

NEWTOWN STATE SCHOOL

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COMING EVENTS

Nov		
Mon	7	Volunteers' Morning Tea (Sports Hall, 9am)
Wed	9	2017 Get Set for Prep Transition Morning
		(9:30 – 11am)
Fri	11	Remembrance Day
Mon 14 – Tue 15		Year 5 Leadership Camp
Wed 16 – Thu 17		2017 Get Set for Prep Parent Chat Interviews
Tue	22	P&C Meeting (Resource Centre, 7pm)
Tue	22	Subway "Sub Day" (Orders Must Be in Wed 16)
Wed	23	Church Service (Sports Hall, 2-3pm)
Fri	25	2017 Get Set for Prep Parent Chat Interviews
Wed	30	House Swimming Carnival
Dec		
Thu	1	Year 6 Graduation
Wed	7	School Concert
Wed	7	Report Cards Sent Out
Fri	9	Last Day of Term 4
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Under 8's Day



A BIG Thank you to everyone involved - we had an awesome day!

From the Principal...

Dear Parents and Carers



Congratulations to those students who were presented with awards at the 2016 Newtown State School awards presentation last night. It was lovely to see the excitement on the student's faces as they anticipated the recipients of the awards and to witness the pride emanating from both the students and their families. It was also wonderful to hear each teacher speak so positively and enthusiastically about each of the students and with such heartfelt words – what a gift to those students. *Thanks to our school captains and vice-captains who did an outstanding job as the Masters of Ceremony.*



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Yesterday, Newtown State School hosted **Under 8s** day, providing a range of activities for our little people. As you'll see, a wonderful time was had by all. One little person exclaimed to me that it was the best day 'eva'! Thanks to the staff, local businesses, community groups and Outside School Hours Care for their contribution to this event.



Last week we also hosted our **2017 Prep Parent Information Evening/Meet and Greet BBQ**. A significant number of families of prep students for 2017 attended and seeing the children so freely engage with our beautiful outdoor environment and each other was lovely to see. The willingness of staff and P&C in supporting this event made for a welcome introduction to our school community and was greatly appreciated.

Thanks to our P&C for providing a scrumptious morning tea for staff to celebrate **World Teachers' Day** last Friday. The generous gesture and acknowledgement in this way was greatly appreciated and enjoyed.

This Friday is **Tuckshop Day**, an opportunity to highlight the important role that tuckshops play in the life of a school and to show our appreciation to tuckshop convenors and the volunteers who help ensure that students have access to healthy food and drinks. This in turn, supports the student well-being and learning; setting them up for a successful day at school. Thank-you to Toni and the team who do a fabulous job in providing a top-quality tuckshop service at Newtown. We know you go 'above and beyond' what is expected, not only on tuckshop days, but in supporting other school events throughout the year.

A reminder that we have a **special assembly** and morning tea next Monday 7 November at 9:00am in

the hall to show our appreciation to those who volunteer within the school. An RSVP to the office would be appreciated for catering purposes. Regards, **Tania Angus** *Acting Principal*

STAFFING UPDATE

Mr Dave Ragh is now on leave for the remainder of the term. Many thanks to Mr Randall Gibbens who has replaced him over the last week. **Miss Tamara Quinn** will now replace Mr Ragh for the remainder of the term and we welcome her to our school community.

SPELL-A-THON!

A reminder that sponsorship funds are due back to school by **tomorrow**, <u>Friday 4 November</u>.

DATE CLAIMER!!

Volunteers' Assembly and Morning Tea



Monday 7 November 9:00am
Please RSVP to the office for
catering purposes
Come along and let us say 'thanks'
for all you do to support our work!

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

The Positive Behaviour for Learning focus lesson for this week is, *manage your time*. As curriculum units come to an end and assessments are completed, students are encouraged to use their time wisely to ensure they're giving all tasks their best effort. *Manage your time* also applies at break times, during transition from play to the Green, ensuring that students return to the Green by the second bell and line up in readiness for return to class.

The **Bedazzled Number 1** awarded on assembly this week went to 5R for consistently showing that they can demonstrate being on task and doing their best across the week.

Congratulations 5R!



The challenge for the next week is going to be for the class who consistently shows that they can demonstrate *manage your time*, particularly around returning to the green and being ready to go into class.

MUSIC COUNT US IN DAY (MCUI Day)

Today, Thursday 3 November at 11:25am, Newtown State School participated in *Music Count Us In Day.* This is a national event to promote the importance of Music Education, where schools across Australia sing the same song at the same time (AEST). Our whole school sang this year's song *Let it play* led by our school choir and featuring some of our school's talented musicians - a violinist, a celloist and a guitarist.

