Dear Parents,

Last Tuesday at the P & C meeting, the office bearers for 2016 were elected. Many thanks to Shani Law (President), Dennis Fitzgerald (Treasurer), Kerrie Paul (Secretary) and Sarah Hudson (Fundraising), for volunteering their time and talents to represent the parent community and for their support in achieving the school’s goals. At this time, I would also like to thank Jason Ramsay, for his contribution to the school, through his role as P & C President. For the past 6 years Jason has fulfilled this role in a calm and welcoming manner, drawing on his life experiences, for the benefit our school and students. We are looking forward to recognising this at the next P & C meeting.

Last Thursday, an enthusiastic and articulate group of Year 6 students, presented persuasive speeches, highlighting what they would bring to the role of Minister in School Parliament. Many important qualities were highlighted by the speakers; being a good listener, positive thinker, fun, creative, hard working, kind, being open to ideas, getting everyone involved and seeing projects that will benefit the school, through to fruition.

Congratulations to all the Year 6 students who presented, for having the courage to nominate and promote themselves to their peers and also to the eight students who were elected on Friday; Makayla M, Ema M, Jada J, Tallulah D, Taj H, Jake J, Kai E and Hugo B. Thank you also, to Mr White and the Year 6 team, for a real life lesson in preferential voting.

I would like to thank the staff for their time in hosting informative Parent Information Evenings last Thursday. The purpose of the evening was to provide parents with an overview of the expectations, organisation and program in your child’s classroom and I’m sure the time spent (at your child’s desk in some cases) has given you a taste of the learning environment.

A person who attends Newport Public School has been diagnosed with whooping cough (Pertussis). NSW Health’s response to communicating confirmed cases of
whooping cough has changed since October last year and they are only conducting follow up phone calls for confirmed cases, for students up to 5 years of age, unless there is a community wide outbreak. In this Natter, you will find further information about whooping cough.

We have a system for rotating areas of the playground to ensure the students (Years 1-6 at this stage of the year) have an opportunity to play on the play equipment and the “astro turf” on the eastern side. The roster for the play equipment extends to the 8.55 -9.25am duty as well and is as follows; Mondays - Yr 4 & KMG, Tuesdays - Yr 5 & KEP, Wednesdays - Yrs 2-6 and KSJ, Thursdays - Yrs 3 & KJP and Fridays - Yr 1 & KAJ.

On Friday 18 March the Peninsula Community of Schools has arranged a General Achievement Test to select students for placement in Year 7 2017 Academic Extension Classes at Barrenjoey High School, Narrabeen Sports High School and Pittwater High School.

Students are eligible for placement in the Academic Extension Class at their local designated high school. In addition, applications can be made to a preferred PCS High School which will be considered based on individual circumstances.

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**High School Open Nights 2016**

**Barrenjoey HS**
Thursday February 25
Principal: Ian Bowsher
9918 8811

**Pittwater HS**
Tuesday March 1
Principal: Jane Ferris
9999 4035

**Narrabeen Sports HS**
Wednesday March 2
Principal: Lance Berry
9913 77820

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Coming up this week we have; our fabulous Welcome Back BBQ and we are looking forward to celebrating the start of another wonderful year with you. The students have been reminded about safety during the evening and told that scooters, bikes and skateboards will not be allowed at school during the night and that the event will be held on the Western playground outside the hall. Our Year 6 parents have organised a fabulous evening with some musical entertainment and most importantly, delicious food to make dinner easy. Feel free to pack a picnic rug and basket of goodies, or a chair and an esky and enjoy the time with family and friends.

