2015 Bellarine and Geelong North Swimming Championships
Last Friday a team of 10 students from Newtown Primary School competed in the 2015 Bellarine and North Geelong Swimming Championships. The team comprised Ailish T, Eliza M, Sarah T, Ben B, Tom B, Tom C, Cashel Q, William T, Sam B and Angus H. All swimmers acquitted themselves well. A full report will appear in next week’s newsletter.

Ride to School Day
Tomorrow is ‘Ride Safely to School Day’.
We desperately need parents to accompany our riders who will be rallying at Kenwith Park and Geelong West Community Garden. See back of newsletter for details.

Our ‘swale’ - Be Safe, Be Aware
A ‘swale’ follows the south side of our MPR to reduce flood risk. Pedestrians are informed that they cross this swale at their own risk. Please make safe choices and cross our school yard along flat, safe surfaces.

Parking in the School Grounds
Parents and carers are advised that the parking spaces on school grounds are for staff and authorised personnel only. Parents and carers are to park outside of the school yard and enter the yard through the pedestrian gates. The double gates closest to Safeway are to be used for SITA bin collection only. Access by other vehicles creates a traffic hazard on Aberdeen St.

In the interest of safety and wellbeing, we ask that all community members comply with these expectations.
Harmony Day
Harmony Day is tomorrow, March 13th. The purpose of Harmony Day is to celebrate ‘cultural diversity’. There will be a heap of activities that we know you will enjoy—the activities will be about HARMONY Day. On the day, make sure you wear a ‘POP’ of orange and bring along a flag that you have made. The flag should represent a country from your family heritage. D’Artagnan, Conor and Charlotte (JSC)

Student of the Week

Prep Smith— Hector D
For ALWAYS doing his best and being kind to others.

Prep Podhorsky— Max M
For always showing respect in the classroom.

Junior Kelly— Miranda M
For the effort she has been putting in to her writing every day. Amazing job Miranda!

Junior Haberfield/Weller— Alexis H
For her efforts in improving her handwriting. The results have been terrific.

Junior Wrigley— Alannah T
For showing RESPECT to others by always using her manners.

Middle Ashkanasy— Aaron A
For showing increased confidence in sharing his ideas in class.

Middle Bedson— Joycelyn T
Setting a goal, working hard to try to improve each day & achieving your personal best—AWESOME!

Senior Baird— Ella C
For always being a kind, polite and friendly classroom member. Keep being awesome!

Senior McClelland— Rory T
For his excellent contributions to our classroom discussion about our novel, The Unwanteds.

Senior Peel— Cordelia K
For her commitment to learning her 3 & 4 times tables this week—great RESPECT for learning T-Rex!

Art— Brodie B: for creating a beautiful collage flower using all the colours from the colour wheel.

WORKING BEES
At Newtown we take great pride in the energy and investment we have invested in our school grounds. Much of this work has been achieved through our regular working bees each term. We ask that all families commit to support School Council in maintaining and improving our school environment. Working Bees are held each term.

The next one being Saturday, March 14.
Are you able to help out?
If not, commit to coming along to the Term 2 event.

Jobs include:
- clearing drains and spouting
- spreading soft fall,
- attaching named pavers,
- trimming trees and foliage,
- digging holes for trees,
- spreading loam

Zebra Foods
Sandwich of the week goes to Walter A. and Angus H. Both boys had the same yummy sandwich with chicken, carrot and lettuce. Drop by the canteen for your free icy pole on Friday! Did you know?...our blueberry and banana muffins do not contain any processed sugar. They are sweetened with pure maple syrup. Remember to bring back any reusable containers to the canteen.

Newtown Primary Cross Country/Fun Run

K-ROCK Weather — Ben McP

ASSEMBLY every FRIDAY at 3:10PM
ASSEMBLY LEADERS: Meg C and Riley O
We will be holding an *adidas School Fun-Run* as a major fundraising event this year. The event will be held on **Wednesday, March 18** at Barwon Valley Fun Park. The *School Fun-Run* is a healthy, fun and active fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our students about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The main focus of this event is on participation. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved. All students will receive a Sponsorship Form to help collect sponsorship on behalf of the school. The funds raised will be used to purchase PE equipment for our school.

We ask all parents to read the Sponsorship Form and sign the front page to grant permission for their child to raise money and participate in this event. Students who raise just $10 or more will receive a reward for effort. In the Sponsorship Form you will also find many other benefits like the chance to win a family holiday to Disneyland!

Students wanting to track their progress, and use online fundraising, can do so by logging onto [schoolfunrun.com.au/students](http://schoolfunrun.com.au/students) and creating a Student Profile Page.

Finally, we would like to welcome parents and family members to attend the *School Fun-Run* event day at the school on **Wednesday, March 18** to help cheer on the students.

If you would like to volunteer and help out on the day please contact the school. Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!

All students depart Newtown PS by 9:10am for Barwon Valley Park. Program for the day is below.

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

Our annual Trivia night will again provide a great opportunity to get together a group of mates for fun and frivolity! **Saturday, May 30**

Keep an eye on the newsletter for more details.

**Bikes in the Yard**

It is great to see so many bikes in our bike racks. Please help to keep these secure by ensuring you have a reliable and sturdy lock. Bike chains wrapped around scooters can be used to make sure they are secure also.

**In the Veggie Patch - Junior Wrigley**

**Learning Intention:**
We are using what we have learnt about rhyming words to write short funny texts.

**Success Criteria**
- I use rhyming words accurately.
- I got a few giggles from my rhyming text!

In the veggie garden we found a hairy spider.
He was a good hider - sitting in an old coffee cup.
Mrs Wrigley jumped up.
What a fright!
She thought it might bite.
It had big hairy legs sitting on its white sac full of eggs.
It was black and brown as we looked down.
We all got to see
And then we let it be.
By Junior Wrigley
ART NEWS – Preps and Juniors

The Preps and Juniors have been enjoying learning some new songs and moving to music. The Prep children have been discovering what a beat is and keeping the beat to music. The Juniors have learnt that a Rhythm is a pattern and are beginning to read, clap and play simple rhythmic patterns.

During Art sessions the Preps have learnt about the Colour Wheel and mixing Primary Colours together to make Secondary Colours. Students love making a giant Colour Wheel. They have also explored paint and using different tools such as paintbrushes, forks, scrapers and sponges to produce different markings. The Juniors have also explored paint in a similar way but learning to change the tint of a colour by adding white. With the paper they have created, the Juniors have collaged a picture based on Eric Carle illustrations. They were encouraged to begin with a background and then add the foreground. The Juniors collages are displayed on the Art Room doors!

Alisha Sadowy