

Newtown P.S. Newsletter

RESPECT for self, others, learning, environment



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DIARY DATES—please take note

Tuesday, December 8	Grade 4/5 World Fair
Wednesday, December 9	Music Recital
Thursday, December 10	Hot Dog lunch day
Friday, December 11	Semester Reports released on COMPASS
Monday, December 14	Semester Reports available for collection
Monday, December 14	Adventure Park—Grade 6 students
Monday, December 14	Kelly Sports Dance Performance
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
Thursday, January 28, 2016	First Day for students

Newsletters through COMPASS

COMPASS portal is now open to all families. Please register your email address in COMPASS.

The distribution of paper newsletters will cease at the end of this year.

From 2016 newsletters will be distributed electronically through COMPASS.

Newtown Primary School World's Fair

This Tuesday, December 8th the Year 4 and 5 students of Newtown would like to invite you to attend our World's Fair! The students have been working on putting together information about a country, and how the immigration of citizens of that country has helped shape the Australia we live in today.

This is helping to transition students from the Middle School to the Senior Area. Prepare to be daz-



zled by the sights, sounds, smells and possibly even tastes of countries from around the world! Join us in the MPR from 6:00 – 7:00pm for an evening of learning and celebration. All Newtown families and friends welcome.

Christmas Hamper

Donations are now being called for the annual Christmas Hamper. Chocolates, Christmas fare, tinsel, cards, games.

All contributions welcome!



Year 6 Student Leaders—2016

Rationale:

Everyone in our school is a school leader

Aims:

To allow Year 6 students the opportunity to make a positive contribution to building a culture of respect for self, others, learning and environment at our school
To develop leadership potential in year 6 students

Process:

All year 6 students are supported to take a leadership responsibility in our school
Leadership roles are matched to the skills and interests of the students

SCHOOL CAPTAINS:

Students nominate for School Captain in December. Nominees make a speech to staff, who then decide the best candidates based on a speech to staff and school record (behaviour, academic, responsibilities).

School Vice captains are chosen from those students who are nominating for School Captain.

These positions are announced at the final assembly for the year.

ALL OTHER ACTION TEAMS:

All other leadership positions are to be applied for in writing early Term 1. This is an in-school writing task although students are encouraged to think about the Action Teams, their arguments and evidence at home.

Students nominate for a minimum of 3 Action Teams.

Leadership positions are determined by staff, in line with applications, suitability for the position and availability of position.

Positions are selected from 2 categories:

JSC	Other Action Teams eg. Sports, Arts, Media, RESPECT, Sustainability– this list is not exhaustive and we are currently reviewing the positions that were held this year.
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Leadership positions will be announced at the whole school assembly early in Term 1.

Parenting Ideas Magazine

Follow the link to Parenting Ideas Magazine
www.parentingideas.com.au/Parents/Parenting-Magazine

Student of the Week

Junior Hamshere— Luke N

For the great improvements you have made this year with your writing.

Junior Haberfield/Weller— Oliver J

For his excellent narrative ‘The Jug’ which included a complex plot and language.

Junior Wrigley— Tom W

For great progress in all areas. Well done!

Middle Bedson— Balraj G

For your informative & entertaining soccer reports!

Middle Bedson— Oliver W

For your excellent team leadership skills at Ball Sports.

Middle Ashkanasy— Isabel E

Consistent efforts in all learning activities—the very image of respect, well done!

Senior Baird— Levi W

For his excellent improvement in his work ethic. Keep up the fantastic work!

Senior McClelland— Harry R

For his excellent insight into our new class novel. Excellent thinking!

Senior Peel— Will C

For your excellent sportsmanship at ball sports. Well done champ!

REMINDER:

Early lunch while swimming continues in to next week. Lunch time is from 12:40, an hour earlier than usual.

<p>K-ROCK—COOL FOR KIDS 8:30AM MONDAYS—LOGAN W ASSEMBLY—FRIDAY AT 3PM LEADERS: JUNIOR STUDENTS</p>
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SLA Camp 2016

In 2016, SLA students will be attending Club Lorne Surf Camp, hosted at the Lorne Surf Life Saving Club. This camp has proven to be an outstanding opportunity for students to build their confidence in and around the water, and their resilience in the face of new challenges.



The camp is booked in for **the second week of Term Two**, from **April 20 – 22nd**, Wednesday to Friday. Negotiations around the cost of this camp are ongoing, as we strive to get the best possible value for Newtown PS families.

We anticipate the cost to range between \$250 - \$300. More details will be sent home as they come available.

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



Special Photograph Orders \$10 each

2015 group photographs are displayed at our school office. These include pictures of:

- APSMO Team
- Junior School Committee
- Action Team
- School Captains
- Junior School Committee

Orders will close at the end of the week.

Hot Dog Lunch

Orders close today for next Thursday's Hot Dog Lunch. Order forms can be found on COMPASS.



Semester Reports

Semester Reports are currently being prepared. These report will look a little different to previous reports.

Semester 2 Reports will

- ⇒ provide general feedback
- ⇒ detail progress over the past 12 months
- ⇒ contain feedback on the 4 learning tasks from Semester 2.

Semester Reports will be available to download from COMPASS from Friday, December 11. Hard copies of reports will be available to be collected from school on Monday, December 4.

Michael Leunig Interview

Michael Leunig is an artist/cartoonist, poet and writer. He is writes cartoons for The Melbourne Age and the Sydney Morning Herald newspapers. On Wednesday 25th November, seven students from the Middle and Senior School were invited to Interview Michael Leunig. We used the new Digital screen to hook up to Skype for the interview.

Each student had one or two questions to ask Michael. He was animated and enthusiastic in his responses to the students, answering all questions with time and thoughtfulness. There were so many quotable quotes about drawing, creating art, how to get ideas, what life was like when he was growing up, what he sees as the purpose of his cartoons and advice for students on having the courage to be a peaceful, caring, creative and unique person.

Mieka said, "I love how he described himself. He said when he gets up in the morning he thinks to himself, 'today is a new day and I'm going to enjoy myself and make the most of it.' Interviewing Michael Leunig was such an experience, I'll never forget his answers. He truly is a Living Australian Treasure."



**OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE provided by
SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES**



End of Year Music Recital

When: Wednesday 9th Dec

Where: Multi-purpose room

Start time: 9am sharp

All welcome

For any inquiries regarding the music recital please contact Aaron Morris 0439630073

Breakthrough Music are now taking enrolments for 2016.

If you are interested in enrolling your child or would like to know more about our program please call me on 0412712701

Alternatively you may wish to complete the form below and I will get back to you to discuss this further.

Thank you

Louise Cahill

Breakthrough Music

Name: Mobile:

A CHATTY CHRISTMAS EVENT:

Latrobe Terrace Church of Christ
275 Latrobe Terrace – Geelong

Would you like the opportunity to share with your children in making Christmas tree ornaments and decorating a

Gingerbread Nativity?

FRIDAY DECEMBER 11 from 4-8pm

Cost \$5 per participant

One Gingerbread Nativity per family and three Christmas ornaments per paying person.

A photo per family in the nativity scene.

Please register by calling 0423414884 with numbers by December 4.

