



**NEWTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**NEWTOWN NEWS**

**FESTIVAL  
OF CREATIVITY**



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# From the Principal

This is the final Newsletter for 2022!

**Congratulations to students, teachers, and the greater Newtown Public School Community for an outstanding Festival of Creativity week.** Monday morning began with the opening ceremony, led by the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students. The department led the assembly, beginning with their journey to write a new Acknowledgement of Country for our school. They, reflected on the process they had gone through with their department, alongside the other department leader, the ACLOs (Aboriginal Community Liaison Officers) as well as input from their families. They then shared their new Acknowledgment of Country and were joined by **Uncle Elvis who performed a smoking ceremony for us all.** I would like to acknowledge the work of Ashlee Lasalo and Sarah Fay in supporting our Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students with this work. Thank you also to the parents that were able to join us for this special event.



I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our students for their engagement and commitment to performances over the week. Some highlights were the **'Newtown has Talent' 3-6 and K-2 shows** on Monday and Tuesday which were run by the Department of Management in partnership with the Department of Arts and Community. The Egg Drop which was run by the Department of Technology in partnership with the Department of SRC was also an *eggcellent* demonstration of creativity in science and engineering. A big shout out to all the departments for their preparation in making these daily creative events so enjoyable.

Our **open afternoon on Wednesday was full of music**, sorbet and many smiles. It really was a special opportunity to bring our community back into the school and to celebrate our wonderful students. A big shout out to Harri Harding who conducts our bands, Ricky who leads the guitar ensemble and to all our Spotlight performers. We look forward to more opportunities to perform in 2023. The week closed with the incredible **Friday Night Live** performances by all our students at the NHSPA George's Hall. I would like **to thank all our teaching and support staff** under the visionary leadership of Amanda Abeni, Tom Smith and Koren Racolta (scriptwriting mastermind) for your collaboration in making this such a fun and inclusive event!





# From the Principal

On Tuesday this week, **our 21 Ministerial Candidates for 2023** met to find out the results of the student elections for leadership of eight of our nine student leadership departments. I am incredibly impressed by the maturity of this group of students as well as the grace demonstrated by students who were and were not elected for their fellow candidates. These students should all be incredibly proud of their efforts and I look forward to working with all of these future leaders in 2023.



Next Monday is our **whole school Presentation Day at the Enmore Theatre**. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community and celebrate our individual and collective successes over the year. Congratulations to each and every student, for your achievements this year. Thank you for your efforts to be safe, respectful, responsible learners and your willingness to work together as part of the Newtown Public School team, making our school such a wonderful place for all of us to learn and grow.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank and farewell three of our teachers who will be leaving us for new adventures next year. Thank you, **Brandi Moses** and **Kate Burton**, for your significant contribution to our students and staff over the years as part of our teaching team. We wish you both all the best in your next teaching journey. After much deliberation, **Sarah Fay** will be returning to her hometown in Western Australia. Sarah has been an integral part of our leadership and teaching team at NPS for the past 9 years, supporting the growth of students across the school, particularly in reading comprehension, the development of our School Parliament to empower student voice, and in her role as our Primary Mathematics Specialist Teacher in 2021-2022. You will be missed.

I wish everyone a safe and restful holiday and look forward to seeing you all refreshed in 2023.

