FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Technology and our School Newsletter

The digital age is transforming the way in which we live, communicate, work and shop. Technology has just become like the days of yo yo’s, pogo sticks and totem tennis poles; it is now the norm. With STEM here on our doorstep, it has become even more important to role model the use of technology and support our children with the use of it to not only source and access information, but become familiar and proficient in the multiple ways it is used for communication. If our children don’t have access to the internet we need to encourage them to access the internet by using the town library or cafes where wifi is available.

With this in mind in 2015 Newbery Park Primary moved with the times and made our newsletter available via email, on our facebook page and our school website. We understand that some families may have no or limited access to the internet, therefore we have provided a couple of alternatives for families to access our newsletter. The newsletter can be accessed online in our front office where we have supplied families with a computer for this purpose or families can request that a paper copy be sent home. Moving online also supports our educational programs with a substantial annual cost savings because we are no longer using bulk amounts of paper or requiring to run a printer for this purpose. If your email address changes, please make contact with the front office to have this updated.

Numeracy Trail Day

Our Numeracy Trail day has become a day of community learning where families and their children come together to share learning experiences within the learning area of mathematics. It was so wonderful to see so many families involved with our students and engaging in rich conversations about maths. This annual learning celebration would not be possible without the hard work of our teachers who were supported by Mr Currie to get the day off the ground. Thank you to all the families who were involved. Thanks also to our wonderful parent club who put together our lunches.

PAT testing (Progressive Assessment Tests)

PAT testing is nothing new to Newbery Park Primary School. We have been doing it for years. However, DECD has now made it compulsory for all students years 3-7 to complete this online assessment. This year Newbery Park Primary will be trialling our year 1 and 2 students to support us with their learning programs. These assessments will be used in conjunction with other school based assessment tools, including the national assessment NAPLAN to identify consistent areas of strength and further areas for growth so that we can support your children’s learning.

Front Entry to the school

DECD have just approved the replacement of our front entry. We will keep you informed when this will be occurring. In the mean time we have been advised to remove the witches cones and paint the areas which are potential trip hazards. We ask that you be diligent when using our front entry.
Friendly Reminder - Road Safety
Bridges Street can become extremely busy at drop off and pick up times. We understand that our lives are very busy and that it is important that we get back to work, drop children at sport or make that very important appointment. Recently we have had a couple of near misses at these times and therefore it is timely that we reflect on best driver and pedestrian practice. We as adults are role models for our young people of Newbery Park Primary. Some things that we ask our families to talk about at home in preparation for these busy times include:

- Please don’t double park
- Please don’t park in the bus stop
- Please use the pedestrian crossing when crossing Bridges Street. Even if you are parked at the top or bottom end of the street.

Thank you for your support with this very important matter.

Friendly Reminder - 2017 Class Organisation
To help the school’s planning for 2017 it is essential that we know as soon as possible of any future enrolments for the school i.e.: Reception children, children moving into the area, so these children can be included in future class placements. We would also appreciate knowing if any families are planning to leave Newbery Park Primary before or at the end of 2016 so these children are not included in our numbers for 2017 classes. If you have any information regarding this please contact the Front Office.

Last day of term 3
Last day of term 3 2016 is Friday 30th September 2016. Children will be dismissed from their classed at 2.20pm.

Kind Regards,
Stuart Miller
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Basketball
As part of the P.E program this term, students are participating in basketball sessions led by Peter Seebohm (funded by the Schools Sporting Grants). These sessions are held from weeks 5-10 and are to develop fundamental basketball skills.

Students are reflecting and setting individual goals based on their current skill set. In Week 6 the students reviewed their basketball session from a video taken at the previous session, they then identified one skill they wanted to improve and will work on this in the coming weeks. In Week 10 students will again be recorded and will have the opportunity to see whether they have been successful in achieving their goal.

