

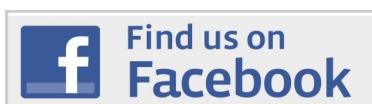
Newtown P.S. Newsletter

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DIARY DATES—please take note

May 16- 20	Book Fair
May 17, 24, 31	Middle Gymnastics
May 18, 25, June 1	Senior Gymnastics
Thursday, May 19	Jump Rope for Heart—Jump Off Day
Friday, May 20	School Photographs
Wednesday, May 25	Junior Excursion to the Zoo
Thursday, May 26	2017 Prep Information Session—9:30am
Saturday, May 28	TRIVIA NIGHT—save the date!
Monday, June 6	Middle Excursion to the Aquarium
Monday, June 13	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Thursday, June 23	Student-led conferences
Friday, June 24	Last day of Term 2 (2:30 dismissal)

STOP PRESS!

Congratulations to Scott and Kristen PEEL on the safe arrival of **Isla Rainbow PEEL**. Isla arrived at 8:50pm on Wednesday, May 18. We are respecting this little family's privacy at this joyous time and hope to hear more in the near future.



Mrs Kelly

Mrs Kelly has informed the school that she intends to retire from Tuesday, May 24, 2016.

Mrs Kelly has been part of our school for more than 20 years where she has taught mainly in the Grades 1, 2, 3, 4 areas. Her career as a teacher has spanned more than 44 years, teaching in both Melbourne and Geelong.

In her retirement she will be able to spend time travelling and enjoying her extended family. We wish Mrs Kelly well.



Cats visit Newtown

On Monday Mark Blicavs and Matt Hayball from the Geelong Cats visited our school. They spoke to an assembly of students, talking about what footballers do on days other than 'game day'.

Both players commented on the excellent questions asked by our students and on their calm and polite manner. Well done Newtown!



Now taking enrolments

Do you know of any young people who will be turning 5 on or before April 30, 2017?

These children would be eligible to begin school next year. Enrolments are now being accepted for our 2017 Prep intake.



Parent Opinion Survey

Thank you to all families who responded to our Parent Opinion Survey. The results have been compiled and will be discussed by School Council over the coming meetings.

There were 61 responses to the survey (representing just under half of our families).

On the General Satisfaction category, 83.6% of responses indicated that they were satisfied with the education their child was receiving at our school.

This is extremely heartening!

On behalf of staff I would like to add that we do appreciate this endorsement!

The feedback sent to the school will be addressed in the newsletter following more detailed analysis.

Parent Ambassadors

Do you know the parent ambassadors for your class?

Prep Smith— Liz McKay

Prep Podhorsky— Emma Wisbey

Junior O'Meara— Tabitha Carlisle

Junior Haberfield/Weller— Lauren Volke

Junior Wrigley— Terri Brown

Middle Bedson— Terri Brown

Middle Ashkanasy— Lucy McNamara

Middle McKinnis— Brooke Byrne

Senior Baird— Ross James

Senior McClelland— Jude Moar

Senior Peel— Patrice Lumsden

Friendship lists have been developed and distributed to classes.

Student of the Week

Prep Smith— Stella M

For brilliant focus during reading groups and working well with others.

Prep Podhorsky— Zoe S

For being a really kind friend.

Junior O'Meara— Lilybelle M

For her great writing this week. Excellent enthusiasm, Lilybelle!

Junior Haberfield/Weller— Nate H

For his clever real life subtraction story—a great link to our inquiry unit as well Nate! Well done!

Junior Wrigley— Jasraj G

For always working diligently within the classroom.

Middle Bedson— Amy L

For writing an exceptional persuasive text.

Middle Ashkanasy— Gemma E

For calmly and confidently completing her NAPLAN testing.

Middle McKinnis— Georgina K

For her amazing persistence when completing three NAPLAN catch up tests.

Senior Baird— Aaron M

For being calm and positive this week during all activities. Well done Malley.

Senior McClelland— Balraj G

For his amazingly positive attitude during NAPLAN. Nice one!

Senior Peel— Ned D

For his focussed reading work on the new Australian \$5 note



ASSEMBLY—FRIDAY AT 3PM

ASSEMBLY WILL LED BY

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If you would like to add your name or alter details, please contact the office with your name and phone number and we will organise for another distribution early in term 3.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK FUNDRAISER

Entertainment Books need to be returned to the school if you do not intend on purchasing them. If you would like to keep your copy please return the accompanying form with payment to the office or pay online. Go to www.entbook.com.au/1131n45.

The school makes \$12 per book!

School Council speaker—Victor Emeka OKWUDISHU

Our School Council had the great privilege of welcoming a guest speaker to its meeting on Tuesday night. Chukwuemeka's (Junior O'Meara) father, Victor, shared with us the incredible story of his experience growing up and pursuing an education in West Africa, and how he and his family came to settle in Geelong and become part of the Newtown Primary School community.

Victor also introduced us to the work of the Kardinia Hope Foundation by sharing images and allowing us to understand the life changing opportunities his work brings to the children of Nigeria.

Council resolved to support Victor's work by engaging the broader school community with it in the weeks and months ahead. More soon!

Steve Roussac, School Council

REC IN THE PARK 2016

Join One Fire Reconciliation Group and Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-Operative for a day of fun, culture and celebration.

GET CONNECTED WITH CULTURE

Live music performances from Ezekiel Ox, Mick Ryan & the Louds and the Deadly Duo

Boomerang painting

Jewellery making

Story telling

Face painting

Basket weaving

Dance & Didgeridoo

Djillong history and culture

Bush tucker, damper and FREE BBQ

Geelong Gallery *Let's talk Recognition Schools Art*



JOHNSTONE PARK 10AM - 3PM, MAY 29TH



Hey Mum and Dad
Did you know heart disease affects 2 out of every 3 families?
Help your child to have fun and support the Heart Foundation at the same time. Register our child online and simply press send to all your family and friends! It's easy, safe and secure.
jumprope.org.au
Send emails to family and friends asking for sponsorship.

Heart Foundation

Jump Rope for Heart

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Bookings can be made on 0488 662 783



Newtown Primary School

Rocking The 80's AUCTION & TRIVIA NIGHT

DONATIONS GALORE!

Thanks to our generous local community we have gathered over \$17,000 worth of donations for our event next Saturday. Here are a few examples of the many items on offer-

An Oxley Garages Fully Installed Remote Control Garage Operator
\$175 BRU4U Design your own Beer Voucher
Family Pass to Puffing Billy
\$80 Ballyhoo Gift Voucher
Masons Hair Haircut & Blow Wave Voucher
2hr Surf Lesson from Go Ride A Wave
Brekky or Lunch for 2 at Box Office Cafe
BIG4 Holiday Parks 2 Year Membership
Family Climbing Voucher from The Rock
\$50 Zambrero Voucher
\$75 worth of vouchers from Born & Bread & Eclectica

The Secret Auction will be open in the Art Room next Thursday 26/5 & Friday 27/5 before & after school for the whole community to bid and Buy it Now before the night.

For more details check out our **FACEBOOK PAGE** at
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