



04 May 2016

No 12

COMING EVENTS

May

Wed 4 – Fri 6	Mothers' Day Stall (Resource Centre)
Fri 6	Mothers' Day Morning Tea (Sports Hall, 11am)
Tue 10 – Thu 12	NAPLAN Testing (Yr 3 & Yr 5 Students only)
Tue 10	P&C Meeting (Resource Centre, 7pm)
Thu 19	Regional Fanfare (for Instrumental Music Students)
Fri 20	Disco (Cost \$3)
Tue 24	Darling Downs Cross Country

June

Fri 10	Yr 4 – 6 Athletics Carnival (Ball Games at School Tennis Courts)
Tue 14	Sing Out (Choir)
Wed 15	Yr 4 – 6 Athletics Carnival (Field Events at School)
Thu 16	Yr 4 – 6 Athletics Carnival (Track Events at O'Quinn St Oval)

Mothers' Day Morning Tea



This Friday 6 May
All mums, grandmothers
and carers are welcome
to attend in the
Hall from 11am ☺



From the Principal...

Dear Parents and Care Givers

I would like to commend our school captains who represented their school with pride at the Mayor's Morning Tea last week. Our leaders listened to the mayor's message and speeches from other primary school leaders at the Empire Theatre Church.

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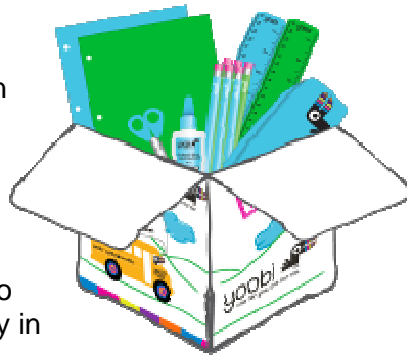
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This Friday morning we will focus on the special women who are celebrated on Mother's Day with a lovely **morning tea**. **All mums, grandmothers and carers** are welcome to attend in the Hall from **11:00am**.

A big **thank you** to the Smith Family and Yoobi partnership who have provided a bank of stationery items to support our students in their learning for this year. Staff will be able to access these as required to ensure our children have what they need to participate successfully in the classroom.



Well done to our Newtown families too on committing to our children attending school each day. For the first 12 weeks of 2016 our attendance rate has been 94.09%. With our goal being 95% everyone is working together to ensure every day counts!

Looking forward to another great week.

Kind regards

Donna Gurr, Acting Principal.

West Zone Cross Country Results

Congratulations to the following students on their efforts at the West Zone Cross Country.



Special mention goes to **Braeden B**, **Kylah Q** and **Johnathon T** for being selected to represent West Zone at the upcoming Regional Cross Country.

	<u>Boys</u>		<u>Girls</u>	
<u>Under 10</u>	Kevin W	DNF	Kylah Q	4 th
	Ryan E	DNF	Courtney C	12 th
	Johnathon T	4 th	Felicity C	22 nd
<u>Under 11</u>	Braeden B	1 st	Mackenzie Q	16 th
	Flynn T	14 th		
	Benjamin A	26 th		
<u>Under 12</u>	Mereki D	20 th	Lateesha M	24 th
	Samir A	22 nd		
	Noah G	25 th		

DNF Did not finish

Well Done!

Dave Ragh, PE Teacher

Positive Behaviour for Learning News

What is a double GOTCHA day?

On occasion, students might spot teachers wearing some crazy headbands. That's our signal to students that on that day, they could earn twice as many GOTCHAs as usual. Teachers are looking out that day for particular behaviours as a focus. The PBL committee usually decides the day of the week based on the data collected as well as the focus. In term 2, the focus is on self-regulation, compliance and physical conduct in the playground and in the classroom.

Please note, that the GOTCHA raffle wheel has a double GOTCHA day also, but that is only for the child whose name is drawn, and is for one day only.

This week the PBL lesson is to focus on teasing in the playground, specifically on practicing some simple steps with how to deal with it. Students will engage in some role play activities to help them decide if they are being teased, to think about ways to deal with it and then to choose the best way and do it.

This is because there seems to be some confusion with students reporting incidents in the playground. Incidents seem to start with teasing and disagreements.

Chaplain's Chat!

As a bit of a Star Wars fan, May the 4th (when I'm writing this) is a day to enjoy celebrating all things Star Wars! One of the great questions and conversations that flows through the movies is whether key characters hold strong to what they believe and doing the right thing, or whether they give in to "the dark side" and do what is easy and tempting. All of us struggle with that sometimes – whether to do what is the right thing, even though it can be harder, or to take the easy way out or join in with our friends and not stand up against something. Sometimes it can be hard to do the right thing, especially if it's not what everyone else is doing. But often, doing the easy or wrong thing might make things easy in the short term but it regularly comes back on us and makes things harder or worse in the long run! So, this week, how are you making good choices, even if they are hard, so that you are doing the right and best thing in the long run?

