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COMING EVENTS

February

Tue	7	P&C Meeting (Resource Centre, 7pm)
Mon	13	West Zone Swimming
Mon	20	Student Leader Badge Presentation

March

Wed	1	Darling Downs Swimming
Mon	6	School Photos
Tue	14	Parent Teacher Meetings & Community Expo
Tue	14	P&C AGM (Resource Centre, 7pm)
Thu	23	Cross Country
Wed	29	Dance Fever Celebration
Thu	30	Toowoomba Show Holiday
Fri	31	Last Day Term 1

April

Mon	17	Easter Monday Public Holiday
Tue	18	First Day Term 2
Tue	25	ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Invitation



P&C Meeting
Next Tuesday, 7 February
7pm, Resource Centre

Please join us for our first P&C Meeting of the year.
Everyone is welcome to attend.

From the Principal...

Dear Parents/Carers

Well the year is off to a great start with students settling into their new classes beautifully. We welcome a number of new students and their families into our school and will receive notification of our final staffing allocations after submitting our enrolment numbers on Thursday. Thank-you for ensuring that all items on the booklist are brought in to the classroom so that as the year progresses, our students have what they need readily available to support their learning.



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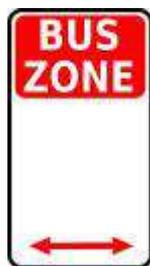
This week you will receive **Class Comms**, short for Classroom Communication. *Class Comms* provide an overview of curriculum being taught this term along with ways that you can support your child at home. It will also include information on any homework requirements and days and dates for specific classroom activities. Reading this will help you to stay informed about what is happening in your child's classroom.

Newtown State School is a great school and one component of what makes a great school is a Parents' and Citizen's (P&C) Association that operates alongside a school's leadership team and works collaboratively with the school towards common goals. At Newtown State School, we are so fortunate to have that working relationship with our P&C that works with great enthusiasm; hosting social events for our school community and conducting fundraising opportunities, proceeds from which are directed towards enhancing our school resources and supporting the learning of students. **Our first P&C meeting of the year will be held in the Resource Centre next Tuesday 7 February at 7:00pm.** Please consider this an invitation to attend. It's a great way for new families to meet people and join in the discussion about activities for the year.

Tania Angus
Acting Principal

CURRICULUM PARADES START THIS WEEK

Please note the change of time for the years 3 -6 curriculum parade. Curriculum parades are held weekly in the Sports Hall on a Friday; **Years 3 – 6** from 2:00 – 2:15pm, **Prep – Year 3** from 2:40 – 3:00pm. Curriculum awards are presented on assembly for Literacy, Numeracy and Student of the Week. All welcome.



PARKING IN THE BUS ZONE!!

Please observe the Bus Zone area in Albert Street, directly out the front of the school. Police have been notified that drivers are frequently parking in the Bus Zone, preventing the bus from safely picking up students. Please, always drive with great care around the school.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Please ensure you keep the office informed of any changes to your child's information, eg. change of address, contact and emergency contact numbers etc. It is vital that our student information is kept up to date.

START OF SCHOOL DAY



Students are expected to be at school for the 8:45am bell, at which time they enter their classrooms and prepare for the day. At 9:00am another bell is rung, at which time the roll is marked and lessons commence.



INVITATION TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Next Monday morning, **6th February**, I will be hosting a brief information session (**9:30am** in the staffroom) for our many volunteers who regularly

work with our students, whether it be for reading within the classroom or assisting within the Tuckshop, Uniform Shop, etc.

Topics for discussion include Student Protection, Code of Conduct and Emergency Evacuation procedures.

To enable us to provide the correct number of document copies etc, would you please be able to let the office know if you're able to attend by this Friday, 3rd February.

Positive Behaviour for Learning News

What is PBL?

PBL aims to provide a consistent framework for behaviour within the school environment. The Matrix outlines the three Newtown State School Expectations (Respectful, Responsible and Safe) and identifies the rules for each of the areas within our school. The matrix is included in the newsletter for your reference this year. If you do not have a copy please feel free to come to the office to obtain one or find it on the website. You'll also find online, a copy of the Responsible Behaviour Plan which outlines how decisions are made.