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**MERIT AWARD WINNERS**

**KAR**
Layla Hutton
Madeleine Dougall
3 DC
Lachlan Glew
Jade Wandl

**KEP**
Jasiu Murphy
Joplin Gerlach
3 JB
Haddon Bateman
Noah Wandl

**KJP**
Louis Scamps
Eliza Baker
3 JG
Summer Woods
Max Monaghan

**KMG**
Jasmine Harder
James Beveridge
3 LO
Finn Lange
Chelsea Hayes

**KSJ**
Hayden Boss
Harley Batchelor
3 SN
Poppy Playle
Mitchell Davies

**IAR**
Molly Telford
Rico Witek
4 AM
Gemma Fleming
Kieran Bryant

**1CC**
Darcey Perkins
Luke Hayes
4 IM
Toby Harper
Isabelle Banbury

**1LF**
Ruby Jagger
Jackson Smith
4 NE
Olivia Vartulli
Luca Bianchinotti

**1EK**
Leon Meinrath
Meike Baldi
4 SM
Tess Gardiner
Harry Gordon

**1JJ**
Georgia Gibbs
Jackson Welch
5 AG
Sasha Barlow
James Lye

**1/2EJ**
Ava Zilioli
Jamie Links
5 JL
Chilli Wilson
Dylan Hurst

**2AB**
Harper Lovett
Ben Wright
5 RB
Lily Playle
Casey Bright

**2GC**
Billie Pretty
Denver Paul
5 SM
Scarlett Rowland
-Smith

**2JF**
Harry Fleming-
Newey
Emma Simpson
6 IW
Archie Sergi

**2KH**
Maya Martin
Benjamin Higgins
6 KH
Tristan White

**2SC**
Juliette Rosen-
wax
Caleb Weatherall
6 SS
Caleb Flanagan

**6AW**
Angie Carter
Joshua Lakeman
The Choir Team

Warm Regards,

For the meeting on the 23 February.

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.

Our email service is connected to our phone line (ADSL) so we will not get your email. I am only able to access emails late 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 in the 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

Junior Choir News 2016

Tomorrow, 23 February at lunchtime in KMG classroom, there will be a meeting of any Year 2 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 15 due to the size of the stage and the number of other schools involved. Therefore, the first 15 permission notes returned to Mrs Gutherson, with the payment of $35, will be accepted. Notes will be distributed at the meeting on the 23 February.

Warm Regards,

The Choir Team

Whooping Cough (Pertussis)

What are the symptoms?

In vaccinated cases whooping cough may present as a very mild illness with very few symptoms, for example a mild cough at night. Some cases may have a more typical presentation including a persistent cough that comes in bouts. Bouts may be followed by vomiting and a whooping sound as the child gasps for air. Whooping cough can cause a severe illness in young children particularly those aged under 6 months.

How is it spread?

Whooping cough is usually spread by direct contact with the droplets from the nose and throat of an infected person produced whilst coughing. People at greatest risk of getting the illness are those who have had a considerable amount of face-to-face contact with a person with the disease. Whooping cough can occur in people previously vaccinated.

What should parents do?

Anyone developing symptoms should consult their local doctor and mention that there has been a case of whooping cough at the school. Parents should consider keeping at home their children with a cough. Children who are diagnosed with whooping cough need to stay away from school until they have taken 5 days of a special antibiotic.
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
Dad’s and Grandad’s Messy Play Session

... but mums, Grandma’s, aunts, uncles and carers welcome.

This session is a fun and interactive workshop for dads and grandfathers and their children/grandchildren. Wear some old clothes, bring some water and get ready to get messy and have fun. There will be a sausage sizzle for those that get hungry.

Friday 26 February 2016
4pm to 6pm
Newport Community Centre
To book a place go to: http://www.trybooking.com/179544

For more information, call Northern Beaches Family Support Service on 9971 4499.

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Northern Beaches Family Support Service
Family Support Services Resource Centre

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Invitation to Pittwater High School's OPEN NIGHT

All Year 5 and 6 students and parents welcome.

Come and see us in action!

- Initial presentation in the hall with welcome by Principal, Ms Jane Ferris, talk by students and band performance
- School tours by our student leaders
- See our farmyard animals
- Classroom displays across all faculty areas
- See students in action in our modern science laboratories, technology rooms, hospitality facilities, art and music rooms and in sport
- Visit our recently renovated library and student learning centre
- Enjoy a sausage sizzle by the P & C

Tuesday 1 March 2016
5.45 - 8.00pm

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MUMS FOR MUMS

Present

OUR FAMILY OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

SOUL SURFER

when you come back from plane... beat the odds and never say you find a champion

Sponsored by

Movie commences 7.30pm Saturday 11th March 20:6 | Tickets $ 30 per family
Gates open 6.30 pm | Snow Cones & Popcorn | Barbecues & Drinks
Bert Payne Park, Newport Beach
Tickets available at: www.trybooking.com/REBU
For more information go to: www.mumsformums.org.au

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THE FOREST HIGH SCHOOL – GAT’S TEST, OPEN NIGHT & MEET THE PRINCIPAL DATES

The Forest High School will be holding its GATs (General Achievement Test) on the following date:

Tuesday, 14th March from 9.00am to 11.30am

Testing will take place in the school hall. If you are unable to attend on this date a reserve session will also be held on Monday 11th March from 4.00pm to 6.30pm

Students wishing to be placed in our Gifted and Talented class for Year 7, 2016, must first sit for this test. The Year 7 GAT class for Year 7, 2016 will be determined after classroom nominations of the test results and the students’ NAPLAN results from Year 6. The cost of the test is $80.00, payable on the day. Students are to bring 2B or HB pencil, an eraser and a ruler. No calculators or dictionaries can be used.

