



20 July 2016

No 21

COMING EVENTS

July

Wed	20	P & C Social Night – From 5.30pm Mort Estate Hotel
Fri	22	Inter-School Sport
Thu	28	Instrumental Eisteddfod
Fri	29	Instrumental Eisteddfod

Aug

Mon	1	Instrumental Eisteddfod
Tue	9	P&C Meeting (Resource Centre, 7pm)
Mon	29	Book Week Fashion Parade
		Theme: Australia: Story Country

YOU'RE INVITED!

**P&C
Social Night
TONIGHT**

Mort Estate Hotel
From 5:30pm
... all welcome 😊

From the Principal...

Dear Parents and Care Givers

Last week our Prep students celebrated 100 days of school and how lovely it was to catch up with families during a fun-filled morning. Prep is such a vital year in building the foundation for future success at school and the growth and development achieved during Prep is incredible to see. Many thanks to the staff for their time and effort in preparing such a wonderful celebration.

This week you will receive classroom communication newsletters, known as *Class Comms*, providing an overview of learning and important events coming up for each class for the term. Also included may be information on ways that you can support your child at home. Reading to your child on a daily basis is one of those activities that will support their learning at school and provide a lovely opportunity to snuggle up and enjoy a moment with your child that you will both thoroughly enjoy.



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In the short time I've been at Newtown, it is evident that positive relationships between parents/caregivers and the school is something that is highly valued. Positive relationships based on mutual respect and open communication will serve to ensure a more positive school experience for your child. Where we work together, learning is progressed. If you have thoughts to express or concerns to discuss, please make an appointment for a mutually convenient time with the appropriate staff member. Whilst social media is often used as a forum for sharing thoughts and discussion, coming in and talking to the appropriate person can clarify and resolve concerns in a more productive and supportive way.

Recently, the Department of Education and Training has updated procedures in relation to managing student absences to require same day notification for unexplained absences. In the near future, this will involve purchasing an automated notification system (using text messaging) to implement same day notification for all students. In the meantime, unexplained absences will be monitored and followed up via phone on a daily basis. Parents/caregivers are asked to notify the school of the reason for an absence by 9:30am on the morning of each day of absence. This can be done via the absence line on 4614 5766. If an explanation for an absence is not received by this time, administrative assistants will follow-up with a phone call to parents/caregivers. Please ensure that we have your correct address and phone details.



Newtown's attendance goal is 95%. Term 2, 2016 attendance for the term was: 91.9%



Term 3's attendance has started off exceptionally well and is sitting at: 94.5%

Keep up the FANTASTIC work

I look forward to having the opportunity to meet many of you at the Social Night presented by the Newtown State School P&C tonight.

Regards

Tania Angus, Acting Principal

WELCOME!

Welcome to **Taya-Rose, Reezan, Shakayla, Justice, Summer** and **Amarean** to Newtown State School.

STAFFING UPDATE TERM 3

- Sarah Holcombe: 0.6 FTE: continuing in Curriculum Differentiation Coach role
- Chrissie Reushle: 0.8 FTE: replaced by Sarah Retallick Fridays
- Suzie Richards: 0.8 FTE: replaced by Sandi Andison Fridays
- Nyree Scott: 0.9 FTE: replaced by Peter Cook alternate Fridays
- Bernii Miller: 0.9 FTE: replaced by Peter Cook alternate Fridays
- Jeff Bean: Coaching teachers in ICTs: replaced by Peter Cook Tuesdays
- Louise Boyle returning from long service leave
- Brooke Linsket remaining as LRT (Local Relieving Teacher)
- Ben Nowack BSM replaced by Jodie Schutt

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 were sent home with students last week. 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.

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.

MEDIA PERMISSION

We are currently ensuring that we have necessary media consents. Your child may receive a permission form regarding this. Please return as soon as possible.

Here are some ideas that may help you support your child's reading development:

- Talk with your child about the things they like to read - picture books, books about dinosaurs, 'how-to-make' instructions, catalogues, signs, computer games
- Read with your child each day if you can - before bed, first thing in the morning, whenever it is convenient for the family
- Giving them time to have a go at reading tricky words
- Telling them the words they can't work out by themselves – they don't need to feel stressed when learning to read
- Pointing to the illustrations for clues about the meaning
- Ask your child to retell the story in their own words
- Ask your child some questions about what happened in the story, e.g. What was the boy's name? What happened after...? How many ...? When.... what did...do/say/react?
- Discuss your child's thought/ideas that may have come up while reading the book, e.g. What would they have done if? What did they think about ...? How do they think the characters in the book felt when...? What part of the book makes them think that?

