

I don't often drive my car to school so rarely need to use our school car park but I was required to do so a number of times last week and have discovered a bit of a problem. I noticed that many people that walk into and out of our site via the Campbell Street entrance do so via the car park driveway rather than the pedestrian gate and paved footpath. I need to request that in the interest of road safety you refrain from using the driveway gates and use the pedestrian gate and path between the driveway and the fence instead. Cars enter and exit the car park via the driveway from 6am -7pm daily and children, particularly toddlers are very difficult to see. Please ensure that if you use this entrance/exit you use it safely.

Parent survey

A big thank you to all of you who have responded to our PDHPE survey. We are trialling this form of communication to gain your feedback on the programs we offer at school.

Our Newsletter

We are currently working on improving the information that comes to you each fortnight in the newsletter and have included some new sections to highlight special programs or inform our community about teaching learning and wellbeing at Newtown North Public School.

New sections include:

- A fortnightly featured class
- Featured curriculum area
- Teacher professional learning
- Ideas for supporting learning at home
- A report from our SRC
- Information from our Positive behaviour for learning team

Please also ensure that you keep an eye on upcoming events. This is published on the right hand side of the first page. We would love your feedback about these changes and encourage you to email the school with your thoughts and comments. Please use the word newsletter in the subject line.

Opportunity for German lessons

Last term we asked you if you would like us to provide German lessons as an extra curricular program before school one morning per week. We have a provider through the Goethe institute willing to provide classes for students in the 3-6 classes one morning per week. If you would like to enrol your child in this class please leave your name with Libby in the office and we can provide you with additional information. The provider can only offer lessons before school, not after school. As this is an extracurricular program there will be a cost involved, paid directly to the provider. Details will be provided to interested parents.



UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST:

29TH AUGUST
P&C MEETING

7TH SEPTEMBER
ART SHOW

WKS 8,9 &10
PARENT /TEACHER
INTERVIEWS

10TH SEPTEMBER
REGIONAL
SPELLING BEE

18TH SEPTEMBER
REGIONAL
ATHLETICS
CARNIVAL

18TH SEPTEMBER
SEDA SPORT
CLINIC

19TH SEPTEMBER
P&C MEETING

25TH SEPTEMBER
JUMP OFF
ASSEMBLY
K-6

27TH SEPTEMBER
MUSICA VIVA

Principal's Message continued...

Teacher Professional learning

A recent paper published by the Department of Education Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CECE) highlights the importance of quality professional learning and considers it one of six common key features of successful schools. Professional learning at Newtown North aims to address the professional needs of our staff, provides us with the necessary tools and expertise to implement our school plan and focuses on continued school improvement with the students at the centre of our planning and decision making.

Recently, the mathematics team have been working on problem solving and higher order thinking in mathematics and providing the opportunity for students to engage in differentiated and open ended tasks. Our maths team, led by Mr Graham will be working with the Newtown Network of Schools to further develop our teaching programs in this area.

The English team, led by Ms Sun are making an in depth study of curriculum delivery with the support of regional consultants with a focus on spelling, reading instruction and writing. We will be focusing as a whole school on the implementation and use of the new learning progressions to inform assessment and programing across the stages.

Our PBL team, led by Miss McKay meets fortnightly to review and improve the implementation and use of Positive Behaviour for Learning for all of our students and teachers. This team provides school based professional learning on behaviour, welfare and wellbeing regularly throughout the year.

As a whole staff we have been working with Glebe Public school on the use of explicit teaching strategies with a focus on quality feedback. This has currently influenced our professional reading with a focus on the work of Welsh academic Dylan Wiliam.

Thank you to our whole community for a lovely Grandparents and special person day. It was wonderful to see the whole community involved in such a special day.

Elizabeth McGlynn
Principal

From the office

Fiver For a Farmer

On Monday 13th August we held the fundraiser 'A Fiver for a Farmer'. We raised \$1405.00
We thank the school community for their amazing support.

Libby & Ms Palmer

Notes Term 3 Sport

Kindy, 1/2B, 1/2S, 1/2N -The Gruffalo

Kindy - Kindi Farm visit

Whole school—Raw Art workshops

Kindergarten News!

