Farewell Mrs McKenzie

In today’s newsletter we farewell Mrs McKenzie. Mrs McKenzie’s teaching career has spanned 34 years during which time she has taught in 5 schools located in Melbourne, Werribee and Geelong. 14 of these years have been spent at our very own Newtown Primary School.

Mrs McKenzie is a well respected member of the profession and her skills and expertise are greatly valued by colleagues within our school and beyond. She has had strong influence on the lives of parents, teachers and, of course, students.

We wish Mrs McKenzie well as she moves into the next chapter of her full and exciting life. I believe she has plans to explore Australia in her new caravan. Please don’t be a stranger, Alice.

Arts Festival

Thursday, October 23rd  5pm—8pm

Save the date!

Preparations are under way for a great evening of our children’s art, music by the Sweethearts Academy, Sonus and Mama-sing, food, shopping, and kids activities. Invite your aunts, uncles, grandparents and friends along!

Second hand book stall - donations needed.

How about having a spring clean during the holidays? If you have some children’s and adult books that you no longer need, please bring them to the office in term 4. Books in good condition only please. Market stall sites available.

We are seeking stall holders to sell hand made goods, crafts etc. Low site fee. If you, or someone you know are interested in purchasing a stall site, please contact Emma Breuer (Ph 0400 108 185)
On Friday September 12th, Newtown PS recognized ‘R U OK? Day’. Students came to school wearing their ‘pop’ of yellow to support the cause. The day was full of activities surrounding the theme and the students were empowered with great ideas about who to talk to when in need, how to ensure they are doing ok, and of course, how to ask others if they are OK! There were free bananas handed out at lunch time (thank you Harvey’s Fruit & Vege) and gold coins donated by students to the R U OK? Day foundation.

Thank you teachers and students for your involvement on the day

Aaron Butters – Chaplain, Newtown PS

Holiday Fun @ Serendip Sanctuary
On Wednesday, September 24, during the school holidays, pack a hamper and a picnic rug and head on down to Serendip Sanctuary.

Our parent Ambassadors are proposing that families meet up to enjoy a school holiday ‘catch up in the great outdoors. Thanks to our Parent Ambassadors for this great initiative in building community in our school.


Student of the Week

Prep McKenzie: Ella W
For being an enthusiastic writer.

Prep Podhorsky: Liam P
For always showing RESPECT for his learning by putting in 100% all the time.

Junior Kelly: Lachlan T
For always showing respect to himself, others and his teachers. Outstanding manners!

Junior Smith: Evie C
For the amazing effort and enthusiasm she puts into every concert rehearsal. You’re a star!

Junior Wrigley: Conner S
For being a respectful learner during work sessions.

Middle Ashkanasy: Penny M
For going to the trouble of including the whole class in New Zealand culture! Thanks Penny!

Middle Baird: Ava M
For the way she approaches every task with a ‘can do’ attitude and a smile on her face.

Middle McKinnis: Zoe M
For her great efforts in concert practise all term. What a star!

Senior Burn: Jorja V
For her excellent manners & thoughtfulness today.

Senior McClelland: Ailish T
For always being willing to help younger students solve problems in the yard. Great leadership!

Senior Peel: Shannon A
For remembering to turn his homework in on time this week! Great accountability Shannon.
PARTY IN THE HOUSE TONIGHT!

There was, most certainly, a party in the house on Monday night at the Geelong Arena. I am sure that everyone would agree that the evening was most entertaining. Thank you to:

- parents for their efforts in costumes and support to our young entertainers—Yah, support group!
- Staff for organising, choreographing and staging the items—you are a talented bunch!
- Students for your dazzling brilliance on the evening!

For a refresher on the evening, go to http://www.aperturefilms.com.au/newtown-ps/

Newtown Reading Challenge

Just a reminder that Reading Challenge recording sheets are due back TOMORROW!

Book Review

Harry Potter is about a boy who lives with his mean Aunt and Uncle and his cousin Dudley. When Harry finds out that he is actually a wizard, a huge man called Hagrid comes and gets him to help him buy his stuff for Hogwarts, his wizardry school. There he meets two good friends, Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger. They help him on many adventures.

In Hogwarts he also makes enemies with a mean boy named Draco Malfoy. He is in the Hogwarts house – Slytherin. However Harry is put in the house Gryffindor with Ron and Hermione. Harry meets heaps of nice people and he makes friends with nearly everyone. Harry Potter is an excellent book that is epic and adventurous. By Isabel Ellis

Excursions/Incursions—Term 4, 2014

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 3 and 4 are:

- Family Life (Grades 3, 4, 5, 6) - $20
- Scienceworks (SLA) - $20
- Planetarium (Prep) - tba
- Camp Deposits (3-6) - $50
- Adventure Park (Grade 6 only) – Roughly $35-$40
- Swimming - tba

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

SPORT REPORT—DIVISION ATHS

On Tuesday 16th of September, 18 Newtown Primary students competed in the Division Athletics at Goldsworthy Reserve. While the weather wasn’t the warmest, the students participated with great enthusiasm, sportsmanship and respect. There were some outstanding results against tough competition, with the highlights being a 1st in Hurdles and 1500m by Aimee W, a 1st in discuss by Charlotte G, and a 3rd in 200m by Hannah T. Thanks to the Mr Mac for taking us along, and to the parents who came down to support our athletes.

By Cashel Q, SP
NEWTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

FESTIVAL EVENTS
FOOD STALLS
CRAFT STALLS
JUMPING CASTLE & SLIDE
SILENT AUCTION

SPECIAL APPEARANCES
SWEETHEARTS ACADEMY
PERFORMING AT 6:00
ALONG WITH SOMAS AND MAMASING

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