS

The Performance Band and String Orchestra have started rehearsals, with all other ensembles starting back this week or next week. Violin 2 is starting back next week (Tues 16th Feb) not this week as reported in the last Natter. Please remember that our rehearsal schedule has changed this year, so please read your band manager’s email.

Our final Music Information Evening for 2016 intake is on Wednesday 10th February starting at 7.00pm in the library. There are many proven reasons to teach your child music including:

- While participating in music activities children are also enhancing physical, language, social and cognitive development.
- Many studies have found a correlation between music abilities and academic development.
- As children create music they improve fine motor skills, coordination and rhythm
- Music is a form of communication conveying mood, ideas and concepts
- Participating in musical groups promotes friendships with like-minded people, self-confidence, social skills, team-work and a sense of belonging.

This year the Newport Music Program is striving to promote more than just musical learning, we want to teach children to be well rounded individuals that have the skills to take on all aspects of life. A flyer is attached to this Natter, please pass it on to anyone who may be interested in their child joining the Music Program. If you are unable to attend the Music Information Evening and are interested in your child joining the Violin Program or Training Band please contact Jessica Manning at Jessica_m@live.com.au and she will be happy to answer any questions.

Registration forms and fees are now due for all ensembles. A registration form was attached to last week’s Natter. All students, both new and returning, are required to complete a registration form. Completed forms and payment should be placed in the band box located in the foyer of the office. Please note that cash payments are not to be placed in the band box, but must be taken to any Commonwealth Bank and deposited directly into the Newport School Band account.

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NOOSHC PARENTS

As you may be aware the phone & internet service to NOOSHC has been disrupted for approximately 5 weeks. As a consequence, calls are being diverted to my mobile phone. Telstra has now supplied NOOSHC with an “interim phone” – this is a very basic mobile phone that can make calls and receive calls (no message service available). If we call you the NOOSHC phone number will not show on your phone. Telstra have advised that they will have to install a whole new line to NOOSHC and have indicated that this may be some weeks yet.

If you try to ring the centre outside of operating hours (no message available) or during departure and arrival times at NOOSHC we may not hear your call – please keep trying.

If possible call between 9.00am – 9.30am or 3.00pm – 3.15pm or after 5.00pm or call past the centre & chat to staff.

Children roll call/prep/busy period:

BSC   8.45am – 9.00am (approx)
ASC   3.15pm – 3.45pm (approx) & afternoon tea till 4.15pm (approx)

Our email service is connected to our phone line (ADSL) so PLEASE DO NOT send an email (unless directed by staff to do so) especially if your child is going to be absent on that day!!! – we will not get your email. I am only able to access emails late of an evening using my own personal modem.

I realise this is an inconvenience for all concerned – it affects the rolls and billing at the service as well, as we utilize a web based accounts/ roll system. So please bear with us and appreciate that we are doing the best with the limited resources we currently have. Hopefully the service will be resolved soon.

Thanks

Jo Newton

NOOSHC Centre Manager

Book club 2016

Welcome to the new look Book Club 2016. Your child will now receive only one booklet.

At Newport, Book Club is run as cashless. You will be able to place your child’s order online and pay by credit card online. This is called the LOOP(Linked Online Ordering & Payment) platform. Please see the attached flyer to learn how easy it is to order. Make sure that you select ‘NEWPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL’ and then your child’s teacher’s name. If your child has two teachers then select the one teacher’s name. Cheques are also accepted but must be returned with the order form to Mrs Falconer by Monday 15th February.

All orders must be completed online and cheque orders returned by MONDAY 15th FEBRUARY for Issue 1. All LOOP orders will close by 4pm that day.

Please allow 2 weeks for your books to arrive.
If you have any questions, please see Mrs Falconer.

Remember to READ EVERYDAY THAT YOU EAT!

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 Mondays 9-10am and Tuesdays 3-4pm. Please contact Mari on 0438-773-006 to find out more about volunteering at the Uniform Shop.

Sun safety

The uniform shop sells Cancer Council’s Ezi Clip suncream for $10. It can be clipped onto your child’s backpack and is a great way to get more protection from the sun.

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.

New All-weather Jackets

Thank you for your pre-orders for the new soft shell jacket! As we have ordered limited stock of the new jacket your pre-orders ensure that you receive the new jacket when they arrive for Term 2. You can place an order via flexischools or come to the uniform shop to order one.

Opening Hours - School Term

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WELCOME BACK BBQ

INVITING ALL NEWPORT FAMILIES TO PACK A PICNIC RUG & COME ALONG ON FRIDAY, 26th FEBRUARY, 5PM

SAUSAGE SANDWICHES
CHICKEN ROLLS
BLT’S & AIOLI
SALAD
DRINKS
LOLLY BAGS
Pittwater High School
Open Night
Tuesday
1 March 2016
5.45 - 8pm
A range of academic and vocational displays of student work, practical demonstrations and agriculture displays.
Performances by award winning bands; food preparation by hospitality and food technology students; debating and art displays.
Modern computer facilities, including students displays of silver and jewellery and woodwork projects; and Science laboratories in action. See our farmyard animals and much much more!!

