



23 November 2016

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COMING EVENTS

Nov		
Fri	25	2017 Get Set for Prep Parent Chat Interviews
Fri	25	White Ribbon Day
Mon	28	P&C Christmas Stall Begins
Wed	30	House Swimming Carnival
Dec		
Thu	1	Year 6 Graduation
Fri	2	Disco (<i>All Ages 4:30 – 6:30pm</i>)
Wed	7	School Concert (9:30 -11am)
Wed	7	Report Cards Sent Out
Fri	9	Last Day of Term 4
Jan 2017		
Wed	18	Uniform Shop (Open 12 – 3pm)
Fri	20	Uniform Shop (Open 9am – 12pm)
Mon	23	First Day of Term 1
Thu	26	Australia Day Public Holiday
Feb		
Tue	7	P&C Meeting (Resource Centre, 7pm)

Christmas Stall



Next Week

Monday – Friday

8:30-8:45am before and

3-3:15pm after school

in the **Uniform Shop**

From the Principal...

Dear Parents and Carers



This Friday is [White Ribbon Day](#), a day that provides an opportunity for all of us to stand up, speak out and act to prevent violence against women. Violence against women is never ok, violence against anyone is never ok and we all have a right to feel safe wherever we are; at home, at school, at work, at play.

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On Monday's assembly, I asked students about a school expectation that we have that relates to this topic; *keeps hands and feet to self* and we discussed what that looks like at our school. Newtown State School has joined a program called *Breaking the Silence* and is on its way to becoming a White Ribbon school where we will be provided with the 'white ribbon' symbol to be displayed around the school demonstrating our support for the initiative. The program focuses on respectful relationships, has the endorsement of the P&C and aligns well with Positive Behaviour for Learning. You can view more information on the program at <http://www.whiteribbon.org.au/schools>

CLASSES 2017

Between now and the end of the year, staff will engage in a rigorous process to determine DRAFT class composition. There will be some changes to teaching staff due to transfers to Newtown State School and permanent staff returning. Fluctuating enrolment can alter the configuration of classes into the start of a new school year. The process for determining classes takes into account requirements around target class size, a balance of learning needs and gender, friendship groups and social dynamics. It is a very complex process and all of the aforementioned aspects are thoughtfully considered. Some parents/carers feel the need to express a request concerning class placement for their child. If necessary, these requests and the reasons for such may be made in writing to the principal by 3:00pm, Monday 28 November. Please note that while these requests will be considered in light of all of the aspects mentioned, no guarantee can be made, as it may not be possible to satisfy all requests. Please be assured that we endeavour to determine the most suitable class placement for all students.

2017 ARRANGEMENTS

School resumes on Monday 23 January, 2017. Class locations and lists will be sent home in the last week this term. Please note that whilst extensive planning goes into these, they are subject to change should our enrolment fluctuate. **Families are welcome to come to the school on Wednesday 18 January between 2:00 and 3:00pm** to see where their child's class will be and meet the teacher. Students are also invited to bring in all their books and class requisites. This will assist in a smooth start on the first day of school. If your child will be returning, but may not be returning until after 23 January 2017, it would be appreciated if you could contact the school office to complete a form, advising their expected date of return. This information is required in writing to ensure we can include your child in our "Day 8" numbers. Day 8 numbers are provided to the

Department on the eighth day of the new school year. Students who are not physically present on that day, and for whom there is no written confirmation of their return, will not be able to be included in our enrolment numbers. This can have significant impact on our staff and class numbers. Also, if your child will not be returning, it would be appreciated if you could advise what school they will be moving to for 2017. If your child will be returning to Newtown State School next year and will be returning on time, there is no need for you to do anything. Your child's enrolment will continue as normal, and they will be included in class allocations.

APPROPRIATE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA BY PARENTS

At Newtown State School we take our responsibility to maintain the health and safety of our students and staff very seriously. This responsibility includes considering issues related to behaviours online.

Behaviours in the online environment can cover a broad range of issues including online privacy and information protection, good and bad manners, digital citizenship and knowing how to get help to deal with online issues.

As you may be aware, comments posted online about people and organisations may impact permanently on their digital reputation. This includes teachers, other staff and students and the school. There can be very real negative consequences from online posts – relationships between school staff, students and parents can be permanently changed for the worse.

Facebook and other social networking sites are generally not private communities and, depending on an individual's security settings, comments can be read by many people and remain online indefinitely.

