Newtown P.S. Newsletter

RESPECT for self, others, learning, environment

TERM 4, ISSUE 9, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2014

DIARY DATES—please take note

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

Election Day
Last Saturday a committed team of staff and parents rallied to make the most of the fundraising opportunity provided by the recent State Election. Sales of sausages in bread and cakes donated by our generous community realised a little over $1000 for our school.
I would like to thank everyone who so generously supported our school at this event.

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:

- Camp Deposits (3-6) - $50
- Adventure Park (Grade 6 only) – approx $36

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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Duathlon
On Tuesday, November 25, Will, Tom and Ben went to the Belmont Criterion Track to compete in the first ever school sports Regional Cycling and Duathlon races.

There were about seven schools and two clubs—Bikepower and Geelong cycling. The schools competing were Wallington, Newtown, Leopold, Fyans Park and St Albans.

The first event was the cycling. It was a fifteen minute race.

Ben was the first on the podium for the day with a 3rd place finish. Tom came 6th and Will came 7th.

Next was the Duathlon; we were a team. In the race there were 3 runs and 2 rides. We chose a rider and two runners—Ben was the rider and Tom and Will shared the running.

Will finished the first run 4th and tagged Ben to do the first ride. Ben caught the two riders in front of him in his two laps and then tagged Tom to do his run. Tom held his position and tagged Ben to do his second ride. Ben kept the position at second and tagged Will to finish the race; our team finished second. It was a great day all round!

By Tom, Ben and Will

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**Student of the Week**

Prep Haberfield: Lily C
For her very cheery nature and the respect she shows to others!

Prep Podhorsky: Hala K
For her amazing story about the cat and mouse. FANTASTIC.

Prep Podhorsky: Madden M
For trying hard to use adjectives in his writing—well done.

Junior Kelly: Chad F
Great story writing.

Junior Smith: Connor L
For a fantastic first two weeks at Newtown PS and sharing his ideas and opinions. Well done Connor!

Junior Wrigley: Lucian M
For helping others with Respect.

Middle Ashkanasy: Mannie A
For his fantastic attitude to learning. You’re a star mate!

Middle Baird: Tiffany M
For being a respectful & helpful classroom member, ensuring that everyone is included. Super work Tiff.

Senior Burn: Eve S
For her thoughtful “welcome to Newtown PS” letter.

Senior McClelland: Grace M
For her brilliant work around her goal setting. Amazing dedication and initiative. You little ripper!
Swimming Lessons for Term 4
Reminder: lunchtimes will be altered during the Swimming Program. From Monday, November 24 lunchtime will begin at 12:30pm and conclude at 1:30pm

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
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
Orders need to be filled in and paid for by 14/12.

Uniforms
We currently have 20% off all uniforms sales until the end of Term. Place your orders early!

Christmas Hamper Donations
Do you have any donations for our Christmas Hamper Raffle? Raffle books due in by WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 17.
Raffle prizes will be drawn at our final assembly on Thursday, December 18.

Have you changed address recently? Have we got your current address?? Please let us know so if we have to post your reports they will arrive at the right place. Thank you.

Important changes to Waste Collection
There will be NO home garbage, recycling or green-waste collection service on Christmas Day or New Year’s Day (Thursday).

Your bins will be emptied on Saturday 27 December 2014 and Saturday 3 January 2015. Place your bins out on Friday night prior to these dates.
This change only applies if your bins are emptied each Thursday.

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Western Heights College
Western Heights College thanks Newtown Primary School students and families for allowing us to provide canteen services for you during the past year. It has been a privilege to work more closely with your school.

We have enjoyed our connection with your school and hope to continue this connection with families should you choose Western Heights College as the place where your child will enjoy their secondary school education.

We wish you all a safe and Happy Christmas and holiday period.
DOC Football Geelong Christmas Holiday Camp—Soccer

At Kardinia International School on 22/12 & 23/12, 9:30-3:30. $150 for the 2 day camp for ages 4-12. Call 0394381877 or David 0402520888.