



07 September 2016

No 28

COMING EVENTS

Sep

Fri	9	Morning Tea in the Flowers
Mon	12	Launch of work with Josh Arnold (parade)
Fri	16	P-3 Sports Day & Last Day of Term 3

Oct

Mon	3	Public Holiday
Tue	4	First Day of Term 4
Tue	11	P&C Meeting (Resource Centre, 7pm)

Morning Tea in the Flowers



This Friday

10:30 - 11:30am

We look forward to sharing

Morning Tea with you ☺

From the Principal...

Dear Parents and Carers

Thanks to the many parents/carers who took up the invitation for a meeting with our teachers yesterday. We appreciate the opportunity to discuss your child/ren's progress. It was great to see many families attending the Community Health and Well-Being Expo yesterday to take up the opportunity to connect with local service providers.

Thanks to the those Dads who were able to join us for Father's Day breakfast on Friday and to the P&C for providing the Father's Day stall last week. The stall is a wonderful service to our students.



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We had another productive P&C meeting last night. Working in partnership with every great school is a fabulous Parents and Citizens' Association (P&C) and it is a privilege to work together with ours. Whilst the 'face' of the P&C is essentially the executive and the members who attend meetings, the 'P&C' in real terms is the parent/carer body of Newtown State School. Please consider coming along to a meeting and becoming a member so that you can have input into the development of the school and feel free to offer to help out wherever you can with P&C related events. It is a great opportunity to connect with other people and you'll find that you will have a lot of fun whilst supporting your child's school.

PREP COMPULSORY IN 2017

From 2017, it will be compulsory for all Queensland children to undertake the Prep Year, prior to commencing Year 1. Since Prep started in 2007, there have been noticeable improvements to learning outcomes for children who participate in Prep. Making Prep compulsory ensures all children develop the knowledge and skills provided by the Prep Year that form the foundation for future learning. For more information refer to the 'Enrolling your child' page on the Education Queensland website. Please note that parents or legal guardians who wish to enrol their child at Newtown State School are required to demonstrate that the student's principal place of residence is within the school's catchment area. Two documents that demonstrate current proof of residency at the address must be provided.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CAMP

Two of our talented Instrumental Music students attended the Darling Downs South West Regional Advanced Instrumental Music Camp.

Congratulations to Sarah and Dylan on being selected and representing our school at this three-day event which concluded with a public concert.



Sarah is pictured with our Strings Teacher Mr Michael Stockwell and Dylan is pictured with local Instrumental Instructor Mr Naden Gray who conducted Dylan's Band.



MORNING TEA IN THE FLOWERS



Newtown State School and the P&C look forward to presenting 'Morning Tea in the Flowers'. We are really excited to share this wonderful community celebration with you all.

- **This Friday from 10:30 – 11:30am** we will be celebrating our stunning Carnival Entry by inviting our community to enjoy morning tea with their children in our gardens.
- **Morning Tea** will be on sale from the Tuckshop at 10:30am. If you can donate any baked goods to be sold on the day (eg. scones, pikelets, cupcakes, slices), please drop these at the Tuckshop on Friday morning.
- **Raw Art Showcase:** The students' best Raw Art piece will be on display in the sports hall. These pieces can be purchased for a **gold coin**.
- Our instrumental students and choir will be entertaining our guests.
- Parents and community members are asked to **collect their children** from their **classrooms from 10:45am** and bring them to the tables.
- Funds raised from this event go towards the school music program.

CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

This week is Child Protection Week and with the theme, 'Play Your Part' promotes the value of children and focuses attention on issues of child abuse and neglect. It also provides the opportunity to raise awareness of situations within the community which might impact upon a child's personal safety and equip them with the information and skills to act appropriately, confidently and keep them safe. We can do this by teaching children to recognise the early warning signs in their body to identify when they are feeling unsafe (e.g. racing heart, sweaty palms, strange feeling in tummy) and to identify 5 adults who can form their safety network; who a child can go and talk to when they feel unsafe. Visit the NAPCAN website for more ideas and resources. We can all 'play a part' to protect our precious children.

Regards

Tania Angus

Acting Principal

LOST PROPERTY

There is a significant amount of lost property in the 'wheelie bin' in the foyer of the administration building. Please check to see if any items belong to your family. Any lost property remaining at the end of the term will be donated to the uniform shop for sale as second-hand items.

