Acknowledging our Great Staff

This week I have taken time to reflect on our fabulous staff at Newtown. This is a particularly busy time of the year for teachers as they finalise assessments and write individual reports for each child. All of these reports are written outside of school hours and average 2 hours per report. Nevertheless, our dedicated teachers have...

- enjoyed the company of families at our school while they ran a pizza night
- actively participated in School Council on Tuesday night
- ran an information session for new parents on Wednesday night
- organised the Big Night Out for our Year 1 and 2 students
- participated in lunchtime meetings
- provided powerful learning opportunities for your children
  
  ... and seen to the needs of their own families.

Three cheers for the staff at Newtown! Hip, Hip, Hooray!
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School Structure—2014

I am pleased to be able to announce the school structure for 2014.

- Principal
- Senior Team
  - Grade 5/6
  - Grade 5/6
  - Grade 4/5
- Middle Team
  - Grade 3/4
  - Grade 3/4
  - Grade 3/4
- Junior Team
  - Grade 1/2
  - Grade 1/2
  - Grade 1/2
- Prep Team
  - Prep
  - Pre-School
  - Literacy Support (including Reading Recovery)
  - Library
  - PE
  - Indonesian

School Uniform

As you know school uniform is compulsory at Newtown Primary School. Most items can be purchased from our school uniform shop.

It seems that there needs to be clear communication with families about the shoe requirements at school. As our code states, shoes should be mostly back or white in colour and provide strong foot and ankle support.

Sadly some people are pushing the boundaries and wearing shoes that provide little support or in a range of col-
ours. We implore parents to support us in setting clear and sensible expectations when purchasing shoes for school.
Our school uniform code is included on the back of this newsletter.

**Spring Planting in the Vegie Garden.**

The vegie patches now look good after the ‘make over’ last Monday. Thank you to our students and their teachers, ably assisted by Tim J, Jude M and Sam B. The gardens will need regular watering over the next few weeks. If you have time when picking kids up after school, please consider watering the vegie garden

**Induction Handbook**
As mentioned in the previous newsletter, we have been developing an ‘Induction Handbook’ for new families. Check out the website to browse this publication. You may find it interesting reading!
www.newtownps.vic.edu.au

**Tip #6—Be Cyber Smart!**
When information is posted online it can be difficult to remove and can be easily and quickly passed beyond a student’s immediate circle of friends. It can also be misused by friends they consider trustworthy. Students should be encouraged to think about their digital reputation when interacting online

**SWIMMING REMINDERS**
Swimming is such an important part of our curriculum. So much more so considering our Year 6 outing to Adventure Park and the Senior Surfing Camp early in 2014. Please send permission slips and money to school to finalise arrangements in time for the beginning of this program on Monday.

**WANTED: BOOKCLUB CO-ORDINATOR FOR 2014.**

**Student of the Week**

**Prep McKenzie: Charlie C**
Excellent participation in sustainability session.

**Prep Podhorsky: Sam B**
For being a word search CHAMPION

**Junior Wrigley: Hugo Y**
For his great character reading as Rumpelstiltskin!

**Junior Ashkanasy: Zoe M**
Turning her thinking around to the positive.

**Junior McKinnis: Josh P**
For his mature effort towards being a respectful class member.

**Middle Smith: Mila P**
For great focus in class and showing maturity in solving problems.

**Middle Baird: Aimee W**
For her excellent, well prepared presentation & diorama on Geelong in the past. Well done Aimee.

**Middle Baird: Bella G**
For being a positive & helpful classroom member. Keep up this excellent work Bella!

**Middle Kelly: Sarah T**
For her amazing organizational skills in Money Maths.

**Senior McClelland: Brianna H**
Being so dedicated and creative with her car design. You ripper Herbie!

**Senior White: Sam B**
For his impressive car design in our building project.

**Senior Peel: Patrick S**
For fulfilling the requirements of the SLA car competition to such a high standard—great work Paddy!

**Kaiser Art Award: Bobby G**
For excellent artwork on the Indigenous story we are studying.
‘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

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/. We look forward to a an a’MO’zing month!

CHRISTMAS HAMPER—Donations
Once again we are heading into the festive season when, traditionally we have finished the year with a Christmas Hamper draw.
Please start sending along items for the hampers. Non-perishable food and drink items, Christmas decorations, toiletries and so on.
Think of items you would love to receive!
We manage to produce around 8 hampers each year for this draw. Raffle books will go out soon.

Cricket
T 20 blast finals!
On a hot 19th of November the boys Kanga cricket team went down to Kadina Park for the T20 Blast finals. For the first game we versed St Patricks. St Patricks was a great team and over powered us, Newtown lost by 43, 66 to 109. Then next up was Manifold Heights. We won the toss and chose to field. It was a great game of cricket and a close one, but in the end we lost by just 8 runs. We then played Northern Bay College, on the WACA. It was a tough and tiring game in the heat, Northern Bay College came out on top by 23.
We had a good day but didn’t win any games. Well done to Jonty, Harrison, Owen, Matt, Gab, Tom, Jack, Noah, James, Gordon and Pat, but a special thanks to Mrs. Burn and Terri Taylor.

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— William T: for his incredible effort in his nightly reading.
OTHERS— Mimi M: for having good manners.
SELF— Callum B: for eating his lunch quietly and having nude food.
ENVIRONMENT— Patrick S: for putting others people’s rubbish in the bin.
Uniform
School uniform is compulsory at Newtown Primary School and consists of:

Polo Shirt
Pale or navy blue with or without collar and logo
(Also available in house colours).

Windcheater
Navy only. Hooded or crew with or without logo.

Trackpants
To be trackpant style (made of fleecy knit, cord, cotton drill - navy).

Hat
Wide brimmed navy or pale blue compulsory in Term 1 & 4

Bomber jacket
Available from school.

Pleated kilt. A bib can now be purchased to suit.

Kilt
Available for purchase from school in February each year.

Socks
To be pale or navy blue, white or grey.

Backpack
Navy, two pocket with or without logo.

Tights
Navy.

Shoes
Strong shoes mostly black or white in colour, no thongs.

Shorts
Navy.

Dress
Navy/white gingham check.

Hair
Shoulder length hair to be tied back with blue or white ties

A current list of items for sale is available at the office. Uniform sales are available on Thursdays only from 8.50-9am. Please call at office if you are unsure of where to go.

Please note:
- The wearing of thongs, open-toe sandals and tank tops is not permitted
- All clothing should be clearly named
- It is not safe to wear earrings at school
- If a t-shirt is worn under the school polo, please ensure that they are blue or white in colour.