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## COMING EVENTS

### February

Wed 15 **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)  
Wed 29 **Dance Fever Celebration**  
Thu 30 Toowoomba Show Holiday  
Fri 31 **Cross Country**  
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**

## School Photos



**Monday**  
6 March 2017

Envelopes were sent home  
yesterday.

**Additional envelopes are  
available from the office.**

## From the Principal...

Dear Parents/Carers

In visiting classrooms over this last week, it's been wonderful to see how well our students have started off the year. They are settling into their new class routines and demonstrating an eagerness to learn by being focused and attentive. I'm amazed at how quickly our Prep students are getting used to this thing we call *school*; being independent in routine and playing beautifully with others. It's also pleasing to see how well our Year 6 students are setting a great example for other students; stepping up in their leadership role this year by demonstrating initiative, being responsible in their behaviour and working towards excellence.



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Newtown State School is as committed to providing a safe, supportive and disciplined learning and working environment as it is committed to ensuring students achieve success in the curriculum. The school **Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students** (endorsed by our P&C Association) is designed to facilitate high standards of personal behaviour, so that the learning and teaching in our school can be effective and students can participate positively within our school community. The plan outlines our system for facilitating positive behaviours, preventing problem behaviour and responding to unacceptable behaviours. Through our plan, shared expectations for student behaviour are explicit to everyone, assisting us in creating and maintaining a positive and productive learning and teaching environment.

At the end of 2016, a review of the plan was undertaken. One change resulting from the review is in the name and nature of what has been known as the workroom, now titled the MC room. To clarify, MC stands for Mediation/Contemplation and represents an alternate classroom space that may be used as a consequence for major or repeated minor problem behaviours. Alternatively, it is a space for self-regulation/de-escalation (chill out) for a student whose behaviour demonstrates that some time away is appropriate. The MC room is staffed at all times throughout the day and involves consultation and monitoring with the principal and deputy principal. Staff make the determination for referral to the MC room for either purpose, not the student.

The expectations outlined in the plan also apply to all adults in our school community; visitors, parents, carers and staff. At Newtown State School we value open lines of communication with parents and carers and teachers are the first point of contact for issues concerning your child. Parents/carers are respectfully requested not to approach other students in an attempt to resolve school-related issues. Please refer these issues to staff and if you are going to be on the school site for longer than 15 minutes, please sign in at the office.

The responsible behaviour plan can be found on the school website. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, or a member of the administrative team, should you have any questions.

**Tania Angus**  
*Acting Principal*

#### **CURRICULUM PARADES**

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 AT ST ALBAN'S CHURCH (adjacent to Prep precinct)**

We have received a report of Newtown State School parents parking in the church grounds and in particular, parking in such a way as to stop parishioners from leaving.

Please refrain from parking in the church grounds.

#### **PARKING IN THE BUS ZONE!!**



Parents/carers parking in the bus zone continues to be a problem. 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.

#### **ABSENCES – PICK UP A MAGNET!**

Education Queensland policy and procedures require schools to document student absences and the reasons for such. If a child is to be absent from school, please telephone the office directly on 4614 5777 or on the 24 hour Absence Line on 4614 5766, providing a reasonable reason for the absence. Unexplained absences will be followed up by the administration team. We have magnets highlighting the absence line phone number. Please feel free to pick one up from the office!

#### **PLAYGROUP AT NEWTOWN**



In recent years, Newtown State School has been able to host a playgroup through grant funding which has now ceased. Therefore, the playgroup finished at the end of 2016. Knowing the value of this playgroup to our school community, we will continue to explore other avenues for funding.

#### **BEDAZZLED NUMBER 1**

The **Bedazzled Number 1** awarded this week went to **4M** for demonstrating expected behaviours on assembly; arriving on time, quietly and ready to show that they are ready to participate appropriately.



**Congratulations 4M!**

The **challenge for the next week** is going to be for the class who demonstrates timely and expected behaviour in lining up for class and after breaks.

#### FOR THE CALENDAR

**West Zone Swimming Carnival** 15 February  
**School Photos** 6 March – no whole school assembly that day  
**Dance Fever Celebration** 29 March  
**Cross Country** 31 March

## Positive Behaviour for Learning News

### What are the School expectations?

The three expectations for Newtown State School are: **Responsible, Respectful** and **Safe**. Being responsible includes looking after belongings, being on time and completing set tasks. Being respectful includes using an appropriate voice, looking at the speaker, using manners and doing as you have been asked. Being safe includes walking and keeping hands, feet and nasty words to ourselves.

