



25 January 2017

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## COMING EVENTS

### January

Thu 26 Australia Day Public Holiday

### February

Wed 1 Tuckshop Re-opens  
Tue 7 P&C Meeting (Resource Centre, 7pm)  
Mon 13 West Zone Swimming  
Mon 20 Student Leader Badge Presentation

### March

Mon 6 School Photos  
Tue 7 P&C AGM (Resource Centre, 7pm)  
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

## Farewell & Best Wishes

### Mr Kidd



9am, next Monday  
30 January

Please join us at Assembly as we pay tribute to Ben's contribution to this school community ☺

## From the Principal...

Dear Parents and Care Givers

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to all students, families and staff to the 2017 school year and in particular, to those who have newly joined our Newtown State School community. I hope that you have had an enjoyable festive and holiday season. The students have arrived back at school enthusiastically displaying happy dispositions, eager to start the year. It has been lovely to see them reconnecting with the staff and their friends.

Our Prep students were particularly excited (as were their parents!) as they embark on their educational journey. Please remember that we are all here to work together with you, as a team, to support the learning and well-being of your child. Positive relationships based on mutual respect and open communication are important to a successful school experience.



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Thank-you for ensuring that the students have all they need; both in terms of their uniforms and their learning materials. These early days are about establishing routines, communicating expectations for behaviour and setting goals for learning. In walking around classrooms this morning, students are settled and classrooms are humming along!

The staff spent the student free days engaged in professional development, in creating well-organised classrooms and in spending time reviewing information and achievement data about the students so that we are ready to progress their learning journey.

We have an exciting year ahead with many events already listed on the calendar. Our school calendar containing the school handbook is currently being produced and will be distributed as soon as possible. There are a number of important messages throughout this newsletter, particularly regarding arrival, departure and parking so grab a cup of coffee while you read! It would be appreciated if all family members could be aware of these to ensure the safety of all our children.

**Tania Angus**  
*Acting Principal*

#### NEWTOWN PRINCIPAL UPDATE

Mr Ben Kidd was successful in his application for the position of principal at Rangeville State School. I will continue as acting principal at Newtown State School in term one and it is my pleasure and privilege to do so. During term one, the assistant regional director will commence the recruitment and selection process for the appointment of a permanent principal for Newtown State School for the start of term 2.

We will acknowledge Ben's hard work, commitment and positive approach to meeting the needs of every student at Newtown State School at our first whole school assembly next Monday 30 January at 9:00am. You are welcome to join us as we pay tribute to Ben's contribution to this school community.

#### STAFF – OUR TEAM FOR 2017!

We are extremely fortunate to maintain consistency with many of our wonderful staff continuing at Newtown State School. A big, warm welcome to our new teachers **Ms Kylie Beaven** and **Mrs Dianne McCosker**, along with a number of staff who have returned from leave/other positions. We also welcome a number of staff who have joined us on a contractual basis.

Each year we engage in a rigorous process to determine class composition. This process takes into account requirements around class size, a balance of learning needs and gender, as well as social dynamics. For privacy reasons, class lists are not to be photographed and/or published in any environment outside the school.

Our staff and classes for 2017 are as follows:

A/Principal	Tania Angus
Deputy Principal	Sue Vidler Term 1: Ashley Hams
Head of Special Education Services	Sharyn Rummell