**Warm regards,  
Helen Campbell**

**Principal (relieving)**





## NEWTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL TERM 1 HIGHLIGHTS

**DARK BLUE BOX =  
COMMUNITY  
INVITED EVENT**

**W2**

**Tuesday 31 January**  
Years 1 to 6: First Day of School

**Thursday 2 February**  
Kindergarten First Day of School

**Tuesday 31 January & Wednesday 1 February**  
Kindergarten: Best Start

**W3**

**Tuesday 7 February – Friday 10 February**  
P&C Second Hand Online Uniform Shop is open

**Thursday 9 February**  
Swimming Carnival

**W5**

**Tuesday 21 February**  
P&C February Meeting

**W7**

**Tuesday 7 March – Friday 10 March**  
P&C Second Hand Online Uniform Shop is open

**Wednesday 8 March**  
School Photo Day

**W8**

### BULLYING PREVENTION WEEK

**Wednesday 15 March – Monday 27 March**  
NAPLAN ONLINE TEST WINDOW

**Friday 17 March**  
Bullying. No Way! National day of Action  
Against Bullying & Violence

**W9**

**Wednesday 15 March-Monday 27 March - NAPLAN ONLINE TEST WINDOW**

**Tuesday 21 March**  
Harmony Day

**Friday 24 March**  
National Ride2Day

**Saturday 25 March**  
Election Day P&C  
Fundraiser

**Tuesday 21 March**  
P&C March Meeting

**W10**

### NSW SENIORS' WEEK

**– Monday 27 March**  
NAPLAN ONLINE TEST WINDOW

**Sunday 2 April**  
Autism Awareness Day

**W11**

**Tuesday 4 April**  
Kindy & Stage 1 Excursion to Money Baa Theatre

**Thursday 6 April**  
LAST DAY OF TERM 1



# NPS P&C Update

**Believe it or not, it's the end of the year! And what a year it's been. We're grateful to be finishing term 4 so successfully, with the P&C and School Leadership teams collaborating on a broad array of activities and events.**

These past several weeks we've been busy to say the least! You will have seen the P&C support our school community through the Christmas Tree and Tea Towel fundraisers, and the sorbet and second-hand uniform fundraising stands at the Festival of Creativity.



Our Second Hand Uniform Shop (SHUS) has been just as busy as ever through term 4, running the online shops in weeks 3 & 7, as well as conducting the special gold coin shops on the school grounds in weeks 6 & 7.

Also a big thank you to everyone who donated clothes to the SHUS! Donations are now closed so that we have time to organise the uniforms into storage and get ready for the start of 2023.

Very excitingly, we are in the final stages of establishing our new P&C Executive Team for 2023. We look forward to introducing our new-look team to you as a whole in the new year.

We would also like to welcome more members to the P&C in 2023! Sign up for just a gold coin donation and help shape the direction of our school. We will continue to hold hybrid meetings in 2023 making it easier than ever to attend! Join a meeting from home while you cook dinner 😊

Our first meeting next year is on **Tuesday 21 February, 6:15-7:30pm** in the School Library or via Zoom (all details will be communicated in the new year).

Shortly after that we will be preparing for a *major* community fundraiser, the **NSW State Election, Saturday 25 March 2023**. So, come on you BBQ chefs and cake pâtissiers, let's whip up a storm and sell a democracy sausage or more for Newtown Public School! Keep an eye out for a shout-out for volunteers as we approach March. We can't do it without you!

**As we close off the year, we'd like to give great thanks and recognition to the exiting P&C Executive team who've done a truly amazing job throughout 2022 connecting the school and community through events and fundraising. We are very grateful for everything they've done, and for the involvement of our entire community. Thank you.**

**Have a safe and wonderful break and see you all in 2023!**



If you are doing a book clean out over the holidays, please save any kids chapter books to donate to the book stall we'll be holding at the March election fundraiser.





Together we grow

# CHARACTER STRENGTHS

## WHAT IS CREATIVITY?

Being **CREATIVE** means you can think of new ways to do things. You can imagine and produce ideas, art, answers and activities that are different. If you are growing **CREATIVITY** when you next face a problem, you try to come up with several solutions.

## WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE IN OUR CLASSROOM?

- When we face a problem we can think of multiple solutions
- We don't write or draw the same as the person next to us, we can think for ourselves

## WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE ON OUR PLAYGROUND?

- When we have a dispute we can come up with lots of ideas to solve it
- We make up interesting games and explore different ways of playing them



[Read more about Grow Your Mind here](#)

As part of our **School Wellbeing Framework** and our whole school **commitment to positive education**, we focus personal development programs on encouraging the **development of a growth mindset and strengths-based approach to learning**. Each month we focus on a different set of character strengths and how we can build skills in areas of challenge and use our strengths to engage in activities that keep us energised and engaged.

# CREATIVITY

## CREATIVITY MOTTO

**Do things in a different way**







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## CHARACTER STRENGTHS

### WHAT IS LOVE OF LEARNING?

**LOVE OF LEARNING** means you delight in finding out new things whether in class or on your own. If you are growing this you might use this strength to persist through any challenges because you have appreciation of what is involved in mastering something new.

### WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE IN OUR CLASSROOM?

- We ask questions without fear of sounding silly.
- We learn something new every single day.

### WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE ON OUR PLAYGROUND?

- We love different ways of playing games.
- We take joy in finding out new information from our friends.



Read more  
about Grow  
Your Mind here  
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# LOVE OF LEARNING

### LOVE OF LEARNING MOTTO

**Learn something from  
every situation**





## NPS Library 2022

Let's look back at the year that was!



### MOST FREQUENT BORROWERS

1. Aurelia M
2. Milly A
3. Eva B-G
4. Poppy W
5. Addie H

### MOST LOANS ON WHEELERS

1. Jo S-K
2. Thomas S-K
3. Noah W
4. Louis B
5. Luca M

### TOP BORROWING TEACHERS

1. Ms. Lasalo
2. Ms. Christoforidis
3. Ms. Mumford
4. Ms. Burton
5. Ms. Trezise

NUMBER OF BOOKS  
ADDED TO OUR  
COLLECTION

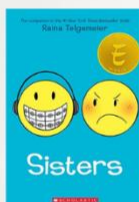
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CLASS WITH THE  
MOST LOANS:

Kindy Spectacles  
with 955 books  
borrowed this year!

## MOST POPULAR...

### GRAPHIC NOVEL



Sisters  
Raina Telgemeier

### FICTION



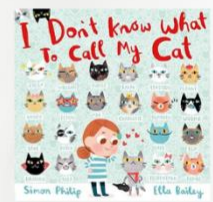
Exit Through the Gift Shop  
Maryam Master

### NON-FICTION



Minecraft Construction  
Handbook  
Matthew Needler and Phil  
Southam

### PICTURE BOOK



I Don't Know What to Call  
my Cat  
Simon Philip

# LIBRARY NEWS

## Overdues

We have seen a HUGE number of library resources returning to school over the past couple of weeks, and are so appreciative of everyone who is working towards bringing these books back to the library shelves. A note will be going home early next week for any books that have not been returned, and have not shown up while we have been undertaking our stock take. If the book is known to be lost, we would be grateful if you could cover the cost by contacting the school office. If you do know where the book is, please bring it back to school as soon as possible.

## Farewell!

As my time at Newtown comes to a close, I would like to say an enormous thank you to our wonderful students, staff and community. As an ex-student of Newtown, this school holds a special place in my heart and I have loved my time working here over the past four and a half years. It has been a whirlwind of book parades, author visits, book clubs, read-a-thons, shadow judging, thinking routines, book trailers, podcast recording and overdue notices. If you would like a glimpse into our library over the years, you might like to have a read of the article I wrote back in Term 2 for *Connections*, the journal published by the Schools Catalogue Information Service -

<https://www.scisdata.com/connections/issue-121/school-library-spotlight-newtown-public-school/>

The role of teacher librarian is unique, in that I get to teach every student across many years of their schooling, and it has been an absolute pleasure to get to know each and every student at this school. These students have navigated some truly challenging times over the past few years, and have done so with kindness, compassion and humour. I'm in awe of them every day, and will miss them very much!

Finally I would like to wish all the best to Winnie Mak, who will be the new teacher librarian from 2023. Winnie has had many years of experience in this role, and I know she will do a wonderful job of continuing to build the amazing reading culture at Newtown.

**Happy reading!**

**Lucy White**

**Teacher Librarian**













## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS EXTRA & CO CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Participating in extracurricular programs is a way to explore interests outside the classroom. Below are some of the providers who run activities on and off school grounds.

**Note:** Please contact providers direct for all information; these private providers **ARE NOT** managed through Newtown Public School.



