Dear Parents,

Congratulations to Ange De Bellis and her partner Nathan, for the safe (though quite late) arrival of Alfie Christopher Eastwood, last Monday. Ange and the family are floating on their “baby cloud” and it is always wonderful to be able to celebrate another Newport Baby.

Thank you to our Year 6 Parents and Students, who worked hard last week, to ensure a good time was had by all, at the Welcome Back BBQ. For those of you who joined us last Friday night, I’m sure you’d agree it was great to meet some of our new families, as well as catch up with old friends. I would like to express my gratitude to Vivienne, Bec, Mel and Andrew, as well as their band of merry parent helpers and the students of course, for so capably co-ordinating the event. Thank you also to Maddy Walker, an ex-student who is currently in Year 11 at Barrenjoey High, for providing some tunes throughout the evening. It was the perfect night for it.

Last week we also enjoyed the competitive, though still supportive and fun atmosphere of our swimming carnival. Though it was pretty steamy at the Aquatic Centre, the students and families who participated were in good spirits, cheering on competitors, offering their services as timekeepers and some even getting into the water in the last few minutes of the day, for a students vs parents vs teachers race! Congratulations and thank you to Greg Moran for the superb preparation and time that went into organising the carnival (over 120 events were held on the day), to our house captains, who were enthusiastic and responsible and to the students who swam with gusto, cheered with volume and demonstrated fine sportsmanship all round.

Thank you too, to Deborah Deratz and the office staff who co-ordinated lunches for students who were back at school. You will find more details about the carnival further in the Natter.

Congratulations to our new Ferry Captains for being appointed as formal leaders on the daily ferry service between Scotland Island and Newport Wharf. Our captains are: Banjo Leslie, Daniel Richards, Rachael Kelso, Albany Gibson-Healey, Elle Hodgson, Megan Hazelwood, Mia Marsh, Tahlia Watmough, Zac Wagner-

Newport school community:

We would like to thank all the families and friends who attended the welcome back BBQ on Friday evening. The night was a great success and as year 6’s first fundraising effort for the year it was wonderful to see so many attend.

To all the many helpers on the night and prior to the night, we would like to say a massive thank you for all your contributions. If all our events go this well we are going to have a fantastic year!

Thanks again

The Welcome Back BBQ committee
McCullough and Joshua Lakeman.

These students have the responsibility of acting as role models on the ferry and demonstrating respectful, responsible behaviour for all students to follow. The Captains will meet with Mr Hearne throughout the year for leadership lessons, giving them the skills to fulfil their role. The ferry captains will receive their badges at the 3-6 assembly this Thursday afternoon. We wish them all the very best in this important position.

Last Friday was the first week of PSSA and School Sport. Much time, effort and organisation has gone into selecting teams for PSSA, sourcing sporting opportunities for the students participating in school sport and ensuring that student groups, permissions notes & money, risk assessments, working with children checks and student medical needs have all been considered and catered. Many thanks to Greg Moran and all the PSSA coaches, to Nicola Elliott, Ashleigh Gorjup and all the school sport leaders and to Anna Walter, Ian White and the office staff for sailing – What a wonderful variety of opportunities the students have to partake in, on a Friday afternoon.

A new Library Administration System called “Oliver” will be rolled out across the next 12 weeks with Stephanie Bracey and the staff in the library, receiving training on the new system. This may have an impact on borrowing and returning books to the library so please bear with us if needed.

It is important to note that if you have any concerns about your child, the first person to speak with is your own child’s teacher. If you have concerns about a school process, you may contact the office with your query and they will put you in contact with the best person to assist with your enquiry.

Interrelate presentations “Where did I come from” and “Approaching Puberty” will be on Thursday evening in the hall. More details can be found later in the Natter.

It is lovely to be able to publish photos from our school events but unfortunately, we don’t always have the staff to be available as photographers. If you give permission for us to publish photos and you find a couple of appropriate “best of” shots taken of our events, it would be much appreciated if you could email these to our school email Newport-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au .

Coming up this week we have our Year 6 leaders, Otylia, Tom, Olivia and Archie participating in the PCS Halogen’s Leaders Day and our Interrelate evening presentation for parents to accompany their children in Years 3-6 and learn about sexuality and approaching puberty.

