**Newtown P.S. Newsletter**

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**DIARY DATES**—please take note

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**Book Week is coming!**

Book Week is next week! Our celebration will take place next **Tuesday 19th August**! The students will be involved in a number of activities throughout the day. The celebrations will conclude with a special assembly in the Multi-Purpose Room from 2.30pm, where their work will be showcased and their costumes paraded! Families are welcome to join us at this assembly.

The theme for Book Week this year is "Connect To Reading". 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).

On **Wednesday 20th August** there will be a 2nd hand book sale in the Library. The books on sale are "pre-loved" library books and will all be on sale for 20c each. All funds raised will go towards buying new books for the library.

We look forward to celebrating Book Week with your children! Rowena Weller, Kerrie Bedson and Jac Mackenzie

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**Debating Workshop**

Last Friday our school debating team put their newly developed debating skills into action during a Debating competition hosted by the Lutheran College, Mt Duned. ‘Zoos should be banned’, ‘Students should have to learn a musical instrument’ and ‘Homework should be banned’ were the three topics explored. Congratulations to Ellie, Kai, Koray, Lily, Jessica and Emma on your great work representing our school and demonstrating your debating skills.

Special thanks to Rachel McCracken for helping out with transport.
Preps 2015
Do you know of any young people or have a sibling of a current student 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. Only a size 12 and 14 left! Are you interested? Buy now price of $20 is less than half of the new price. Call at the office for details.

Student of the Week
Prep McKenzie: Sage M
Excellent writing about her favorite toy!

Prep Podhorsky: Nate H
For excellent writing about his family!

Junior Kelly: Thavinsa R
Excellent effort towards all her learning in class.

Junior Wrigley: Oliver J
For improved awareness of his handwriting.

Middle Ashkanasy: Candra W
For always setting an excellent example for the class in work habits and behavior.

Middle Baird: Aaron M
For his excellently written information report. Great work!

Middle McKinnis: Logan W
For showing initiative by being helpful in the Prep room.

Senior McClelland: Samuel B
For being an extremely helpful member of the SLA. You help make the place tick mate!

Senior Peel: Adele D
For her excellent sportsmanship at the District Athletics. Well done Adele!
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).

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:
- 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.
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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.

There’s a Party In the House Tonight!
School concert
Monday, September 15
Tickets on sale shortly
$12—adults
$8—children
Newtown students and pre-schoolers—free

Parenting Ideas Magazine
Follow the link to Parenting Ideas Magazine

Geelong Food Relief Centre have dropped off a box at the office to place in donations of non-perishable food items for their annual Toucan Appeal for 2014. If you have a donation of a can or two or other perishable items please drop these in the box. Thank you.

Late Arrivals: When arriving late to school, please remember to come via the office first and sign in your child and fill in a late slip to take to the teacher. Thank you.

Phone Messages:
Thank you to all those families leaving messages on our new phone system. When leaving an absence message, please remember to state your child’s name, teachers name and reason for absence and also please try to call before 9am as the class roll is marked first thing in the morning. Thank you.

ATHLETICS: On Thursday the 8th of August 54 students from Newtown went to participate in the district athletics. 18 students got ribbons but everyone tried their hardest. A little shout out to Aimee W who got first in 4 events and Hannah T who got 4 ribbons, two of which were 1st place.
It was a very cold day but we all managed to keep warm and dry. The first event was 1500m then hurdles and other field events. At 11 the 200m and 100m everyone did well. At the end of the day the relay races were held as well as the 800m. The 9/10 boys team got 3rd and the 11 boys got 3rd as well. Some of the schools that came were Herne Hill, Hamlyn Banks, Mano, Ashby, Chilwell and Fyans Park.
‘Cyber-Safety/eSmart’

Parent Information Night

Leading Senior Constable and Youth Resource Officer Robbie Noggler from Victoria Police will be at Newtown Primary to present a very valuable information session on all things ‘cyber-safety’ such as cyber-bullying, appropriate social media use, and digital footprints.

Robbie has previously held a very successful session with our SLA students and has helped us as we work towards becoming an ‘eSmart Accredited School’.

**When:** Monday 25th August

**Where:** Newtown PS Multi-Purpose Room

**Time:** 6.30pm start

This is a ‘parents only session’ and we are encouraging attendance by parents from all grade levels.