And most importantly, make reading fun!!



Mobile Dental Clinic News

The Mobile Dental Clinic 42A is open each **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8.30am until**

4.00pm and closed Thursday and Friday. Our phone number is 0408 767 779

All families at Newtown State School have been issued registration forms and these forms will be used when making the students appointment. If you haven't returned your registration form then please do so as soon as possible. If you need a new registration form then please get a new form from the school office or call into the dental van.

We are contacting parents each week for appointments.

The Dental Van will be closed for 2 weeks from Thursday 28th July and will re-open Monday 15th August 2016. In case of an emergency please contact 1300082662 at 8.00am Monday – Friday. Appointment will be made with their parent / carer so they can attend with their child /children at times that are suitable with the dental van and parent.

If there are any concerns please contact the Dental Van.

Thank you

Karen and Deborah, *Dental Staff*

Positive Behaviour for Learning News

This week the **PBL lesson focus** is appropriate behaviour in the toilets. The children are required to go to the toilet before school and during break times whenever possible. When the first bell rings at the end of play, students are to go to the toilet, get a drink and line up on the 'Village Green' – all before the second bell rings. When using the toilets, children must be respectful of others privacy and to be responsible in the toilet. It is not a place to play. Appropriate behaviours in the toilet/bathroom area can be promoted at home by encouraging children to:

- Place paper towel in the bin
- Turn the tap off
- To clean up after themselves

Chaplain's Chat!

We have had a run of unexpected things crop up over the last week or so – basically since school started back. They couldn't have happened during the school holidays, when there was flexibility and less demands on the family. Definitely thrown more than a couple of complications into the mix that is for sure. Whilst they have tested us, it has been a reminder of the fact that whilst we can't always control the things that happen to us, we can control how we respond. Whilst the complications affected some plans, they positive is that they also actually created time and space for other things I hadn't planned on but was grateful for. When complications happen, often they create unexpected opportunities.

So, this week, when something doesn't go to plan, how will you respond – will you get frustrated about what didn't go to plan or will you make the most of the different opportunity?

Andrew Bell (*Chaplain*)

Work Days and Contact Information

This semester 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.

Newtown State School

P&C News

20 July 2016

The **next general meeting** is scheduled for 7pm Tuesday 9th August.

Social Night

The P&C are having a social night for the Newtown State School community **tonight** – all welcome. Please join us for a fun evening and get to know the current Executive and current P&C members.

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

Where: **Mort Estate Hotel**

Free nibbles and conversation 😊

Semester 1 Fundraising

Money raised from Semester 1 fundraising will go to PBL Program to implement lunch time activities.

Money Raised:

Nutrimetics Drive	\$100
Disco	\$1185
O'Quinn St BBQ	\$286.45
Election BBQ	\$917.79
Total for PBL	\$2489.39

Upcoming - Morning Tea in the Flowers

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).



Hello, my name is Shallon Garton. I am a mum of two and a Prep Teacher at Newtown SS. Whilst I don't attend all P&C meetings, their yummy snacks and laughs do make the ones I can get to worthwhile. The P&C plays a vital role at our school by not only providing additional fundraising to our school, but also having a say in the direction our

school takes. I would recommend everyone attend at least one P&C meeting to see if it is a good fit for them. It's an opportunity to contribute to and have a say in your child/ren's education and doesn't have to take up a lot of time. After all, many hands make light work.

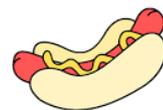
My top 3 reasons for being part of the P&C include ...

- 1) It is an opportunity to network with our wider school community and to hear from families what they want, not only for their children, but the whole school community.
- 2) It allows me to give a different perspective to ideas presented to ensure we can work towards a common vision for the children in our school.
- 3) Everyone within the P&C is heard, regardless of how big or little their commitment to the P&C is, as together we can make a big difference.

Tuckshop

Meal Deals this week:

Beef Hotpot & Rice
with a choice of drink
for only \$5.



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

Uniform Shop

For Term 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 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. *The prize for Term 3 is still a secret.* Keep reading in the next few weeks to discover this term's individual prize!

This term we will 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!

Outside School Hours Care

Hard to get your children motivated in the cold winter mornings after the holidays? Well, let us help. When coming to OSHC the children get to enjoy a warm Milo/milk, breakfast of choice, socialise with their friends doing programmed activities or spontaneous play before school. Come in and say 'Hi' to Dee and her team or you can contact us on:

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