Regards,
Natalie Baldi
Relieving Principal

NOOSH PARENTS (& others)

NOOSH phone and internet are now fully functional and messages can be left on the answering machine outside of NOOSH operating hours. If phone calls are in regards to an absentee a message is best left PRIOR to 10am as the centre is closed until later in the afternoon when afternoon tea is being prepared based on child numbers (checked at the end of the morning session) for the afternoon session.

| KAR | Hamish Rawstorne | Jett Woodley |
| KEP | Archer Jeans | Tori Wright |
| KJP | Treasure Trainor | Jude Jones |
| KMG | Willow Peschardt | Ace Perich |
| KSJ | Tynan Piddington | Charlotte Calleia |
| IAR | Madi Malakou | Kylan Levy-Cutmore |
| 1CC | Elle Sheehan | Tom Silver |
| 1LF | Mason Cox | Mollie Smit |
| 1EK | Quinn Moran | Pippa Pettitt |
| 1JJ | Stella Jordon | Lukas Hadzic |
| 1/2EJ | Lucy Gordon | Zane Langton |
| 2AB | Kaitlin Mulligan | Zane Springall |
| 2GC | Eddie Bryant | Isabella Fleming |
| 2FF | Saisirse Ford | Oscar Harper |
| 2KH | Bronte Alexopolus | Mark Harder |
| 2SC | Evie Dickinson | Phoenix Woods |

Jo Newton
NOOSH Centre Manager

NEWPORT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Last Thursday was the Newport Swimming Carnival held at the Warringah Aquatic Centre. Approximately 350 students competed against each other representing their sporting houses and Newport with pride. The students are to be congratulated on their behaviour, encouragement for one another and good sportsmanship demonstrated throughout the day.

The overall point scores for each house are:

- Amaroo: 94
- Beranghi: 184
- Cabarita: 287
- Biala: 301

Well done Biala on a well deserved win.

Any students who finished 1st or 2nd in any final will be attending the Pittwater Zone Swimming Carnival on Monday 7th March at the Warringah Aquatic Centre. Congratulations on making it through to the next level!

A special mention to Alexandra Murray for breaking the Junior Girls Breaststroke record with a time of 50.15.

Students who would like to enter the Medley should submit times to Mr Moran by Wednesday 2nd March.

A big thank you to all the parent helpers who volunteered as timekeepers on the day. Your help is greatly appreciated.
1ST ROUND OF SUMMER PSSA

The first round of the Summer PSSA competition was held on Friday against Narrabeen North PS at various sporting fields along the peninsular. Newport’s sporting teams got off to a great start, playing well in all games. We celebrated wins across all sports, with the junior girls’ eagle tag and junior boys’ cricket narrowly missing out on a win.

This year saw the introduction of boys’ eagle tag and girls’ cricket to the regular PSSA competition.

Training will take place each week at Newport oval from 8.30am. The schedule is as follows:

**Thursday:** Boys’ eagle tag, Girls’ eagle tag, Senior softball, and Girls’ cricket

**Friday:** Boys’ cricket, Junior teeball

Please download the TEAM APP and search Pittwater PSSA for the draw, news, standings and updates regarding extreme weather etc.

For updates on training please download the Skoolbag APP and search Newport PS.

Friday school sport saw our students participating in a range of sports including yoga, sailing, lawn bowls, tennis, cricket skills, beach touch footy, basketball skills and sporting skills. The students all played well and had fun.

Thankyou

Mr Moran

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**Interrelate**

Once again we have booked the Interrelate Family Centre to present to parents and students together, over one evening on Thursday 3 March. There will be 2 sessions. First session starts at 6pm, targeted at students in years 3 and 4. The second session begins at 7.15pm, targeted at students in years 5 and 6.

Interrelate is a specialist organization with over 85 years experience teaching sex education in NSW schools. The sessions provided are interactive, family focused and presented in the context of caring relationships.

There is a tear off form at the back of the Natter if you would like to pay by credit card. You can also pay at the door on the night.

1 session—$25.00 per family
2 sessions—$30.00 per family

Please let the school office know if you are attending.
NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge

Hopefully, many of you have started reading for the Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) for 2016.

For those families not familiar with the PRC - it is open to all students from Kindergarten to Year 9. It has four categories: K-2 – children must ‘experience’ 30 books (read either by, to or with them – teachers included), Years 3-4, Years 5-6 and Years 7-9 (these three groups read 20 books each). Of the total books for each category, students can read up to 5 books not from the official booklists (free choice). Students can read books from booklists above their category, but not from lists below (except ‘free choice’ books). All the details (booklists and rules, etc) are available on the website: http://www.scho...ow...es.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge/. You can also access the catalogue of PRC booklist books in the school library from home, through the DEC portal – log in as a student – School Library. You will be able to enter the books you have read into your Reading Record at the PRC website from early in March. We will let you know the exact date, once the Department has registered all schools.