**This week the PBL lesson focus** is that learners are responsible and respectful by following adults' instructions. Students are reminded that when given an instruction by an adult to follow it immediately. This could be promoted at home by encouraging your children to follow your instructions and thanking them for doing so.

### Music Notice

**Choir:** starts again this Thursday, 9 February. Any students from Years 4, 5, and 6 who enjoy singing may join, however they must commit to attending Choir every week. Choir rehearsals start at 1.15 and continue until 2.15pm, which is lunch playtime plus 30 minutes after lunch. We will be starting to practise for our Anzac Service and other performances.

**Guitar:** Lunchtime guitar lessons will begin again on Tuesday, 14 February in the music room. New students from Years 2-6 may join this group if they have their own guitar, guitar case and display folder. They must be prepared to attend lessons regularly and practise so that their skills progress. There is no cost for these lessons, however places are limited. For more information see the Office or Mrs Wilson.

**Instrumental Music:** Lessons and Band resume next week – Monday 13 February. Beginners do not attend Band. When they have made enough progress they will be asked to join the Band.



## 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,

Sharon Stumell  
Head of Special Educational Services

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



## FIRST AID COURSES

If your child, family member or friend needed emergency first aid, would you know what to do?

Complete a one-day first aid course with us to gain the confidence, skills and knowledge to respond to a range of emergency situations - you could even save a life!

The course is held in our dedicated training room, with all training materials and equipment provided. Tea and coffee are available, but please bring your own lunch.

<b>COURSE:</b>	HLTAID003 Provide first aid (includes HLTAID001 CPR)
<b>DATES:</b>	Saturday 18 February 2017 Saturday 15 April 2017 Saturday 17 June 2017 Saturday 19 August 2017 Saturday 14 October 2017
<b>TIME:</b>	8.30am - 4.30pm
<b>VENUE:</b>	Kath Dickson Family Centre 2 Lawrence Street, Toowoomba
<b>COST:</b>	\$120. Bookings essential.

Call 07 4633 8400 or email [info@kdfc.com.au](mailto:info@kdfc.com.au) to find out more and reserve your place.

#### ABOUT YOUR TRAINER

Kerri-Lee Mahony is a Registered Nurse with over 20 years experience, as well as a qualified Training and Education Officer responsible for facilitating first aid courses for the past five years. Her approach to training is practical, patient and engaging.



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Newtown State School

# P&C News

08 February 2017

**P&C Contact Details:**  
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Lauren 0409 266 181

Thank you to all who attended last night's P&C meeting. It was great to have new faces join us for some great discussions on the year ahead. Our next meeting is the **AGM**, which will be Tuesday, 14th March at **7pm** in the Resource Centre. This meeting is used to elect a new executive committee. Please ask the office for a form should you wish to nominate. All current P&C memberships expire at this meeting, so if you would like to remain a member, please complete the included form.

## Fundraising

Last night we started discussing how funds raised last year and the coming year would be spent. Last year a total of \$22360 was raised. A large portion of these funds has been earmarked for playground upgrades which will start to be implemented over the coming months. Discussion was had around how fundraising from this year would be spent with ideas such as further playground upgrades and hall upgrades. If you have other suggestions please feel free to let us know.

## TUCKSHOP

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

Please place all orders before 9:15am.

**2017 Menus** were sent home last 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.



## Weekly Meal Deal \$5.00

Year 3 – 6 Thursday

Prep – Year 2 Friday

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

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

**Beef Burrito with**  
**Juice** – Apple, Orange or Apple Blackcurrant  
**Milk** – Chocolate or Strawberry



## Tuckshop Donations

If you're unable to volunteer your time, please consider donating items such as foil, cooking spray, or Vegemite – all donations gratefully received.

## 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!



## 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 and aluminium cans. Each child who brings in paper or cans receives a ticket into the individual prize draw!

**Please note, we cannot recycle cardboard.**

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!

*Could YOU be this term's winner?*

## OSHC

Beat the Heat!!!

At Newtown Outside School Hours Care we offer social **swimming** Tuesday and Thursday afternoons 3:30 – 5:30pm. While the children are cooling down in the pool, they are also building their water confidence and other water safety skills.

