



NEWTOWN STATE SCHOOL

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21 June 2017

No 20

COMING EVENTS

June

Fri 23 Last Day of Term 2

July

Mon 10 First Day of Term 3

Tue 11 P&C Meeting (Resource Centre, 6:30pm)

Wed 19 Playgroup Morning (8:45am)

**Enjoy Your
Winter Break**



School Resumes

Monday

10th July

From the Principal...

Dear Parents/Carers

Congratulations to those students aged 9 – 12 who participated in the Newtown State School Athletics Carnival last week. With perfect winter weather, we witnessed students making great effort to achieve their best. Led by the House Captains, the level of sportsmanship and team spirit exhibited by the students was admirable, as they encouraged and congratulated their fellow competitors. **Many thanks to Mr Ragh, staff and volunteers who made the days a success.**

Thanks to those parents/carers who took the opportunity to join us in the various activities as part of *Wellbeing Week* last week. The Mums and Under 5s yoga provided some active relaxation and the Strength-Based Parenting Information Session (facilitated by Amy Cook), provided an opportunity for parents and carers to come together and learn about character strengths and how to use them to build a positive family culture.

As this is the last newsletter for the term, I'd like to wish everyone a lovely winter break. Term two concludes this Friday 23 June. Term three commences Monday 10 July.

Kind Regards

Tania Angus, Principal.



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CURRICULUM NEWS – REPORT CARDS

Today your child will receive their semester one report card. As with all Queensland schools, student achievement is determined using a 5-point scale. If a student meets their year level expectations, they will receive a rating of 'Working With' for Prep, 'Sound' for Years 1 – 2, and 'C' for Years 3 – 6 and are therefore, on track. In addition to the student's achievement rating, the equally important 'effort' rating is also indicated. Effort ratings are a reflection of whether the student is applying themselves to the best of their ability to achieve the best they can. It is important to acknowledge a high effort rating. An 'A' for effort and a 'C' for achievement indicates that a student is on track and that they have worked with effort to achieve that rating for their year level. A 'C' no longer represents a 'pass' and a 'D' or 'E' is not a fail; the five point scale is an indicator of where a student is at in the continuum of learning for their age-appropriate year level. To ensure consistency of ratings, moderation sessions amongst teachers occur.

BEDAZZLED NUMBER 1

The Bedazzled Number 1 was awarded on assembly on Monday this week to the class who demonstrated staying on task despite interruptions. 6J has consistently demonstrated this over time during morning classroom walkthroughs. **Congratulations and thank-you to 6J!**

STAFFING UPDATE

Mrs Marnie Johnston commences maternity leave at the end of this term. **Mr Peter Olsen** will be the replacement teacher for 6J. I'm sure everyone joins me in wishing Marnie and her husband all the very best for the impending arrival of baby number one. We look forward to meeting him or her! On assembly on Monday, Prep students joined Mrs Angus in reading the baby a favourite story; "The Very Hungry Caterpillar"!

Toni Warfield, Instrumental Music Teacher, continues to be on leave until early next term. **Linda Corcoran** will continue as Instrumental Music Teacher until the end of week 1.

ACCESS TO SCHOOL GROUNDS AFTER SCHOOL

Students are expected to depart the school grounds as soon as possible after school. To ensure the safety of children, all playground equipment, including the Prep sandpit and Year 1/2 playground, is 'out-of-bounds' for students and siblings.



1A ARE FLYING HIGH WITH READING!!!

1A celebrated the reading of their 100th book last Friday and Mrs Angus enjoyed the honour of reading the book for this special milestone.

Well done 1A!

Positive Behaviour for Learning News

This week the **PBL** lesson focus is being responsible for our own belongings, including hats, lunch boxes and school bags. This behaviour can be promoted at home by encouraging students to be responsible for their belongings by:

- Organising school materials when arriving at home: lunch box out of bags, homework on the table
- Looking after homework books and readers while they are at home
- Checking school bags each morning to ensure they have everything they need, including hat, lunch box, jumper, homework

Please encourage your child to check the lost property box before the holidays!

Well done to all students who competed in the Track & Field Carnival last Wednesday and Thursday. They were very busy days.

Congratulation to Kendall for winning the overall house points and to the following competitors for being age champions.

Age Champions

	Boys	Girls
9yrs	Jayden L	Amy W
10yrs	Joseph L	Krystal T
11yrs	Matthew S	Kylah Q
12yrs	Ben A	Tianna A

Regards

Dave Ragh, PE Teacher.

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P&C News

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Uniform Shop

- We have lovely WARM Newtown jumpers 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**

Lost and Found



Once again the Lost and Found is **REALLY OVERFLOWING!!!**

Please come and look for your child's lost belongings and claim them.

On the last day of school this week, the lost and found bin will go home with one of our committed volunteers,

who will wash and sort the items.

Anything unnamed is donated to the Uniform Shop or charity.

PLEASE COME AND COLLECT YOUR ITEMS BEFORE 3:05PM ON FRIDAY.

Recycling

The winners of this term's recycling program are:
Class Recyclers - OSHC

Individual Prize - Jeremy 5R

Congratulations!

OSHC has won a small packet of chips for each member and Jeremy has won the \$20 Coles Myer gift card!

Thank you to everyone who participated!

Recycling occurs every Tuesday morning from 8:15am - 8:45am outside the Uniform Shop.

We can recycle paper and aluminium cans. Each child who brings in paper or cans receives a ticket into the individual prize draw! **We cannot recycle cardboard.**

If you are Bringing in Cans to recycle, can you please squash them? It is easier for us to transport them to the recycler if they are **crushed!**



Please come and participate and bring in your paper and aluminium cans for recycling!

Could YOU be next term's winner?

Recycling starts again on the 11th of July in Term 3.

OSHC

The bookings are filling up for Vacation Care. With just one week left before the holidays, remember to come in and enrol your children to have some fun with their friends. **Dream World, Go Karts, Laser Tag** and many more activities.

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Chaplain's Chat!

Everyone is looking forward to the holidays beginning at the end of the week after a full term. It's always a great opportunity for us to slow down, rest and recover after the range of things that have kept us busy across the last 10 weeks. As a family, we always encourage each person to come up with ideas of what we would like to do across the holidays and then, as a family, we pick some options. By taking a few minutes to come up with some ideas and think ahead, we can make the holidays even more fun and have many more relaxing times.

So, this week, what are a couple of things you are going to look forward to and enjoy doing on the holidays?

Andrew Bell (Chaplain)

Work Days and Contact Information

This year I work 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.

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