Parent Ambassadors
This year we introduced a new initiative to help build community in our school. This initiative was introduced in response to feedback to the school through the annual Parent Opinion Survey. Parents were asked to nominate to be ambassadors for their child’s class.
Throughout the year our ambassadors have organised opportunities for families to connect. These include:
• preparing and distributing ‘friendship lists’
• organising after school play dates in the playground
• organising a school holidays ‘catch up’ at Serendip sanctuary
• assisting with classroom activities
• organising a Year 6 Pizza Night
• organising family BBQs at Sparrow Park.
I would like to congratulate all of our Parent Ambassadors - Tabitha Carlisle, Marilou Capili, Lucy McNamara, Shirley Mills, Baltija Sarkis, Tim Johnston, Kate Spencer, Sam Breguet, and Jen Marinic.
Do you have any feedback for the Parent Ambassadors?
Please contact one of the ‘ambassadors’ or contact Amanda Hay. Keep an eye out for the program to continue again in 2015.

Junior Athletic Sports
The Junior Athletic Sports (Prep to Grade 2) will be held on Friday, November 21. Are you able to lend a hand to help out on the day. This may include supervising at an event or escorting an age group from one station to the next. Please complete the note in today’s newsletter and return to school asap.
Amanda Hay and Jac McKenzie

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Excursions/Incursions—Term 4, 2014
Each term teachers plan learning experiences that address the AusVELS curriculum requirements. In so doing, they may plan excursions or incursions that make the learning more powerful. While teachers try to keep costs to a minimum, there is always an additional expense.

A forecast of excursion/ incursion costs for Term 3 and 4 are:

- Scienceworks Middles $20
- Camp Deposits 3-6 - $50
- Adventure Park (Grade 6 only) – approx $35-$40
- Swimming— approx. $55-60
- Year 2 Big Night Out— $32 (bus $15, Marine Centre $11, food $6)
- Prep / Gr 1 Little Night In—$22

Non-payment of costs means that the school must meet the shortfall. This reduces the monies available for other resources for all students. Please refer to our school ‘Parent Payment Policy’ available in the Policy section of our school website. www.newtownps.vic.edu.au

Uniforms
As stated in previous newsletters, we are in the process of transitioning the sale of our uniforms to Belza Uniforms in Ryrie St, Geelong.

We are currently running low on trackpants, and some sizes in skirts in our school store. These can now be purchased direct from rom Belaza. Some sizes in winter rugby tops and hoodies are also running low. These are currently in production by the company.

Please be patient during this transition period.

Student of the Week

**Prep Haberfield: Alyssa A**
For her accurate measuring during maths this week.

**Prep Podhorsky: Clementine G**
For her amazing VIP writing. Great spelling.

**Junior Kelly: Hugo Y**
Excellent focus in class. Well done.

**Junior Kelly: Jayden J**
Good effort in his learning.

**Junior Smith: Luke F**
For his amazing manners and willingness to help others.

**Junior S: Logan S**
For his brilliant writing during the week and using fantastic adjectives.

**Junior Wrigley: Macey F**
For showing RESPECT to her learning at all times.

**Middle Ashkanasy: Ezekiel S**
For persisting with his PAT Maths Test—great confidence!

**Middle Baird: Xavier G**
For showing more resilience inside and outside the classroom.

**Senior Burn: Stephanie H**
The confidence she shows in the classroom & with her learning.

**Senior McClelland: Ben M**
For his outstanding Solar System Report. Very thorough and comprehensive! Nice one.

**Senior Peel: Taylah S**
For her amazing visualisations during our reading session today—just beautiful Taylah!
Swimming Lessons for Term 4
Swimming is an important part of our Physical Education program. Like gymnastics, ball skills and athletics, this program helps our students develop into strong, safe and healthy young people. It is expected that all students participate in this program. Permission notes and grading forms were distributed this week. Please complete and return as soon as possible.

Jarrod McKinnis
Newtown Primary School

*Please note that lunchtimes will be altered during the Swimming Program. From Monday, November 24 - December 12 lunchtime will begin at 12:30pm and conclude at 1:30pm.

Run Geelong
Newtown Primary School is involved with Run Geelong again this year. All proceeds from Run Geelong go to the Special Care Nursery at the Geelong Hospital.
Run Geelong offers incentives for schools that take part, according to the number of registrations that we have. You can either take part in a 12km run, a 6km run, a 6km walk or a 1km kids run. This year it is much easier to join Team Newtown Primary School and have your registration count towards the incentive program. When you register online you can choose Newtown Primary School as your team. Go to http://runaustralia.com.au/ Then follow the links to “Get Involved” to register.

Jump Rope for Heart
Congratulations to our Jump Rope For Heart team who participated in state finals in Bacchus Marsh on Saturday. Please come along to assembly on Friday to see their final performance for 2014.

Candy Canes at Christmas
We urge parents to support us in reducing sticky, sugary sweets at school. Please keep Candy Canes as ‘at home’ treats along with highly processed and sugary foods. Help us to build a healthy environment for our young people.

Election Day
Are you able to help out on Election Day at our school Election Day fundraiser? We are looking for ‘captains’ for the BBQ, Cake Stall and Pre-loved Children’s Clothing and Toy Stall. We are also looking for helpers throughout the day. Please complete the attached flier if you can assist.

Attention EMA recipients!
Do you currently receive assistance through EMA to offset the costs of education? Did you know that the current State Government proposes to stop EMA payments to families from the beginning of 2015. This funding will be distributed to some schools through direct grants.

Our school will not be eligible for this grant!
Effectively this will mean a loss of $10,000 in funding to our school.

Junior Athletic Sports—Friday, November 21
Are you available to help out on our Junior Athletic Sports Day? The sports will run from 9:15—11. Students from grade P-2 will be actively involved in a number of ‘athletic themed activities.’
Please fill out the form below and send back to school to indicate your availability to help out!

Junior Athletic Sports—November 21, 2014

Name: ........................................................................................................................

Contact Number: ......................................................................................................

Child’s name: ............................................................................................................
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 matched 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 |

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