PBL

This week the PBL lesson focus is accepting and being tolerant of individual differences. This behaviour can be promoted at home by encouraging students to consider differences but not to judge people on them. Let your child know that it is ok for people to be different and that they need not comment on these.

Regional Athletics Results

Congratulations to **Joseph** for making the final in the 80m and 200m events, for **Jakye** for making the 200m final and **Breanna** for placing 5th in the discus.

Well done!

Term 4 Friday Afternoon Sport

Touch football for boys and volleyball for both boys and girls will be played in Term 4 for Friday Afternoon Sport.

Dave Ragh

(PE Teacher)

Bedazzled Number 1 Winners

The *bedazzled number 1* this week was awarded to **4W** for the tidiest desks...they were impeccable!



Joseph, Felicity, Keely, Matthew and Krystal

Next week's challenge
...the class with the cleanest room!

Walk Together Toowoomba

'**Walk Together Toowoomba**' is an exciting project in which a selection of students from Newtown State School have participated in with 16 other Schools in the Toowoomba region. A series of youtube clips created in the schools with **Josh Arnold** celebrate the cultural diversity that makes Toowoomba such a colorful and unique regional city.

The students involved had a rare opportunity to be a part of this creative music and film production. This will be shared with the Newtown school community during next Monday morning parade on 12 September.

The project will conclude with a concert and launch of the main production featuring all the schools at the 'Walk Together' event held at the end of October.

Book Week...Australia: Story Country

WOW! Newtown State School did a fantastic job coming dressed in theme: Australia: Story Country. Thank you so much to all those families who



helped create some amazing costumes. You are so creative! We had lots of swagmen, stockmen, animals, green sheep, convicts, colonial girls, Ned Kelly, even a couple of lamingtons!

Students had a great time singing along to some Aussie music and seeing all the costumes and the staff probably had just as much fun dressing up too!



Congratulations to the winners:

- Year 6:** Jolly Swagman (Dylan)
Year 5: Blinky Bill (Teagan)
Year 4: Lamington from the Lamington Man (Kylah)
Ned Kelly (Caitlin)
Year 3: Edwina the Emu (Sophie)
Koala from How the Koala Lost his Tail (Dorian)
Year 2: Zanny Zebra from Animalia (Arabella)
Tiddalick (Henry)
Year 1: The Green Sheep (Maxwell)
Prep: Bella Bear (Jazmine)

Mrs Jill Bowman
Teacher Librarian

Author Visit



Illustrator **Stephen Axelsen** visited the year 5 and 6 classes to share his passion. He's worked as an artist for children's books for a very long time and now creates most of his works digitally. His latest works are focusing on a monster story, and so students learned how simple lines can be used to change the mood and perception of various monsters.



Some of the teachers had a go too!

More Guest Readers

We have been very lucky to have some more special visitors to read to us this week in Prep!



Mel Ashton



Trevor Watts



A big thankyou to Jo Darbyshire from Fairholme too.

Newtown State School

P&C News

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Thank you to all who attended last night's meeting. Our Next Meeting will be Tuesday 11 October, 7pm in the Resource Centre.

Fathers' Day Stall

Thank you to all our volunteers and all who supported our Fathers' Day Stall. A total of **\$369.52** was raised which will go towards the school literacy program.

Morning Tea in the Flowers – Friday 9 September, 10:30 – 11:30am



Not long now.....If you're not available to assist on Friday morning, maybe you could donate some baked goods or come into Tuckshop on Thursday

to help with some baking.

We need all hands on deck to show off our beautiful gardens, brilliant children and bright community spirit. **Volunteers** are requested for the cake stall and to prepare food and serve at Tuckshop on the day. If you can assist please contact Toni on 0432 617 535 or the Tuckshop on 4614 5777.

Tuckshop

Meal Deal this week:

Beef Hotpot

with a **choice of drink** for only **\$5**.

Due to Morning Tea in the flowers on **Friday**, there will be **Big Lunch orders ONLY**

Outside School Hours Care

Our Vacation Program is out!!!!

Come collect a program and book your children in for some Vacation Care FUN. We are open from 6 am - 6 pm on the holidays with lunch provided for the children. If you would like any additional information, pop in and see, or contact Dee and her team on:

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