



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to Newtown North for Term 3. Although every term is busy and eventful, it seems that Term 3 always starts with some high energy and can be an exceptionally busy time for the students, the staff and the parents. Our eisteddfod participants have started a series of performances and congratulations to Mrs Foster and her teams for their outstanding results.

Our string ensemble and recorder group performed wonderfully at the Festival of Instrumental music this week at the Opera House with over 800 other students

Our Wakakirri students and their teachers are preparing for their annual performance and a special thank you goes to our staff and parents who have worked tirelessly to get the show ready for the August 12 performance.

Once again a significant number of students successfully auditioned for the Create East program and will be participating soon in the workshops and performance. All of our students have been working hard on our whole school public speaking program and I look forward to our showcase tonight.

Next week we will celebrate Public Education at our school and across the state with Education Week. Our teachers and students look forward to showcasing our school and celebrating learning at Newtown North. We have planned a number of whole school activities for the week including our open classrooms and playground picnic on Tuesday August 6th. A timetable of the week's events and learning experiences has been shared with you on Skoolbag and Class Dojo. As always we welcome you to attend our open classrooms.

#### **Kindergarten information evening**

Next Tuesday, August 6th we will be hosting a Kindergarten information evening providing information for parents who wish to enrol a child in Kindergarten in 2020. If you are enrolling a child in Kindergarten next year, even though you may already have a child at our school it is important to attend the information evening to receive information about the orientation and transition to school. Should you know of anyone else who would like to enrol their child at our school for 2020 please let them know. The information evening starts at 6:30 in the school hall.

#### **UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST:**

31ST JULY  
O.C TEST

31ST JULY  
THE GREAT  
SCIENCE SHOW  
PRIMARY

1ST AUGUST  
PUBLIC SPEAKING  
EXTRAVAGANZA

5TH AUGUST  
THE GREAT  
SCIENCE SHOW  
INFANTS

6TH AUGUST  
INFORMATION  
NIGHT

12TH AUGUST  
WAKAKIRRI

16TH AUGUST  
ATHELITICS  
CARNIVAL

19TH AUGUST  
MUSICA VIVA  
"ZEEKO"

20TH AUGUST  
BOOK PARADE

## Principals news continued

### **Further improvements to our building and grounds.**

The school painting has finally been completed with the remaining classrooms and common areas done in the last school holidays. We have been working closely with our school assets team to ensure our beautiful old building is well cared for, the teaching areas are pleasant to be in and the grounds provide opportunities for safe and creative play. The astro turf and soft fall have been replaced and we are now waiting on final approval for the restoration of the basketball court. For families who have been with us for a long time you will be pleased to know that our basketball court should be refurbished next school holidays. Further improvements over the next few months will include replacement floor covering, improvements to the staffroom kitchen facilities and a renovation of our disabled access and visitor bathrooms. Much of the work will be done on weekends to minimise disruption.

### **Air conditioning.**

I announced at the beginning of the year that we had been approved for the NSW Department of Education school cooling program. After resolving a few issues involving heritage considerations I am pleased to say that work will commence next week. The company will be working outside of school hours and will gain access to the building for the majority of their work between 3:30 and 11 pm. Some work will also be done on weekends. For those of you who live very close by, the contractors have explained that as the work is inside the building there should not be any noise issues.

Although the staff will be a little inconvenienced due to limited after hours access, it is anticipated that disruptions for the students will be minimal. All after hours providers and meetings will continue as usual. The contractors will establish a locked work compound on site on the playground close to the hall windows. The site will comply with Department of Education work health and safety guidelines. All workers are approved by the Department of Education and hold current Working With Children approval. I ask if you have any concerns or questions please do not approach the contractors directly but speak to me. The system they are installing monitors the temperature and the quality of the air in the classroom and adjusts the environment throughout the day with either cooled air or pumped in fresh air depending on the needs of the room. It is anticipated that the work will be completed by the end of the term and we will have a cool, well ventilated building for the first hot day of Term 4.

### **Term 3 staff development day.**

Teachers in NSW public schools start Terms 1, 2 and 3 with a staff development day focusing on an area of professional learning that reflects our school plan. This term we focused on our continuing commitment to student behaviour, learning and wellbeing. As a staff we are currently focusing on how our students relate to each other, form positive relationships and solve social problems in the classroom and the playground. Social and Emotional learning is essential to a positive school climate and effective classroom environments.

This term our professional learning explored how we, as a staff manage student interactions on the playground and how we support students in resolving conflict and solving social problems. It is our belief that Social and Emotional Learning is essential to emotional wellbeing and that strategies and skills for social problem solving need to be modelled and explicitly taught.

## Principals news continued

Over the next few weeks we will be enlisting the support of Life Skills Group who will be providing both professional learning and team teaching support for all classes K-6. We will be looking at the essential social and emotional skills such as social problem solving, growth mindset and developing positive playground and classroom relationships. The program with both staff and students will run for 6 weeks. You can find out more about Life Skills Group by following this link <https://www.lifeskillsgroup.com.au/>

In addition to the classroom program and professional learning our senior students have developed a buddy support plan for the playground. Each lunch time a small group of Stage 3 students provides activities and support for students on the playground and assist students with problem solving, seeking help and finding someone to play with. You will have the opportunity to see this in action on Tuesday in Education Week. Our students will be reviewing this process as part of our Education Week student voice project. Students will meet in stage-based groups to gather ideas about how we can support the development of positive playground relationships and behaviour. I would like to congratulate the Stage 3 students on their enthusiasm for this initiative.