For more information please come in and meet Dee and her team, or we can be contacted on 4614 5718, 0428 502 967, or email us at [newtownss.oshc@gmail.com](mailto:newtownss.oshc@gmail.com)

Newtown State School Parents and Citizens Association



**P&C Membership Application**

**Personal Particulars:** (Please print clearly)

Name:	
Address:	
Postal:	
Telephone:	Mobile:
Email:	

**Child/children attending Newtown State School:**

Childs name:	Year level:

**Membership:** (Please tick one)

- Applying for new membership
- Renewing my membership

**I am:** (please tick one)

- A parent of a student attending the school
- A staff member of the school
- An adult interested in the school's welfare, (over 18 years of age)

I apply for membership in the Newtown State School Parents and Citizens Association and I undertake to:

- a) promote the interests of and facilitate the development and further improvement of the School and the good order and management of the School; and
- b) comply with the constitution of the P&C Association, including the P&C Association Code of Conduct as specified in Schedule 2 of the constitution, and any valid resolutions passed by the Association.

If a person has been convicted of an indictable offence, it is grounds for removal in accordance with the Education (General Provision) Act 2006.

**Please Note:** You must attend a P&C meeting for your application to be accepted, except with the AGM.

Signature:	Date:
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**Areas of interest which you are able to assist Newtown SS P&C Association:** (please circle any)

Executive Committee	Tuckshop	Uniform Shop
Fundraising	Catering	Gardening
Grant Writing	Baking	Sewing
Knitting	Art	Music
Swimming	Recycling	School Banking

<b>P&amp;C SECRETARY USE</b>	Date received: ___/___/___	Entered in P&C Register: ___/___/___
Secretary's Name: _____	Signature: _____	

## CODE OF CONDUCT FOR NEWTOWN STATE SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

This Code of Conduct clarifies the expected standards of all P&C Association members. It has been adopted to aid all members of our school community to work as a cohesive group in partnership with the school.

The Code is intended to promote and maintain the highest standard of ethical behaviour by P&C Association members. Members of a P&C Association should adhere to the Code of Conduct at all times. This Code applies to each member of a P&C Association.

P&C Association members are to:

- act in the best interest of the total school community at all times
- conduct and present themselves in a professional manner and act ethically and with integrity at all times
- act with courtesy and demonstrate respect for all persons, whether fellow P&C Association members, school staff, parents/carers, students, community members
- remain objective and avoid personal bias at all times
- represent all members of the school community
- engage the school and wider community in developing and effecting school priorities, policies and decisions in a manner that is consultative, respectful and fair
- declare any conflicts of interest and not misuse their office to advance individual views or for personal gain
- make fair, transparent and consistent decisions
- provide objective and independent advice
- listen and be tolerant of the views and opinions of others, even if those views and opinions differ from their own
- treat official information with care and use it only for the purpose for which it was collected or authorised
- respect confidentiality and information privacy (about the school, community members, staff or students) at all times and not disclose confidential information
- not use confidential or privileged information to further personal interests
- be responsive to the requirements of the school community
- seek to achieve excellence in educational outcomes for all students at the school
- listen and respond to issues and concerns regarding strategy and policy
- work within the boundaries of the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006*, the *Education (General Provisions) Regulation 2006* and the Department of Education, Training and Employment's policies and procedures relevant to P&C Association operations.

# say cneese!

School Photo Day is fast approaching.

*Have your child's school memories captured forever on*

***Monday 6 March***

Your photo order envelopes were sent home yesterday. Please start planning your purchases and payment options.

Remember these helpful points:

- Read all relevant instructions for your preferred payment method.  
**All payments are due on photo day.**



- You may pay **online** using your credit card. Each child will have an individual 'shootkey' listed on their envelope. This will help identify your child's order.
- You may pay by cash using the individual envelope provided.  
**Please enclose correct money as no change will be given.**
- *Sibling photo envelopes are available at the school office upon request. **THESE PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN BEFORE SCHOOL, ON PHOTO DAY, USUALLY FROM 8AM***
  - Please instruct siblings to attend the photo studio during this time. Photographers are unable to search for students who do not attend.
- Do not seal envelopes inside each other. You may include payment for all children in one envelope, however please indicate on this envelope the names of all the children you are paying for.
- All students should wear their correct school uniform.

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