



12 July 2017

No 21

COMING EVENTS

July

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| Fri | 14 | Prep 100 Day Celebration |
| Wed | 19 | Playgroup Commences (8:45am) |
| Fri | 21 | Friday Afternoon Interschool Sport Commences |
| Tue | 25 | NAIDOC Week Activities |
| Wed | 26 | Choir @ United Toowoomba Choir with Josh Arnold <i>(Empire Theatre)</i> |
| Fri | 28 | Instrumental Eisteddfod Commences |

August

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| Thu | 3 | "All for Kidz" Show (more details to follow) |
| Tue | 8 | P&C Meeting (Resource Centre, 6:30pm) |
| Tue | 15 | West Zone Athletics Carnival |
| Sun | 20 | Choir performing @ Languages and Cultures Festival |
| Mon | 28 | Book Week Fashion Parade |

Prep 100 Day celebration!!



THIS Friday (14th July)
9 - 11.00am

Prep R Classroom

To celebrate Newtown's 100th day of school for 2017, we will be having a "100 days brighter" celebration and would love you to join us for a morning of laughter and learning.

From the Principal...

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to Term 3. I trust that everyone enjoyed the winter break and managed to stay warm and well. It is wonderful to see that the students have returned with enthusiasm and settled back into the school routine beautifully. The Term 3 calendar is already shaping up to be a full one, so please take note of the calendar of events above for your diaries.

With a full semester of curriculum completed, teaching staff will be commencing new units of work. Prior to the holidays, you should have received your child's Semester One Report Card to provide a summary of achievement, behaviour and effort. When considering your child's report card, take a moment to review your child's attendance. Research shows that students who have high attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If students aren't at school, are consistently late, or don't stay the whole day, they are missing valuable instruction which will help them to achieve their full potential.



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To kick-off the term, I'm excited to share that Newtown State School (in partnership with Harristown State School) is a **regional award winner** in the 2017 Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools. The submission titled, *Connecting our Community Through Health, Education and Wellbeing* has been recognised in the *RemServ Showcase Award for Excellence in Community Engagement* category and was for our Community Health and Wellbeing Expo that runs in conjunction with our Parent-Teacher Interviews. **Congratulations** to our Head of Special Education Services, **Sharyn Rummell**, who leads this successful event and to all the **team** who support the planning, organisation and implementation of an afternoon that brings our school community together and connects families with service providers. The submission will now progress to be judged at the state level, with state finalists being announced on 31 July 2017.

Regards
Tania Angus
Principal

NAIDOC WEEK

The week of 2 – 9 July was NAIDOC Week. NAIDOC stands for the **National** **A**borigines and **I**slanders **D**ay **O**bservance **C**ommittee. The importance, resilience and richness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages will be the focus of national celebrations marking NAIDOC Week 2017. The theme, *Our Languages Matter*, aims to emphasise and celebrate the unique and essential role that Indigenous languages play in cultural identity, linking people to their land and water and in the transmission of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, spirituality and rites, through story and song. Some student activities to recognise NAIDOC week have been planned for week 3.

STAFFING UPDATE

- **Lauren Steffensen** has been permanently appointed to Newtown State School.
- We welcome:
Peter Olsen for semester two, replacing Marnie Johnston (6J), who has now commenced maternity leave.
Sharyn McDonald, teaching alternate Fridays on 4M and 2S respectively, replacing Peter Cook.

CHANGE OF OFFICE HOURS

Please note that office hours are now **8:00am – 3:30pm**. Appointments outside these times can be made through the office as required. As outlined in the school calendar distributed at the beginning of the year, students are expected 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.

CAR PARKING

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 the other side of the 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.

THANKS!

Thanks to **Mrs Wendy Andrews** (grandmother of



current students), for generously donating a piano to our school, as well as a keyboard, recorders and sheet music. These will make a great addition to our music program.

Thank You!

Thanks also to **Mark Norman** and **Robert Williams** of Mr Rentals, who kindly donated their time and equipment to move the heavy piano for us, and to **Steve and Blake Wilson** for helping out as well.

