Welcome back for the 2015 school year. Once again, we have been busy over the vacation continuing to improve our school environment. You will have noticed that ramps have been installed in our school to improve accessibility. Pathways, drains and impediments in the asphalt have also been improved. Finishing touches will be made to these areas over the next few weeks.

Thank you!
Thank you to the team of parents who maintained our oval throughout the summer. There was also an enthusiastic group at school yesterday mowing, weeding, sweeping and cleaning to ensure the school is looking a picture for the students on their first day for 2015.

Save the Date
Our annual Information Night is planned for next Thursday, February 5. This is an important opportunity to meet the 2015 teachers and hear about the what the year holds for your children. Most importantly, this session also outlines real ways that you can support your child to make the most of these opportunities. More information to follow.
Staﬃng Structure in 2015
It is with pleasure I can announce our staﬃng for 2015.
Principal – Amanda Hay
Assistant Principal – Shaun Haberﬁeld
Prep Team
Aimee Smith
Cindy Podhorsky
Junior Team – Grade 1/2
Sandra Kelly
Fiona Wrigley
Shaun Haberﬁeld (3 days) / Rowena Weller (2 days)
Middle Team – Grade 3/4
Nanette Ashkanasy
Jarrod McKinnis
Kerrie Bedson
Senior Team – Grade 5/6
Scott Peel
Luis McClelland
Michelle Baird
Specialist Team
Indonesian – Aphra Millis (0.3)
PE – Jac McKenzie (0.5)
Arts – tba (0.5)
Literacy Support (inc English as an Additional Language) – Julie Edmonds (0.5)
Education Support
Chris Little (8 Hours Integration + 4 Hours Library Administration)
Deb Duncan (12 hours Integration)
Jodie Warrick (12 Hours Integration)
Lesley McKinnis – Language Support Program (0.2)
Administrative Officers
Judy Teasdale
Amanda Grinter

Induction Handbook
Check out our website to read the Newtown Primary School Induction Booklet. This booklet is a wealth of information about our school.
Check out the A-Z to ﬁnd the answers to questions you have not even thought to ask!
www.newtownps.vic.edu.au

Uniforms
We are in the process of transferring our uniform sales to Beleza Uniforms. School bags, hats and uniform items in limited sizes and styles are available from the school.
We ask you to bear with us during the transition time.
SPECIAL – 50% off Long Sleeve Polos were $25/now $12.50

School Camps—Save the Dates
Middle Camp to Baanya Biami, Ballan
March 19 and 20
Senior Camp to Derby Hill, Maldon
March 25, 26, 27

School Diaries
Newtown Primary School Diaries were introduced in 2014 in an eﬀort to improve communication between home and school. The diaries were a huge success and they will again be available in 2015.
Responsibility for managing and recording in diaries is progressively transferred from adults (teachers and parents) to students as they move up through the school.
Diaries are to be kept in a clear and orderly manner. Students must not draw on or deface the diary in any way.
Entries in diaries could include:
• Daily reading
• Homework tasks
• Up-coming school events
• Significant home based events that may impact on learning
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• The need to schedule contact/meeting time between parents/carers and teacher.

Fold back clips will be attached to each diary. These will be used to manage opening of the diary to the current week and attach notes and newsletters
Diaries are to be checked daily by parents and teachers. The process for this is managed at a team level. Protocols for this will be outlined at the Information session at the beginning of the year and in term newsletters.
Time will be set aside each week to update diary entries.
Diaries are the responsibility of the students. Lost diaries and clips will be replaced at the expense of the owner ($6 per diary).