**DIARY DATES—please take note**

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**Working Bee - Saturday March 15**
Jobs for the working bee have been posted on the board by the canteen.
Do you have the following equipment?
- Mowers and whipper snippers.
- Wheelbarrows
- Shovels
- Hedge trimmers
- Brooms
- Paint brushes
- Electric Sanders with sand paper.
The action begins at 9am.
Lunch will be served at 12 noon.
See you there!

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**Save the Date**
**Trivia Night—Saturday May 31**
The organising team for the Trivia Night will be meeting on 14th March at 2:30pm in staffroom. Please come along and join the team if you are keen to be part of this fun, productive team.
Excursions/Incursions—Term 1, 2014
A forecast of excursion/ incursion costs for Term 1 are:
Whole School Cross Country—$2
Grade 5/6 Summer Lightning Premiership (selected students) - $5, SLA—Skateboarding Incursion $6, March 19
Junior Excursion to Scieneworks, March 17— ($20)
Non-payment of costs means that the school must meet the shortfall. This reduces the monies available for resources for all students. Prompt payment is expected.

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.
Three loans have now been taken out using this opportunity generating approximately $2,500 for our school.

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

Harmony Day—March 27
We plan to celebrate Harmony Day with a community picnic lunch. Please save this date. More details will be in next week’s newsletter.

Easter Hamper Raffle
Do you have any Easter theme items for our annual Easter Raffle? Please drop them in to the office and they will be used to make up hampers for the raffle at our final Term 1 assembly.
Major Prize—seafood voucher!
Books of raffle tickets are being sent home tomorrow.

Student of the Week
Prep McKenzie: Alyssa A
For being a great “lights” leader, helping to save energy.
Prep McKenzie: Alannah T
For bringing her diary and take home book to school.
Prep Podhorsky: Issy F
For always doing her personal best at school.
Keep up the great work.
Junior Kelly: Chad F
For concentrating on his work and listening to instructions. Well done Chad.
Junior Smith: Jayden K
For trying new things and doing his best.
Junior Wrigley: Joel N
For his great help cleaning up the classroom and other work areas.
Middle Baird: Rania K
Her excellent work sounding out her words in writing. Well done Rania.
Senior Burn: James O
For a well presented camp photo poster.
Senior McClelland: Riley O
For his outstanding manners on camp. Please and thank you, mate!
Senior Peel: Sarah T
For her amazing performance at camp—polite, respectful, positive and an outstanding surfer!

Sacred Heart Open Day—Tuesday March 25
Tour 1: 3.45 - 4.45pm, followed by information session 5 - 5.30pm.
Tour 2: 5.30 - 6.30pm followed by information session 7 - 7.30pm. For more information, please contact our Registrar, Judy Smith on 5222 0490. Closing date for Year 7 2015 enrolments is Friday 23 May 2014.
Cross Country Fun Run is only a week away!

Make sure you’re doing some preparation by going for a run sometime this weekend. We will be using the path around Barwon Valley Park which is a 1km loop. This means the 11/12 year olds will run 3 laps, the 9/10 year olds will run 2 laps, the Grade 2s will run 1 lap and the P/1s will have a smaller circuit inside the path.

For the 10-12 year olds, our school Cross Country is the selection trials for District Cross Country. The top 6 finishers in each event will proceed to the next round providing they meet the qualifying times of:

10 YEARS (2km)
BOYS – 13 minutes GIRLS – 14:30 minutes

11 YEARS (3km)
BOYS – 18 minutes GIRLS – 18:30 minutes

12/13 YEARS (3km)
BOYS – 18 minutes GIRLS – 18:30 minutes

This is a fantastic fundraising opportunity for our school. The money we raise comes back to the school for use on exciting projects. Have you seen the wonderful prizes that you could win? Check out the poster at the door into the main building. They look awesome!

Did you know, that if every student at Newtown Primary School raised just $5, we would raise over $1000 – AMAZING! What a great goal to aim for.

We are still looking for some parent helpers on the day. You can let the school know by email, leaving a note at the office or sending a note in your child’s diary. A Working with Children Check is required for any volunteer roles at school.

Thank you to those who have already indicated their willingness to help out. You will receive a letter home early next week with information about the day.

Happy running

Elaine Burn (Sports Coordinator)

Open Days
St Ignatius College
Peninsula Dr
Drysdale
Sunday 23 March 11am—2pm
Information sessions at 11 and 12:15)

Oberon High School
Wednesday, 23 April
Tours 5-7pm
Information session—8-9pm

LOCKDOWN Drill
On Wednesday our school took part in a ‘lockdown’ drill. All students were calm and orderly as the evacuated the yard and moved into the main building. The drill will contribute to our ongoing review of safety procedures in the school.
RIDE 2 SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY 19TH MARCH
We have 2 main meeting places for 8:30am!

1. Kenwith Grove

2. Geelong West Community Garden

OR

RIDE WALK SCOOT SKATE

Adults note: Please let Mr McKinnis know if you are able to participate