MON 15 FEB 2016

DATES FOR YOUR diary:
Tues 16 Feb
P&C Meeting 7pm in the Library
Thurs 18 Feb
Parent Information Evening
Thurs 25 Feb
Swimming Carnival
Friday 26 Feb
Summer PSSA begins
Welcome Back BBQ
THUR 3 MARCH
Interrelate Evening
Mon 7 March
Pittwater Zone Swimming Carnival
Tues 8–Thurs 10 March
Year 5 Bathurst Camp

RELIEVING PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

It was a pleasure visiting classrooms last week and talking with the students who have returned to school with enthusiasm, impeccable manners and uniform, a willingness to get involved in classroom learning and to impress their new teachers. Thank you also to parents for supporting our move to the broad brimmed hats. The students look great in the hats and they offer better sun protection.

We have a new crossing supervisor on Queens Parade West this year and I would like to welcome Nicole to the Newport Community. Nicole has enjoyed getting to know the students and parents already and has commented on what a lovely school community we have.

Earlier this term, parents of children with special health care needs were asked to provide us with information for updated Health Care Plans for 2016 including emergency action plans (where relevant) and new epipens if indeed, those provided for school, had expired. It is very important that we have up to date information which will enable us to look after the best interests of your child. Thank you in anticipation of your vigilance with this matter.

Our school will be making increased use of the “Skoolbag” app this year and I strongly encourage you to download this app to your mobile device. The app sends important alerts from the school eg; bus or sport cancellation and important reminders and is a very useful instant, brief messaging service. You will find instructions for downloading the app on the website.

Tomorrow night is our first P & C meeting which will include the Annual General Meeting. During this meeting, the office bearer positions of President, Treasurer and Secretary will be declared vacant and elections will take place. It is also a good time to find out what has been happening around the school and casually connect with other parents and staff so we hope to see you there.

This week our Year 6 students will be involved in the process of nominating for a position as a minister in School Parliament, campaigning for support and on Friday, elections will be held to determine who our 8 Minister of Parliament will be. School Parliament meets twice a term and works to provide a student voice alongside staff, to implement improvement opportunities and celebrate the achievements of our school. Mr Hearne and Mrs Baldi will be working with our student leaders again this year and look forward to an interesting, productive and successful year.

This week also, Years 3-6 students not involved in PSSA, will be bringing home a note about options for Friday afternoon sport. Much time and effort goes into creating opportunities that cater for a wide range of student interests and currently include, Sport Skills, Yoga, Tennis, Lawn Bowls, Basketball Skills, Beach Touch Football, and Cricket Skills. Notes about the options will be given out on Friday 19 February and places are filled on children’s preferences and a first come, first
served basis. Please ensure your child is listening to announcements about school sport and that money and notes are returned promptly to the office.

This Thursday, our Parent Information Nights will be held in your child’s classroom. It is a valuable evening to hear about your child’s classroom/grade program this year and we hope you will be able to join us. 6.00-6.30pm – Kindergarten and Year 1. 6.45-7.15pm – 1/2EJ, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4. 7.30-8.00pm – Year 5 and 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. This will be hosted by Kellie Cheney and Linda McLaurin.

From time to time parents may need to approach the school in order to discuss the progress or welfare of their own child, express concerns or enquire about school policies or practices. It is therefore necessary to have procedures that will help solve problems as soon as possible so that a safe and harmonious school environment is maintained. On occasion, concerns may cause frustration and anxiety. At such times it is always important to organise a time to talk with school staff in an unhurried and confidential atmosphere. The best results usually flow from working together. Where the concern involves the academic progress of your child or any social concerns the first point of contact should be your child’s teacher. If you have questions regarding school policy or practice, please direct your enquiry to the school office.

Warm regards,
Natalie Baldi

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!

Canteen Roster

Mon 22nd: P Moore
Tues 23rd: F Bianchinotti
Wed 24th: A Thomas, S Male, S Lowe
Thur 25th: CLOSED SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Fri 26th: M Weber, T Oetojo

Please note Canteen will be closed Thurs 25 Feb

Newport Public School P&C Association AGM and Election of Executive Positions - This Tuesday Evening 16 Feb 7pm

Our Newport Public School P&C Association meets twice a term on a Tuesday Evening at 7 PM in the library. The P&C Association works closely and collaboratively with our school to support and fundraise so we can continue to implement vital programs within the school such as Literacy and Mathematics support classes, gifted and talented programs and also to carry out ground work around the school. As well as our traditional support to the school, this year we will be considering how we can use our fundraising dollars to improve areas around the school ground that need attention, provide sun shelters where they are needed and investigate into investments in ICT for our children’s continued quality education at Newport Public School.

This Tuesday is our Annual General Meeting and the election of our executive positions. Everyone is welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. We promise you won’t be allocated a job if you don’t want one! We will also be looking at discussing the new and improved role of a class parent and the coordination of this for 2016.

Looking forward to seeing you there and planning 2016 - which is already looking like another positive and amazing year at Newport Public.
NOOSHC PARENTS
( & others)

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.

Operating hours are: 7.00am – 9.30am & 3.00pm – 6.30pm

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

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

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.

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.

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

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.

MUSIC NEWS

It’s not too late to join the Training Band. Violin 1, Violin 2 and Training Band start this week, however it is not too late to join. Some instruments are full however we still need students keen to play the trumpet, euphonium, bassoon, French horn and tuba. Free instrument hire is available for all these instruments (savings of $200), so why don’t you encourage your child to give it a go. Please contact Jessica Manning on Jessica_m@live.com.au for further information.

