



# Newling News

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Term 4 Week 10

12<sup>th</sup> December 2011

## Student of the Week



### Tylzaka Marr

Tylzaka Marr is an exemplary student in 3/4W. She is a neat and tidy worker. She is always Confident and Persistent. She gets herself, and often others, organised for tasks to be completed, especially in art and craft. After the fun work is finished and tidging up needs to be done, Tylzaka doesn't stop until everything is spotless. She is a very helpful and thoughtful friend in 3/4W and is always enthusiastic in everything she is a part of.

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Here we are..... the last week of school and what a year it has been!

### **SiP Committee Meeting**

A very productive meeting took place last Tuesday to evaluate and redirect the Schools in Partnership (SiP) plan. The plan had minor adjustments to meet the current needs of students.

Thank you to the parents and staff that made valuable contributions to the discussions at this meeting.

### **Semester 2 Reports**

All children will be coming home this week with Semester 2 report.

I encourage all parents to contact the class teacher to discuss any queries you may have from the report, or the reporting process.

### **Presentation Day**

Our annual presentation day is to be held this **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December starting at 9:30am** and concluding for morning tea at 11:00am.

We look forward to seeing all our parents and community members for this special day.

### **Gala Night and P & C Fete**

All are welcome for a gala performance by our students and a great time prior at the annual P & C Fete.

A night not to be missed! We look forward to seeing every family at this event.

### **Principal appointment**

Following a merit selection process I have been successful in attaining the permanent position of principal at Newling PS, pending appeal.

I am honoured to be taking up this position permanently and look forward to continuing many of the initiatives started in 2011. The next year will be one of new direction for Newling PS under my leadership and one that that is certain to include many exciting and innovative practices.

A few of the major initiatives already confirmed for 2012 are:

- Focus on Reading – all staff will be involved in this intensive training over two years to provide even greater support to our students.
- Learning, Language and Literacy Stage 1 (L3 Stage 1) – we have been selected as a pilot school for this and will receive extra teaching support three mornings per week.

- Microsoft Partners in Learning – staff will be furthering their skills in use of technology to improve learning in the classroom with the focus on Kindergarten in 2012.

### **Planning for 2012**

Last week the school executive met to make further plans for the 2012 school year. We were able to establish classes for next year and make tentative staffing arrangements. At present the intention is that we will have classes: Kindergarten, Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2), Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) and a Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) class.

Mrs Peasley will be continuing her great work in the Kindergarten room, Ms Norman will be teaching the Stage 2 class. Mrs Ison will continue in her current role and share teaching of the students from the Stage 3 class. Teachers for the Stage 1 and 3 classes are being recruited and we look forward to greeting those successful applicants appointed to these positions. Mr Waters will be staying on in a temporary capacity and Mrs Cooper will continue her essential work in the library.

A number of other positions will also be recruited through merit selection early in 2012, including a position of Community Liaison Officer (CLO).

All students Kindergarten to Year 6 start or return to school on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2012**.

### **Star Awards**

"You're a Star" Awards earned in week 9 of term 3 were presented to our successful students who have been achieving the You Can Do It keys to success. Congratulations to:

Kantalli Quinlan, Ashleigh Staples, Stuart McLennan, Bronte Wood, Savannah Smith, Nick Morse, Aaron George, Denzil Quinlin-Naylor, Tyleaka Marr, Alistair Faulkner, Daniel McElroy, Nick Steele and Connie Briggs-Davis.

### **Happy Holidays to all**

This year has been personally one of great enjoyment as Relieving Principal at Newling. As the school year closes I would like to wish all a Merry Christmas and hope that the New Year is a very prosperous one for all.

All at Newling hope that the holidays are happy, safe and many memorable moments are created when families get the chance to relax and enjoy time together.

I look forward to seeing every student and their family in the New Year.

Murray Cox  
R. Principal

### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 3/4W

Splash!!! 3/4W, along with the rest of the school, has been loving swimming lessons at TAS. We have found it a bit chilly on the short march back to school in the cloudy weather though! Over the past few weeks in Art lessons we have been working on making Paper Mache Pigs. Some of us want to cut a hole in the top of our pigs and turn them into piggy banks to keep our money safe!



We are all enjoying our last days of the year together while we complete some Christmas activities and craft.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

#### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

- Swim School 9:30-12:30

#### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

- Swim School 9:30-12:30

#### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

- Fete and Christmas Party starting at 5pm

#### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

- LAST DAY



**Happy Birthday over the holiday period to:**  
Dylan Keaton December 20<sup>th</sup>  
Milton Smith December 21<sup>st</sup>  
Joey Foster December 31<sup>st</sup>

### Final SRC Meeting 2011:

The Newling Public School SRC has done a tremendous job over the last term. They have organised the SRC Cup, AppleQuest, Newling Talent Quest, Patty Cake Day to help raise money for a Year 6 school gift, Movember BBQ to support Mr Waters and Mr Sloan and have increased communication with a "Lemon Squeeze" column in the newsletter. To celebrate their achievements and efforts a **Pizza Party** has been organised for Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December in Mrs Ison's classroom at lunchtime. Thank you SRC for your selfless efforts – your initiative and time you have given.

### Newling Has Indeed Got Talent!

Last Wednesday we saw our first "Newling's Got Talent" Quest. We were entertained by 7 quality and varied performances, with our SRC judges finding it very difficult to determine an actual winner. In the end, first place went to HDC, our Dance group, a close second place to David Tan (violin) and a draw for third place with Zoe George (singing) and Jonathan Bruhl (violin). Thank you to all our very talented performers and also thank you to the large contingent of parents who came along at such short notice to support these students.



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**ABSENTEE NOTE**

(To be returned to Classroom Teacher first day back after absence)

STUDENT'S NAME..... Class .....

Date of Absence/s.....

Reason for Absence

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Signature of Parent/Caregiver..... Date.....