P R E S E N T S

# THE SUMMER FIVE-DAY PLAY

*A Fun & Fast Paced Drama & Creative Arts Program For All Ages 5-15 Years*

## NEWTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL

*1 Norfolk Street Newtown*

### 9-13 JANUARY 2023

*Official Program Runs 9am-3pm*



Book Before Dec 10 For \$20 Off

Only \$300 per Student

Siblings Bookings Receive \$20 Off

**Before Care from 8.30am  
After Care up to 5.30pm  
(Charged as Extra Later at \$5 p/h per student)**

**To Register Now - Go To [www.redroar.com.au](http://www.redroar.com.au) - Click on the Big Red 'Register Online Today' Button, Fill in the Form & Send!  
Check Out Our History & Testimonials There Too! For Any Other Queries, Email [director@redroar.com.au](mailto:director@redroar.com.au)**



## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS EXTRA & CO CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



### Why Chess?

- Create Brighter Thinkers
- Improve Student Focus
- Achieve Academic Success

**Combines  
learning  
with fun!**



#### Educational Benefits:

- Improves concentration and focus
- Develops logical thinking and problem solving skills
- Enhances memory
- Encourages creative and lateral thinking
- Promotes discipline
- Accelerates emotional development
- Expands visualisation and spatial awareness
- Demonstrates actions and consequences
- Rewards correct decision making
- Increases self-confidence
- Provides opportunities to make new friends from diverse backgrounds

### Newtown Public School Chess Classes, 2022 Thursdays 11:00AM - 11:45AM in the Library

Term 1	Cost: \$104	17th Feb - 7th Apr
Term 2	Cost: \$130	28th Apr - 30th Jun
Term 3	Cost: \$130	21st Jul - 22nd Sep
Term 4	Cost: \$130	13th Oct - 15th Dec

To enrol please pay online with your credit card at  
[www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment](http://www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment)

Enter the code **9PJ3DMJL7X** for Years 3-4 and **7S3V6K5AB7** for Years 5-6  
and fill in the electronic form, with your child's details.

*\*Fees are due on the first day of term. A late fee of \$10 will be applied if payment is not received within 4 weeks of the start of the term. No refunds or credits for missed lessons during the term and trial lessons must be paid for. For pro-rata fees (ie. starting part way during the term) please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on 9745 1170.*

OPTIONAL EXTRAS (prices include delivery) <i>To enhance your child's learning experience these items are available for purchase online at the time of enrolment</i>			
<b>Workbook 1 – Cost: \$31</b> [For Beginner/Rookie Players]	<b>Workbook 2 – Cost: \$31</b> [For Intermediate Players]	<b>Workbook 1 &amp; 2 – Cost: \$46</b> [SPECIAL OFFER]	
<b>Exploration in Chess Beauty – Cost: \$42</b> [For Advanced Players]	<b>Chess Set &amp; Roll-up Board – Cost: \$34</b> [Recommended for All Ages]	<b>Chess Clock – Cost: \$77</b> [Recommended for All Ages]	

Pay for four terms in advance and receive a **free chess set** or **workbook 2** valued at up to \$34. Offer expires 31st March, 2022.



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## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS EXTRA & CO CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



# POLYmath TUTORING



**Maths Tutoring Years 1 - 6 at Newtown Public School**  
**Mondays and Tuesdays, 7:45 - 8:45am**



Head Tutor Elly  
BSc(AdvMath)(1st Class  
Honours in Statistics) / BA  
UNSW



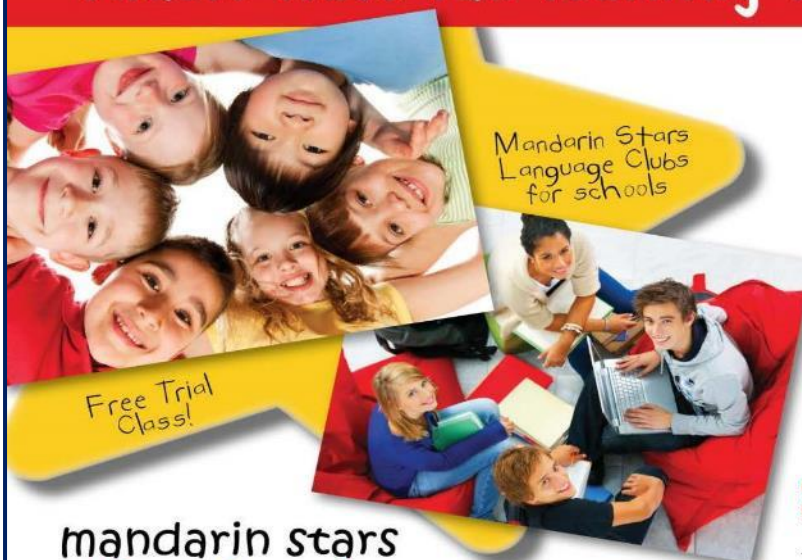
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## Kids!! Have fun learning to speak Mandarin



**mandarin stars**



fun mandarin for kids

### **FUN Mandarin Language Club at Newtown Public School!**

#### **The Mandarin Stars program offers:**

- Specialist Mandarin programs for both native and second language learners of Mandarin.
- 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!