Registration forms and fees are now due for all ensembles. A registration form is attached to this 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.

Our first Music Committee Meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday at 7.30pm in the main staffroom. Everybody welcome. The Music Committee is friendly group of volunteers who organise our seven music ensembles. It is a great way to meet parents from other years and school groups. We would love you to come and join us.

Dates for Diary

Tues 16th Feb Violin 2 starts (meet outside Mrs Parkers (2015) room)
Tues 16th Feb Violin 1 starts (meet 8.20am in Western playground)
Wed 17th Feb Training Band starts (7.10am in Hall)
Wed 17th Feb Music Committee Meeting (7.30pm in staffroom)
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!

OUR FAMILY OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

SOUL SURFER

Movie commences 7.30 pm Saturday 12 March 2016
Tickets $30 per family
Gates 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

Do you want to make a difference in the life of a child?

Local foster carers needed

Family and Community Services are seeking people in the local area to provide short term and crisis foster care for children and young people 0–18 years that are unable to live with their own families.

Individuals, couples and families from varied backgrounds and cultural groups are required.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

All carers receive training, ongoing support and financial assistance.

If you are interested in making a difference and helping children reach their full potential, please call 02 9765 5000 or email fosteringwithfacs@facs.nsw.gov.au

Fostering NSW
Do you play a woodwind or brass instrument?

Would you like to join an adult community band?

The Northern Beaches Concert Band would like to welcome players of average ability who can read music.

Our band was started by parents of Mona Vale Public School in 1993 and now meets on Wednesday nights at 7.30pm at Pittwater High School.

People come for the sheer enjoyment of shared music making for our own pleasure. We also have a few gigs during the year, such as at Pittwater RSL, Narrabeen Markets in December and we participate in the Northern Beaches Instrumental Music Festival.

For more information, please contact Tony Tenney on 0400 635 607.

Time to dust off that old instrument and start a new musical life!!

Snowsports

Children and their families who may be interested in joining our ski and snowboard race team can learn all about the events by logging onto the Interschools website at www.interschoolsnowsports.com.au. All the dates for the Regional, State and National events are listed on this site along with lots of information for first timers. Newport also has its own website (separate from the school website). Simply google Newport Snow Sports to find it. This site also has lots of information specific to Newport plus a bit of history and photos.

Dates for 2016 Northern Regional Titles - Thredbo (first week of July school holidays)

Tues 5 July - Knox/Pymble Championships - Alpine and Snowboard GS

Wed 6 July - Regional Snowboard GS and Snowboard Boarder Cross

Thurs 7 July - Alpine div 5 and 6 SkierX div 4, Moguls div 4 and 5

Fri 8 July - Alpine div 4, SkierX div 5

Div 5 = Kindergarten to year 4

Div 4 = Year 5 and 6

Newport’s Snow Sports Information Afternoon will be held in March with the date to be confirmed in the next report.

Mark Tickle

Stewart House Bags

Stewart House bags will be going home this week.

If you fill them, they need to be back by Friday 26 Feb to the Infants verandah.

Thank you
Introducing

Book Clubs LOOP
for Parents

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.
Newport Public School Instrumental Music Program
Registration & Payment form 2016

Please place form in the Music Program Box in the Primary Office.

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If your child is entering SO or CB they will require a music ensemble shirt, please order below:

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TRAINING BAND ONLY

PREFERRED INSTRUMENT:

SECOND CHOICE:

Please note instrument choice will be allocated at a “first paid” basis, however is at the discretion of the conductor to ensure a good balance

Note: instrument hire can be arranged separately prior to the start of rehearsals in Term 1. Please watch for details in the Natter early in Term 1 2016.
PARENT DETAILS:

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAMES:

HOME ADDRESS:

MOBILE 1: MOBILE 2:

EMAIL: [please write clearly]

I have read, understand and agree to the terms of Newport School Instrument Music Program. I agree to pay the fees for my children as per the attached schedule. I understand if my child discontinues with the program, refunds of fees will be at the discretion of the music committee.

Signed: ______________________ Dated: ______________________

Printed Name: ______________________

PAYMENT METHODS

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN PAYMENT METHODS: NO CHEQUES OR CASH PAYMENTS ACCEPTED

➢ Electronic Funds Transfer online (Preferred). Please include your child’s name in ‘contact details’:
   ▪ BSB: 062 211
   ▪ Acct: 0090 0999
   ▪ EFT REFERENCE NUMBER: ______________________

➢ Credit Card - Visa, MasterCard and Bankcard ONLY

CREDIT CARD AUTHORISATION

CREDIT CARD NUMBER: ____________ ____________ ____________ ____________

CARDHOLDER’S NAME: ______________________

EXPIRY DATE ON CARD: _________ / _________

PLEASE CIRCLE: VISA MASTERCARD BANKCARD

TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE DEBITED FROM CREDIT CARD: $ ______________________

Signature of Cardholder: ______________________
Skater HQ at NOOSHC !!!!!!

ASC Thursday – FULLY BOOKED

LIMITED CASUAL PLACES STILL AVAILABLE

for ASC Friday Weeks 6, 8 & 10.

4.00pm – 5.15pm (approx)

Activity for Yr 3 & 4UP groups – (Year 3 to Year 6).

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