Keston Green

School Disco
On Wednesday 31st August, Newbery Park Primary School held another successful Disco. The SRC worked hard to organise and plan the event, and it was well supported by students, staff and parents. The Disco was part of a fundraising campaign to support the purchase of new School sports tops. The SRC have had some input into the design of the tops, and have come up with a few fundraising ideas. The Disco was one such idea. From the Disco, the SRC was able to raise just over $300 which will go towards the purchase of the tops. A big thank you must go to the SRC who helped plan, organise and run the event, and to the students, staff and parents who supported the event and made it another successful event. I have also included some remarks from the students who attended.
Arley - I liked winning prizes for the singing and dancing.
Jaymon - I liked the singing. I like the song stitches.
James - I liked the Sid the Sloth dance! It was funny!
Holly - I enjoyed dancing.
Summa - I won a chocolate so I liked the singing part. I sang stitches too.
Cooper - I liked that we got to dance and play games.
Mikisha - The singing with the words on the screen and dancing was fun. Also the 'stand up, sit down' game was fun.
Braden - I liked getting the complimentary headphones after the disco because I needed new headphones for my portable DVD player.
Lola - The disco was fun because you got to do a lot of dancing. It was fair with the prizes, 1 for a girl and 1 for a boy.
Jimmy - It was fun because there were lots of challenges. I didn't get out when I did the Limbo. My favourite song was "Watch me whip and nae, nae".
Brianna - The lights were very pretty on the walls. We played chase. I enjoyed dancing and liked doing the Limbo because when it gets lower it is hard to bend down. It was quite easy for me because I used to do Little Gymnastics.
Ryan - My favourite thing at the disco was the "Chicken Dance". I enjoyed playing the games - "Spin the Bottle"; I got out the first time.

BEANIES FOR USE

Newbery Park Primary School, through the generosity of Foodbank SA, has received a donation of winter beanies. These beanies have been created and distributed throughout the state for students who need to keep warm this Winter. Even though we are coming out of the Winter season, it is still cold outside during recess and lunch times. If you want to use a beanie or if you are in desperate need of a beanie or two over the Winter period, please come and see me and I’ll be happy to help you. The beanies come in a range of colours and sizes, as indicated by the attached photo. Once again I want to acknowledge the great work of Foodbank SA in their contribution and donation of these Beanies for our School.

Nathan McDuff
Pastoral Care Worker
Transition Program Term

This term has been extremely busy for the two R/1 classes at Newbery Park Primary School. As a part of the schools transition program there has been two visits from McArthur Park Kindergarten.

In week 3 Room 1 and 3 students along with their Kindy friends read a Pete the Cat book before creating a Pete the Cat school bus. Students and Kindy friends also explored the gym and played some fun games with Miss Bailey.

In week 7 Newbery Park was again lucky enough to be visited by the children from McArthur Park Kindergarten. During this visit there were many hands on activities which both students and Kindy children loved. In Room 1 Danny and the Dinosaurs was read by Mr. Elkins before students were able to create their own dinosaurs out of Playdough and Lego. Many individuals also made colored pasta necklaces and created their own books about Dinosaurs.

Term 3 has seen the continuation of a successful relationship between Newbery Park Primary School and McArthur Park Kindergarten and both students and staff are eagerly awaiting Term 4.

Italian at Newbery Park

Wow who can believe another term has almost finished. In Italian this term students have been engaged in their learning and have been asking questions which shows they are critically thinking about their work. This term students have been learning about the Ancient Roman Empire which has given them insight into, not only how old Italy is, but how the country was formed into the nation it is today.

Miss Willmott and Mr Scanlon’s classes have been continuing to look at a city in Italy to produce a poster with information about that city. This has given them insight into the different cities that are within Italy, as they are all unique and diverse in many ways.

This term we have also been continuing to learn our song “Ci Vuole Un Fiore” which we will perform at assembly in week 9. During this presentation students from all classes will get up and speak about what they have been learning and what they are enjoying. This term has continued on the positive trend from the previous two and I am looking forward to what is shaping up to be a great end to an unforgettable year.

Biggest Morning Tea

At the end of last term Newbery Park held a Biggest Morning Tea to raise funds for The Cancer Council to help fund research into fighting cancer. I am excited to say that we raised $200 towards this fight and I want to say a huge thankyou to all who came and donated money towards the cause. I hope we can continue this next year.

Gabriela Castello