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COMING EVENTS

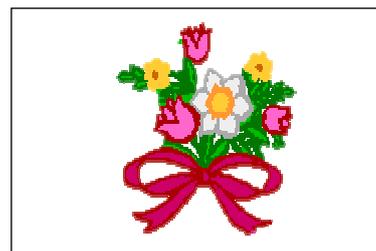
July

Fri	15	100 days of Prep celebrations – 9.00am – 10.30am
Wed	20	P & C Social night – From 5.30 Mort Estate Hotel
Fri	22	Inter-School Sport
Thur	29	Instrumental Eisteddfod
Fri	30	Instrumental Eisteddfod

Aug

Mon	1	Instrumental Eisteddfod
Mon	29	Book week Fashion Parade – Theme: Australia: Story Country

WELCOME



Mrs Angus

To our wonderful school
In your role as Acting
Principal

From the Principal...

Dear Parents and Care Givers

Welcome back to Term 3. I trust that everyone enjoyed the winter break and managed to stay warm and well. I feel excited and privileged to be the acting principal and part of the dynamic team at Newtown State School for the semester two. I appreciate the change in leadership that the Newtown school community has had to adapt and be responsive to and will endeavour to make this newest transition as smooth as possible. My aim over the coming weeks is to spend as much time as possible in and around classrooms and in the playground to get to know everyone. As I explained to students on assembly, safety, well-being and learning for all in our school community are my priority. I sincerely appreciate the warm welcome that has been extended to me since joining this school community and I really enjoyed my first P&C Meeting last night. I encourage you to consider coming along to a meeting, if you haven't done so already and participate in the lively and productive discussion and action that makes such a valuable contribution to this school.



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With a full semester of curriculum completed, teaching staff will be commencing new units of work. Prior to the holidays, you should have received your child's Semester One Report Card to provide a summary of achievement, behaviour and effort. When considering your child's report card, take a moment to review your child's attendance. Research shows that students who have high attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If students aren't at school, are consistently late or don't stay the whole day, they are missing valuable instruction which will help them to achieve their full potential. Recent changes to departmental policy around roll marking and attendance mean that schools are to work towards implementing a same day notification to parents/carers for unexplained absences so we appreciate parents/carers using the absence line to notify the office by the start of the school day of any absences.

Our most recent School Annual Report has been uploaded on our school website for your interest.

Kind regards

Tania Angus, Acting Principal.

ANNUAL SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY

The annual School Opinion Survey is now open online. All families and school staff are invited to take part and a representative sample of year five and six students will complete the survey at school. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well and how this school can improve. Online access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey will be sent home with students today. Parents/caregivers may arrange for online access at the school if it is unavailable at home. The survey closes on 29 July. We will receive our schools' reports later this year.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

The focus lesson for this week is around expectations for behaviour on assembly and includes standing and sitting in a quiet manner, singing the anthem appropriately and listening attentively with eyes on the speaker when being addressed. On assembly, we also discussed the expectation, 'bring all equipment to class, ready to learn' (linked to the value of being responsible), as an appropriate focus given the start of a new term. We do have a number of stationery items from leftover bookbags available for purchase (cash only) from the office. In visiting classrooms over this week, it was great to see the number of students who have returned to the new term with what they need; setting themselves up for a successful day at school and a readiness to engage in learning.

PREP 2017

Enrolments are now being taken for Prep in 2017. Children born 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 are eligible to enrol now for next year. Please contact the school office to make arrangements for an enrolment interview. If you have relatives or neighbours with young children who may be born during this period please let them know it is time to enrol for Prep 2017.

NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC stands for the National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee.

NAIDOC Week is a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and an opportunity to recognise the contributions of Indigenous Australians in various fields. It seeks to increase awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of Indigenous Australians and to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements. This year NAIDOC week occurred on the 3 – 10 July with activities taking place across the nation. Newtown State School teachers and students have observed NAIDOC Week through a range of curriculum studies this week including painting using indigenous symbols and indigenous games. Each week, the students leading our Assembly, open with an Acknowledgement to Country; to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land upon which we meet, to show respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and Australia's first peoples.

Interschool Sport Term 3



Soccer and Rugby League are being offered in Term 3 for Friday Afternoon Sport. It is an eight week program commencing on Friday 22.07.16, through to Friday 09.09.16.