Education Week in Kindergarten

The theme for Education week was *Today's schools – creating tomorrow's world*. In Kindergarten we thought about what our own future (tomorrow's world) would look like. From vets and teachers to youtubers Kindergarten had a lot of ideas about when they wanted to be when they grew up. Have a look at the video Kindergarten made for education week on the Class Dojo School Story.



Write a book in a day



write a book
in a day Proudly supporting



THE KIDS
CANCER
PROJECT

On Monday, 24th August ten Year 6 students from our school will take part in the Write a Book in a Day project. This is a team creative writing competition run by the Kids Cancer Project, an independent national charity supporting childhood cancer research.

Students in years 5-12 work in a team to collaboratively write, illustrate and publish a book in a 12 hour period. The completed books are sent to be judged by a panel and the winners are published online, as well as distributed to be read by kids who are patients in hospitals around Australia. This is the first year our school has entered this competition.

The students will also be responsible for fundraising a minimum of \$240 to donate to kids cancer research. The team has already come up with some fundraising ideas – please stay tuned.

If you would like to donate to this project please visit the website www.writeabookinaday.com/teams and find Newtown North Public School in the list of teams. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

Good luck, writers!

SRC Report

The SRC has been working on some important issues and projects this year. Last term we brought Red Nose Day and World Oceans Day to our school. Both days were a lot of fun and helped support very important causes: at Red Nose Day our school raised \$930 to go towards research into SIDS and at World Oceans Day we raised \$250 to go to Greenpeace.

Since the beginning of Term 2, the year 6 SRC leaders have been attending some special workshops with the NNOS. NNOS stands for the Newtown Network of Schools which consists of Camdenville PS, Darlington PS, Tempe PS, Newtown PS and NNPS. At these workshops we have been working with the Year 6 leaders of these other schools to develop ideas about how we can help kids feel more safe and accepted at school, foster positive relationships and reduce bullying of all kinds.

To help build awareness about the ideas of our project, this term our school will be participating in Wear it Purple Day on Friday the 31st of August. This aim of this day is to foster supportive, safe and accepting environments for rainbow young people in Australia. So next Friday, the SRC invite all the students and staff to wear purple. For more information about this day please visit the website: wearitpurple.org

We will also be participating in National Child Protection Week, from the 2nd to the 8th of September. This week is opportunity for everyone in the community to think about how we can work together to keep all children safe. We believe this relates to our NNOS focus – thinking about how we help kids feel more safe and accepted.

So stay tuned for more SRC Reports where we will keep you updated with our news.



What's happening in Wellbeing? August 2018 - Term 3: Wk 5 & 6

This fortnight our PBL Focus is Support:

Supporting each other in our school is so important to make sure we can all do our best learning. We often have people visit our school who help us along in our learning journey. These people provide us with a range of fun and exciting new opportunities to share our knowledge, talents, and to engage with new information. So we need to make sure we support them too! We can do this by making sure we are respectful, using our manners, and helping visitors when needed.

Fortnight challenge: If you see a visitor in the school try one of the following:

"Welcome to our school!"

"How are you?"

"Do you need some help finding your way?"

I make sure visitors feel welcome and supported!



'Fortnight Focus'

We support visitors to our school.

Questions you can ask at home:

- How do we make visitors feel welcome in our school?
- How can I support visitors to our school?
- How do we show visitors respect?

Fortnightly Focus on School Rules

An integral part of PBL is the explicit teaching of school expectations and rules. The PBL team spends time developing a social and emotional learning scope and sequence that includes a 'Fortnightly Focus' on a particular expectation. All classes have a PBL lesson each Monday that addresses the 'Fortnight Focus'. The fortnight focus will be updated in the newsletter as well as displayed around the school. You can get involved at home by discussing the focus and how it applies at school and home.

At NNPS We are... **Safe** - **Respectful** - **Supportive** - **Active Learners**



Newtown North
Public School

Art Show

Friday 7th September 2018

Newtown North Public School Hall

Student's viewing: 10:00 – 2:00 (FREE)

Parent's viewing: 6:00 – 8:00

Tickets: \$10

Community Noticeboard



JUNIOR SHORT COURSES

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