Dear Parents/Carers

Congratulations to those students who represented Newtown State School at the West Zone Swimming Carnival today. These students have demonstrated great commitment to their school team and to individual improvement as they have participated in before school training over the last few weeks. Many thanks to the staff who have worked outside of school hours to train these students and to parents and carers for supporting their participation.

From the Principal…

COMING EVENTS

February
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

Student Leader Badge Presentation

Next Monday
20 February 2017
9:00am
All welcome!
At Newtown State School, we value the involvement and contribution of our parent and carers and appreciate the impact that positive home-school relationships have on student well-being and learning. We are also committed to creating a pleasant experience for everyone who comes to Newtown. As adults, we are in a position to be positive role models and set an example to the young people we are around. With this point in mind, I am requesting that parents/carers, when on the school site, are mindful of using appropriate language and quiet conversation when in and around other families and students, particularly of an afternoon when congregating outside classrooms. Teachers are concluding the day and many adults and young children are about. I appreciate your support in this regard.

Tania Angus
Acting Principal

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.

BEDAZZLED NUMBER 1
The Bedazzled Number 1 awarded this week went to 3S for demonstrating expected behaviours as they line up after breaks. Congratulations 3S!

The challenge for the next week is going to be around keeping bag racks tidy with the contents of bags safely inside the bag.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC
A note will go home today to all students who have indicated an interest in participating in the Instrumental Music program. The instrumental program is a valued part of Newtown State School's co-curricular program and is a wonderful opportunity for students to not only develop their musical abilities, but to also develop confidence in performing for an audience and commitment to a craft. As this program is only open to a limited number of students each year, we are seeking confirmation of participation in the program and ask that you ensure you have returned and signed the:

- Instrumental Music Enrolment Agreement 2017 – showing if your child does or does not intend to participate
- Student Resource Form 2017 – Regarding payment arrangements
- EQ 11 Form 2017 – for students wishing to borrow a school instrument

Toni Warfield
Instrumental Music Teacher
Positive Behaviour for Learning News

What is a GOTCHA?
Students can earn GOTCHAs in the classroom and in the playground by behaving appropriately and following the school expectations and rules. A GOTCHA is just like a raffle ticket, it has the child’s name on it and the reason why they received the GOTCHA. Students collect their GOTCHAs in the classroom and save them up to trade for rewards.

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.

Students looked at this rule last week, but in this week’s lesson they will use role play to practice real life scenarios.

Chaplain’s Chat!

This week has been one when I’ve had lots of conversations with people finding things hard. If you talk to most people, we find it easy to worry about what is happening around us, people we connect with and particularly what might be going to happen. All of us face hard things, or find people sometimes tough to get along with. A great saying which helps me when things get tough – you can’t control what happens to you, you can only control how you respond or what you do. So, the challenge for us is how we respond. It’s easy for us to be negative but we get to choose to be negative or positive. We can dwell on what has gone wrong, or we can use what happens to learn and grow. One thing we’ve taken to doing recently, at the start and end of each day, has been to think of three things to be thankful for. By starting the day thinking of good things, it helps to make a difference on how the day goes and respond positively. By ending the day thinking of the good things, we can realise just how many good things there have actually been!

So this week, what are three things you can be thankful for at the start of the day and what have been good things in your day when you get to the end of it?

Andrew Bell (Chaplain)

Work Days and Contact Information
This year I will again be working at Newtown 2 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.

English as an Additional Language or Dialect - EALD

EALD Parents (and any other interested parents) are invited to

AFTERNOON TEA

Wednesday 1st March
2:15pm
Media Room – Library

Learn about our school, and meet other parents

Our wonderful students representing Newtown State School at the West Zone Swimming Carnival today.
P&C Contact Details:
pandc@newtownss.eq.edu.au
Lauren  0409 266 181

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 form sent home with last week’s newsletter.

TUCKSHOP
Tuckshop opens Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, from 8:30am.
Please place all orders before 9:15am.

2017 Menus have already been distributed.
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.

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

Weekly Meal Deal $5.00
Year 3 – 6 Thursday
Prep – Year 2  Friday

Name: _____________________________

Class: __________

Macaroni and Cheese 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 alfoil, 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
School Photos are on the 6th of March! Only 3 weeks away! 
Do you have a school shirt? All students are expected to wear their correct school uniform for school photos.
If you do not have a Newtown State School logoed polo or yours looks a little old and you would like a new one before school photos, they can be purchased at the Uniform Shop or Office for $31 (Sizes 4 - 16).
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?