Book Week is coming!
Newtown Primary School will be celebrating Book Week on Tuesday 19th August! The students will be involved in activities throughout the day. The theme for Book Week this year is Connect To Reading, and we have been exploring this idea in the Library across the school over the term. If your child would like to dress up, they should choose a book that they have a connection to, and dress up as a character from that book. They should be able to explain their connection to the book.
Alternatively, their dress up could be a reflection of the theme (for example, a jigsaw puzzle, sandwich board of all their favourite books). Further details to follow next week.
Rowena Weller and Kerrie Bedson

DIARY DATES—please take note

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Student Free Day
While the students were out of school yesterday, our teachers were hard at work on 3 of our priority areas for 2014. Research indicates that consistency (lack of variability) between grades has a huge impact on student learning.
In view of this, staff have been working on aligning content, language and strategies to streamline planning for learning and seamless transitions for students.
Yesterday staff worked on developing maths planning documents, ensuring breadth in the teaching of spelling and refocussing on developing rich comprehension in reading and writing.
The time to document our curriculum and engage in deep discussion was a luxury that was most appreciated. I am sure everyone will benefit from this time invested in school improvement.
**Preps 2015**
Do you know of any young people who will be turning 5 on or before April 30, 2015? These children would be eligible to being school next year. Enrolments are now being accepted for our 2015 Prep intake.

**2015 Senior Camp to Maldon**
Next year our senior students will be going on camp to Maldon. This is a camp with a focus on bike riding. In the weeks leading up to camp, students will participate in a Bike Ed program.

Students will need to have their own bicycles for the Bike Ed component of this program. Then, whilst on camp, students will cycle to and from their various activities. The bikes used on camp will be supplied by the camp.

This notice is intended to give advance notice of the need for a bicycle for Bike Ed at the beginning of 2015.

**Kilt Run-Out**
In conducting a stock-take in our uniform cupboard, we have found a number of ‘pre-loved’ kilts in sizes 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14.
Are you interested?
Buy now price of $20 is less than half of the new price. Call at the office for details.

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**Student of the Week**

**Prep McKenzie: Jim W**
For his great listening skills—well done Jim.

**Prep Podhorsky: Issy F**
For using the ‘count on’ strategy when playing the dice game.

**Junior Kelly: Bailey A**
Great focus in class.

**Junior Smith: Phoebe H**
For her fantastic efforts and focus during all learning activities this week.

**Junior Wrigley: Angus T**
For showing resilience during the week.

**Middle Ashkanasy: Nikita A**
For having the courage to add her ideas to our class learning.

**Middle Baird: Damian F**
For his excellent work on his descriptive writing. Keep trying buddy.

**Middle McKinnis: Sabrina S**
For having a good attitude to her Maths. Well done for having a go.

**Senior Burn: Ellie K**
For thoughtful reflection on her weekly goals.

**Senior Peel: Shakirah V**
For always being helpful and responsible with jobs around the classroom.

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**K-ROCK - 8:30am**

**LACHLAN D**

**ASSEMBLY EVERY FRIDAY AT 3:10PM**

**ASSEMBLY LEADERS: TEGAN AND KORAY**
Arts Festival
Thursday October 23rd
CALLING FOR HELPERS
This year we are hoping the annual Art Show will grow into an even bigger and better community event and fundraiser. To do so, our tiny team needs help!
If you are interested in assisting, or have ideas please contact Emma Breuer (ph 0400 108 185) and/or attend our first planning meeting on Friday August 8th, 2.30pm, in the staff room.

Excursions/Incursions—Term 3, 2014
Each term teachers plan learning experiences that address the AusVELS curriculum requirements. In so doing, they may plan incursions or excursions that make the learning more powerful. While teachers try to keep costs to a minimum, there is always an additional expense.
A forecast of excursion/ incursion costs for Term 3 are:
Narana Excursion (Middle) - $12.50
Paint Storm Incursion (all students) - tba
Concert—nil
Non-payment of costs means that the school must meet the shortfall. This reduces the monies available for other resources for all students.
Please refer to our school ‘Parent Payment Policy’ available in the Policy section of our school website.
www.newtownps.vic.edu.au

BOOK REVIEW
Are you looking for an engaging book that is full of drama? Well I know the book that is just right for you. The Book Thief is about Leisel’s life experience in World War II. It also features some romance between best friends, Leisel and Rudy. Will Rudy get that kiss he has been looking for?
It is already hard enough for a poor German family living through WWII, let only hiding a Jew in their basement at great risk to their safety.
This book will keep you on the edge of your seat. I definitely recommend this book and I give it five out of five stars. ★★★★★ By Shakirah Vanthag

FROZEN FRUIT FRIDAY
Junior School Committee will be selling frozen orange and pineapple pieces each Friday. Bags of frozen fruit can be purchased from the canteen for 50c each.
Junior School Committee students are to be congratulated on their efforts to balance healthy choices, treats and their desire to continually improve our world.

Car Park
Community members are reminded that our school car park is for authorised cars only.
Cars wishing to access Out of School Hours Care ,early in the morning or late in the afternoon, are requested to drive on the asphalt only.
Persistent driving across the grass in our car park is leading to irreparable damage.

Parenting Ideas Magazine
Follow the link to Parenting Ideas Magazine www.parentingideas.com.au/Parents/Parenting-Magazine

*REMINDER: PARENT OPINION SURVEY*
If you received a survey, please fill in and send back to school tomorrow as we are required to post them off on Monday. Unfortunately over the past 2 years returns of surveys have been insufficient to be statistically valid. Thank you.
$1000 Cash Back Offer!

Fundraising for Newtown Primary School

For a limited time we are offering $1000 cash back if you refinance your home loan to NAB (for loans above $250,000)

This represents a great opportunity for all teachers, parents, family and friends of Newtown Primary School to get a free Home Loan review and raise some much needed funding for the school.

NAB has had the lowest standard variable rate of the four big banks over the last 4 years.
So, in addition to potentially saving you money - The NAB will donate .4% of the loan amount on your behalf to Newtown Primary School.

For example - a $300,000 Loan referred to the NAB will result in $1,200 being given to Newtown Primary School. This offer is available to new and existing NAB customers.

This contribution is made on your behalf for all new purchases, refinances and limit increases for existing NAB customers greater than $50,000.

Additional benefits for you:

- $1000 Cash Back for refinancing to NAB (valid until September 26th 2014)
- Extra discount on your interest rate due to our community affiliation
- Package fee waived for the 1st year and no application fees
- Complimentary appointment with our financial planner – David Howie
- Full suite of products to suit your individual needs
- Supporting your local primary school

All that you need to do is mention Newtown Primary School over the phone or in the branch.
You have nothing to lose but plenty to gain, so please feel free to contact us today for a free home loan review.

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