**Christmas Concert**

Special thanks to Butters for organising our recent Christmas Concert. This event celebrated the important messages of this time of year which align beautifully with our school value of RESPECT.

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**Excursions/Incursions—Term 4, 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 4 are:

**Adventure Park (Grade 6 only) — approx $35-$40**

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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Staffing Profile - 2015
It is with great pleasure that I announce our staffing profile for 2015.
Principal – Amanda Hay
Assistant Principal – Shaun Haberfield
Prep Team
Aimee Smith
Cindy Podhorsky
Junior Team – Grade 1/2
Sandra Kelly
Fiona Wrigley
Shaun Haberfield (3 days) / Rowena Weller (2 days)
Middle Team – Grade 3/4
Nanette Ashkanasy
Jarrod McKinnis
Kerrie Bedson
Senior Team – Grade 5/6
Scott Peel
Luis McClelland
Michelle Baird
Specialist Team
Indonesian – Aphra Millis (0.3)
PE – Jac McKenzie (0.5)
Arts – tba (0.5)
Literacy Support (– Julie Edmonds (0.5)
Education Support
Chris Little (8 Hours Integration + 4 Hours Library Administration)
Deb Duncan (12 hours Integration)
Jodie Warrick (12 Hours Integration)
Lesley McKinnis – Language Support Program (0.2)
Administrative Officers
Judy Teasdale
Amanda Grinter
You will notice a number of changes to our staffing profile for next year. These reflect the changing nature of our school and our school community. I am confident that 2015 is set to be an excellent and exciting year.
In 2015 Library and ICT classes will be taken by the classroom teacher using our library facility. This way these resources can be closely aligned to core curriculum. Please talk with staff about their new roles and their plans for 2015. More details on staffing will be made available as they come to hand.

Student of the Week
Prep Haberfield: Gemma T
For helping a friend! Well done Gemma.

Junior Kelly: Sheree L
Congratulations on a great week.

Junior Smith: Amy L
For the care and support she shows to her classmates.

Junior Wrigley: Monique T
For always trying to do her best work.

Middle Ashkanasy: Tom A
For making a great start at Newtown PS. It’s great to have you, Tom!

Middle Baird: Murray F
For displaying excellent sportsmanship at Ball Sports. Well done Muzz.

Middle Baird: Ned D
For always respecting his learning time and completing set tasks to a high standard. Top stuff.

Middle McKinnis: Sam B
For being a supportive friend to so many people in our school. Your efforts are noticed by many.

Senior Burn: Ellie K
For always being a very friendly and helpful student.

Arts: Clementine G
For your interest & insight in to the endangered animals of Indonesia.
Special Photograph Orders—DUE TOMORROW
2014 group photographs are displayed at our school office. These include pictures of:
- APSMO Team
- Debating Team
- Jump Rope for Heart Team
- Junior School Committee

Candy Canes at Christmas
We urge parents to support us in reducing sticky, sugary sweets at school. Please keep Candy Canes as ‘at home’ treats along with highly processed and sugary foods. Help us to build a healthy environment for our young people.

Christmas Hamper Donations
Do you have any donations for our Christmas Hamper Raffle? Raffle prizes will be drawn at our final assembly on Thursday, December 18. **Money & tickets due WED. 17th Dec.**

Newsletter
There will be no newsletter next week.

Reports
Reports can be collected from classroom teachers on Monday after 3:30. Please do not request reports prior to this as they will not be ready for distribution. We request that reports be taken home away from school and opened at home along with your child. Reports may be collected by a parent or another adult with written authorisation from the parent.

Chaplaincy
Our Newtown Chaplain, Aaron Butters, would like to thank the National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program for providing financial support allowing him to deliver a much needed service across the school.

Kardinia Christmas Events

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Newtown Primary School
$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
- 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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