



17 August 2016

No 25

COMING EVENTS

Aug

- Mon 29 Book Week Fashion Parade
Theme: "Australia: Story Country"
- Mon 29 P&C Fathers' Day Stall Opens

Sep

- Fri 2 Fathers' Day Breakfast
- Fri 2 P&C Fathers' Day Stall Closes – Last Day to Shop!
- Mon 5 Yr 5 PCYC Bicycle Safety Course
- Tue 6 Darling Downs Regional Athletics Carnival
- Tue 6 Parent Teacher Interviews & Community Expo
- Tue 6 P&C Meeting (Resource Centre, 7pm)
- Fri 9 Morning Tea in the Flowers
- Fri 16 P-3 Sports Day & Last Day of Term 3

Reminder Book Week Fashion Parade



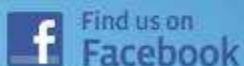
**Monday Morning Parade
29 August**

Have you got your costume ready yet? ☺

From the Principal...

Dear Parents and Care Givers

With a focus on attending school the whole week, we have seen great improvement! **Congratulations to 1R** who won the challenge with three days at 100% and just one student absent on the other two! Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement. Your child will have the opportunity to learn better and to make friends when they go to school all day, every school day.



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Congratulations to those students who represented Newtown State School in the West Zone Athletics Carnival on Monday.

Special mention to **Breanna F** (1st Discus, 2nd Shot Put), **Joseph L** (1st 80m, 2nd 200m) and **Jakye W** (1st High Jump, 80m, 800m & 2nd 200m) for being selected to represent West Zone at the upcoming Regional Carnival at Harristown High School on Tuesday 6 September 2016.

Well Done!

Another productive P&C Meeting was held last night where plans and decisions were made to support our school in its development and endeavours. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 6 September (same night as our upcoming Community Expo and Parent/Caregiver/Teacher Interviews) so please consider coming along and joining this vibrant group.

Regards

Tania Angus

Acting Principal

NAPLAN UPDATE

Preliminary school reports are now available for NAPLAN and the areas of improvement are encouraging for our school and can be summarised briefly as follows:

- there was an increase in the percentage of students achieving the National Minimum Standard in Year 3 (in Reading, Writing and Spelling) and in Year 5 (in Reading, Writing and Grammar and Punctuation).
- the mean (average) is similar to the national when compared with Like Schools (schools similar to Newtown SS).
- the percentage of students achieving in the upper two bands has increased in every test area in both year 3 and year 5.

This improvement reflects the dedicated work of students and staff, not only in Years 3 and 5 who undertook the tests, but also the work of preceding teachers. Further analysis of the NAPLAN data will take place to support teaching practice and improve student learning.

WELCOME!

Welcome to **Lenox** who has started at Newtown State School this week!

PBL

This week the PBL lesson focus is a continuation of the rule that when At Play, Play by the Rules with a special focus on the game of handball. This week students look at dealing with losing in a way that is respectful to everyone. This mature behaviour can be promoted at home by discussing the rules, and discussing losing.

This is important because if everyone follows the rules, then handball will continue to be a fun game for a lot of students at Newtown State School. In fact, failure or losing is the best way to learn and improve in all things in life. If everything goes our way all the time, or if we always win, then we rarely become the best we can be.

Bedazzled Number 1 Winners

The *bedazzled number 1* this week was awarded to 1R for the best attendance across the whole week!



Next week's challenge

...the class with the fewest overdue library books!

PAYMENTS DUE!

Year 6 camp - final payments due by 2 September.

We have been very lucky to have some special visitors to read to us this week in Prep!

A big thankyou to Mrs Debbie Hails (Acting Regional Director of Education), Mrs Rummell, Mrs Beveridge, Mrs Ehrlich, Mrs Shirtcliff and Mrs Johnston.



Mrs Debbie Hails (ARD) reading to Prep/1H on her visit to Newtown last week



Mrs Ehrlich & Mrs Shirtcliff also take the chair



Reading with Mrs Rummell & Mrs Beveridge



Mrs Marnie Johnston reading to Prep/1H in the big reading chair in the library

Community Health & Wellbeing Invitation

**Parent Teacher Interviews
Community Health & Wellbeing Expo**

Newtown State School Expo
Tuesday 6th September, 2016
2.45pm – 5.00pm

Remember to book your interview online

The afternoon provides you with the opportunity to connect with local service providers to improve your families health & wellbeing.

Included are images from the last Expo.