SWIMMING LESSONS

All younger siblings attending the pool during school swimming MUST be constantly supervised by parents/caregivers. For obvious safety reasons, staff must maintain their attention on students and are not in a position to supervise the younger children.



PARKING OUT FRONT OF SCHOOL

Parking in the Bus Zone continues to be an on-going issue. Please refrain from parking in the bus zone as indicated.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

This week **the PBL lesson** will focus on learners being respectful and responsible by managing their time effectively. For example:

- Find out how much time you have to complete the activity
- Check the time with the teacher, the clock or your watch to see how much time you have left
- Get the most important jobs done first
- Check the time when sharing equipment, so that everyone gets a fair amount of time with it

This can be promoted at home by creating job charts or lists and setting goals for when they need to be completed.

Chaplain's Chat!

We've had a huge week or so as a family with lots unfolding. Many of us have had weeks like that, where there is almost a sense of waiting for the next thing to happen. At these times, it helps so much to have people who support, encourage and reassure us. On the other side, there is something amazing for us personally to be able to help someone who is finding life hard. They appreciate it, we feel good about it and we are able to make a difference in someone else's life.

So, this week, how can you help someone who is finding something hard at the moment?

Andrew Bell (Chaplain)

Work Days and Contact Information

Newtown: 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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P&C Contact Details:

pandc@newtownss.eg.edu.au

Lauren 0409 266 181 Our Next P&C Meeting will be

<u>Tuesday 22 November</u>, 7pm Resource Centre

It is our **last meeting for the year** – so hope to see you there ©

Tuckshop

Meal Deal this week is

Spaghetti Bolognaise
With a Choice of Drink for only \$5



Subway Sub Day

On <u>Tuesday 22 November</u> we are holding a **Subway Sub Day** at <u>Big Lunch only</u>. (There will be no other Tuckshop ordering on this day.)









Each student receives a choice of 6 inch sub, a drink, and 2 cookies <u>OR</u> a fruit crush for \$7.50

Order forms will be sent home this week and MUST be received by Wednesday 16th November.

There will be <u>NO late orders</u> accepted after this date, due to our need to place the order at Subway on this day to ensure everyone will receive their items.

You can bring in your order form any time in the next 2 weeks.

 $\underline{\text{EFTPOS}}$ is available at Tuckshop. There is a minimum spend of \$5 and a transaction fee of 0.25c

Toni Gray - Tuckshop Convenor (0432617535)

Uniform Shop

Uniform shop is open **Tuesday** and **Thursday** mornings this term from 8:30-9:30am. EFTPOS is available (25c surcharge applies).

There will be a price rise in November this year.

The new prices will commence on the **14th of November.** (Only a week and a half until the price rise comes into effect.)

The new pricelist is included with this newsletter. Get in now to buy next year's uniforms at this year's prices!

The Uniform Shop will also be open Thursday 19th January 12pm-3pm and Friday 20th January 9am-12pm before Term 1 2017 starts. We need volunteers to help run the Uniform Shop on these days. If you can assist, please see Sabrina in the Uniform Shop.

Swimming caps are still available for \$3 at the Uniform Shop or the school office. Every child needs a swimming cap to swim.

Spellathon 2016! - MONEY DUE BACK TOMORROW, FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER!!!! Last week we had the Spellathon Test and you will be receiving the results of the test this week.

Please note: Your Spellathon money needs to be back to the school office by 3pm tomorrow. Late money and forms may not be included in the prize allocation.

We will advise in next week's newsletter when the prizes and certificates will be awarded.

The funds raised from the Spellathon will be split between the SRC and the P&C. These funds will go back to the school. The P&C fundraising for this term is going towards playground upgrades – a worthy cause.

The children can win great prizes in the spellathon.

The highest fundraiser **over all** wins a \$30 gift card for the Coles Myer group.

The highest fundraiser in **each class** wins a \$10 gift card for the Coles Myer group.

The class with the highest total funds raised wins a pizza party to the value of \$30.

Outside School Hours Care

Did you know??? Newtown Outside School Hours Care has an open door policy? So if you and your children have been wondering what we do at Outside School Hours Care, come in and say, "Hi", meet Dee and her team and see the fun activities. We would be happy to answer any of your questions. You can also give Dee a call to get a quote on fees, or to answer any questions you may have: 4614 5718 or 0428 502 967

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