Working Bee
Last Saturday we had a committed group of teachers and families working at our school to improve the grounds for our students. The jobs on this day included attaching tiles to our ‘named wall’, maintaining our oval, removing a sandpit and spreading softfall. Our school is now safer and more attractive due to their efforts. Thank you for your commitment to our school.

Jump Rope For Heart
On Friday the 8th of November the Jump Rope for Heart team went to Melbourne, to the State Netball and Hockey Centre for a competition. We competed against six other schools including Hesket who won the competition last year. The individual routines went first, with Georgia C and Tansie B competing, then it was on to the partner routines. From our school Georgia and Riley C competed as one group, and Emma M and Sophie B competed as the other group. They all did a great job with their routines. Next were the group routines. We had a long wait until our routine because we went last. The other groups did very well. We were all nervous especially after seeing the other acts but we did a great job.

At the end they announced the awards. Overall Hesket Primary won the competition with the most points altogether. Newtown Primary was awarded the Most Improved Team Award. It was a wonderful day and a great thanks to Mrs. Burn for taking the Newtown Primary School Jump Rope for Heart Team to Melbourne and for training us twice a week! By Kai and Riley

CoGG Christmas Tree
Mrs Bedson has been working with a group of students to prepare a decorated Christmas tree to be displayed in the city. The tree has been decorated using recycled materials reflecting our commitment to a sustainable future.
Tip #5—**Be Cyber Smart!**
Did you miss the recent cyber safety information session? Here is an opportunity to develop your skills and knowledge around this most important issue.

**Parenting Ideas Magazine**
Follow the link to Parenting Ideas Magazine www.parentingideas.com.au/Parents/Parenting-Magazine

**‘The Christmas Gift’**
Supported by: Kardinia Church
This year Newtown PS have the privilege of taking part in the interactive school Christmas concert ‘The Christmas Gift’ brought to you by the Kardinia Chaplains! This event will take place at Kardinia Church on Thursday the 5th of December at 10am. Buses will escort the children and teachers from Newtown Primary School for the 1hr program and parents are most welcome to meet us there for good times!

*Aaron Butters*
Chaplain, Newtown Primary School

Notes about this activity were sent home this week

**SWIMMING REMINDERS**
We are well along the way with planning for the 2013 Swimming Program. Please ensure permission notes, payment and checklist of swimming skills are returned to school s soon as possible so that your child can participate.

**REMEMBER: LAST DAY FOR CANTEEN LUNCHES IS DECEMBER 13.**

When ordering canteen lunches, please make sure each child has their own envelope/paper bag, correct change and their name, order and grade and or teacher on the front eg. Not just SLA. Thanks.

**Student of the Week**

**Prep McKenzie Stevie A**
For excellent listening during our Australian Animal talks.

**Prep Podhorsky: Olympia K**
For a great presentation on an Australian Lyrebird. Well done.

**Junior Wrigley: Max D**
For writing a really detailed narrative. Fantastic Max!

**Junior Ashkanasy: Tyler B**
For presenting confident and well prepared mini talks in your first two weeks at NPS.

**Junior McKinnis: Zac L**
For his consistent effort in being organized in the morning.

**Middle Smith: Oca S**
For always showing respect in the classroom and having a positive attitude towards learning.

**Middle Baird: Fin D**
For always showing respect for his learning & persevering with difficult tasks. Well done Fin!

**Middle Kelly: Ezekiel S**
For his wonderful reading.

**Senior McClelland: Max L**
For being a very co-operative and well mannered member of the class.

**Senior Peel: Pahul S**
For always being an outstanding classroom helper, thanks Pahul!
**Milo T20 Blast Cricket**
On a cold, wet and windy day, more suited to football season than cricket, 20 students from grades 5 and 6 took part in day 3 of the Geelong Milo T20 Blast Cricket series. After a loss in the Summer Lighting Premiership final the boys were out to prove themselves. Under the expert coaching guidance of Aaron Croft, they did just that. Undefeated in the round robin, they lifted for the final and, hit some spectacular sixes, caught some cracking catches and beat St Theresa’s Primary School by 6 runs. This means that they will be back at Kardinia Park on Tuesday for the series final.

It was the first time that Newtown had formed a girls’ cricket team. Leading up to the match the girls spent Thursday lunchtimes practising with the boys and refining their batting and bowling skills. With each match they played, the girls’ confidence grew, catches were taken, sixes were hit and wickets fell. The girls won the second of their 3 matches and stayed to cheer the boys onto victory. Ella West was chosen on the day to be part of a Geelong team to play Colac for an All Stars game on the 24th of November.

Thank you to all the parents for getting the students to the event and especially to Aaron Croft for coaching the boys and Simone Orr for her emergency dash back to school to collect some cricket bats.

**Advertising**
A recent School Council adopted an Advertising Policy allowing appropriate businesses to advertise on a board facing Aberdeen St. First offers will go to businesses connected to our school. If you would like to advertise your business or know someone else who would, please contact Amanda Hay.

**Newsletter**
Have you noticed the reduced size of our newsletter. In so doing we have halved the amount of paper we are using. You can reduce this even further by registering for an electronic version of the newsletter. Contact the office with your email address and you will be helping our reduction in paper usage.

**Payment for excursions**
Payments can be sent to school and passed on to the classroom teacher. The teachers will check returns against a class list and then forward payment through to the office.

**The NPS Mo Bros!**
If you are interested in supporting a great cause and becoming a Mo Bro, please send along your email address so we can send you an invite to join up, or alternatively, you can come and speak to Mr Mac, Mr McKinnis or Butters for some more information, or visit [http://au.movember.com/](http://au.movember.com/)

We look forward to a ‘MO’zining month!

**Parent Handbook**
We are currently developing a ‘Parent Handbook’ for new families to our school. The book is formatted as an A-Z of information about our school. Do you have any suggestions of content for this publication?

**WRISTBAND by RESPECT RANGERS**
The Respect Rangers are made up of our Junior School Committee members who are committed to noticing members of our school community showing respect for others, themselves, learning and the environment. Students awarded a wristband are encouraged to wear them to school everyday!

**LEARNING— Nash G:** for participating well in a serious class discussion with some great ideas.

**OTHERS— Ethan T:** for sharing a computer together nicely.

**SELF— Etain Q:** for eating her icy pole slowly so she doesn’t get a brain freeze.

**ENVIRONMENT— Pahul S:** always keeping the SLA clean.
School Leaders @ Newtown Primary School

Rationale:
Everyone in our school is a school leader

Aims:
- To allow Year 6 students the opportunity to make a positive contribution to building a culture of respect for self, others, learning and environment at our school
- To develop leadership potential in year 6 students

Process:
All year 6 students are supported to take a leadership responsibility in our school
Leadership roles are mated to the skills and interests of the students

SCHOOL CAPTAINS:
- Students nominate for School Captain in December
- Nominees make a speech to staff, who then decide the best candidates based on:
  - speech
  - school record (behaviour, academic, responsibilities)
- School Vice captains are chosen from those students who are nominating for School Captain.
- These positions are announced at the final assembly for the year

ALL OTHER POSITIONS:
- Are to be applied for in writing during Week 2 of Term 1. This is an in-school writing task although students are encouraged to think about positions, arguments and evidence at home.
- Students nominate for a minimum of 3 leadership positions
- Leadership positions are determined by staff, in line with applications, suitability for the position and availability of position.

Positions are selected from 2 categories:

| JSC and House Captains | Other positions eg. Sports, arts, assembly, environment – this list is not exhaustive and we are currently reviewing the positions that were held |

Leadership positions will be announced at the first whole school assembly.