Working Bee
Big THANK YOU to the families and staff who helped out at our recent Working Bee:
- clear a section of the playground in preparation for some playground installation during January.
- Prepare the ground and plant 8 new olive trees (thanks Brendan Bolton!).
- Paint the chalkboard in the breezeway.
- BBQ and snack were delicious for our hungry workers—Thanks Mrs Weller!

Welcome Miss Carr
Next year Tessa Carr will be joining our staff to work with the Junior Team. We are looking forward to getting to know Tessa during 2017. If you see Miss Carr around our school, please take some time to say “Welcome”!

Christmas Hampers—last call!!
Please send any donations you have by tomorrow. The hampers will be wrapped this weekend ready for Monday’s assembly. Thank you to all those families that donated an item or three! Please send along raffle tickets & money asap!
Monday, December 19

Monday December 19 will be our last school day for 2016. As a celebration, our whole school will walk to Sparrow Park for a picnic. Following this we will return to school for our final assembly at 3pm where will farewell our 2016 Year 6 students and draw our raffle prizes.

Season of Hope

In light of our recent Chaplains Christmas Show that Newtown PS attended and our affiliation at Kardinia Church with their community Christmas event, ‘Hope’ was the take home message for us all!

Christmas is a beautiful time of year to spend time with our friends and family but the truth is that we aren’t all cut from the same cloth and are living in a wide range of situations, physically, emotionally and spiritually.

It is important to remember that no matter where we come from or how things currently are,... there is always hope. Hope for a future, hope for your children and their children. Hope is where we begin!

I sincerely wish you all a safe and wonderful Christmas Season,
Merry Christmas!
Aaron Butters
Newtown PS Chaplain

Parenting Ideas Magazine

Follow the link to Parenting Ideas Magazine. This website has a wealth of resources and advice to help navigate our parenting responsibilities.

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.

Semester Summary Report

Semester Summary Reports will be released through our school portal COMPASS on Friday afternoon.

Please log in to access information about the progress the students have made this semester.

I would like to thank staff and students on their commitment to pursuing progress.

Monday, December 19

Monday December 19 will be our last school day for 2016.

During the morning students will transition to their 2017 classes. This will allow students to meet their new classmates, get to know their new teacher and become familiar with their new classroom.

Students will finish their year with a strong sense of optimism for 2017.

As a celebration, our whole school will walk to Sparrow Park to a picnic. Following this we will return to school for our final assembly at 3pm. We will announce our 2016 school captains, farewell our Year 6 students and draw our raffle prizes.

All are welcome to join us on the day.
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Last week all of our grades took part in Code Hour! During that time we wrote ‘algorithms’ (a set of steps) to make a ‘program’ (steps that can be followed by a machine).