Master Teacher	Gillian Ganly (Term 1)
A/Business Services Manager	Jodie Schutt
Administration Officers	Wendy Hoopert Delora Jones Marlene George Robyn Brierley
Teacher Librarian	Jill Bowman
Case Manager: Prep	Sharyn Rummell
Case Manager: Year 6 & 1	Rhonda McGarry
Case Manager: Year 2 & 3	Rose Bladwell
Case Manager: Year 4 & 5	Sarah Retallick
EAL/D Teacher	Catherine Roche-Kelly
Targeted Teaching of Reading Coach	Sarah Holcombe
Teacher Release	Sophie Edge
Local Relieving Teacher	Steve Bellettini
LOTE	Look Moi Lascelles
Instrumental Music	Toni (Antoinette) Warfield
Music	Trish Wilson
HPE	Dave Ragh
<b>Classes</b>	<b>Teacher/s</b>
Prep B	Kylie Beaven
Prep H	Katy Harris
Prep R	Michelle Rankine
Year 1A	Melissa Ashton/Rowena Shirtcliff
Year 1R	Suzie Richards
Year 2BA	Rebecca Batten
Year 2B	Louise Boyle
Year 2S	Nyree Scott/Peter Cook
Year 2/3R	Kim Ross
Year 3B	Simon Brownlie
Year 3S	Lauren Steffensen
Year 4	Bernadette Miller/Peter Cook
Year 4	Dean Ward
Year 5	Christina Reushle/Sarah Retallick
Year 5	Dianne McCosker
Year 5/6	Jeff Bean
Year 6	Marnie Johnston
Teacher Aides	Sharon Apsey Nataleigh Beveridge Sally D'Arcy Larry James Lucinda Jeitz Michelle Ehrlich Marlene George Sharon Hill Rhonda Horton Darren Lamb Judy Locke Karen Judd Samantha Musch Rebecca Peyer Tanya Stevens Lisa Schmaling Margaret Thomas
Technology Support	Karen Judd
Chaplain	Andrew Bell
Guidance Officer	Kate Trulson
Speech Language Pathologist	Monica Nightingale
Schools Officers	Stan Blacker Michael De Meur
Cleaners	Chris Thompson Michael De Meur Andrea Bloodworth Maxine Rostron Janice De Meur

## **POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)**

Newtown State School is a Positive Behaviour for Learning School (PBL). PBL is a process of implementing a framework that provides us with an opportunity to continually review and build upon our behaviour management program. The goal of PBL is to improve and maximise academic and social outcomes for all students. Part of the PBL process is to define and explicitly teach expected school behaviours, develop systems for acknowledging positive student behaviour and employ consistent procedures for dealing with inappropriate behaviour. For a more detailed explanation of how PBL looks in our school, please read the updated Responsible Behaviour Plan (endorsed by our P&C) available on the school website under Support and Resources.

## **CURRICULUM 2017**

In 2017, English, Mathematics, Science, Geography, History, Health and Physical Education and Music will be based on the Australian Curriculum. The other Learning Areas of Languages (Indonesian), Technology and the Arts (Dance, Art and Drama) will continue to be based on the Essential Learnings. We will also be becoming familiar with the new learning area of Humanities and Social Sciences in Semester 2. Fact sheets are available for parents and carers on the [Australian Curriculum](#) website.

Newtown State School's priorities for 2017 include:

- Reading and Word Study
- Innovative Teaching and Learning for the 21st Century
- Wellbeing

Our school improvement focus will be on improving outcomes in reading.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Regular and punctual attendance at school is expected and is essential to resilient work habits and to ensure maximum access to the education program. 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. Continued unexplained absences can lead to referral to the appropriate authorities and can lead to prosecution. After arriving at school, children may not leave the grounds during the school day without the permission of the principal. If a child is arriving late or is being picked up early, parents/carers need to register this at the office and obtain a slip.

## **ABSENCES MORE THAN 10 CONSECUTIVE DAYS**

*To comply with legislation, when a student is absent, or plans to be absent, for more than 10 consecutive school days for any reason, the parent must comply with their obligations in respect to compulsory schooling or compulsory participation by either:*

- seeking an exemption from their obligation, or

- by negotiating with the principal to make an alteration to a student's educational program; or
- by seeking to arrange a flexible arrangement for the student

Parents will be asked to complete an Exemption Form to be authorised by the Principal where approval is granted.