This week will focus on staying safe by walking in areas other than ovals. This behaviour can be promoted at home by encouraging students to walk when crossing the road, when moving through the house and while out shopping with family and friends.

Students will also revisit eating and play area expectations, particularly looking at the correct routes to use when using the tuckshop and toilets at this time, so as to avoid out of bounds areas and to be safe at play.

Carbal Hearing Tests

If you would like your child's hearing tested at school, please fill in the paperwork that was sent home and return ASAP. Scheduled visit:
28th & 29th March, 2017

Indigenous students hearing testing @ SCHOOL



Regards,
Shaun Russell
Head of Special Educational Services

If you would like more information please talk to us on 46 145 777

HEALTH ASSESSMENTS – 2017

Parents/Carers – Please check that you have received and returned the

Goolburri Health Assessment Information & Consent Forms which went out in early December.

Contact the school if you have any questions - 4614 5777

Chaplain's Chat!

Welcome to the new school year here at Newtown! For those that have joined us this year, welcome to our school. I look forward to getting to know you as you settle into our school. Welcome back to all that are returning after the Christmas holiday break! Hopefully everyone has had a wonderful holiday break.

Being the beginning of the school year, the thing I love is that everyone starts with a clean slate – new class, new teacher and new things to learn. The great opportunity for all of us is how we make the most of the fresh start. There will be plenty of new things to try – a big question is whether we will give them a try or not. I heard a great saying once – you can't hate or not like something unless you have actually tried it! As we head into the new year, that is the challenge for all of us – to try everything so we can have an opinion based on our own experiences! Imagine the possibilities if we all head into the new school year thinking we'll give everything a go!

So this week, when asked to try something new, how will you have a "Give it a Go" attitude?

Andrew Bell (*Chaplain*)

Work Days and Contact Information

This year I will again be working at Newtown two days a week, so I will be working in the school on 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.

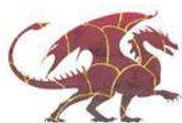
Chaplaincy Here at Newtown What does the Chaplain Do?

The Chaplain's role is to support the whole school community – students, staff and families. Basically, the Chaplain is a listening ear and a helping hand within the school community. I am here to listen when people need someone to talk to as well as helping in whatever way I can. The ways that this happens currently include:

- Catching up on a weekly basis with a number of individual students, supporting

them with various challenges they are facing throughout the year.

- Working as part of the support team here at Newtown to identify areas where support is needed by students and families, offer support in those areas and also explore ways to be proactive in preventing issues from developing.
- Working specifically around the area of absenteeism and supporting students and families in ways that they are able to be involved in school as much as possible.
- Working with "The Smith Family" to run a number of programs in our school, in particular running Learning Club which provides after school tutoring for students to help improve areas of their learning they are struggling with.
- Working with "City Women" and "Men of the City" to run programs that help girls and boys in our school know their potential and value as individuals.



CREATIVE DRAGONS

Writing Workshops & Tuition

After School Creative Writing Classes at Toowoomba and Highfields

Fuel your child's imagination while improving their writing skills with Creative Dragons' after school creative writing classes at Toowoomba and Highfields in 2017.

Classes will be held at the Highfields State School library on Tuesday afternoons and at the **Toowoomba City Library** building (Level 3) on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

In the fun-filled Apprentice Dragons classes, starting at 3.30pm, Years 5 and 6 students will learn how to write better, create stronger plotlines, more fully develop character and dialogue, and have a blast when editing their work.

At 4.30pm, the Master Dragons class helps high school students study the craft of writing at an advanced level while also setting and achieving tangible goals to transform their imaginative drafts into professional manuscripts.

Classes start next Tuesday, February 7th, and will be run by published author and Queensland Writers Centre presenter Cherie Curtis (aka Cheryse Durrant).

For fee details or to register, email Mrs Curtis via bookings@createdragons.com.au, telephone 4696 7355 or go to www.createdragons.com.au

Newtown State School

P&C News

01 February 2017

P&C Contact Details:
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Lauren 0409 266 181

Just a reminder that our first meeting for 2017 will be held next **Tuesday, 7th February** in the Resource Centre from 7pm.

All are encouraged and welcome to attend.

If you have any ideas for the year ahead or would like to raise any concerns or ask questions, please don't hesitate to contact Lauren directly on 0409 266 181.

