School Council Elections
All government schools in Victoria have a school council. We are currently calling for nominations to School Council. The following people have been appointed to our School Council for the 2015-2017 term:

- Shaun Haberfield (DET rep)
- Tim Johnston (non-DET)
- Rod Upward (non-DET)
- Mark Addison (non-DET)
- Paul Broekman (non-DET)
- Mark Zolfel (non-DET)
- Lisa Newman (non-DET)

There remains one × 1–year vacancy.

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.

Zebra Foods
Sandwich of the week 27/2-Addison S : real butter, tuna, grated carrot, grated beetroot, cucumber and lettuce. Yummy! Drop by on Friday for your free icy pole.

Did you know?...every week we roast a whole free range chicken for the sandwiches.

Team Zebra
Newtown Primary Cross Country/Fun Run

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 fundraise 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!

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.

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**Student of the Week**

**Prep Smith—Murphy Q**
For making great choices to help him concentrate

**Prep Podhorsky—Lennon M**
For loving learning & for always doing his best.

**Junior Kelly—Jayden J**
For concentrating on his work and always finishing it. Good worker Jayden.

**Junior Haberfield/Weller—Leo D**
For the focus he has shown throughout the first weeks of 2015. A great example of RESPECT for learning.

**Junior Wrigley—Indigo H**
For showing RESPECT to others by waiting patiently for her turn.

**Middle Ashkanasy—Isabel E**
For superb descriptive writing.

**Middle Bedson—Isaac H**
Showing the school value of Respect by being independent & helpful to others.

**Middle McKinnis—Nikita W**
For being helpful to others in need. You are such a beautiful friend.

**Middle McKinnis—Alex C**
For his excellent effort in writing descriptive narratives and reflecting on his learning.

**Senior Baird—Audrey A**
For her impressive persuasive essay on ‘All eggs should be free range’. Great persuasive techniques Auds!!

**Senior McGlelland—Aimee W**
For her beautiful manners. You set a great example for others Aimee!

**Senior Peel—Joe L**
For his commitment to improving his reading by being expressive with his voice. Great work Joe.

**Arts—Lily G**
For showing creativity and feeling in her artwork based on what music means to me.

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**ASSEMBLY EVERY FRIDAY AT 3:10PM**

**ASSEMBLY LEADERS: ADELE AND RORY**
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 before the winter, spreading soft fall, attaching named pavers, trimming trees and foliage, digging holes for trees.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser
Sunday March 1, 2015
Thank you to the committed team who helped to plan and run our Sausage Sizzle fundraiser at Bunnings, North Geelong on Sunday. The great weather brought people out and so sales went particularly well.
Thanks to Peter Collins, Tabitha Carlisle, Nellie Wookey, Sam Tucker, Patrice Lumsden, Luke Holland, Con Kamvoussoulis, David Shepherd, Tim Johnston, Sarah Hallows, Matt Schoemaker, Craig Brown, Craig Sherman, Cody Miller, Tanya Thomas, Jonathon Pingree, Amanda Andrews and Caz Allan for working at the stall during the day.
We believe we made just over $1300 to continue the work on developing our school facilities and resources.

St Mary’s Sporting Club Auskick 2015
St Mary’s Auskick will commence Friday 17th April 2015 at 5.00 pm. Held at St Mary’s Football Ground, Kardinia Park West, La Trobe Tce. Geelong. To register for Auskick go to: aflauskick.com.au
Enquiries to St Mary’s Auskick co-ordinator Damian McKEEGAN 0423 021258 or visit the St Mary’s Sporting Club website: stmaryssc.com

Harmony Day
Next Friday we will once again recognise the strength in our diversity by celebrating Harmony Day. All students are encouraged to wear a ‘POP’ of orange and bring along a flag that they have made representing a country from their family’s heritage. Throughout the day students will participate in activities that celebrate our diverse cultures, experiences and talents. These will all be brought together at assembly during the afternoon.

Sustainable Futures with Costa
On Friday I went on an excursion with Tilly. All the sustainability people went. It was at a high school. It was a primary school too. I saw alpacas and emus. They had a very big school and a very, VERY, BIG vegie patch. I liked how they grew strawberries. Costa had a very big beard. Costa told us all about how we grow stuff.
By Coco B

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE provided by SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES
Bookings can be made on 0488 662 783
African Children’s Choir to perform in Geelong

Grab this rare opportunity to be dazzled and entertained by the eighteen children from the Ugandan based African Children’s Choir on their second tour of Eastern Australia.

Having graced the stages of Carnegie Hall and the London Palladium performing for US Presidents and Nobel Prize winners with celebrities such as Will Smith, Bob Geldorf, Alicia Keys and Annie Lennox, The African Children’s Choir is excited to share a culturally intimate evening with you filled with captivating and joyful displays of Ugandan drumming, dance and song.

The purpose of the tour is to raise awareness of the orphaned and destitute children of Africa and to raise funds for the choir’s programs. Through the choir’s fundraising efforts over the past thirty years, fifty two thousand children have received a better education with choir members educated to university level and often returning to the community as lawyers and doctors.

Under One Sky Concert with The African Children’s Choir

Where: Sth Barwon Civic Centre, Belmont
When: 7 pm Fri 10 April
Family Tickets Available
Bookings: www.kwaya.org/underonesky.html

Ride2School Day 2015

Preparations are well under way for active travel day next Friday, March 13. To celebrate riding, walking, skating and scooting as fun ways to travel to school, we are organising for ‘travellers’ to meet and ride to school as a group. One group will meet at Sparrow Park and another at the Geelong Community Garden.

We support our students to walk or wheel to school because:

• Students feel fresh and alert at the beginning of a school day.
• There are fewer cars around the school which eases ‘drop off congestion’.
• Students are more likely to reach the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity they need each day.
• Students feel happier, healthier and perform better in the classroom.

Parents can join in the fun by walking or wheeling with the students.

One group will leave from Kenwith Park and the other from Geelong West Community Garden.

More information next week.

Arts News – Middles and Seniors

The Middles and Seniors have had a wonderful start to the Arts and are having lots of fun with drama.

The aim of our drama activities is to encourage students to have a go and developing their confidence. We have seen some very flamboyant and enthusiastic actors in the making already!

The Middles are working on Abstract art work and how this style of work is created by the feelings of the artist and the mood they want to portray. The students are creating an art work based on “How does music make you feel?” They are using warm and cool colours to help them portray the mood of the art work.

It’s great to find out who learns musical instruments or what style of music they like to listen to.

Exploring an Austrian artist by the name of Friederich Hundertwasser has really sparked the interest of the Seniors. Hundertwasser’s work is bold and colourful with specific characteristics that make the art work authentic to him such as onion domes, analogous colours, hidden faces and lollipop trees. The students have embraced Hundertwasser’s work which has inspired them to create their own artwork borrowing elements of his work to use in theirs.

I can’t wait to share these art works with you when they are finished!

Alisha Sadowy