



19 October 2016

No. 32

COMING EVENTS

Oct		
Sat	22	Walk Together Concert – Civic Square
Wed	26	Free Dress Day for PBL (Bring an item for the Gotcha Shop) 2017 Prep Family Meet & Greet BBQ & Info Night (5:30 – 7:30pm)
Fri	28	World Teacher's Day Day for Daniel
Sun	30	Spell-a-thon Spelling Test Grandparent's Day
Nov		
Tue	1	Under 8s Day (9 – 10:30am) Awards Night Prep – Yr 2 5:30 – 6:45pm Yr 3 – 6: 7 – 8:30pm
Thu	3	Music Count Us In Day - 11.15am
Fri	4	Spell-a-thon Money Due Back
Mon	7	Volunteers' Morning Tea
Tue	8	P&C Meeting (Resource Centre, 7pm)
Wed	9	2017 Get Set for Prep Transition Morning (9:30 – 11am)
Mon 14 – Tue 15		Year 5 Leadership Camp
Wed 16 – Thu 17		2017 Get Set for Prep Parent Chat Interviews
Wed	23	Church Service (Sports Hall, 2-3pm)
Fri	25	2017 Get Set for Prep Parent Chat Interviews
Wed	30	House Swimming Carnival

Walk Together Concert



**Saturday
22 October**

11:00am on the Civic Square
followed by the concert at
11:45am

From the Principal...

Dear Parents and Carers

Last term, parents/carers were invited to take part in the annual School Opinion Survey. The survey provides valuable feedback on what Newtown State School does well and areas where we can improve. Results indicate that 100% of those who responded to the survey agree:

- that this is a good school
- that they would recommend this school to others
- that this school has a strong sense of community
- that this school encourages me to participate in school activities.



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VOLUNTEERS' MORNING TEA

Working in every 'good' school is an army of volunteers who support the school in a range of ways including the P&C Association, the tuckshop, the uniform shop, the library and the classrooms, in providing transport, in teaching religious instruction, in running special programs, compiling the newsletter and in being involved in a range of committees across the school (to name just a few). We truly value the enormous contribution our volunteers make in supporting our staff and students. We would like to acknowledge this contribution on assembly on Monday 7 November at 9:00am and treat our volunteers to morning tea afterwards. All our volunteers are invited so please feel welcome to come along and allow us to spoil you! An RSVP to the office would be appreciated for catering purposes.

YEAR 6 CAMP

Last week, our Year Six students attended camp at Tallebudgera Recreation Centre and I joined them for a day to spend some time with this group of wonderful young people as they prepare to move to secondary school next year. I was able to join in with them undertaking the 'high ropes' where they developed resilience in extending themselves well and truly beyond their comfort zone. It was impressive to see how they persevered when it got tough, encouraged each other, communicated as a team and celebrated triumphs over fear! What wonderful life skills to be developing. It was thoroughly enjoyable to spend this time with them. Many thanks to the staff who attended the camp with the students. It is only through staff willingness to give so freely of their time away (and their families who support them) that we are able to offer these opportunities to our students.

Regards
Tania Angus
Acting Principal

CHAPLAINCY COMMITTEE

The Toowoomba Central Local Chaplaincy Committee (LCC) is seeking new committee members. The role of the LCC is to oversee and develop the Chaplaincy service at Newtown State School and to assist our chaplain Andrew Bell. The role of LCC is to help with the strategic planning, finances and fundraising, communication, assisting in activities and events.

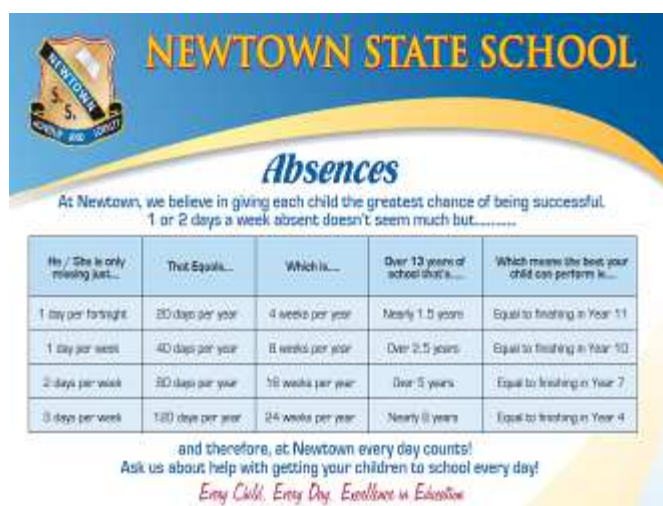
School chaplains support children in our school as they navigate the complex and sometimes difficult situations they face in life and school. Chaplains run programs to assist students in building resilience, dealing with issues such as bullying, family breakdown, grief and loss and much more.

Chaplains spend time with students in a range of ways from friendly presence in the playground, support in the classroom, or one-on-one conversations that deal with specific issues for students.

If you would be interested in joining the committee, please contact Tania Angus or Andrew Bell at the school.

ATTENDANCE

After today, we have 37 teaching days left for optimal learning to take place at school for 2016. It is vital that students are at school, on time every day. What seems like a small amount of time missed starts to add up quickly across a term, a year and a child's school life.



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Absences

At Newtown, we believe in giving each child the greatest chance of being successful. 1 or 2 days a week absent doesn't seem much but.....