## **ASSEMBLIES AND PARADES 2017 - START WEEK 2**

Whole school assemblies will take place in the sports hall each Monday at 9:00am. Important messages are shared and achievements are celebrated. Curriculum parades are held weekly in the sports hall on a Friday; Years 3 – 6 from 2:30 – 2:40pm, Prep – Year 3 from 2:40 – 3:00pm. Curriculum awards are presented on assembly for Literacy, Numeracy and Student of the Week. All welcome.

## **COMMUNICATION WITH TEACHERS**

Teachers are the first point of contact for issues concerning your child so please introduce yourselves when you can. If you wish to discuss something at length, it is appreciated if you phone to make a mutually convenient time. Please note that on a Monday afternoon, teachers are required to attend a teaching staff meeting at 3:15 pm and will generally not be available after this time. Should you require an appointment with the Principal or Deputy Principal, please phone to make a mutually convenient time.

## **ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE**

- Unless there are special circumstances, students should not arrive at school before 8.30am. If students will be arriving at school before 8.30am, parents/carers are requested to notify the Principal in writing. Before School Care is provided from 6 am.
- Upon arrival, students may sit under A Block or on the 'green' until 8.30am. At the 8.30am bell students are permitted to play on the 'green', on the Year 3 – 6 playground equipment in front of the school or the Year 1 – 2 Oval (as appropriate to their year level), however, no portable school equipment will be issued before school.
- In general, students should not enter classrooms or go onto school verandas until 8.45am, however, class teachers at their discretion, may allow students to be involved in supervised, school related activities in classrooms from 8.30am.
- All students are required to have departed the school grounds by 3.10pm unless detained for a particular reason. School playground facilities and sporting equipment are not to be used after 3.00pm.

## **PARKING**

In an attempt to maximise student safety and better utilise space for staff and community around our school, the 'parking pledge' has been introduced. This designates areas for staff and community parking as follows:

- **Staff park in:**
  - Polo Street – limits students being at risk
  - Non-school side of Albert Street or – limits students having to walk across a crossing
  - Hill St – close to Prep for Prep team
- **Community park in:**
  - Clairmont Street – leaves it open at key times and helps with minimising accidents and disgruntled neighbours.
  - School side of Albert Street – students don't have to cross a street to enter the main gates

Please take note of the legal areas for parking as drivers frequently park in the Bus Zone area in Albert Street, 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, e.g. change of address, emergency contact numbers etc. It is vital that our student information is kept up to date.

### MEDICATION

Only prescribed medication can be given at school, and will only be administered when accompanied by a signed permission form available from the office. This includes paracetamol (e.g. Panadol). The medication container must have the pharmacy label with the child's name, doctor's name and instructions clearly written. A doctor's letter is required for long-term medication. If we have medication permanently stored at school, please come in and check its expiry. **Please also ensure that new medical action plans are provided. New plans with current dates are required each year.**

### SCHOOL UNIFORM/DRESS CODE

The school uniform is accepted as the attire for children attending Newtown State School and parents/carers enrol their children at this school on the understanding that the full uniform will be worn at all times. All students are expected to wear their shirts tucked in unless playing sport or during play. The wearing of a school uniform encourages

school spirit and a sense of group identity and prevents discrimination in respect to the quality or fashion of clothing. Our school has a No Hat, No Play policy. The school hat is the only style of hat permitted in all outdoor activities and excursions. With regards to shoes, black shoes (joggers if preferred) or sneakers (with adequate sole grip & foot support) are acceptable footwear. The wearing of jewellery is not necessary as it can pose a safety hazard and is at risk of breakage and theft. It must be kept to a minimum, e.g. a watch. With regards to ear-rings, plain studs or sleepers are safe and appropriate. Make-up and nail polish are not necessary. Nails should be kept trimmed and hair should be tied back and off the face with school-coloured bands and ties. Please ensure that hairstyles enable the comfortable wearing of the school hat.

Please ensure that your child's uniforms are all clearly named. Please note that lost property is stored in the downstairs foyer of the administration building. Families are reminded that any unmarked lost property not collected by the end of each term is recycled through the uniform shop.