Cuisine by hospitality students, plus a BBQ provided by our P&C at 6pm near the canteen.

Principal & Captains welcome at 6.30pm in the School Hall.

All Welcome!!
Come and join the fun!

MUMS FOR MUMS
Presents
OUR FAMILY OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT
SOUL SURFER

Movie commences 7.30pm Saturday 12th March 2016 | Tickets $30 per family
c Explore our features 
Cakes open 6:30 pm | Snow Cones & Popcorn | Barbecue & Drinks
Bert Payne Park, Newport Beach
Tickets available at www.trybooking.com/KEBU
For more information go to www.mumsformums.org.au

NEWPORT RUGBY CLUB
Come and Join Newport Rugby in 2016 – u6’s to u18’s all are welcome
Registrations are on at Porters Reserve:
Feb 6th from 9 am to 3 pm
Feb 12th from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Feb 13th from 9 am to 3 pm

If you have any queries, please contact:
John Glen, President, john@meridiana.com.au or mobile 0411 237 689
Simon Reading, Registrar, simon.reading@outlook.com or mobile 0410 579 391
NEWPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL – 2016

RELIEVING PRINCIPAL  NATALIE BALDI
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL    DEBORAH DERATZ
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL    ADAM HEARNE
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL  SHARON SMITHIES
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL  SHAUN MICHAEL
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL  JULIE PARKER
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL  JENNIFER FALCONER

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RFF (Health/PD/PE)  GREG MORAN
TEACHER-LIBRARIAN    STEPHANIE BRACEY/GINE SVENDSEN
SUPPORT TEACHER (LA)  LINDA MACLAURIN
RFF (Music)           MARK TICKLE
SCHOOL COUNSELLOR     PAUL FULTON
READING RECOVERY       KELLY CHENEY

SCHOOL ASSISTANTS
KRYS RAMALLI
CATHY HOLDEN
JO MOORE
RITA ERICSSON
PAULA MORETTI
JOSEPHINE LAROSA
CAROLYN FROST

SCHOOL CLEANERS  OSCAR & LEONOR RONDEROS
GENERAL ASSISTANT  STUART KELSO & MAL FRENCH
EXTENDED HOURS CARE  JO NEWTON
CANTEEN  TAMMY CARTER
UNIFORM SHOP  MARI SIMPSON
Introducing

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Book Clubs LOOP for Parents

NOW AVAILABLE AS AN APP!

LOOP is the NEW Scholastic Book Clubs Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for Parents.

If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, our new platform makes it easy! It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.

Log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download our NEW iPhone and iPad app from the App Store!

- For a quick start, just click on ORDER in the top menu or REGISTER first to save your details for next time.
- Select your school and your child’s class.
- Add your child’s first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for).
- Enter the item number from the Book Club brochure.
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child’s classroom if you order by the close date.
- There’s no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school!

For a quick how-to-order video, log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP and click on HELP in the top menu.
Whether your child would like to start playing the violin or an instrument for Training Band this year, we can help you work out what would suit your child in Newport’s Music Program.

**COME ALONG AND FIND OUT HOW TO JOIN THIS SPECIAL PROGRAM**

Information Evening Wednesday 10th February from 7pm in the school library

- Conductors available for advice about ensembles and instrument choice for your child
- Instrument demonstrations
- Instrument hire information
- Registrations

In 2015, 150 children participated in the Newport Public School Music Program. It covers seven ensembles with the starting points being Violin 1s (K-Y2 children), Training Band (Y3/4) and The String Orchestra (Y3).

**Violin 1s** - most children commence in Year 1, although can start in Kindy or Year 2. There are two rehearsals a week before school and classes are capped at 12 children. Violins can be hired.

**Training Band** - for children starting a wind or percussion instrument. There is one practice a week before school and instruments can be hired.

**String Orchestra** - children either continue violin or take up another string instrument. Two practices a week and instruments can be hired.

We hope to see you there.
The Music Committee

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**FREE INSTRUMENT HIRE**

for selected Training Band instruments (saving $200)

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**KEY EVENTS OF 2015**

**Music Camp**
95 children
Intensive development, fun camp activities and concert

**NSSWE**
Performance Band and Stage Band played at Chatswood Concourse

**Festivals**
Selected festivals such as
The Festival of Instrumental Music at The Opera House,
The NSW Schools Bands Festival

**Markets**
Avalon Market Day

**PCS**
All bands play at PCS and school events such as concerts & assemblies.
Skater HQ comes 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 is enrolled at NOOSHC (casual or permanent) they are welcome to participate in this free activity (NOOSHC will be including this as part of their program for Yr 3 & 4UP group) if places are available.

A Wavier / 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 5.15pm (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).

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.

There are limited places available – Skater HQ caters for approx.30 children. If your Year 3 – Year 6 child would like to participate in Skater HQ - ring NOOSHC to check if a casual place is available and once a wavier/consent form has been completed they may attend NOOSHC for the afternoon and join in the Skater HQ activity. First in, first served!!!!

NOOSHC Phone: 9979 9874

Centre Manager: Jo Newton