STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES
June 17 and 18
Notes were sent home last week relating to the arrangements for Student-led Conferences.
This year our students and teachers have been focusing on explicit teaching around learning goals addressed through quality tasks.
This is an opportunity for the students to share their achievements, supported by evidence and examples of their work.
On line bookings are now available on www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Countdown to the Athletic Sports — calling parent helpers!
Our Athletic Sports are scheduled for Friday, June 20 at Goldsworthy Reserve. If you are able to assist on this day, we can accommodate as many helpers as we can rustle up.
Please see note on back of newsletter if you can assist.
All helpers will require a current ‘Working With Children Check’.

Preps 2015
Do you know of any young people who will be turning 5 or before April 30, 2015?
These children would be eligible to being school next year.
Enrolments are now being accepted for our 2015 Prep intake.
2015 Senior Camp to Maldon
Next year our senior students will be going on camp to Maldon. This is a camp with a focus on bike riding. In the weeks leading up to camp, students will participate in a Bike Ed program. Students will need to have their own bicycles for the bike Ed component of this program. Then, whilst on camp, students will cycle to and from their various activities. The bikes used on camp will be supplied by the camp. This notice is intended to give advance notice of the need for a bicycle for Bike Ed at the beginning of 2015.

Bu Millis visits Indonesia
Recently Bu Millis visited Indonesia with her students from Newcomb Secondary College and also with some Surf Coast Secondary Students. There were 16 teenagers in total on the trip. We stayed with host families at the Number 1 Senior High School in Matara, Lombok. Bu Millis had asked for assistance from Newtown students to draw and write some lovely little buntings flags.
On the final Tuesday morning the group hopped in local public transport and went to visit the local orphanage from the high school. At the orphanage we tied the buntings together with the assistance of the orphans. The result was a lovely decoration that they could keep their main hall. We also sang an Indonesian song for them and they sang a couple of songs for us and we played Pacman together. Their English was very basic but it was great to meet them again after last year. The orphans enjoyed reading the messages from Newtown students in Indonesian and looking at the lovely pictures you drew. We will hopefully visit them again next year. Terima kasih Bu Millis

Student of the Week

Prep McKenzie
Sage M—Excellent work with her Reading Buddy.

Prep Podhorsky
Madden McL—For a great achievement in his reading—well done!

Junior Kelly
Tilly McM—For working well in class.
Anouk M—For good focus in class.
Ethan T—For working to complete his work.

Junior Smith
Evie C—For her amazing attitude towards learning this week and her brilliant creative writing.

Junior Wrigley
Fletcher G—For his great mathematical thinking and clear recording of strategies used.

Middle Ashkanasy
Isaac H—For setting a great example in completing work tasks.

Middle Baird
Ethan P—For being a great role model during buddies with Junior Smith.

Middle McKinnis
Jaidyn M—For always putting in a great effort to show RESPECT.

Senior Burn
Conor S—For excellent teamwork and netball skills at Winter Lightening Premiership.

Senior McClelland
Jackson O’C—For working hard to prepare his Student-led Conference. Nice one mate!

Senior Peel
Holly B—For taking pride in the cleanliness of the SLA by tidying up without being asked!

Arts
“KaiserCraft Arts Award” - To the 4 dancing groups from Senior Peel—Your practicing and effort showed great respect for learning!
**Excursions/Incursions—Term 2, 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 2 are:
- Polynesian Dancer — $5 per student
- Grade 3-6 Athletic Sports — $8
- Paper making workshops (SLA) - $10

Non-payment of costs means that the school must meet the shortfall. This reduces the monies available for other resources for all students. Prompt payment is required.

**Student Unexplained Absences**

If your child is to be absent from school, please notify the school on the morning of the absence. In this way we are able to monitor if each child has arrived safely at school. This is then officially recorded as an ‘explained absence’.

An ‘unexplained absence’ is cause for great concern for the well being of the student.

Please refer to our school ‘Attendance Policy’ available in the Policy section of our school website.

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**Winter Lightning Premiership**

In the last 2 weeks the Grade 5/6 students competed in the Winter Lightning Premiership. The boys and girls soccer team competed at Myers Reserve last Wednesday and Mr Mac and Butters went along to help coach the teams. At the Lightning Premiership, Newtown competes against other schools in the Geelong West District. These schools are Chilwell, Fyans Park, Hamlyn Banks, Manifold Heights, Herne Hill and Ashby. The boys soccer team won 3 out of 4 games and only lost in the grand final. The girls lost 3 games and drew one. Everyone had a happy and fun day. :)

Then this Wednesday, at Hurst Reserve, the girls and boys T-ball team played. Mr Peel and Sandy Fankhauser helped with the coaching. The hardest team the boys’ team played was Hamlyn Banks. The boys won all of their games. The girls T ball team won two games and lost one and the hardest team the girls played against was also Hamlyn Banks. Both the boys and girls teams won their finals and will now play in the Division Lightning Premiership on Tuesday 17th June.

The boys and girls’ netball teams also played at Hurst Reserve. Mrs Burn, Miss Newman and Terri Taylor helped to coach the teams. The boys won all of their games and the girls won two and lost two against some strong competition. The boys played their final in the rain and did well not to fall over on the slippery ground. The boys’ netball team will now play at the Division Lighting Premiership on Thursday 19th June.

All the teams at the Winter Lightning Premiership were complimented on their teamwork, respect and manners. Congratulations on setting such a great example to all the other teachers, parents and students who were at the competition.

James O and Nick P
Dear Parents,

The Newtown/Ashby Primary School Athletics Sports are to be conducted on Friday, 20th June. The event will be for all children in Years 3-6 and will take place at Goldsworthy Reserve, Corio.

A permission note has already been sent home for this event.

We, as a school, will need to organise and run a number of activities on the day and will require a number of parent helpers to fulfil our part of the day’s organisation.

Consequently, I am seeking volunteers who can assist the teachers in the running of these events.

A Working with Children’s Check is required for all volunteers.

Thanks,
Elaine Burn (Sports Coordinator)

Athletics Sports Helpers.

I am able to assist with the running of the Athletics

YES / NO (Please circle)

NAME OF PARENT HELPER:

Contact Number: ________________