



11 May 2016

No 13

COMING EVENTS

May

- Wed 11 – Thu 12 NAPLAN Testing (Yr 3 & Yr 5 Students only)**
Thu 19 Regional Fanfare (for School Concert Band Members)
Fri 20 Walk Safely to School Day
Fri 20 Disco (Cost \$3) Prep - Year 3 will be from 4 – 5:30pm
Year 4 – 6 will be 6 – 8pm
Tue 24 Darling Downs Cross Country

June

- Fri 10 Yr 3 – 6 Athletics Carnival**
(Ball Games at School Tennis Courts)
Tue 14 P&C Meeting (Resource Centre, 7pm)
Tue 14 Sing Out (Choir)
Wed 15 Athletics Carnival (Students born 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007)
(Field Events at School)
Thu 16 Athletics Carnival (Students born 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007)
(Track Events at O'Quinn St Oval)

National Volunteer Week



We would like to say
“Thank you”
and celebrate and acknowledge
the generous contribution of our
many parent and community
volunteers here at
Newtown State School ☺

*Research shows that volunteers
live healthier, happier and more
meaningful lives by volunteering.*

From the Principal...

Dear Parents and Care Givers

Last Friday saw a wonderful community morning at Newtown as mums, grandmothers, nannas and carers celebrated Mother's Day.

In prep classes children were able to pamper mums and join together in art, craft and other fun activities.

The morning tea to follow was another lovely time as children from all year levels shared morning tea with families. For some children three generations of women were represented – *what a special time.*



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I would like to ask all parents and carers to please reinforce **personal safety** with their children, particularly keeping themselves safe travelling to and from school. Please talk about the following strategies:

- Walk in groups to and from school
- Never accept a lift or enter a vehicle with someone you don't know
- If you are approached by a stranger, keep a safe distance and think of a direction to run if needed
- Never give your name and/or address to anyone you do not know (particularly on the internet)
- Run to a safe place if needed eg school, friend's house, shop etc
- Always let your parents/carers know where you are
- Please ensure that the school's processes for signing in and out are followed if your child is late to school or your child needs to leave the school grounds during the day.

Teachers will also be reinforcing these messages in classrooms.

Looking forward to another great week.

Kind regards

Donna Gurr, Acting Principal.

Congratulations Sarah



Last week Sarah (5R) competed in her first ever Piano Solo at the Queensland Eisteddfod and was awarded 1st Place!

Well Done Sarah!

Newtown State School **Band** Notice

Important dates coming up:

- **Monday 16 May:** 9.00 - Band will play on Parade. Set up in the hall must be done before school, from 8.15am. Remember to bring instruments and music. Parents are welcome to attend.
- **Monday 16 May:** Band rehearsal 3.15 - 4.00pm. it is very important that all students attend – last rehearsal before Fanfare.
- **Thursday 19 May:** Fanfare. Students must be at Middle Ridge Uniting Church by 8.00 with their instruments and their music. Parents are welcome to attend – no entry fee.
- Band uniforms – students can come to the Music Room before or after school to borrow their band Uniforms before Fanfare



Walk Safely to School Day is next Friday 20th May 2016. This day is to encourage you as parents and carers to walk to school with your children, promoting healthy lifestyles, developing safe road crossing skills and reducing pollution and traffic congestion.

Please use this as an opportunity to practise and discuss walking safely to school including road rules, stranger danger and crossing roads safely with your children.

The school publicity committee will be gathering some information on how students arrive at school on the day and students' ideas on road safety in the lead up to the event. Consider how your family could be involved on the day.

Publicity Committee

Positive Behaviour for Learning News

How do we engage the community? Part 1

Community support for PBL is something Newtown State School is developing; not just the families of our students, but local businesses too. Have you considered our thank you notices to local businesses? The Lucky Charm Newsagency at Clifford Gardens has been long-time, regular sponsors of novelty items for our GOTCHA shop...tell them thanks next time you are there! We've also had support from Heritage Bank and Newspress, Highfields.

