



26 October 2016

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COMING EVENTS

Oct		
Wed	26	2017 Prep Family Meet & Greet BBQ & Info Night (5:30 – 7:30pm)
Fri	28	World Teacher's Day Day for Daniel Spell-a-thon Spelling Test
Sun	30	Grandparent's Day
Nov		
Tue	1	Under 8s Day (9 – 10:30am) <u>Awards Night</u> 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
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 (NB: Date Change)		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		
Wed	7	School Concert

Awards Night



Next Tuesday

1 November 2016

Prep – Yr 2 5:30 – 6:45pm
Yr 3 – 6 7 – 8:30pm

From the Principal...

Dear Parents and Carers

2016 Awards Night – Tuesday 1st November

Our 2016 Awards Night will be held next Tuesday 1st November.

To accommodate our ever growing school population we will again split the night into Prep - Year 2 and Years 3 – 6. The **Prep – Year 2** presentations will be held from **5:30 – 6:45pm** and our **Years 3-6** from **7 – 8:30pm**. We look forward to sharing this special night with you all.



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Thanks and congratulations to those students who attended the *Walk Together* march and concert on Saturday and presented a fabulous performance of 'Newtown Neighbourhood'. What a wonderful way to celebrate the culmination of their work with the talented Josh Arnold.



This week is **State Education Week**; a week to celebrate everything great about State Schools. Part of State Education Week is World Teachers' Day which will take place this Friday, a day designated to celebrating the contribution our teachers make in the lives of our students. Every day at Newtown State School, I'm inspired by the unwavering dedication and commitment demonstrated by our teachers for our students (and their families) in caring for their well-being and learning needs. We will treat our staff to morning tea on Friday to acknowledge and convey our appreciation for their outstanding work.

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 the LCC is to help with the strategic planning, finances and fundraising, communication and 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 many 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 student.

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

ARE YOU READY FOR THE SPELL-A-THON TEST!

The test for the *Spell-a-thon* will take place this Friday, so students are to make sure they are ready to do their best! Hopefully they have been able to obtain lots of sponsors! Remember that funds raised go to our P&C and Student Representative Council that will directly go back into the school.

DAY FOR DANIEL

The Day for Daniel, held on the 28 October, is a National Day of Action to raise awareness of child safety, protection and harm prevention. Its focus is to educate children and adults about keeping kids safe through child safety and protection initiatives. It aims to help empower our children to 'Recognise, React and Report' if they feel something is not right. Day for Daniel is an opportunity to have a conversation about who the people are in your children's lives that they can go to for support if they need it.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY

This Sunday is Grandparents Day, a wonderful opportunity for grandchildren to thank their grandparents for their love and support. At Newtown State School, we recognise the contribution that grandparents make to the lives of our students; bringing them to school on time, helping out in classrooms with reading and volunteering in the tuckshop. If you're fortunate to have a grandparent/s in your life (as I still do!), please take a moment to show them how much you appreciate them and all that they do for you.

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!



CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to Danielle who was awarded a **School Achievement Medal** by the Mayor of the Toowoomba Regional Council. Each school may nominate one student who serves to inspire others by rising above challenges in their life to achieve in many great ways. Danielle is a most worthy recipient always displaying a positive attitude, great resilience and a have-a-go disposition. Danielle is an example of someone who perseveres against adversity; in the classroom and playground and is an inspiration to her classmates and her teachers.

Congratulations also to Olivia who was awarded one of only twenty medals in the NAIDOC week colouring-in competition!



POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

The Positive Behaviour for Learning focus lesson for this week is **Be on task & do your best**. At this time of year, students are completing units of work and working towards final assessment tasks in preparation for formal reporting at the end of the term. Students are encouraged to continue to maintain their focus and strive to do their best as we know that sometimes the things that require the most effort and challenge us also bring the most satisfaction.

The **Bedazzled Number 1** awarded on assembly this week went to **2R** for demonstrating expected behaviour on parades.



Congratulations 2R!

The challenge for the next week is going to be for the **class who consistently shows that they can demonstrate being on task and doing their best** across the week.



Thanks to everyone who participated in the **Free Dress Day** today and brought in an item for the 'Gotcha Shop' in support of Positive Behaviour for Learning.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

This week the **PBL lesson** will focus on being on task and doing our best. The children will discuss what it means to try our best and what it feels like when we achieve tasks to the best of our ability. Students will engage in role play activities to practice being on task and trying their best in a range of school activities such as reading quietly, working in a group to complete a science

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P&C News

26 October 2016

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Date Change: Our Next P&C Meeting will be

Tuesday 22 November, 7pm

Resource Centre

and it is our **last meeting for the year** – so hope to see you there 😊

Situation Vacant: P&C Treasurer

The P&C are still seeking someone to fill the role of Treasurer 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

**Chicken Alfredo Pasta
& Choice of Drink for only \$5**

Friday Sport: Any child attending Friday afternoon sport who requires a Tuckshop lunch must clearly mark the order as SPORT to ensure it is ready on time.

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

Donations: Tuckshop is also seeking donations of Vegemite, large garbage bags and plastic forks. If you are able to help out, that would be fantastic!

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 price rise will take effect on

14th NOVEMBER!

Get in now to buy next year's uniforms at this year's prices!

The Uniform shop will have a pop up stall

TONIGHT at the prep information night.

A good time to buy your uniforms now for next year!

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.

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 hot summer's day!

Spellathon 2016!

Two weeks ago you would have received home your spellathon words list and your sponsorship form.



The spellathon test is **THIS FRIDAY!** So practice your words at home!

Don't forget to ask your family and friends for sponsorship or a donation.

We do not recommend children door knock for sponsorship but ask relatives, family and friends to sponsor them.

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 and forms are due back to school by 4pm, 4th November.



Outside School Hours Care

Have you enrolled your children into Outside School Hours Care?

Get called into work or have to work later than expected, held up at an appointment or caught in traffic, or just running late?

Please give us a call on 4614 5718 or 0428 502 967 and we will look after your children and give them afternoon tea while they spend the afternoon doing activities with their friends.

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