TUCKSHOP

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

Please place all orders before 9:15am.

2017 Menus were sent home this week. If you did not receive a copy, please visit the Tuckshop to pick one up.

Every week, Tuckshop has a **Meal Deal Special**.

Thursday is for Yr 3 – 6 and Friday is for Prep – Yr 2.

When ordering a Meal Deal, please indicate the choice of drink.

Volunteers

If you are able to assist the Tuckshop by volunteering,

please contact Toni on 0432 617 535 – even as little as a couple of hours can make a difference. Food preparation, baking or cleaning are just part of how you can assist.



EFTPOS

EFTPOS facilities are available at Tuckshop. It is a minimum \$5 purchase, with a 25c surcharge.

Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop is open Tuesday and Thursday mornings this term, from 8:30-9:30am.

EFTPOS is available (25c surcharge applies). If you would like to volunteer in Uniform Shop, please see Sabrina in the Uniform shop on Tuesdays!

Weekly Meal Deal \$5.00

Year 3-6 Thursday

Prep – Year 2 Friday

Name: _____

Class: _____

Chicken Salad Sub with Juice – Apple, Orange or Apple Blackcurrant
Milk – Chocolate or Strawberry



Recycling

The Recycling program has commenced for 2017.

Every Tuesday morning from 8:15am - 8:45am outside the Uniform Shop.

For the next few weeks, tickets will be from the Uniform Shop counter as Mr Yost will be on leave! We can recycle paper (not cardboard) and aluminium cans. Each child who brings in paper or cans receives a ticket into the individual prize draw!

The **prize** for the **class competition** is again an iceblock for each child in the winning class! The **individual prize** for this term will be advised shortly. Please come and participate and bring in your paper and aluminium cans for recycling!

OSHC

Welcome to our new and existing families. It's been an exciting start to the year with fresh smiling faces, Preps starting their new journey, younger siblings starting with their older siblings taking great care and being helpful to make them feel comfortable through the transition process.

Over the Vacation Care we welcomed some new families who came and had a look, thanks to the open door policy, and we also welcomed some new families who have just started at Newtown OSHC.

Reminder:

The Centre opens at **6am** and we do **accept casual bookings**.

Please be sure to come in and fill out a new enrolment form and update your contact details.

For any enquiries please call:

4614 5718, 0428 502 967, or email us at

newtownss.oshc@gmail.com



School Banking

Tuesdays, 8:15 – 8:45am,
outside the Uniform Shop.

Newtown State School Expectations and Rules

Learners are:	ALL AREAS	CLASSROOMS	WALKWAYS & STAIRS	PARADE	AT PLAY	TOILETS	TUCKSHOP & EATING AREAS
SAFE	Keep hands and feet to yourself	Stay in your seat, and be seated correctly	Keep left	Walk in and out quietly	Wear hat and appropriate shoes	Walk	Line up at Tuckshop quietly
	Use equipment and facilities appropriately	Walk	Walk in a straight line	Be aware of others personal space	Sticks and stones stay on the ground	Wash hands with soap and water	Move immediately from tuckshop to eating area
	Report any problems	Gain permission to leave			Play non-contact games		Be seated and still
	Be where you should be						
	Follow directions						Walk
RESPECTFUL	Follow adults instructions	Be a good listener and wait your turn to speak	Walk quietly	Sit still and listen	Play by the rules	Respect others' privacy	Wait patiently
	Use polite language	Address adults appropriately		Acknowledge achievements appropriately	Use the language of fair play	Clean up after yourself	Place rubbish in bins
	Respect yourself, others and the environment	Respect others rights to learn		Use appropriate tone for greetings	Look after and respect equipment	Wait your turn patiently	On bell, wait quietly for teacher instructions
	Be honest	Speak appropriately			Take turns		
	Accept and be tolerant of individual differences	Enter and exit room quickly and quietly					
RESPONSIBLE	Manage your time	Seek help		Look after your own belongings	Manage yourself, not others	Report any problems	
	Wear school uniform appropriately	Bring all equipment to class, ready to learn		Stand appropriately during National Anthem and School Pledge	Be a problem solver	Use facilities appropriately, not for play	
	Be prepared						
	Be on task and do your best				On first bell, go to the toilet and get a drink	Go during break times	

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