Students born in 2004 and 2005 are eligible to play. Instead of paying \$4 each week, a one off payment of \$30 will need to be paid to the Office, prior to Friday Afternoon Sport commencing in Term 3. This covers the cost of buses for the whole eight week program. It allows for one receipt to be generated rather than eight separate ones, throughout the term, hence being more efficient. In the case of a game being cancelled due to rain, your credit will be rolled over into Term 4 Sport. If there are refunds to be given, this will occur at the completion of Term 4 Friday Afternoon Sport. Could all forms be returned to your class teacher by Thursday 14 July and any money has to be taken directly to the office to be receipted. It is recommended that all students participating in Friday Afternoon Sport wear their school uniform and school socks. Soccer players need to wear long socks to enable them to wear shin pads. School socks can be purchased for \$8.50 at the office or at the uniform shop on Tuesdays between 8:30am and 9:30am. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

Dave Ragh (PE)

Book Week 2016 – Fashion Parade Competition

On Monday 29 August, we will celebrate Book Week at Newtown State School. The theme this year is Australia: Story Country. We always love to see students in costume and to see how creative they (and their parents) are by recycling or making costumes.

It could get a bit tricky with the costumes this year, so here's a guide to help.

What's not Australian? Disney characters, Eric Carle, Dr Seuss, dragon stories, Fairy tales, Enid Blyton, Roald Dahl

Some possible costume ideas are:

- Australian animal characters – make a mask
- Dreamtime story characters – use paint and a mask
- Historical characters: Captain Cook, Ned Kelly, Jandamurra, convicts, shearers,
- Historical fiction characters: Our Australian Girl series, My Australian Story series
- Australian classics: May Gibbs Gumnut babies, Steele Rudd's shearers, Bunyip from Berkeley's Creek,
- Characters from poetry/song: Banjo Paterson, Henry Lawson...come dressed as Mulga Bill or Waltzing Matilda
- Popular Australian children's book characters from: Mem Fox, Jackie French, Bob Graham, Narelle Oliver, Margaret Wild, Leigh Hobbs, Emily Rodda, Jeanie Baker...

Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Do you have excess children's books on your bookshelf that you no longer use?



The Prep Team are looking for donations of a range of children's books that could be used for a special project at school. With the assistance from The Toowoomba City Men's Shed, we are having three fantastic **book houses** made to be situated in three locations around the school as a Free Book Exchange Library. This means that the books are free for the children to borrow and return or exchange for another book when they are finished with it. These books will be accessible to students before and after school and during break times. All book donations can be delivered to Mrs Harris at Prep to be marked and ready for use in Term 3. We are excited to provide even more opportunities for children to read and develop their love of reading at Newtown State School.

Thank you in advance.

Mrs Katy Harris

Newtown State School

P&C News

13 July, 2016

The **next general meeting** is scheduled for **7pm Tuesday 16th August**.

We would also like to **extend our welcome to Tania Angus** who has joined our community this semester. We look forward to working with you.

Social Night

Our P & C are hosting a Social Night for the Newtown SS Community - all welcome. Please join us for a fun evening and get to know the current executive and current P&C members. Free nibbles and conversation!

When: **Wednesday 20th July from 5:30pm**

Where: **Mort Estate Hotel.**

Tuckshop

Meal Deal this Week

Spaghetti Bolognese with your choice of drink

IF YOUR CHILD IS ATTENDING FRIDAY SPORT, PLEASE MARK THIS ON THEIR FRIDAY ORDER TO ENABLE US TO HAVE THEIR ORDER READY IN TIME (Year 5 and 6).

A BIG Thank you to all who donated goods to the Tuckshop for the free dress day. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Uniform Shop

For Term 2 & 3 we are open on Tuesday mornings **ONLY** from 8:30am to 9:30am.

EFTPOS is now available at Uniform Shop!!!!!!!!!!!!!!.

A 25 cent fee applies to every EFTPOS transaction to help cover the costs to us in providing this service to you. We take cash or eftpos as payment.

Interschool Sport Socks.

If you are in the higher grades this term and doing inter school sport, you will be required to have the Newtown sports sock. These are available at the Uniform shop or the office for \$8.50. Please have correct change if buying from the office as they do not keep change and do not have access to EFTPOS for the uniform shop. For Term 2 & 3 we are open on Tuesday mornings **ONLY** from 8:30am to 9:30am.

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.



New Prizes for term 3! Watch this space next term to find out what you could win!

Outside School Hours Care

Children bored????

Book them into Newtown Outside School Hours Care so they can socialise with their friends in a safe, warm environment with fun activities and enjoy a provided afternoon tea for \$21.70 minus you CCB (Child Care Benefit) an afternoon.

If you are unsure of you CCB% come see Dee for a quote.

Newtown Outside School Hours Care has an open door policy, so if you would like to come in and see what fun we have here, 'pop in' and say 'Hello' to Dee and the team. For all enquiries, please call Dee on 0428 502 967 or 4614 5718

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