If you or your child are posting information online about the school, staff or students, I ask that you consider the ramifications of these comments on the school and any individuals in the school community concerned. As a rule of thumb:

- Public discussion is most effective when it is conducted in a polite and respectful manner;
- Before posting, consider whether those people you are posting about want information, including photos and comments regarding them and their children, posted on Facebook or on other sites. Perhaps ask them before you do it;

- Rather than airing complaints or grievances in a public forum like Facebook, come and talk to the school first about how to resolve your concerns;

Please remember that as parents/carers we have a responsibility to supervise and regulate our own children's online activities at home and their impact on the reputation and privacy of others.

Regards

Tania Angus, *Acting Principal*

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND CANDY CANES

It's that time of year again when students like to give Christmas cards and candy canes. We request that this happens only in the last week of school. Your assistance in this regard is greatly appreciated.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

The Positive Behaviour for Learning focus lesson for this week is around *waiting patiently*. We outline to students that when others are in conversation, it's polite to allow them to finish the conversation. This can also apply in the learning situation; if a teacher is talking or working with someone, let them finish. Allow the other person to pause first – that's your cue to speak. This is also important for respecting others' right to learn.

The ***Bedazzled Number 1*** awarded on assembly this week went to **3B** for working productively and managing distractions by staying focused on the task!



Congratulations to 3B!

The challenge for the next week is going to be for the class who **consistently wears the school uniform appropriately**, correct uniform, hair tied back in school coloured accessories, only necessary jewellery, unpainted nails etc.

SPELLATHON

Many thanks and congratulations to all students on their achievements in the recent spellathon (42 achieved 100% correct!) and to those students who were awarded 'highest fundraiser' for their class with a certificate and \$10 voucher. Congratulations also to Cooper who was the highest fundraiser in the school! Well done also to 1R who were the class who raised the most funds and will enjoy a pizza party for their efforts! Many thanks to the P&C for supporting this endeavour that makes a great contribution to our school in terms of fundraising and to improving the spelling ability of our students.

Newtown State School End of Year Concert

Families and friends are invited to attend our
End of Year Concert on
Wednesday 7 December
in the Sports Hall.

The concert will commence at 9.30 and finish by 11am.
Everyone is welcome to attend.

LAST NEWSLETTER

Our last newsletter for 2016 will be next Thursday 1st December.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

This week the **PBL lesson focus** is waiting patiently. We encourage students to wait patiently when

- Wanting to speak to an adult or friend
- Using the equipment
- Going to the toilet or getting a drink
- Lining up

At home, encourage children to wait rather than interrupt someone. Model that behaviour yourself at home and remember to thank your child when they behave politely.



INTERHOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL Wednesday 30 NOVEMBER 2016

TIME AND VENUE: The fiftieth Inter-house Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday 30 November 2016 at the Newtown State School Swimming Pool commencing at approximately 9.15am.

YEARS: At 9.00am, Years 2-6 (8yrs to 12yrs) will assemble on the parade area. Prep, Yr 1 and Yr 2 and non-swimmers will have normal school during the day. Non participants will be allocated to classrooms at this time.

CHANGING INTO CLOTHES: The children competing will proceed to the pool dressing rooms to get ready for the carnival. Clothes must be placed in their bags & removed from the dressing rooms.

HOUSE AREAS: At the pool, children will be divided into their houses. All clothing except protective clothing and towels will be left in the areas allocated.

POINTS: Points for all heats and relays will be: 1st - 8 points, 2nd - 5 points, 3rd - 3 points, 4th - 2 points, 5th - 1 point. **There will be no house points for finals.**

STARTS: When the starter is ready to begin a race, he/she will blow a whistle. Everybody will be **QUIET** from the time the whistle blows until the start of the race.

EVENTS: All competitors (9yrs -13yrs) swim 25m in heats and 50m in finals except for Butterfly, which will have 25m finals. Finals for 8yrs will be raced over 25m in all four strokes. The order of events will be all 25m heats of a stroke followed by finals of that stroke. Events will run in the order of Freestyle, Breaststroke, Backstroke and Butterfly.

FINALS: The five finalists in each event will be chosen on times swum; (the five fastest competitors in the heats). Placegetters in the finals will be awarded points 8, 5, 3, 2, 1 for the individual age championships.

AGE CHAMPIONS: Children aged 8yrs, 9yrs, 10yrs, 11yrs, 12yrs and 13yrs will need to compete in finals to be eligible for individual championship

points and medallions. Children aged 8yrs have been included in the 25m heats. Finals for 8yrs will be raced over 25m in all four strokes. The first three place-getters in the finals will receive place ribbons.

MORNING TEA: Morning tea will be at approximately 10.45am.

LUNCH: Lunch will be taken from approximately 12.30pm to 1.00pm.