Today, our Year 4 students have participated in the **Create Queensland Regional Roadshow**, which offered them the opportunity to engage in digital experiences and support their learning within the Media Arts and Digital technologies curricula.



A lot of fun was had by all.

Positive Behaviour for Learning News

This week the PBL lesson focus is being a problem solver in the classroom and the playground. The steps are:

1. Is my problem serious or can I deal with it myself?
2. Try:
 - Try and speak calmly to the students involved
 - Find someone else to play with
 - Go to a different area to play
 - Remind friends of the rules/clarify them together
 - Ask the teacher to help

This behaviour can be promoted at home by encouraging students to determine if a problem is serious, requiring an adult, or if it can be solved on their own.

This is important so that students can think first about their actions, rather than allowing feelings to determine their actions. When that is the case, students often are involved in conflict. It is important for everyone to get along in life.

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Enrolment Reminder

Enrolment packs are now being accepted at the school office or via email.

Enrolment interviews will be held from 8th August 2017 so please return your enrolment packs as soon as possible.

*We look forward to welcoming
Year 7 2018
to Toowoomba State High School.*

Creating Stars for our Future

Hear Me, See Me Art Exhibition



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Is your child creative?

Does your child love art and expressing their thoughts and ideas? The Queensland Family and Child Commission (QFCC) wants to celebrate the voices of children, their hopes and dreams and connection to family.

Children and young people (5-18 years) are invited to create a piece of art based on the theme, 'What does safety, love, joy, hope, trust and family look like to you?' They can choose to focus on one or two words, or all of them.

Children and young people from right across Queensland are encouraged to enter and all types of artistic expressions are welcome. For more information and details on how to enter, visit www.qfcc.qld.gov.au/hearme-seeme

Newtown State School

P&C News

12 July 2017

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The P&C would like to **welcome everyone back** to Semester 2. We hope you all had a relaxed break. **Thank you** to all who attended last night's meeting, our next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday 8th August at 6:30pm** in the Resource Centre.

Cookie Dough

Next week, all families will receive an order form for our 'cookie dough' fundraiser. All monies raised will go toward our Term 3 fundraising. If you do not receive your form, please collect one from the office.

Uniform Shop

- We have lovely WARM Newtown **jumper**s 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).
- **First day of trade for Term 3 is Tuesday 11th July**
- A new **school dress** will be introduced later this year to complement our current range. Estimated price to be around \$47 per dress. *For more information please see Sabrina at Uniform shop.*
- Change to our current supplies of **tracksuit pants**:
Our current school trackpants have a wide yellow slash of colour in the front of the legs of the trackpant. From later in the year, you will see the new trackpant with gold piping only down the sides and no yellow fabric.
This change has come about due to our supplier not being able to stock our current line. Both types of trackpants will be permitted to be worn. We still have stocks of the yellow slash insert trackpants and as these sell out, then the new "yellow piping" trackpants with then come into supply.
For more information, please see Sabrina in the Uniform Shop.

Weekly Meal Deal

\$5.00

Year 3 – 6 Thursday

Prep – Year 2 Friday

Name: _____

Class: _____

Chicken Alfredo
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.



Lost and Found

Lost and Found items were washed over the holidays. Please check the yellow bin for any items that may belong to you.

OSHC

We hope that everyone enjoyed their break. At OSHC we enjoyed going to Dreamworld and Go Karts and Build a Bear, just to name a few. Going back into 'before and after' school care, we have had a number of new enrolments which is wonderful to see. As the weather is cooling off, book your children into OSHC with their friends to keep them warm and active. Don't forget we have an Open Door Policy to come and have a look to see what fantastic things we do. Contact Dee and her team on:
(M) 0428 502 967
(C) 4614 5718
(E) newtownss.oshc@gmail.com

Recycling

Recycling occurs every Tuesday morning from **8:15am - 8:45am** outside the Uniform Shop. The prize for the class competition is a small packet of chips for each child in the winning class! The individual prize for this term is a **2 movie pack**, containing The Angry Birds Movie and Tinkerbell and the Legend of the Neverbeast Movie! Please come and participate and bring in your paper and aluminium cans for recycling!
Could YOU be this term's winner?

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