



# NEWSLETTER

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Sept 17	Last day for Book Club orders
Sept 20	Grounds Force Day
Sept 23	Grandparents Day
Sept 25	Last day for 2010 family organiser/planner orders
Sept 28	Sport & Group photos

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**The following students received a Principal's Award at assembly this week:**  
Tadgh Gunter Sean Mackie Ella Johnston Patrick Coburn Nick Blunt Justine Wallis

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Dear Parents and Students,

### **NAPLAN Results**

In May 2009, all students in Years 3 and 5 completed testing for the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). Reports outlining the students' achievements are being sent home today. The overall school results will be assessed by the executive and staff and information from these analyses will determine some of our goals for future planning.

### **ARTSNORTH CHOIR**

Last Monday I had the pleasure of going to the Opera House for the 2009 ArtsNorth Primary Choral Festival of Music. 25 students from years 4-6 from our school joined another 750 students from other primary schools in the Sydney North region for a fabulous night's entertainment. I was very proud to be part of the audience and congratulations should go to the children for their impeccable behaviour and participation, Mrs Liston for coordinating the choir and Kate Andrews for all her hard work in teaching the choir throughout the year. Special mention should go to two of our boys, Hamish Andrews and Ben Basclain, who were chosen to sing in the boys soloist choir. A thoroughly enjoyable evening, well-done boys and girls!

### **STAFFING UPDATE**

Mr Kunkler will be resuming his duties as Principal next term and I will be returning to teach 2G. Mrs Steggles is taking special medical leave and will be replaced by Mrs Courtney for term 4 and Miss Shelverton will be returning three days a week on 1S. Mrs Smith will be continuing on 1S with Miss Shelverton.

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### Leadership survey

As mentioned last week the Leadership survey will be sent home today as part of our annual school evaluation procedures. The survey will be randomly distributed and the following information may be useful in completing the survey. If you do not get a survey and would like to complete one please ask at the office. It would be appreciated if completed surveys be returned by next week.

**Leaders** are people who are appointed to, who are delegated or who assume leadership roles within the school community. In this context the term "leaders" refers to members of staff, students, parents, caregivers and members of the wider community. (Question 1)

**Responsibilities** of leaders are to consult with colleagues and the wider community to seek information and collaborate with them to achieve a common purpose. They are also responsible for developing policies based on best practices and the evaluation of existing programs to determine strengths and weaknesses with a view to modify programs to improve the quality of student outcomes. (Questions 2-4)

**Leaders** effectively design structured activities to improve student learning by assessing student achievements and developing the skills of teaching staff using best practices. (Questions 5-6)

**Leaders** engage all members of the school community (School Council, P&C, parents) to determine the school's vision, values, educational priorities and long term goals. (Questions 7-8)

To improve school policies and practices leaders encourage others and themselves to reflect on their own practice and to evaluate areas of educational practices to inform planning with a view to improvement. (Questions 10-11)

### Values Education

This week's value is Fairness

#### Core Value: FAIRNESS

Being committed to the principles of social justice and opposing prejudice, dishonesty and injustice.

In **school communities**, evidence of this value includes:

- ☺ addressing bullying and harassment through effective whole school programs
- ☺ challenging cultural stereotypes
- ☺ communicating accurately on school reports to parents about their children's progress

In **classrooms**, evidence of this value includes:

- ☺ maintaining high expectations of everyone
- ☺ encouraging and participating in open discussions about fairness and justice
- ☺ planning to ensure that teaching and learning is meaningful and relevant to everyone
- ☺ accepting other people and their backgrounds

*Helen Georgiou*, Relieving Principal

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*The grand essentials of happiness are: something to do, something to love, and something to hope for.*

- Allan K. Chalmers

### GROUP PHOTOS

Group photos will be taken on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September from 11:30am. Below is an order of the day's schedule.

TEACHER	GROUP
Mrs Lott	K.O. Boys soccer
Mr McLaren	PSSA boys soccer A
"	PSSA boys soccer B
Mr Pinchbeck	K.O. Boys cricket
Mrs Barrett	PSSA girls netball A
"	PSSA Girls netball B
"	K.O. Girls Netball
Mrs Voss	K.O. Girls Softball
"	K/1 Choir
	House captains
Mrs Liston	Sydney North Choir
"	School Choir
"	Library monitors
	Computer monitors
Mrs Newland	Premier's Debating team
"	District Debating team
Mrs Tootell & Mrs Voss	SRC members
	Training Band
	Concert Band

- Students in the concert band will need to bring their instruments for the photos on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September.
- 3-6 students involved in sport photos will need to remember to **bring their sports uniform.**

### NWPS P&C CHOIR SUB-COMMITTEE

Over the last four years, the choir program at NWPS has grown from a small group of about a dozen girls to three separate choirs of around 100 children. Recently the NWPS P&C Choir Subcommittee was formed to assist the continued development of these choir programs. We aim to support and maintain the current programs and to facilitate new opportunities for all the choirs.

We wish to invite any interested parents to join us for our **next meeting on Friday 30th October, 7.30pm.**

Please email me if you are interested in attending as the location is to be advised.

Leigh Higgins

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### **VACANT CANTEEN SHIFTS !**

Please have a look at the dates below and consider if you could fill one of these shifts as a one off:

- **2 people for 8:30 - 11:30 Monday 21st September (next week!)**
- **2 people for 8:30 - 11:30 Monday 19th October**
- **1 person for 8:30 - 11:30 Wednesday 11th of November**
- **2 people for 8:30 - 11:30 Monday 16th November**
- **1 person for 8:30 - 11:30 Wednesday 9th December**
- **2 people for 8:30 - 11:30 Monday 14th of December**

Please send me an email at the address below if you are able to help out at one or more of these shifts.

If you cannot commit to a regular shift but would be happy to volunteer for the emergency list could you please also let me know. My best contact details are 0412 151 564 or [sallylusherman@hotmail.com](mailto:sallylusherman@hotmail.com) Thank you in anticipation! Sally.

### **OOSH NEWS**

This week at OOSH....

The children have been having lots of fun making hama bead creations and constructing block towers. They've also enjoyed playing team sports like basketball, football and soccer.

Just a reminder that the October Vacation Care Program will be out this afternoon. We have lots of exciting activities planned for all ages including:

Wheels day, fill your life with drama, a visit to the movies, nutty inventors, art attack, OOSH idol plus lots more.

We hope to see you there!

For any bookings or enquiries please contact Fiona or Emma at the centre on 9484 4412.

### **FUNDRAISING - 2010 Family Organiser Calendar**

Get your family organised next year with the 2010 Family organiser Calendar.

Theme: Green environment

A separate column for each member of the family.

Great value at **\$16.99**. With all profit adding to P and C fundraising goals.

Money can be left at the office CLEARLY labelled. Calendar Fundraiser. Please provide correct money as no change can be given by staff.

Orders due: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

All enquiries contact Colleen Cowley 9489 8470

Thankyou for supporting your school.

