**Newtown P.S. Newsletter**

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

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**DIARY DATES—please take note**

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**Costa is Coming!**

Tomorrow Costa Georgiadis from Gardening Australia will visit our school to help keep us inspired to grow, cook eat and plant for a healthy life.

He will be at our school from approx. 11:30am –1pm tomorrow, February 26. Parents welcome.

**Parent Ambassadors**

Our first meeting is on Tuesday 1/3 @ 9:15—just after ‘drop off’ time!

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**Working Bee—Saturday, March 19, 9am—12 noon**

Please mark this date in your diary. Tasks for the day include:

⇒ Installing remaining 3 tree guards  
⇒ Dismantling the ‘cubby’ in the vegie patch  
⇒ Building new garden beds  
⇒ Painting front fence posts  
⇒ Painting Mr Haberfield’s office  
⇒ Oiling the deck in Dave’s Courtyard

If you are unable to attend on that date, but feel you could tackle one of these tasks at another time, please contact Amanda H for more information.

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**Website:** www.newtownps.vic.edu.au  
**Email:** newtown.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au  
**Facebook:** https://www.facebook.com/NewtownPrimarySchool
**Arts Update**

What a fantastic start the students at NPS have had in the Arts room. We have begun the year by creating bright and colourful artworks based on Summer Lovin’. Make sure to check out some of the artwork displayed in the main building and art room doors! Our Prep students have settled into the Arts beautifully and have already created some artwork. They have been learning how to use oil pastels, making prints with their hands and using paper to collage a beach scene. Prep students have Art on Friday mornings and parents are more than welcome to come and visit to see what the students are doing. They are required to have an art smock so please send one along if you haven’t already done so. Looking forward to a brilliant year of creating masterpieces!

Mrs Sadowy

**Student of the Week**

**Prep Smith— Jessie L.T**
For always making others feel included by being a kind classmate with a beautiful friendly smile

**Prep Podhorsky— Tia B**
For listening to instructions so she knows exactly what to do.

**Junior O’Meara— Isabella C**
For teaching our class a great new maths game. Fantastic leadership, Isabella!

**Junior Wrigley— Jack C**
For his persistence to complete all tasks.

**Middle Bedson— Charlotte G**
Your awesome achievement on Literacy Planet shows your respect for learning!

**Middle Ashkanasy— Ciara G**
For responding to feedback and being willing to add to her Book Review.

**Middle McKinnis— Joel N**
For showing excellent friendship behaviour and including others

**Senior Baird— Jess T**
For always trying her best at every activity, especially her writing. Well done Jess.

**Senior McClelland— James W**
For always working SO hard in every lesson. You are a machine! Well done Jimmy!

**Senior Peel— Audrey A**
For working so well with her small group during our “Lost at Sea” activity. Awesome!

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**K-ROCK—COOL FOR KIDS**

8:30AM MONDAYS—JAIYDN M

ASSEMBLY—FRIDAY AT 3PM

LEADERS: AIMEE W AND JONNY P
April 11—Student Free Day

OSHC is currently taking expressions of interest to run a session on the upcoming scheduled Curriculum Day: Monday 11th April 2016. To run a session we require a minimum of 10 children.

The cost per child is $50 (if you are entitled to CCB/CCR this will be a reduced rate) for the day and the session runs from 7.30am-6pm.

If you are interested in booking a session for your child/ren, please email bookings@schoolsupportservices.com.au.

JSC News!
On Friday, February 26 we are inviting you to come and have a picnic on the oval.
You can bring along a rug and a teddy bear, if you like.
Parents are welcome to join us. Bring a healthy lunch from home. The picnic will follow Costa’s assembly. Make some new friends while you have a tasty lunch.
Koby, Eliza and Nikitah.

Never Never Gate
Did you know that the gateway to the staff car park is known around our school as the ‘Never, Never Gate’. This is because you must ‘never, never’ walk through this gate. It is reserved for car traffic only.
Please observe this school rule and support your children to observe it also.

Reminder
School Council Nominations close TODAY @ 4pm.
Take this opportunity to have a voice in shaping and improving our school.

Athletic Sports

I am currently seeking volunteers to help with the smooth running of our upcoming Athletics Carnival.

All jobs are simple but important to the success of the day. We will be looking for time keepers, place getters, and middle-senior parents to help with field events (fetching, raking, measuring)
Junior parents will also be needed to help in the tabloid activities. MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK. THE MORE THE MERRIER.
I hope to hear from many of you in the upcoming week.
Ms Jaci

Athletics Sports Helpers.
I am able to assist with the Athletics
YES / NO (Please circle)

CSEF Applications 2016

If you have a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for the Camps, Sport and Excursions funding of $125 per student. This needs to be applied for at the beginning of each school year. Please bring your card in to the office asap as the first payment run will be processed in March.

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Out of School Hours Care provided by School Support Services
Bookings can be made on 0488 662 783
Here are some tips for preparing for getting your bike ready for Ride2School Day!

1. Wear a well fitted helmet
Wearing a helmet not only looks great - it prevents head injuries – so having a well fitted one is vital for any bike rider. Helmets should sit two finger widths from your eyebrows and should fit firmly enough on your head that it won’t move around.

2. Pump up your tyres
We’re not talking about bragging - although you’re welcome to talk yourself up because you’re riding a bike! We’re talking about tyre inflation. Fully inflated tyres make for an easier ride and are also more resistant to getting punctures. Before any ride, check your tyres are pumped to the correct pressure (written on the side wall of the tyre).

3. Check the brakes
Stopping on your bike is always needed so check that your brakes are working before you head off on your bike. Particularly if you live at the top of a hill! Are the pads worn down? Are both pads contacting at the same time? If not, get your local bike shop to fix them.

4. Check no bolts or parts are loose
Check for any loose bits on your bike. This includes the rack and/or basket if you have these on your bike. You don’t want them falling off while you’re on the road or bike path - it could get ugly!

5. Adjust your seat
If it’s the wrong height or position, your seat can be adjusted. The seat can tilt up and down or shift forward and back - just like that adjustable chair at work or school (well sort of) – it’s usually best basically level or slightly lower at the front. See what feels comfortable for you

Don’t have a bike—don’t worry.
Walk, scoot or roll!
The whole idea is to get active!