Andrew Bell (*Chaplain*)

Available Tuesdays and Wednesdays 4614 5777, or by emailing abell168@eq.edu.au.

Learning Club Recommended April 26th

We Need YOUR Help! Our Learning Club here at Newtown commenced last Tuesday April 26th and we're hoping to help even more children in our school community. YOU can help us do that! The one thing that prevents us from growing larger is the number of tutors we have. As a tutor, your role is to work with one or two children, helping them with their homework and in areas they might find a bit tough. We provide you with training and are there each week to help and support you! If you are interested in getting involved, speak to our Chaplain, Andrew Bell. We look like we may have a few spaces open for new students in Learning Club this year – please direct all enquiries to Andrew Bell.

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P&C News

04 May 2016

**Next P&C Meeting: Tuesday 10 May
7pm in the Resource Centre**

CHANGES TO P&C MEETING

AS OF OUR MAY MEETING, THE P&C HAVE DECIDED TO MOVE OUR GENERAL BUSINESS TO THE BEGINNING OF MEETINGS. THIS HAS BEEN DONE TO ALLOW ALL PARTIES TO ATTEND FOR DISCUSSION AND NOT REMAIN FOR REPORT SUBMISSIONS.

WE APPRECIATE THAT MANY ATTENDEES ARE TIME POOR AND WE APPRECIATE EVERYONE'S INPUT AND WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE MORE ATTENDEES TO HAVE A SAY.

GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION FOR OUR MAY MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS THUS FAR

- IN FOCUS OSHC
- DISCO DISCUSSION
- P&C SOCIAL EVENT

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO ADVISE US OF ISSUES YOU MAY WISH TO ADD TO THE AGENDA.

Disco Meeting

The Disco will be Friday 20th May!
Entry cost for students is \$3. This year we have chosen a theme as well as a new layout.
The theme for this Disco will be MOVIE STARS!
Further information to come!

Volunteers are required to assist on the night.
Please see Toni in the Tuckshop or phone Lauren on 0409266181 if you are able to help.

Mothers' Day Raffle

A beautiful basket of goodies has been donated by the Anderson/Young family for the Mothers' Day raffle. Tickets are still available from the office for collection and also sold from the Mothers' Day Stall. The raffle will be drawn at the MOTHER'S DAY MORNING TEA this Friday.

Nutrimetics Mothers' Day Drive

ORDER FORMS should now have been returned and deliveries are expected before the end of the week. All families who returned a form will also receive an entry into the Mothers' Day Raffle.

Tuckshop



Tuckshop is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8.30am to 1.30pm.

This Week's Meal Deal is:
Fried Rice
and a choice of drink
Only \$5

Thank you to Glenys & Diane for their donations this week.

CAN YOU HELP?

Tuckshop is desperately in need of some volunteers, especially for Thursdays and Fridays. The tasks you perform are as simple as making sandwiches and rolls, putting food in the oven, or preparing salad ingredients, or maybe you would prefer to come in to do some baking. As little as an hour can be a tremendous help in the continued running of the Tuckshop. Please contact Toni Gray at the Tuckshop or on 0432 617 535 to discuss how and when you may be able to assist.

Uniform Shop

For Term 2 & 3 we are open on **Tuesday** mornings **ONLY** from 8:30am to 9:30am.
If placing an order through the office, only cash payments can be accepted and the correct change is required as the office does not keep change.
NB: Even though the P&C now have EFTPOS, all orders placed through the office are required to be paid for by cash as the P&C EFTPOS machine is not available for use when the Uniform Shop is closed.

We now also require donations of **pants/skirts hangers** (the hangers with the clips on them) and a **Mobile Clothes Trolley**. Please see Sabrina at the Uniform Shop if you are able to help.



Recycling

Just a reminder that recycling is on **Tuesday mornings** outside the Uniform Shop.
There are two recycling prizes for Term 2. If you participate and receive tickets in the end of term draw, you have a chance to win one of 2, 10 visit passes to IPLAY!!

Mothers' Day Stall (in the Resource Centre)

Our Mothers' Day Stall is happening this week, before school 8:30-8:45am and after school 3-3:15pm.

Beautiful gifts for your mother from \$1 each!

We have **mystery bottle gifts**, beautifully wrapped for only \$2 each!

Thankyou to those wonderful people who have donated items to sell at the stall and thankyou to our wonderful volunteers who have volunteered their time to run it!

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