He / She is only missing just...	That Equals...	Which is...	Over 13 years of school that's...	Which means the best your child can perform is...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years	Equal to finishing in Year 11
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years	Equal to finishing in Year 10
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years	Equal to finishing in Year 7
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years	Equal to finishing in Year 4

and therefore, at Newtown every day counts!
 Ask us about help with getting your children to school every day!
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Late

At Newtown, we believe in giving each child the greatest chance of being successful. Just a little late doesn't seem much but.....

He / She is only missing just...	That Equals...	Which is...	Over 13 years of school that's...
10 minutes per day	30 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hr & 40 minutes per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 minutes per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Nearly 2.5 years

Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day. That's when every minute counts the most! School starts at 8:45am.
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ENROLMENT 2017

Preliminary planning has commenced around staffing for 2017. It is imperative that we obtain accurate enrolment information. It would be greatly appreciated if you could let the office know if your child/ren will not be returning to Newtown State School in 2017. Similarly, if you know of someone who wishes to enrol (in our catchment) and has not yet done so, please advise them to call to the office for an enrolment package and to make a time for an enrolment interview.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

This week the **PBL lesson** focus is be honest at all times. Students looked at this focus area last week, but will role play the steps in apologising.

1. Decide if you need to apologize.
2. Think about your choices:
 - a. Say it out loud to the person.
 - b. Write the person a note.
3. Choose a good time and place.
4. Carry out your best choice in a sincere way.

PBL

In addition to the PBL focus of the week...

Next Wednesday 26 October, we are having a free dress day. The 'fine' for wearing free dress is an item for the 'gotcha shop' in support of Positive Behaviour for Learning. Items need only cost a few dollars. The following are suggested items:

Prep – Year 2

- Novelty items, small toys, small vehicles
- Playdough
- Books
- Activity books

Year 3 and 4

- Colouring books
- Novelties,
- Small toys
- Hair accessories

Year 5 and 6

- Pencils/Felt pens
- Stationery items
- Handballs
- Jewellery

Chaplain's Chat!

Last week I attended a summit on leadership where I was extremely fortunate to listen to a range of world leading experts from across the world. One was an expert on leadership named John C. Maxwell who was talking about how our great challenge and opportunity is to look at how we can add value to people around us each day. He offered 5 keys to practice each day to be living an Intentional Life

- 1) Value people
- 2) Think of ways to add value to people
- 3) Look for ways to add value to people
- 4) Add value to other people (going to thinking and knowing to doing)
- 5) Encourage others to add value to others

Imagine how different our lives, and the lives of those around us, would be if we went about

Intentional Living and focussed on adding value to others!

So, this week, how can you value people and add value to others?

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.

WALK TOGETHER TOOWOOMBA CONCERT

'Walk Together Toowoomba' is an exciting event for the 16 schools who have participated across the Toowoomba region and has resulted in a series of fantastic youtube clips being produced to celebrate the cultural diversity that makes Toowoomba such a colourful and unique regional city.

Your family is invited to attend the concluding event with a walk through the CBD followed by a concert in which Newtown State School students will perform.

The walk will commence at 11:00am on the Civic Square followed by the concert at 11:45am. The concert will run for approximately 1 hour and all schools involved in the project will perform.

WALK TOGETHER
IT'S TIME TO WALK TOGETHER



LOCAL DETAILS:

Where: Civic Square (151-155 Herries St), behind the library

Time: 10:45am

Schools will be performing songs from the 'Walk Together' YouTube series. Free food and drinks.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 22

WE SHARE OUR FUTURE



Newtown State School

P&C News

19 October 2016

P&C Contact Details:

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Lauren 0409 266 181

Our Next P&C Meeting will be

Tuesday 8 November, 7pm

Resource Centre.

Hope you are well and enjoyed your break.

Thank you to all who attended the last P&C meeting. The next meeting, which is scheduled for Tuesday 1 November, is our **last meeting for the year** – so hope to see you there ☺

Executive Team

At the last P&C meeting we were informed Matt Thompson will no longer be continuing in the role of treasurer. We would like to thank Matt for all the hard work he has put in over the past two years and look forward to working with him in a different capacity in the future.

Due to this the P&C are now seeking someone to fill the role for the remainder of the year.

If you would like to know more about the position or are interested to step into this role please let us know. Call Lauren on 0409266181 or email the P&C executive on

PandCExecutive@newtownss.eq.edu.au

Tuckshop

Meal Deal this week is

**Corn Fritter & Salad
& Choice of Drink for only \$5**

Half Hot Dogs (all varieties) \$2 each
Half Wraps (all varieties) \$2.50 each

New Items:

Rice Snacks 50c
Fruit Buns \$1.80



**Do you love to help?
Do you have a few spare
hours, especially on a
Thursday or Friday morning,
to help Toni out in the
Tuckshop – we always appreciate any time
you are able to give.**

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 date this price rise will take effect will be advised at a later date.

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 Uniform Shop on these days. If you can assist, please see Sabrina in the Uniform shop.

Recycling

The recycling program is again in full swing this term and is on Tuesday mornings outside the Uniform Shop from 8:15-9am.



We can recycle paper (not cardboard) and aluminium cans.

We have 2 prizes this term for the individual competition, a 3 movie pack of the Minions movies and a second 3 movie pack starring the Hop movie and 2 others.

The prize for the class competition is again an iceblock for each child in the winning class! A welcome prize on a summer's day!

Spellathon 2016!

Last week you would have all received home your spellathon words list and your sponsorship form. 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 overall 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.

Spellathon money is due back to school by 4th November.

Outside School Hours Care

Beat the Heat



Swimming has started at After School Care on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Enrol now and book your children in for a fun swimming afternoon with their friends.

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