**Newtown P.S. Newsletter**

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

**TERM 1, ISSUE 2—THURSDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2014**

**School Fees and Levies**
Notices were sent home last week for contributions by way of school fees and levies. It is through these contributions we are able to purchase learning materials as basic as books and pens and as complex as ipads. All monies are carefully managed and wisely invested in providing high quality learning for your children. Please show your support of our work contributing in this way. By comparison our school fees and levies are considerably lower than local schools and only a fraction of metropolitan schools.

**Junior School Committee—2014**
Introducing our 2014 Junior School Committee—Hayden, Emma, Jessica, Astri, Ellie, Paige and Kim. This team is keen to find ways to lead and improve our school. We look forward to hearing their plans.

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**DIARY DATES—please take note**

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<td>February 27—28</td>
<td>Middle Camp to Camp Burnside, Anglesea</td>
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Religious Education for Catholic children
Classes for Religious Education for Catholic children attending Government schools are conducted on Sundays 10-10:45am at Yarra St and commence on Sunday February 16. Enrolments will take place at the same location on February 5 and 6 between 3:30 and 5:30pm and are essential. Late enrolments cannot be accepted.

2014 Information Evening and Family Picnic
On the evening of February 11 Learning Teams will meet with parents to provide information that will contribute to a smooth, productive school year. During this session teachers will outline expectations about the new school diaries, homework, the 2014 curriculum program, camps, excursions and communications.
Bring along a picnic tea and enjoy catching up with friends between sessions.
Fliers about this event were sent home last week.
Books can be made at
www.schoolinterviews.com.au
using the booking code
P7GJX

School Diaries
This year were have introduced Newtown Primary School diaries. These diaries will streamline communications between home and school. The foldback clip is a vital part of this new initiative. Notes and newsletters will be clipped into the diary to ensure all communications arrive home safely.
Return notes should also be clipped into the diary.

Icy Poles for Sale
The Junior School Committee will have icy poles for sale on Friday.
Bring along $1 for a refreshing icy pole.

Parenting Ideas Magazine
Follow the link to Parenting Ideas Magazine

Student of the Week
Junior Kelly: Tyler B
Excellent effort with all his work!

Junior Smith: Luke F
For a fantastic attitude towards learning and a great start to school at Newtown PS.

Junior Wrigley: Owen S
For a wonderful start to the school year and his Maths thinking today.

Middle Ashkanasy: Isabel E
For deep thinking about “why we come to school”.

Middle Baird: Xavier G
For making a fantastic start in the new school year. Keep it up!

Middle McKinnis: the whole class!
For a great effort in the way that each of you has started in our class this year. I am impressed!

Senior Burn: Mason Y
For his positive start to Grade 6 and excellent holiday recount.

Senior McClelland: Grace M
For a bright and positive start to her schooling at Newtown PS. Well done Grace!

YMCA Geelong
Basketball Basics—Skills Clinics:
Thursdays after school from 4pm, 5-12yrs at Newtown & Bannockburn.
Social Basketball:
Wednesdays after school from 4pm, 6-12yrs at Newtown.
Phone Newtown 5223 2714 or Bannockburn 5281 2316.

K-ROCK WEATHER — KAI C
ASSEMBLY EVERY FRIDAY AT 3:10PM
ASSEMBLY LEADERS: TANSIE B AND KORAY S
**NAB Partnership**  
Our recent partnership with NAB presents an opportunity for anyone associated with the school to help raise funds. NAB will donate 0.4% of any loan amount to Newtown Primary School. Did you know that the NAB has the lowest standard variable rate of the 4 big banks over the past 4 years. Just mention Newtown Primary when negotiating the loan. Two loans have now been taken out using this opportunity.

**Canteen Reminder**  
Canteen lunches will be available to order on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please use current menu list for this week. A new menu will go home today or tomorrow starting next week. Write the order, child’s name and teachers name on the front of the envelope enclosing the correct money—no change given and bring to the office as soon as you get to school (or by 9am). Late orders cannot be accepted.

**EMA Reminder**  
If you have a child under 16 and hold a valid Health Care card, Pension card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the Education Maintenance Allowance: $200 Prep, $150 grade 1-6. Please bring your card to the office and fill in an Application Form. You need to apply at the start of each year. Applications close February 28. Late applications cannot be accepted.

**Emailing Newsletters:**  
If you would prefer the school newsletter emailed to you, please write down your name, child’s name and your email address and send in to the office. If there are any changes to your email address please notify the office. Our newsletter is also on our website.

**The school Uniform Shop** is open each Thursday morning before school for a limited time. If you can’t make it in on Thursday you can leave a paid order at the office and it will be filled on Thursday morning.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB VOLUNTEER**  
We need a volunteer to run the Scholastic bookclub. This happens once a term when Scholastic brochures are sent home. Once orders are sent back to school they are then collated and sent to Scholastic. Once orders have arrived back at school they are distributed to classes. Please contact the office if you are interested.

**Newtown & Chilwell Football & Netball club: Registration Day 9/2/14 9:30am-1pm.**

**Geelong West Netball Association’s Term 1 competition begins on Thursday, February 13th.**

This is a small local competition, catering for primary students in a social rather than highly competitive setting.

The competition provides netta (modified game for younger students) & netball in sections for grade 3 & 4, grade 5 & 6.

Mixed boys & girls teams are welcome. Bibs and equipment provided. Entries by Monday, February 10th.

For further information email da.
Uniform

School uniform is compulsory at Newtown Primary School and consists of:

- **Polo Shirt**
  Pale or navy blue with or without collar and logo
  (also available in house colours).

- **Windcheater**
  Navy only. Hooded or crew with or without logo.

- **Trackpants**
  To be trackpant style (made of fleecy knit, cord, cotton drill - navy).

- **Hat**
  Wide brimmed navy or pale blue compulsory in Term 1 & 4

- **Bomber jacket**
  Available from school.

- **Kilt**
  Pleated kilt. A bib can now be purchased to suit.

  Available for purchase from school in February each year.

- **Socks**
  To be pale or navy blue, white or grey.

- **Backpack**
  Navy, two pocket with or without logo.

- **Tights**
  Navy.

- **Shoes**
  Strong shoes, no thongs.

- **Shorts**
  Navy.

- **Dress**
  Navy/white gingham check.

- **Hair**
  Shoulder length hair to be tied back with blue or white ties.

A current list of items for sale is available at the office. Uniform sales are available on Thursdays only from 8.50-9am. Please call at office if you are unsure of where to go.

Please note:
- The wearing of thongs, open-toe sandals and tank tops is not permitted
- All clothing should be clearly named
- It is not safe to wear earrings at school

If a t-shirt is worn under the school polo, please ensure that they are blue or white in colour.