Each term teachers plan learning experiences that address the AusVELS curriculum requirements. In so doing, they may plan incursions or excursions 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 4 are:

- **Scienceworks (Middles)** - $20
- **Camp Deposits (3-6)** - $50
- **Adventure Park (Grade 6 only)** – approx $35-$40
- **Swimming** – approx. $60—$70

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

**Music—Count Us In**

Music—Count Us In continues our celebration of the Arts. On Thursday, October 30 students in schools all around our great nation will join together in singing 'Paint a Song'. Our students will meet in the MPR just before 12:30 on Thursday. Families who may be in the vicinity at the time are more that welcome to join us in song at 12:30pm.

**Swimming Lessons for Term 4**

This term we will again be taking part in Intensive Swimming and Water Safety Lessons at The Geelong College pool. These sessions are an important and valuable part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum for all Victorian state schools. Please note that this year’s pricing will be similar to last year’s. In 2013, the Prep – 2 fee was $58 per student and Grades 3-6 paid $67. More details soon.

Jarrod McKinnis
A note from the Chaplain

It wasn’t me.. It was that other guy!
Do you think you have reached your full potential?
Are you the best you can be?

A key to continue moving onward and upward is to stop making excuses...

Let’s face it, we are all guilty of playing the blame game, but the more we take the onus of our own mistakes (which we all make!!), the more the doors will be opened to improve yourself as a person.

So try something new! Make mistakes!

As Gandhi said “Freedom is not worth having if it does not include the freedom to make mistakes.”

Let’s break the culture of pulling down those who try yet fail. And instead of looking for the easy way out of our own mishaps with excuses, look at what we can learn, or better yet,... learn from others’ mistakes!

“Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.” — Albert Einstein

Aaron Butters
Chaplain,
Newtown Primary School

Student of the Week

Prep Haberfield: Gemma T
For her excellent persuasive piece ‘Why we should keep the Arts Festival’.

Prep Podhorsky: Corbin F
For speaking very well on our transition DVD for our new Preps.

Middle Ashkanasy: Patrick J
A spectacular ‘cause and effect’ story. Great writing Patrick.

Middle Baird: Aaron M
For his excellent work with his narrative about the beginning of the end for Geelong. Excellent descriptive language.

Middle McKinnis: Jess T
For having the courage to share her creative spirit.

Senior Burn: Mason Y
For his well structured & humorous science-works recount.

Senior McClelland: Fin D
For his outstanding manners. You set an amazing example mate. Thank you!

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.

K-ROCK - 8:30AM MONDAY
HARRY F
ASSEMBLY EVERY FRIDAY AT 3:10PM
ASSEMBLY LEADERS: ASTRI AND CASHEL
**Poppykettle Festival**

On Friday the 24th October, the Juniors went to GPAC’s Poppykettle Children’s Festival.

A festival aimed to ignite the imagination of Kindergarten and Primary aged children with workshops, activities and performances to stimulate their minds, engage their bodies and fuel their creative expression. It was a fun packed, full day program with students experiencing all aspects of the arts, from dancing to drama classes to the ‘Trash Test Dummies’ performance, which was a stand out session.

Thank you to all the parents and teachers involved in making the day so successful!

Aaron Butters, Chaplain-Newtown PS

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**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.

Then follow the links to “Get Involved” to register.

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**Book Review**

We read the book *The BFG* by Roald Dahl. We all loved the book because it was interesting and funny.

The main characters were the Big Friendly Giant and a kind, little girl called Sophie. They worked together to stop the other ugly, gruesome giants from eating human beings. The BFG and Sophie asked the Queen of England to help them with their tricky plan. The other giants didn’t know what was happening and were caught and forced to eat snozzcumbers (disgusting, foul tasting vegetable) for the rest of their lives. We think you would like it because it made us laugh. It is very entertaining – we could hardly put it down!

We give it 10/10. It is an excellent book.

Junior Wrigley

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**Junior AFL 9’s program**

The Junior AFL 9’s program is running at Deakin in Waurn Ponds, a program you may have heard of before.

The program is aimed at primary school aged boys and girls that still have an interest in learning skills and playing football despite the football season recently finishing. It’s a great program backed by the AFL and we’re excited to be running the program. All registrations will go through www.junior afl9s.com.au/ website and we take the program from there.

James Munro | Centre Director
Deakin Sport and Recreation
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**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!

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**Junior Athletic Sports—November 21, 2014**

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

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

Child’s name:  . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .
The Arts Show at Newtown Primary School started out four years ago after receiving a grant from the Council for Children's Week. Each year it has grown and grown, but it has always maintained the focus of being about the Arts and celebrating that as a school community.

The Artwork was bright, colourful and creative. The children were able to create visual Arts pieces that showed the skills that they had been working on developing in their Arts classes. This year the Preps created colourful Japanese carp windsocks and bright paper butterflies which they dyed with various colors of food dye as they experimented with color mixing. They also displayed some of their new work with stitching.

The Junior school students created mixed media works of Trees using drawing (pencil, pastel and pen), watercolour painting and paper collage. They looked stunning! Just like the children, each one was colourful and unique!

The Middle school students hosted the inaugural ‘Newtown Archies’ based on the concept of the famous Australian portraiture prize called the ‘Archibald Prize’ students drew and painted a staff member from Newtown Primary school! I’m not sure who had the most fun, the children seeing their artwork displayed, or the parents and staff members guessing who was who!

The Senior school students worked diligently for several weeks on creating their major piece of art. The design brief was to create a 3-Dimensional sculpture from cane and tissue. The students worked in groups and incorporated their learning about space and shape as they came up with their ideas. They planned, reflected, recorded and made changes. One of the biggest pieces of learning came about when they discovered that it was when they made ‘mistakes’ or when things didn’t go as planned was when they had to be the most creative to solve the problem and come up with something new or innovative. The students were encouraged to create their artwork based on a theme that meant something to them. They were also challenged to incorporate something hidden about themselves, possibly a secret wish or fear. Many of these were words that were written onto the tissue paper and then torn up and then glued amongst the paperwork of their sculpture.

As well as the Visual Arts there was lots of Music too! We were fortunate enough to have the talented students from the ‘Sweethearts Academy’ based at Matthew Flinders, perform on the night. It was great inspiration for our students to see the possibilities of what they could achieve as performing artists. The musical performance by ‘Sonos’ added a delightful atmosphere to the gallery space in the multi-purpose room. It was a lovely experience for the students to see and hear some interesting instruments that they may not have ever seen before! ‘Mama-Sing’ (comprised of three parents who volunteer to teach singing to our younger students at lunchtimes) also demonstrated their beautiful and tuneful harmonies as they practised what they preached and performed several acoustic songs on the evening. Topped off by a performance from our talented school chaplain ‘Butters’ whose popular solo guitar and vocals had the students fighting for seats to watch and dance along to.

This year there were creative market stalls with arts, crafts, books and delicious foods, as well as a big queue for the jumping castle! A beautiful bike angel was also available for students to pedal and power up the lights in the big glowing towering wings! Pedal power at its best!

There were Auction items, lucky numbers, excellence awards, student art installations and even art in the garden! The goal was to celebrate Arts in the community at Newtown Primary School. With the input of caring, interested and supportive parents, staff, students and the wider community and the impetus of a Children’s Week grant from the City of Greater Geelong – I think this was achieved! Now…. Probably time to start planning for next year?....