PROTECTIVE CLOTHING: Each competitor should wear a bathing cap in house colours whilst competing. Bathing caps are available from the office at a cost of \$3.00. During their race competitors can remove their shirts if they are swimming in a one piece swimsuit. While being a spectator in the grandstand all students must wear a hat and shirt. All competitors must have at least one towel. No paper rosettes, streamers, zinc cream etc allowed in the pool area. UV cream should be used for sun protection.

Support Hub End of Year Requests

- **Health Plans** - please have them reviewed over the holidays
- **Asthma Letter** - please fill in and return to the office or Support Hub ASAP
- **Eyes & Ears** - checked lately - good time for a review during the holidays
- **Dr Letters** - if you require a letter from the school - please allow 3 weeks for this to occur
- **Sick child** - notify the office ASAP
- **Concerns** - please make an appointment with the office to speak with your child's teacher or the case managers in the Support Hub.



On Monday all children attended Bravehearts Personal Safety Education Program "**The Ditto Show**". This program was extremely well received by all students and staff and was presented in an engaging, safe and relevant manner. By providing children with the basic principles of personal safety, we are providing them with the tools to stay safe. Topics covered throughout the show consisted of "Yes" and "No" feelings, The Body's Warning Signs, Private Parts, Secrets and what to do if you feel unsafe or unsure. Students were all provided with an activity book, which will be sent home before the end of the year. If you would like more information about this program to discuss it further with your children, there is a YouTube clip at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CjVf1V3Jujk> or simply google "Bravehearts, information for Parents" – **Thank you to the school and P & C for sharing the cost of this worthwhile program, so that every child could attend.**

Newtown State School

P&C News

23 November 2016

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Lauren 0409 266 181

Thank you to those who attended our final meeting for the year last night. It is always lovely to see new faces join the group.

Items discussed at the meeting included:

- Covered tables to be purchased using Fete funds. These tables will be placed near the 'Village Green'
- End of year books for the students have been ordered

Our first meeting for 2017 will be held **Tuesday 7th February 2017, 7pm.**

DISCO

The disco will be held Friday 2nd December.

All ages are invited to attend between 4:30pm and 6:30pm. Entry will be \$3.

Gourmet Hot dogs will be available for order on the night.

If you are able to assist for the disco with set up, in the Tuckshop or supervising, please let us know. Call Lauren on 0409266181.

Tuckshop

Meal Deal this week is
Pasta Bake
with a Choice of Drink for only \$5

This will be the **last week for Meal Deals**, but Tuckshop will continue trading until the last day – just with a limited menu.

Uniform Shop

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

Uniform shop will also be open **WEDNESDAY 18th January 12pm-3pm** (NOT Thursday 19th as previously advertised) **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.

If you are leaving the school this year, please consider donating your uniforms to the Uniform Shop. All donations of school uniforms are greatly accepted. If you wish to sell them, there is a notice board

outside the Uniform Shop where you can pin up your notice.

LOST & FOUND

Our Lost and Found Bin is overflowing. Please come and check through it.

Do some of those swimmers etc belong to you????



Christmas Stall

We are holding our Annual Christmas Stall next week! We are seeking donations of items to sell. If you could donate some small new Christmas decorations or the like, please deliver them to the office. Our stall will be running at the UNIFORM SHOP from **8:30-8:45am** in the mornings before school and **3-3:15pm** after school. Please pop in and grab a Christmas bargain.



Recycling (paper and aluminium cans)

Tuesday mornings outside the Uniform Shop from 8:15-9am.

Spellathon 2016!

Congratulations to all of our children who raised funds in the Spellathon.

Please congratulate our winners:

Highest Fundraiser Overall: Cooper H (1S) \$180

Highest Class Fundraising: 1R \$520.60

Individual highest fund-raisers per class:

Prep R	Logan M	\$105.00
Prep G	Merry K	\$60.00
Prep/1H	Clancy H	\$50.00
1H	Layla T	\$25.00
1S	Cooper H	\$180.00
1R	Ethan S	\$115.00
2B	Sarah V	\$91.00
2R	Bonnie M	\$67.50
2/3S	Arabella T	\$120.00
3B	Dorian A	\$150.00
3BA	Jade H	\$113.50
4W	Annalyse C	\$88.00
4M	Michael E	\$17.50
4/5R	Mary Jane F	\$50.00
5R	Sarah D	\$35.00
6B	Rhianah H	\$55.20
6J	Olivia B	\$115.00



Outside School Hours Care

Vacation Care is just around the corner? Did you know at Newtown Outside School Hours Care we have a range of children from other schools during Vacation Care. So, don't forget to tell your friends if they go to a different school. Come in and pick up a program & enrolment pack. We are open from **6am – 6pm** with lunch provided for \$48.60 per day minus your CCB (Excursions/Incursions extra).

If you would like any further information, contact Dee 042 850 2967, Centre 46 145 718
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