This week the PBL lesson focus is managing yourself and not others. This behaviour can be promoted at home by encouraging students to do the things they know they should and not interfere with their brothers and sisters, or anyone else in the home. If they are unsure, then they should take their concerns to someone who is responsible for everyone's care.

This is because issues in the playground related to non-compliance or physical misconduct in term one.

If you are able to spare some time to cover new books for the library, *please see Mrs Bowman.* If you don't know how, but are happy to learn, that's okay too! Any help would be greatly appreciated."



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P&C News

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Thank you to all who attended last night's meeting. The change to agenda was well received and allowed for some positive discussions. The **next general meeting** is scheduled for **7pm Tuesday 14th of June**.

Disco - MOVIE STARS THEME

DISCO will be held Friday 20th May
Prep - Year 3 will be from **4 – 5:30pm**
Year 4 – 6 will be **6 – 8pm**

Don't forget you will need to sign your child in on the night.

Cost of the disco is **\$3/student**.

Have you put your hand up to help on the night?

As an added **bonus** your child will receive **\$1 ENTRY!** Volunteers who have students in both groups will also be able to allow their child to **attend both sessions!** If you have not yet offered to come, enjoy the night as a volunteer as there is still time - see *Toni in the Tuckshop* or call *Lauren* on 0409266181.

Tuckshop

EFTPOS is now available at Tuckshop. Minimum spend is \$5 with a 25c transaction fee.



The Meal Deal for this week is a **Crumbed Chicken Sub** with a **choice of drink** for **\$5**.

(NB: We no longer sell Krazy Lemon or Hello Pandas)

CAN YOU HELP?

Volunteers are needed on the **Disco Night** for in **Tuckshop** and to **assist at the disco**. If you are able to give some time, please contact *Toni Gray* (Tuckshop Convenor) on 0432617535.

Uniform Shop

For Term 2 & 3 we are open on **Tuesday** mornings **ONLY** from **8:30am to 9:30am**. We have a **full second hand rack of winter items** ready to clothe cold boys and girls – *come and have a look! We take cash or EFTPOS as payment. (A 25c fee applies to every EFTPOS transaction to help cover the costs to us in providing this service to you.)* **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.

Recycling

Just a reminder that recycling is on **Tuesday** mornings outside the Uniform Shop. There are two recycling prizes for Term 2. **You have a chance to win one of 2, 10 visit passes to IPLAY!!**



Mothers' Day Stall

Thank you to those wonderful people who donated items to sell at the stall.

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who donated their time to run such a wonderful stall. Our volunteers are greatly appreciated! If you were one of those volunteers please pat yourself on the back! Without you, stalls like this could not happen!

We raised **\$586.00** which will go towards the school's literacy program. This helps all of our students.

Outside School Hours Care

Don't forget we open at 6am for before school care. In the cooler months, instead of your children waiting in the cold, book them into Outside School Hours Care with the warmth of heaters and a warm breakfast before 8am. From 8am (*breakfast not included*), our fee is only \$7.40 minus your CCB (Child Care Benefit). If you would like a quote or enrolment pack, please see *Dee* or one of our friendly staff at OSHC who will be happy to assist you. DISCO : Friday 20 May. So your children can go to the disco and dance away without you stressing about time to get them ready and being able to drop them off, let our friendly staff help you out. By booking your children into OSHC on the afternoon of Friday 20 May, we drop your children off at the disco and sign them in for you.

BRINGING SUNSHINE TO THE COMMUNITY

Community Organizations are offering a community BBQ For everyone in the community to enjoy

WHEN
Friday 27th May
11:00am to 2:00pm

WHERE
QUEENS PARK ACROSS FROM CHALK DRIVE SKATE PARK

Outreach Clinics
Goolburri Aboriginal Health are offering Clinics to the Community.

Services Provided:
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Mental Health Care Plans
Chronic Disease Management

These services are available to everyone in the community
For further information please contact reception on 46320 338



Ozcare

Social Inclusion day

Come along with family and friends and enjoy a free BBQ and a drink. There will also be sports, games, life skill courses and many more activities for everyone. There will also be services available on the day for anyone wishing to find out any information

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