End of Year
The end of the year is fast approaching and always brings with it a time to pause and reflect on how blessed we are at Newtown primary School. Our staff show great commitment to their students, the school and their profession. I am one of the few who get to see the complexity of their role. I would like to thank them for their deep commitment of time, effort, energy and emotion: all of which make our school a great school.

Being a parent is equally complex. Each parent contributes to our school in ways both big and small—from ensuring notes and payments are in on time, to monitoring internet usage, to helping out at fundraising activities and working bees. Our school is all the better for your positive involvement.

Finally, our gorgeous students. You are all clever and hopeful young people. I urge you to continue to seek new goals and stretch yourself to be your best. RESPECT is the key to unlocking a fruitful life. Live by showing respect for yourself, others, learning and environment and respect will come back to you.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday and I look forward to seeing you back at school on Wednesday, January 29, 2014.

Amanda Hay

Middle Camp 2014
Advance notice of middle school camp. There will be a camp for the Grade 3 and 4 students early in 2014.
Date: Thursday 27th February to Friday 28th February, 2014 (1 night away)
Venue: Burnside Camp, Anglesea
Approximate cost:$150.00 (please note that this is an indication only, costings have not been finalised at this stage)
Further details, permission notes and the exact cost will be provided to you early next year.

Extra Curricula Activities in term 4
Wow! Look at the extra activities we have been involved in this term!
- Junior Singing Group
- Senior Singing Group
- Newtown heroes
- Lunchtime sewing Group
- Board Games Group
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Junior Cricket Clinic
- Little Night In
- Big Night Out
- Mark Fountain – Guest Speaker
- Kids Hope
- Arts Show
- Church Service
- Music Recital
- World fair Evening
- Transition Activities
- Bollard Walk
- Adventure Park Year 6 celebration
- Whole School Sports Tabloid
- Junior Athletic Sports
- Playing Up—writing/illustrating workshop
- Kelly Sports—Dance
- Kelly Sports—Games

Dates to Remember
- December 18 — Transition Session for 2014
- December 18 — Grade 6 Graduation from
- December 19 — Graduation assembly from 3pm, finish 3:30
- December 19 — Last Day for Students
- December 20 — Last day for staff
- December 28 — Farmers Market
- 2014
- January 25 — Farmers Market
- January 28 — Teachers return
- January 29 — Students return
- Feb 27, 28 — Middle Camp
- Mar 3-5 — Senior Camp
Fundraising Efforts in 2013
This year we have run a number of Fundraising activities, including our Trivia Night, Farmers Markets, Raffles and special lunches.
Do you wonder where this money has gone?
  - Trolley for storage/security and charging of laptops
  - Care and Maintenance of the oval
  - Door between Arts Room and MPR
  - Brush seals along MPR external doors
  - New carpet in 2 classrooms
  - New sandpit/long jump pit
  - Irrigation to oval
  - New ‘take home’ books
  - Furniture for the MPR
  - Shade shelter for sports events (JSC)
  - New enclosure for Eggie (JSC)
  - Casey Tutungi Donations (JSC)
  - Philippines Appeal (JSC)
  - Fight Cancer Appeal (JSC)
  - New air conditioner (to be fitted in January)

Thank you to everyone who contributed to these efforts. Your investment in our school helps to make it our school a great school.

Also a big thank you to Woolworths Newtown for their generous donations towards our hot lunch days.

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Newtown Vacation Care Jan 2014 – Relocation
Unfortunately due to renovations the Newtown OSHC Program will be relocated to our Rollins OSHC Program for Jan 2014 vacation care.

Rollins Primary School (The new multipurpose building) Ernest Street, Bell Post Hill. We apologise for the inconvenience but the program will be up and running back at Newtown by term 1. Running from January 6th 2014 until January 28th 2014. To ensure your child’s place book now by calling 0488 662 783.

Student of the Week

Prep McKenzie: Mimi M
Enthusiastic helper in the classroom.

Prep Podhorsky: Sam B
For sitting quietly and calmly for the whole music concert.

Junior Wrigley: Lochie F
For his random acts of kindness to his classmates.

Middle Smith: Ella C
For always challenging herself and having a positive attitude towards learning.

Middle Baird: Charlotte Z
For her positive attitude to learning and always being enthusiastic.

Middle Kelly: Jackson O
Excellent effort in the music concert.

Senior McClelland: Lachlan D
For a fantastic performance in the music concert. You’re a star mate!

Senior White: Sophie B
For her thoughtful essay about why NPS is a lucky school.

Senior Peel: Lachi S
For being such an outstanding helper when moving furniture & supplies around the SLA. Thanks buddy!