### DAILY ROUTINE

8.30am	Bell. Children begin arriving at school.
8.45am	Bell. Children enter classrooms and prepare for the school day.
8.55am (Monday)	Classes attend parade.
9.00am (Tue – Fri)	Bell. Rolls are marked & class lessons begin.
11.00am	Bell. Children break for morning tea.
11.10am	Bell. Children tidy eating areas and are dismissed to the playground.
11.25am	Bell. Children cease play and move into class.
11.30am	Bell. Class lessons continue.
1.00pm	Bell. Children move out for lunch.
1.15pm	Bell. Children tidy eating areas and are dismissed to the playground.
1.40pm	Bell. Children cease play and move into class.
1.45pm	Bell. Class lessons continue.
3.00pm	Bell. School finishes.

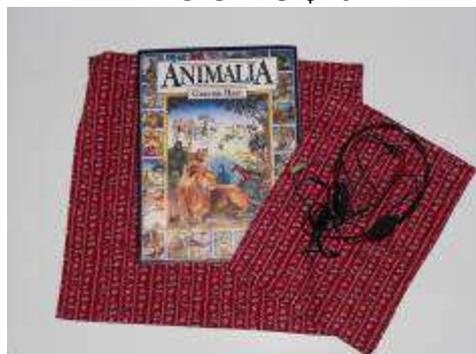
## RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

Staff that is associated with the various Toowoomba churches conduct a non-denominational Religious Instruction program. Each class from years 1 – 6 has 30 minutes per week of Religious Instruction. Students participate according to the information provided on the *Parent Notice for Religious Instruction* on the Enrolment Form, unless the school is advised otherwise in writing. Students not participating in religious instruction undertake other supervised activity.

## MISSING BIKE

A bike has gone missing from the school grounds yesterday. It is brand new metallic blue BMX bike with bright green wheels. If you have any information on its whereabouts, please contact the school and/or the local police. Students riding bikes to school might like to consider locking their bike to the rack.

## BAG SETS \$10



Matching Library and Head Phone Bags  
(also available separately)  
See Mrs Bowman in the Library.

### Library Borrowing begins Week 3

Mondays: **Prep H, 4M**  
Tuesdays: **Year 1, 5R**  
Thursdays: **Prep B, Prep R, 5/6B, 6J**  
Fridays: **Year 2, Year 3, 5M, 2/3R**

## Newtown State School

# P&C News

25 January 2017

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

**The P&C would like to extend a warm welcome to all new and returning families for 2017.**

We hope you all had a relaxing holiday period. We look forward to an exciting year ahead.

Our first meeting for 2017 will be held **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 is closed for week 1 and returns **WEDNESDAY 1st of February**.

## **Uniform Shop**

Uniform Shop is open Tuesday and Thursday mornings this term, from 8:30-9:30am. EFTPOS is available (25c surcharge applies). We will be closed tomorrow (26/1) due to the Australia Day Public Holiday.

**Thank you** to our wonderful volunteers who assisted over January! Kiarna, Kylie & Leigh! Thanks a million! You did such a great job!!! If you would like to volunteer in the Uniform Shop, please see Sabrina in the Uniform Shop on Tuesdays!

## **LOST & FOUND**

Thank you to our volunteer who washed 6 loads of Lost and Found. All named items have been returned to their owners.

This year, please **NAME** all of your belongings so we can return them to you if they end up in the "Lost and Found" bin!

## **Recycling**

The Recycling program has commenced for 2017. Every Tuesday morning from 8:15am - 8:45am outside the Uniform Shop.

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!

We had 4 prizes last term for the individual competition. Thanks to the generosity of the Yost family who donated 2 gift vouchers as additional prizes! These prizes have been delivered to their winners.

Last term the class prize was won by 3B! They enjoyed an iceblock each in the last week of term for being such good recyclers! 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!

## **School Banking**

School Banking commences next Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> January, **8:15 – 8:45am**, outside the Uniform Shop.

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