Newtown P.S. Newsletter

RESPECT for self, others, learning, environment

TERM 2, ISSUE 4 —THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2014

DIARY DATES—please take note

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**Working Bee**
Saturday, May 17 is our Term 2 Working Bee. Plans for this date include:
- clearing out the containers and the garden shed to make room for our new ‘ride on’ mower.
- clearing gutters and drains before the winter rain.
- Painting chairs
- Gurneying pathways
- Pruning trees.
A delicious morning tea and lunch will be provided for our generous workers.

**Excursions/Incursions—Term 2, 2014**
A forecast of excursion/incursion costs for Term 2 are:
- Gymnastic Program—$24 per student
- Polynesian Dancer—$5 per student
- Barwon Waste Centre—approx. $6
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 required.

**Preps 2015**
Enrolments are now being accepted for our 2015 Prep intake. We will be holding 2 information sessions and tours on May 20 and May 22 from 9:15-10:45. Please register at the office of you would like to attend.

**Facebook**
Did you know our school has a facebook account? This is a great way to share news and keep in touch.
M&M 2014 country breakfast
Message from Bron Lawson . . .
I just want to extend my personal thanks to everyone who braved the rain, the dark, the mud and the early hour to set up and get involved at Station 6 at the Barwon River on Friday/Saturday. I was struck by how incredibly cheerful and helpful you all were even in the face of such miserableness.

The rain may have kept people away and created some chaos for the organisers of the procession but there was still a great deal of appreciation for the Walking Circle, Growing Stage, Waterwatch activities, streamers, music, food and work that had gone into creating it all.

In particular, the Geelong Food Relief Centre were thrilled with the donation of hundreds and hundreds of cans of food that will help support Geelong families in need.

In particular, thanks to Kai, Georgia, Sam C, Patrice, Sam T, Tim, Paul, Con, Rebecca, Penny, Rowena, Terri, Tony, Peter and Justin for their efforts and resilience in building the Newtown Primary School connection to this event.

REMINDER: SCHOOL PHOTOS MAY 23
Please make sure you return your child’s envelope and payment by next Thursday.

Entertainment Books Fundraiser
If you still have a book at home and you would like to purchase it, please return payment tomorrow. IF you do not wish to purchase the book, please return it to school tomorrow also. Thank you.

Student of the Week
Prep McKenzie: Gemma T
For working really well with her buddy.

Prep Podhorsky: Indigo H
For her amazing writing on our exciting experiment. Great work Indigo.

Junior Kelly: Sheree L
Great focus in class.

Junior Smith: Oscar H
For being focused in class and making great choices to help him learn.

Junior Wrigley: Darcey T
For a great week at school!

Middle Ashkanasy: Bronte B
For using and sharing her effective Maths strategies.

Middle Baird: Aimee W
For being supportive and respectful in her role as a Respect Team Leader.

Senior Burn: Kim L
For the energy & enthusiasm she displays in her learning.

Senior McClelland: Astri P
For her ‘can do’ attitude. Nothing is ever too big or small for you Astri—it’s amazing!

Senior Peel: Taylah S
For a fantastic effort in your writing. Funny, engaging and full of interesting perspective!

SCHOOL REPORTS
Please make sure if you have changed address this year that you let us know at the office as those reports not picked up from the office will be posted out.

K-ROCK - 8:30AM FRIDAY
HAYDEN M
ASSEMBLY EVERY FRIDAY AT 3:10PM
ASSEMBLY LEADERS: GRANGER AND KORAY
From the Arts Room
DONATIONS requested of unwanted blenders or food processors (that still work) for the art room. These are to be used for chopping up paper pulp to make recycled paper.

NAPLAN
Our Year 3 and 5 students participated in the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy) program on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week.
Our students are well prepared for this program. I commend staff and students on their positive attitude towards the assessment program.

Cross Country
On the 30th of April 2014 a group of students caught a bus to Fyansford Common Walking Track. Newtown Primary School walked down to the grass and set up their mats and a tent. Then the nine to ten year old boys and girls got ready for their race because it was the first race of the day. The first group (the boys) started running a long, two kilometres. They did really well! One of the boys, William, got into the next round. Next the nine to ten year old girls ran; they did really well just like the boys. Aimee W got into the next round as well. Straight after that the eleven year old boys ran. They did well again and Fin D got into the next round. Then the eleven year old girls ran. Hannah T got into the next round. After the girls the twelve year old boys ran. Unfortunately no one got in from that age group. Next was the ‘lucky last’ group of the twelve year old girls and Georgia C got into the next round from that age group.

After all the running they had a presentation for all the people who either came first, second or third. Then everyone packed up and hopped in their buses to go back to school. A big thank you to all parents who came down to support our athletes.

By Hannah T, Stephanie H and Charlotte GD

Note from the Chaplain
Don’t Quit
When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you’re trudging seems all uphill,
When the funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit –
Rest if you must, but don’t you quit.
Success is failure turned inside out –
The silver tint in the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell how close you are,
It might be near when it seems afar;
So stick to the fight when you’re hardest hit –
It’s when things seem worst that you must not quit!
~Author unknown

Aaron Butters
Chaplain, Newtown Primary School
NEWTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
ROARING TWENTIES
AUCTION & TRIVIA NIGHT

RAFFLE PRIZES

FIRST PRIZE
Overnight accommodation for 2 people at the Mercure Geelong
Includes buffet breakfast. Valued at $220

SECOND PRIZE
Family pass to The Enchanted Maze Garden, Arthurs Seat
2 adults & 2 children. Valued at $96

THIRD PRIZE
$50 Ben’s Butcher Voucher

Tickets $2.00 each
Available at Assembly or from the Office until May 29th