RSVP:
Sharyn Rummell
srummi1@eq.edu.au
Head of Special Educational Services
Harristown SS & Newtown SS



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Taking Recruitments for children aged 4yrs old!!!
The Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (HIPPI) is a free two-year, home-based early learning and parenting program for families with young children. HIPPI contributes to parents and child/ren well-being of positive interactions and making a successful transition to school and beyond.



Chaplain's Chat!

It's the business end of most winter sporting seasons at the moment, with teams battling out for finals positions in a range of codes. As a footy coach and sports fan, I really enjoy this time of year because you see the fruition of long term planning, hard work and the desire of teams to succeed. Whilst the celebrations are about finals, flags and victories, most times the speeches always talk about the amount of hard work involved and the support they have received. It reminds me that, if there is something we want, we need to work hard to achieve it and, when we have people supporting us, we are encouraged and find it easier to achieve.

So, this week, how are you working hard to achieve your dreams, one step at a time, and supporting others so that they can achieve theirs?

Andrew Bell (Chaplain)

Work Days and Contact Information

This year I am working at Newtown 2 days a week, working in the school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. I can be contacted here at the school by calling the main office on 4614 5777, leaving a message at the main office or by emailing abell168@eq.edu.au.

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P&C News

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New Meeting Date

The next general meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday 6 September**, 7pm in the Resource Centre.



P&C will be hosting a BBQ as part of the Community Expo event on Parent Teacher Interview afternoon - Sausage sizzles will be available for sale.

Morning Tea in the Flowers

Friday 9 September – only three weeks away!

We will be hosting this wonderful community event again this year.

If you can assist with helping organise, run, or man this event, please get in touch 0409266181 (Lauren). Don't forget the funds raised from this morning tea will go towards the Instrumental Music program.



Tuckshop

Meal Deal this week:

Chicken Fried Rice
with a choice of drink
for only \$5.



Half Hotdogs – all varieties – only \$2 each

Half Salad Wraps – all varieties – only \$2.50 each

EFTPOS is available at Tuckshop.

A 25c fee applies to each transaction



Do you love to help? Do you have a few spare hours, especially on a Thursday or Friday morning, to help Toni out in the Tuckshop – we always appreciate any time you are able to give.

Toni Gray - Tuckshop Convenor (0432617535)

Uniform Shop

For Term 3 we are open on **Tuesday** mornings ONLY from 8:30am to 9:30am.

We take **cash or EFTPOS** as payment.

A 25 cent fee applies to every EFTPOS transaction.

Interschool Sports Socks

If you are in Year 5 or 6 and you are doing Interschool sport this term, you are required to wear the maroon and gold sports socks to play.

These are available from Uniform Shop for **\$8.50/pair**. You can also purchase these from the office outside Uniform Shop opening hours, but you **MUST** bring correct change as the office does not keep change.



Recycling

Recycling is on Tuesday mornings outside the Uniform Shop.

Please bring your **papers and cans** for recycling. When you bring aluminium cans for

recycling you will receive 1 ticket into the end of term draw. When you bring paper (so that is newspaper, junk mail, magazines etc) you also receive 1 ticket in the end of term draw.

This term's individual recycling prize is a **Movie Pass Set to the cinemas!** This includes 1 adult pass & 1 child pass so you can take your favourite adult with you to see the movie of your choice!!!

This term we have **two** competitions running: the normal individual competition and also the class competition. As we are aware, there is a lot of paper thrown out every day in the classrooms that could be recycled and help your school.

Every Tuesday your class can now bring down their box of paper to be recycled at 8:45am on Tuesdays and your class will get a ticket in the end of term class prize. The **class prize** will be an ice block for every child in the winning class this term. So get your class a paper recycling box and get recycling!

Fathers' Day Stall

We are holding our annual Fathers' Day Stall from 29th August to 2nd September and we need volunteers to help man the stall.

It runs before school, from 8:30 - 8:45am and after school, 3:00-3:15pm.

All proceeds from the stall go to the Literacy program! If you can help fill any of the available spots, please see Sabrina at Uniform shop or drop a note to the office with your contact details on it.

Fathers Day Roster - Fathers day stall in Resource Centre.

	Mon 29/8/16	Tues 30/8/16	Wed 31/8/16	Thur 1/9/16	Fri 2/9/16
8:30 - 8:45am	Sabrina	Sabrina			
3:00 - 3:15pm	Sabrina	Sabrina			Chris C



Outside School Hours Care

Socialising in safety with friends

Craft, sport, ball games, science experiments and cooking are just some of the fun activities your children get to enjoy at Newtown Outside School Hours Care. So come along and say 'Hi' to Dee and the team.

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