## Public Speaking Extravaganza

Next Thursday on the 1st of August we will be holding our school public speaking final. This will involve students from Kindergarten through to grade six presenting their winning speeches in front of an external adjudicator, who will decide on one finalist per stage. These students will go through and compete against other schools in our local area and beyond. The competition will be held at 5pm in our school hall and is a free event. Even if you just want to drop in to see the juniors or pop in towards the end to watch the seniors, all visitors are most welcome. If you are curious about how Public Speaking Competitions run or what adjudicators are looking for, then this is a beneficial way to help your child in this area of learning. We hope to conclude by 6:15pm.

Thank you,  
Tara Foster

## 2/3S Poem

Dark  
By Ethan Le  
Beaming car lights  
Roaring roads  
Scary things  
All alone  
All the things you'd never see  
Something like this  
At dawn  
Left Right  
Don't go back

# WALKATHON

Newtown North Public School



Thank you to those families who sent in their Walkathon sponsorship money last term. Lots has come in to the school already, but there's sure to be more to come!!

Please send in your sponsorship money this week. You can:

1. put the money or cheque and your sponsorship form in an envelope marked WALKATHON and your child's name, and return it to the school office (Cheques to: 'Newtown North Public School P&C Association').

or

2. make a direct deposit to:

Account Name: 2744 NEWTOWN NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

BSB: 062 165 Acct Number: 1004 3134 Acct type: Chq Acct

and label your transfer "WALK/your child's name and class" (e.g: WALK/Smith 5A)

Thank you!

**THIS IS A FUNDRAISING NIGHT**  
**BRING YOUR WALLET FOR WINE AND FUNDRAISING GAMES**

# DISCO bingo

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**THIS IS AN ADULT ONLY EVENT**  
**TICKETS GO ON SALE WEEK 1 TERM 3**

Disco Bingo is coming to Newtown North Public School.  
Dress up in 70 's and 80's outfits to arrange a night out away from the Children!  
**BOOK YOUR BABYSITTER FOR FRIDAY 16TH AUGUST 2019.**  
DJ and Music as entertainment for Disco Bingo.

**VENUE: NEWTOWN NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
**HOSTS: NEWTOWN NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C**  
**DATE: FRIDAY 16TH AUGUST 2019**  
**TIME: 7PM-11PM**

**COST: \$45.00 PER TICKET**  
Bookings will be through eventbrite from start of next term  
**BOOK A TABLE OF 8 TO HAVE RESERVE SEATING BEFORE THE NIGHT**  
**PRICE INCLUDES NIBBLES**

**A PIZZA TRUCK WILL BE ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS ON THE NIGHT TO PURCHASE YOUR FAVOURITE PIZZA COOKED FOR YOU.**

**WINE, BEER AND SOFT DRINK WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT TO PURCHASE**

# Kids!! Have fun learning to speak Mandarin

## Mandarin Language Club at Newtown North Public School!



### The Mandarin Stars program offers:

- An engaging program that will inspire a love for learning Chinese.
- An immersion-based program that teaches strong listening and speaking skills in Mandarin.
- Language building activities such as role play, Chinese songs, rhymes and games!
- The teaching of Chinese characters, reading, writing and Pin Yin.
- The discovery of Chinese history, culture, festivals, Calligraphy, Tai Chi and even Kung Fu!

### Mondays

3.15pm – 4.00pm Kindy– Year 2/3  
4.15pm – 5.00pm Years 3 - Year 6

**CONTACT US TODAY AND BOOK A FREE TRIAL LESSON!**

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# kids got SKILLZ

[www.kidsgotskillz.com.au](http://www.kidsgotskillz.com.au)

**\$35 per class**  
Book a free trial class today!  
Enrich your child's after-school experience.

**After school classes Wednesdays 3:30 - 5:30pm**  
**Enrolling Now - Term 3 starts 31st July**  
\* We offer 3pm pick-up from Stanmore Public School \*

Weekly creative enrichment classes explore a wide range of visual art, design and self development activities.

**This term students will:**  
 Make a zen garden    Keep a visual process diary  
 Create a personal portfolio    Build an art installation  
 Host an exhibition    Write about 'themselves'  
 Practice Yoga & Meditation daily

Our focus this term  
**SELF AWARENESS**  
Students will be studying  
**THEMSELVES**  
through photography, art, writing, yoga & meditation.

**\$35 per class**  
Includes materials & afternoon tea  
Enrol anytime!  
Contact us to book a free trial class.

**\$100 back!**  
**CREATIVE KIDS**  
REGISTERED PROVIDER  
Creative Kids NSW

Kids Got Skillz builds:  
Creativity  
Self Awareness  
Concentration  
Confidence  
Cooperation  
Well being

**'TECH FREE ZONE'**  
unplug

**OUR PHILOSOPHY**  
Regular tech free time =  
 ♥ Better mood  
 ♥ Better concentration  
 ♥ Better sleep  
 ♥ Healthier children

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