



09 August 2017

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### COMING EVENTS

#### August

Fri	11	Cookie Dough Order Forms Due Back
Tue	15	West Zone Athletics Carnival (O'Quinn Street Oval)
Wed	16	1A Excursion to Amaroo
Thu	17	1R Excursion to Amaroo
Sun	20	Choir performing @ Languages and Cultures Festival
Tue 22-Thu 24		Instrumental Music Camp
Fri	25	Cookie Dough Delivery Day
Mon	28	Book Week Fashion Parade "Escape to Everywhere"
Mon	28	Father's Day Stall Commences (Before & After School)
Tue	29	Playgroup @ OSHC Hall (8:45 – 11am)
Thu	31	Guest Poet Visiting Year 3 & 5

#### September

Fri	1	Last Day for Father's Day Stall
Fri	1	Father's Day Breakfast
Tue	5	Parent Teacher Interviews/Community Expo, 3:15 – 7pm
		<b>Morning Tea in the Flowers</b> (Date to be confirmed)
Fri	15	Prep – Yr 3 Sports Day

## Reminder

### Book Week Fashion Parade



### 'Escape to Everywhere'

**Monday Morning Parade**  
**28 August**

*Have you got your costume ready yet? ☺*

## From the Principal...

Dear Parents/Carers

Preliminary school reports are now available for NAPLAN and our results are very encouraging; showing achievement and improvement in a number of areas that are most worthy of celebration. These have been listed over the page for your interest.

These positive results reflect the dedicated work of students and staff, not only in Years 3 and 5 who undertook the tests, but also the work of staff and students in preceding years. Individual reports for students are expected to arrive in the coming weeks.

Kind Regards

**Tania Angus**, *Principal.*



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## NAPLAN ACHIEVEMENTS

The following is what has been noted from an initial analysis:

### Year 3

- Mean (average) score higher than 'Like Schools' in four of the five test areas
- Reading – highest mean score for 6 years!
- Spelling – highest mean score for 8 years (apart from 2016)
- Numeracy – highest mean score for 4 years and largest gap between 'Like Schools' mean for 4 years
- Numeracy – 7% of students in the top 20%, highest achievement for 5 years
- Grammar & Punctuation – 14% in top 20%, highest for 3 years

### Year 5

- Increase in the percentage of students achieving the National Minimum Standard in Year 5 in Reading, Spelling and Numeracy with those percentages being similar to National
- Mean (average) score higher than 'Like Schools' in all of the test areas
- Reading – highest mean for 4 years and 10% in top 20%, highest in 4 years!
- Writing – highest for 6 years, apart from 2016
- Spelling – higher or same mean for 10 years
- Grammar & Punctuation – higher or similar for past 6 years, mean just below state and nation and 24% in top 20%, which is the highest for 6 years!
- Numeracy – highest mean for 10 years, well above 'Like Schools' and just below the state. 13% in top, 20% which is the highest in 10 years, apart from 1 year.

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance is lower than usual at the moment, probably due to the range of illnesses that are prevalent at the moment, such as influenza (flu) and other serious respiratory illnesses. These



illnesses are spread by coughing, sneezing, or unclean hands and it is important that children who are ill remain at home. We can all do our bit to help stop the spread of germs:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, or cough into the crook of your elbow.
- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for 20 seconds. If soap and water are

not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill.

## ANNUAL SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY

The annual School Opinion Survey is now open online. All families and school staff are invited to take part and year five and six students will complete the survey at school. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well and how this school can improve. Online access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey were sent home with students last Wednesday. Parents/caregivers may arrange for online access at the school if it is unavailable at home. The survey closes on 25 August and the data is shared with schools later in the year.

## ABSENCE LINE

Regular and punctual attendance at school is essential to promote good work habits. Education Queensland policy requires schools to account for student absences. If a child is to be absent from school, please phone the **24 hour Absence Line** on **4614 5766**, providing a reasonable explanation for the absence. Schools are required to follow up unexplained absences and continued unexplained absences can lead to referral to the relevant authorities.

## MEDICATION

Please remember that only medication that is prescribed by a medical practitioner can be administered to a student at school. This medication must be brought to the office by the parent/carer for safe storage and administration at the designated time. A form must also be completed by the parent/carer in order for the medication to be given at school.



## CARPARKING

Motorists and pedestrians will have noticed some **changes to parking around the school**. The goal has been to improve traffic movement around the school and provide people with sufficient time to pick up and drop off. The following is a summary of the changes:

- **P2** (2 minute parking) is marked for parking bays **near the school gate in front of the bus zone** from 8:00 – 9:00am and 2:00pm – 4:00pm. This is intended as a drop-off/pick-up zone only. Please do not leave your vehicle. If your child/ren are not there, go around the block.

