A note from the Chaplain

That fresh start!

How many of us have done something silly in the past and just wish everyone would forget it happened! Well unfortunately sometimes they are just the things that people seem to remember! However as we grow up and each year sails by, these moments fade into insignificance and it is a reminder that we are rarely remembered for one solitary moment in time, but for who we are as people and how we effected people around us.

So as 2017 offers a fresh start to us all, let’s not focus on our own insecurities and those silly moments we find ourselves in, but instead focus outward, looking for ways to do something good for someone around you. You will then surely not be known for that time the ball elegantly hit you in the face in the school yard, but rather for the way people felt when they were around you!

Aaron Butters, Newtown PS Chaplain
Enrolments for music lessons are now open!
If your child is interested in learning a musical instrument call Louise on 0412 712 701
Don’t delay as there are limited vacancies available!

Payment for Excursions
From time to time excursions and activities are planned to provide an experience that will enrich the learning of our students.
Please make sure that notes and payments are returned to the teacher before the day of the excursion.
Phone calls will not be made on the day of the activity if permission has not been given or payment made. Alternate work will be provided for students who do not have notes or payment for excursions and activities.

2017 Bellarine and North Geelong Swimming Championships
Nominations are now called for the 2017 Bellarine and North Geelong Swimming Championships.
The age is taken at 31/12/2017.
Students in ‘main stream schools’ must be born between 2004 and 2008 to be able to compete. Students turning 14 or less than 9 in 2014 are not permitted to compete.
Please find information and nomination sheets attached.
Nominations must be to Amanda Hay or Luis McClelland my Tuesday, March 7.

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. www.parentingideas.com.au/Parents/Parenting-Magazine

St Mary’s Sporting Club Auskick Season 2017
Commencing Friday, 21st April, 2017
5.00pm – 6.00pm, St Mary’s Football Ground, La Trobe Tce., Geelong
Enquiries to Damian McKeeGAN, 0423 021258
Registrations - aflauskick.com.au

CSEF—Camps Swimming and Excursions Fund
Government funding of $125 per student available to eligible families who have a valid health care card. Please bring card to the office asap to apply. First payments made early March.
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<td>For having a wonderful attitude towards her learning and always trying her best.</td>
<td>For always showing RESPECT inside the classroom &amp; out in the playground.</td>
<td>For sharing her great examples of how to show respect.</td>
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<td>For her excellent efforts in holding her pencil correctly this week. Great job Poppy.</td>
<td>For assisting your classmates each day to improve their learning. A great start Noah!</td>
<td>For showing kind, thoughtful behaviour to others and during discussions.</td>
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<td>For her great application to all areas of her schooling.</td>
<td>For showing great improvement in applying yourself to your work.</td>
<td>Models manners and respectful behaviours on a daily basis.</td>
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<th>Senior B – Ella C</th>
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<td>For being a thoughtful and inclusive classroom member. Well done.</td>
<td>For his outstanding Action Team application. A home run, Oliver!</td>
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**Students of the week!**
Hi my name is **Georgie Taylor** and I am back this year at Newtown Primary School in Grade 2 with Junior Wrigley. My teacher is Mrs Wrigley and I think she is great.

I am 8 and I live at home with my mum, Rachael, my dad, Noel, and my brother and 2 sisters.

My favourite thing about school is hanging out with my friends, helping Mrs Wrigley with the roll in the morning and going on the bus when we go on excursions. I really like being at school.

I really like doing painting, listening to ‘story box library’ on my ipad, swimming, riding my special bike and dancing to music; just like any other 8 year old. I need lots of help to do most things in my life because, sometime before I was born, my brain did not get enough oxygen and got damaged. This means that I now have cerebral palsy or CP. It really means that my body can’t do the things like you do such as walking and talking even though my brain tells it to.

I am so lucky I have two special helpers at school to make sure I can do all the things I want to. Their names are Jodie and Miranda and they work on different days. They help Mrs Wrigley and the other teachers and kids too. I love hanging out with all the teachers and kids and just being a part of everything.

You probably see me arrive at school in my powered wheelchair. I am getting really good at driving this by myself but sometimes I may not see obstacles that are unfamiliar or accidently run in to things. I am learning to ask for people to move out of the way. I can’t sit up by myself so when we are sitting on the floor in class, I will have a special seat to sit in. When my body is really well supported I can use my hands much better. I will sometimes also use my special walker.

I understand most of what you say to me and I am working really hard on ways for everyone to understand what I have to say. I have lots to say about everything! You can talk to me and ask me questions just like any other kid but sometimes the best way is to ask me a question that has a Yes/No answer as I am really good at this. I love to play with my friends in the playground and now that there is a part that is totally accessible in my wheelchair, this just got even better!