Happy reading,
Stephanie Bracey, Gine Svendsen and Rita Ericsson.

Junior Training Choir News 2016

On Thursday 3rd March at lunchtime in KMG classroom, there will be a meeting of any Year 2 students interested in joining the Newport P.S. Junior Training Choir. This is a great singing opportunity for those children who missed out on places in the PCS Choir.

We will perform at school assemblies, Open Day and at other times as they arise!

Our rehearsal day is Thursday at lunch time.

If you would like your child to join this choir, please sign the permission note distributed at the meeting, and send with $5 to cover the cost of the songbook and CD. Please return it in an envelope marked choir and your child’s name and class, to either Mrs Gutherson, or the office.

We are already impressed with the enthusiasm of all the children and look forward to lots of fun singing.

Notes will be distributed at the meeting on the 3rd March.

Warm Regards,
The Choir Team

Chess News

The first big contest on the chess calendar will be the Northern Beaches Primary Schools’ Chess Challenge being held at Mona Vale Public School on Wednesday March 16th. Competition players are urged to attend the Thursday lunch social chess club to begin preparing for the event.

Mark Tickle

The annual information afternoon for this year’s upcoming season will be held on Tuesday 22nd March at 3:45pm in Mr Tickle’s classroom. This will be the only information presentation and covers everything you might want to know about Newport’s involvement in the Interschools ski and snowboard races. Training for the races begins next term.

The Snow Sports Committee
Mark Tickle.

MUSIC NEWS

It’s not too late to join the Training Band. Training Band has started rehearsals, however it is not too late to join. We are no longer taking students in our trumpet, saxophone or percussion sections, however we have space for more flutes, clarinets and bass instruments (trombones, euphoniums, French horn etc).

Year 2 students who would like to play the clarinet or flute are welcome. Free instrument hire is available for most of our bass 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 for all ensembles are now overdue. Our volunteer treasurer does an amazing job and late payments make her task more difficult. Registration forms 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

Please update your classes on FlexiSchools.
Also could you please let your children know if their lunch order does not arrive at there classroom to please come and see Tammy in the canteen as I can not go and find them.

Mon 07/03 J Masters, S Law, S Carter
Tues 8/03 T Brennan, McCauley, A Robinson, M Stidwill
Wed 9/03 N Scamps
Thurs 10/3 T Langton, D Partos, E Links, A Hunt, L Holdswart
Fri 11/3 R Woodman, V Watkins, R Sinefield
NEWPORT EASTER ART FESTIVAL

ART EXHIBITION
Friday 25 - Monday 28 March 2016
Exhibition of artworks from the Pittwater Artists Trail

EASTER SATURDAY FESTIVAL DAY
Saturday 26 March 2016

10.30am - 11.30am  -  Children's Art Workshop with Jacqueline Barton
11am - 12noon  -  Easter Egg Hunt and Parade
11am - 12noon  -  Easter Parade and Competitions
11am - 12noon  -  Pittwater Artistic & Palois Training
11am - 12noon  -  Exhibition & Outdoor Craft Workshop
11am - 12noon  -  Exhibition Opening Event

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MUMS FOR MUMS

OUR FAMILY OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

SOUL SURFER

Soul Surfer, when you come back from a loss, beat the odds and never say you're a loser.

Soul Surfer

Bert Payne Park, Newport Beach
Tickets available at www.trybooking.com/KEBU
For more information go to www.mumsformums.org.au

Northcott Presents
Moving to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

Parents, Carers, people living with a disability and other interested community members are invited to attend a National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) workshop.

The 90 minute workshop will assist participants in understanding the NDIS, how to prepare for it and explore how to identify support needs.

Session time & location below:

Northern Beaches
Venue: Mona Vale Public School, 2 Womersley Street, Mona Vale
Date: Monday 14th March
Time: 6.30pm

Battle of the Bends II

Newport Breakers Rugby Club vs Avalon Bulldogs Rugby League
Hybrid Rugby played over 4 x 20 minute quarters
Saturday 5th March 2016
Pittwater Rugby Park
Warringah Rats vs Manly Marlins @ 5.10pm
Newport Breakers vs Avalon Bulldogs @ 6.15pm
Corporate Boxes available. Enjoy hot food & drinks
Funds raised go to Starlight Foundation + both Clubs
Book a box here: http://www.trybooking.com/180593
Contact: brokenbreakers@gmail.com
Entrance is $5 per adult + a gold coin donation by the kids - to the Starlight Foundation.
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

Speciallyocks 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

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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