The test consists of three parts:

Part 1: Mathematics 40 multiple choice questions
Part 2: Reading and language 40 multiple choice questions
Part 3: One writing task

Students are requested to arrive at The Forest High School by 9.00am for a 9.00pm start or by 11.30am for a 1.30pm start. They are also requested to bring a copy of their NAPLAN results on the day of the test.

Students are invited to stay for light refreshments from 10am and Band performances at 10:45am. If you would like your child to sit for this test please ring The Forest High School on 94151111 and register your name, your child’s name, address and phone number please register by 1st March.

OPEN NIGHT – Wednesday 9th March 2016 from 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Parents and students are invited to attend The Forest High School Open Night

The evening includes an address from The Principal & School Captain, assemblies, information on all faculty, faculty Treasure Hunt, school tours, music, dance & drama performances. Teachers & parents will be available to answer questions.

MEET THE PRINCIPAL – dates for 2016

Our informal Meet The Principals sessions give parents and students who are interested in coming to The Forest High School the opportunity to meet with our Principal Mr. Rosemary Moir-Black. There will be refreshments and all questions are welcome. Please ask our questioners of The Forest High School and starting high school. Call The School Office on 9415 1111 to book a place in just come to the School Office 7am on the day.

Monday 22nd February – 7am
Monday 27th March – 7am
Monday 10th May – 7am
Monday 13th August – 7am

The Forest High School, Corner of The Crescent & Keir Street, Newport NSW 2106 Phone: 02 9415 1111 Fax: 02 9415 293

www.theforesths.nsw.edu.au
MUSIC NEWS

It's not too late to join the Training Band. Violin 1, Violin 2 and Training Band started last week, however it is not too late to join. Some instruments are full however there are a number of instruments still available. Free instrument hire is available for some 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.

As at 17/2/16 there were 3 positions available in our Violin 1 program. If you would like to enrol your Year 1 or 2 student you will need to be quick. Please contact Jessica Manning on Jessica_m@live.com.au for further information.

Registration forms and fees for all ensembles are due this Friday 26/2/16. Our volunteer treasurer does an amazing job and your timely payment will be of great assistance. A registration form was attached to last week’s Natter and they are available at the office. 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 and cheques 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.

Dates for Diary

Fri 26th Feb  
Registration forms and fees due

Thurs 31st Mar  
Performance Band playing for primary assembly

Thurs 31st Mar  
Music Committee Meeting

Tues 5th Apr  
String Orchestra playing for infants assembly

20 – 22nd May  
Music Camp

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Second hand band shirts

We currently have a few second hand band shirts (black) which we are selling for $3/shirt.

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.

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.
When kids ask “the” questions...
Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate’s high-quality Sexuality and Relationship Education program is coming to your school! With over 85 years’ experience in this field, Interrelate has a reputation for providing excellence in sexuality and relationship education. Today, over 49,000 students and family members participate in Interrelate School and Family programs each year.

Many parents find it hard to discuss questions relating to sexuality education. We know how to help break the ice. Interrelate programs are interactive and family focused, and are conducted by highly trained and experienced educators, who adhere to a strict code of ethics.

Session 1: Where did I come from? (1 hour session – Years 3-6)
This session educates children more about how their bodies work and the differences between males and females, including their understanding of conception, fertilisation, foetal development and the birth process.

Session 2: Preparing for puberty (1 hour session – Years 5-6; Years 3-4 at parent’s discretion)
This session prepares children and parents/caregivers for the physical, social and emotional changes associated with puberty and addresses changing emotions and relationships with families and peers.

Interrelate School Services Presents
a Special Evening Program

Family cost: 1 session $25.00 per family | 2 sessions $30 per family
("GST exclusive – GST is payable/claimable by the school or organising body")

Where: Newport Public School
When: Thursday, 3rd March 2016
Time: Where did I come from? – 6.00pm sharp | Preparing for puberty – 7.15pm
Specially books are available for purchase on the night

--- Please complete and return to the school office, with payment in an envelope labelled with child’s name and class ---

A Special Evening Program

Name of family: ____________________________________________

No. attending: [ ] Session 1: Where did I come from? [ ] Session 2: Preparing for puberty

Amount enclosed: $ ________________________________

I have made an online payment through my school. My receipt no is: ________________________________

OR [ ] Eftpos [ ] Cash [ ] Cheque (payable to the school) [ ] Credit Card

Credit card number: ________________________________ Expiry date: ____________

Name on card: ________________________________ Amount: ________________________________

Tel: (02) 8882 7875 | Fax: (02) 8882 7890
schoolservices@interrelate.org.au
www.interrelate.org.au
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 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 5.15pm (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 Waiver/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