**Classes are held on Wednesday Afternoons  
from 3-4.30pm.**

To book a free trial/ enrol for the term please click [here](#).

If you have any questions, email  
[enrol@mandarinstars.com.au](mailto:enrol@mandarinstars.com.au)



## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS EXTRA & CO CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



### NEWTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL TENNIS CLUB 2022

**FREE TENNIS RACQUET FOR ALL NEW FULL TERM ENROLMENTS**



**CONTACT:** Phone: Neil Armstrong 0404 845 925 Email: leichhardttennisacademy@gmail.com

#### TENNIS HOT SHOTS

ANZ Tennis Hot Shots programmes provide kids with a fun way to play tennis, using modified nets, racquets and balls. With reduced court sizes younger players have the chance to serve, rally and score from the first time they step onto a court. Kids are actively engaged having **FUN**. Kids build **SOCIAL** skills such as working co-operatively and building friendships. Kids learn to **PLAY** and develop tennis **SKILLS**.

**DATE:** TERM 1 to 4 2022 (MONDAY'S)  
**TIME:** 8- 8.30am (8-10YO) & 8.30-9am (5-7 YO)  
**MEETING PLACE:** School Volley Ball Court  
**COST:** 8-8.30am (\$19 per lesson )  
8.30-9am (\$19 per lesson)  
**+ card/account fees applies**  
(Pro-rata rates for late enrolment)  
**HOW TO ENROL:** Email Neil at  
[leichhardttennisacademy@gmail.com](mailto:leichhardttennisacademy@gmail.com)  
or call 0404 845 925

#### For your information

- These programmes are specifically aimed at boys and girls of primary school age.
- Children cannot be accepted without a completed enrolment form.
- For the most enjoyment it is preferable that each child has their own tennis racquet.
- Our coaches will turn up irrespective of the weather conditions.

**SPECIAL**

Add \$35 to buy a Junior BABOLAT tennis racquet.

Add \$10 to buy 3 starter tennis balls, great for at home.

All equipment is specially modified for children

**Enrolment Slip / ABN: 90792084644**

Child/ren's name	Age/s	Parent/Guardian's Name	Mobile Number
Email address		Buying a Tennis Racquet (\$35): <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Medical conditions		Buying 3 Starter Tennis Balls (\$10): <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
		Before school care: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

#### PAYMENT

Please fill in Direct Debit form.

#### RE ENROLMENT

All children are automatically re-enrolled each term. If you wish for your child to take a break, please respond to re-enrolment email sent out each school holidays.

Direct Debit details will be used each term for payment of tennis fees.

**Release of Liability** - The undersigned "Registrant" or parent/legal guardian of the Registrant, recognizes that tennis is a vigorous sport and that the Registrant may suffer temporary or permanent serious physical injury including, but not limited to sprains, fractures, brain or spinal damage, paralysis or even death while playing tennis or attending a game, tournament, practice or scrimmage. With full knowledge of the above-referenced risks, and in consideration for Leichhardt Tennis Academy, and pursuant to the recreational assumption of the risk, the Registrant and I (if parent or legal guardian) hereby accept and assume full responsibility for any and all harm caused by negligence and release, discharge, and/or otherwise indemnify Leichhardt Tennis Academy including all staff, directors, and owners.



# Thank you!

**OE FOOD STORES**



ARE DONATING FRESH FRUIT TO OUR SCHOOL EVERY WEEK.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS HEALTHY EATING



## Newtown Public School

Together We Grow

### Let's connect

**Office hours:** 8:30 - 3:15pm

**(02) 9557 4862**

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