- **2P** (2 hour) short term parking, 8:00am – 4:00pm will be provided on the school side which will allow students direct access to the school without crossing the road. There are no restrictions on other side of street.
- Please take note of the disabled parking bay installed in Albert Street near Clairmont Street.
- There is to be no parking in the bus zone, 8:00am – 4:00pm.
- Please be considerate of our neighbours and refrain from parking across driveways.

### BEDAZZLED NUMBER 1!

The *Bedazzled Number 1* this week was awarded to the class for the least number of unexplained absences for the week. **Congratulations** to both **2/3R** and **3B** who tied for this achievement! Students have been asked to remind parents and carers about phoning the school and providing an explanation for when they are away.



### Positive Behaviour for Learning News

This week the **PBL lesson focus** is on bullying. Part 2 in a series of 4; this week looks at the steps of Stop, Walk, Talk. Hold up your hand in a sign to stop, say “stop”. If the problem continues, walk

away. If the problem still continues, walk to an adult and tell.

For more information, parents are able to view the Managing Bullying Policy and the Flow Chart from the document section of the school website.

## Goolburri Dental Van



The dental van is visiting Newtown State School before the September holidays. If you would like your child/ren to have a dental check-up, please see the Support Hub staff or the office staff for the necessary paperwork.

**All Newtown students and siblings are able to make an appointment.**

## CBCA Children's Book Council of Australia Book Week 2017 @ Newtown State School



### The theme is: **'Escape to Everywhere'**

The Book Week Fashion Parade is on Monday August 28 at **9am**.

The theme this year is ***Escape to Everywhere!***

It is such an easy theme to dress in this year...almost anything will fit (providing the character first existed in a book. Eg. Snow White and Cinderella are fine, as are the comic book superheroes. But, movie characters do not fit the Book Week concept: Toy Story, Frozen etc.)

Costume ideas

- a. Dress in the theme: a magician, an explorer, astronaut, pirate ...(anyone who escapes/travels) **OR**
- b. Dress as a character from a book that has helped you escape (forget everything else, get so involved in the story or imagine that you are someone else...)

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# P&C News

09 August 2017

## P&C Contact Details:

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Lauren 0409 266 181

Many thanks to everyone who attended our P&C Meeting in the Resource Centre last night.

## Cookie Dough Fundraiser only 2 Days Left!!!



Place your order online

<https://cookiedough.com.au/home/?gid=828>

or, on the order form previously sent home.

All orders are to be placed by **THIS FRIDAY 11/08/17** with delivery expected to be on the **25/08/17**.

All monies raised will go toward our Term 3 fundraising.

## Morning Tea in the Flowers is coming up!



If you're available for baking of goods, donating morning tea items, or volunteering on the day, please contact either **Lauren 0409 266 181**, or, **Toni in the Tuckshop on 0432 617 535**.

(Date to be confirmed.)

## Uniform Shop

- We have lovely WARM Newtown jumpers in stock! Only \$34!  
We also have **handmade scarves** for only \$5!
- Uniform Shop is open **Tuesday mornings** only this term from **8:30-9:30am**. EFTPOS is available (25c surcharge applies).
- A new **school dress** will be introduced later this year to complement our current range. Estimated price to be around \$47 per dress, with stock expected to arrive early November.

## Weekly Meal Deal

**\$5.00**

Year 3 – 6 Thursday

Prep – Year 2 Friday

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

## Macaroni & Cheese with a choice of drink

Juice – Apple, Orange or Apple Blackcurrant

Milk – Chocolate or Strawberry



## TUCKSHOP

- Tuckshop opens **Wednesday, Thursday** and **Friday**, from 8:30am -1:30pm.

Please place and pay for all orders by **9:15am**.



**Do you love to help?**  
**Do you have a few spare hours of a morning to help Toni out in the Tuckshop – any time you are able to give would be truly appreciated ☺**

Toni Gray - Tuckshop Convenor  
(0432 617 535)

## Father's Day Stall



Our Father's Day Stall will be held from **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September** at the Uniform Shop, through the School Banking windows.

We will open from **8:30-8:45am** each morning before school and **3 to 3:15pm** after school.

We have a wonderful selection of gifts, including the ever popular "Dad" mug, priced at only \$5!

## OSHC

Let us be your safety net!!! As parents ourselves, we understand time is precious and how time can quickly get away. Enrol your children into OSHC and let us take your stress away. If you get stuck at an appointment, you're running late, or simply need a moment to yourself, it's as easy as three simple steps:

1. Come in and meet Dee and her Team
2. Fill out an Enrolment Form and drop back to us
3. Pay the Enrolment Fee

Once your enrolment has been approved in the system, we are only a phone call or text away if you require us at short notice.

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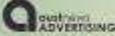
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