

# Newtown P.S. Newsletter

**RESPECT** for self, others, learning, environment



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## DIARY DATES—please take note

Wednesday, December 16	Grade 6 Graduation from 6:30pm
Thursday, December 17	Last day for students
Thursday, December 17	Final Assembly @ 3pm
Friday, December 18	Last Day for staff
<b>HAPPY HOLIDAYS!</b>	
Wednesday, January 27, 2016	First day for staff
Thursday, January 28, 2016	First day for students
<u>Newsletters through COMPASS</u> COMPASS portal is now open to all families. Please register your email address in COMPASS. <b><u>The distribution of paper newsletters will cease at the end of this year.</u></b> From 2016 newsletters will be distributed electronically through COMPASS.	



### Thank you

At Newtown Primary School we believe every individual will learn and flourish with the support of a committed team.

In this final newsletter for 2015 I would like to extend my gratitude to our students, staff, families and community members who have contributed to realising our school vision.

Enjoy the summer weeks ahead as you find new ways of connecting with your family and appreciating our world.

I look forward to working with everyone again in the new year.

### Final Paper newsletter

Today you will receive your final paper newsletter from Newtown Primary School.

From 2016 you will receive your newsletter

- A) through COMPASS where it will be available for one week
- B) through our website where the newsletter will be available all year.



### 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.



**Farewells**

As our year draws to a close we farewell three long serving members of our school community.



**Lesley McKinnis**

Lesley has been connected with our school for 18 years. During that time she has worked with many students through our Young Language Group. Her expertise and experience in this field has ensured that our youngest students have a solid

foundation in oral language ; the building blocks of all literacy work.

Lesley will be working on a full time basis at Hamlyn Banks Primary School next year.

**Chris Little**

Chris has also been connected with Newtown Primary School for 18 years.

During that time Chris has worked with a number of teachers supporting students on the Program for Students with Disabilities.

Chris has displayed an amazing commitment to our school and students; influencing our school with her positive and cheerful nature.

Chris plans to travel and also work as a volunteer in community organisations.



**Robyn Hamshere**

Robyn has long been associated with our school as a relief teacher; replacing staff for anything from single days to full terms.

This year Robyn has worked in our school for almost the entire year as the teacher of Junior Hamshere. Her commitment to this class and our school has been outstanding. We look forward to continuing working with Robyn in 2016.

**Student of the Week**

**Prep Podhorsky— Jed M**

For his fantastic attitude towards his learning— excellent work.

**Junior Hamshere— Amelie R**

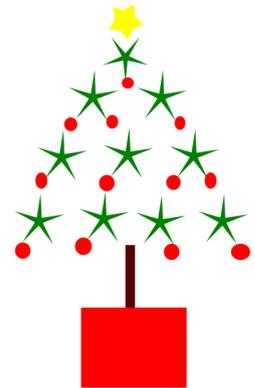
For always doing her very best work and for respecting her learning.

**Junior Haberfield/ Weller— Evie C**

For her excellent self portrait. A beautiful job!

**Junior Wrigley— Tilly M**

For being a great helper throughout the year.



**CENTENNIAL CEREMONY TO MARK THE BEGINNING OF PEACE AT GALLIPOLI**

On Sunday, December 20 a ceremony will be held at the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the beginning at Gallipoli.

Riley C and Harry R will be participating in the ceremony by reading the words on the first President of Turkey Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. This is indeed an honour for our school and these 2 students.

The ceremony begins at 12noon. If any member of our community are interested in attending.



**ASSEMBLY—FRIDAY AT 3PM COME ALONG TO FAREWELL OUR CLASS OF 2015**

**LEADERS: MS HAY**