

# Newling News



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Term 1 Week 5

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## Student of the Week



### Caleb

Caleb comes to school each day with a big smile ready for learning and playing with his friends.

In class Kindergarten have been learning about the Getting Along and Organisation keys. Caleb is able to organise his work area and his school bag. He is a great friend to all, happy to play and work with all his peers.

Congratulations to Caleb. He has made a great start to his school career.

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Meet the Teacher

On Tuesday 21st all class teachers extend an invitation to parents to join them in their classroom to take a look around the room and discuss class routines and significant events in for the class this year.

Our children are very proud of their learning spaces and we hope that many parents are able to come in and see where their children spend many hours each day and meet the teachers who give them exceptional opportunities at our school.

Light refreshments will be provided in each classroom and teachers will provide a brief overview of their class and expectations.

We look forward to seeing many parents at 3:45pm Tuesday.

### Learning Assistance Program

At Newling we have an extensive program of learning support and extension for all children. Every class receives additional 'teacher time' so that small or large groups can be given targeted support in identified areas of their school work. Interventions can be long or short term and are specific to the current needs of the children.

Children in Kindergarten to Year 2 will have two teachers in their classroom at nearly all times so that specific learning needs can be adequately addressed in class, without the need for withdrawal. Students in Years 3 to 6 receive learning assistance from a second teacher and Learning Support Officer (LSO) up until lunch each day. This includes extension class work.

Ask your child's teacher if you would like to know more about what extra assistance your child receives to ensure they achieve to the highest possible level.

### Swimming Champions

At the Gathering we presented the 2017 swimming champions with their ribbons. Congratulations to all students who showed their confidence and entered as many races as they could and particularly to our champion swimmers:

Junior Girls Champion: Latahla and Jillari (equal points)

Runner-up: Sophie

Junior Boys Champion: Raymond

Runner-up: Juwarn

11yrs Girls Champion: Anita

Runner-up: Judith

11yrs Champion Boys: Tyler

Runner-up: Blake

Senior Girls Champion: Ashleigh

Runner-up: Ricki-Lee

Senior Boys Champion: Alistair

Runner-up: Logan

### SRC Elections

Today each class elected their Student Representative Council (SRC) participants for 2017. The SRC meets regularly

and discusses issues about students and the school. They make suggestions for initiatives and activities at school and are consulted about and discuss changes to school procedures. The group is led by our elected school captains.

Last year the SRC were instrumental in improving students access to sports equipment with 'sports baskets' for each classroom being created and helped organise rewards days.

Our SRC representatives for this year are:

K – Meryndah and Caleb

1/2 - Watarah and Lucas S

3/4 - Lucas F and Caitlin

4/5 - Elizabeth and Raymond

5/6 - Neville and Ricki-Lee

### Gathering Merit Awards

Congratulations to the children who were recognised with a merit award at Gathering for making an extra effort in the past fortnight and achieving success at school.

K – Meryndah, Tomas, Kiesha and Michael

1/2 - Amina, Declan, Isabella and Lucas St

3/4 - Brooklyn, Dajarn, Jacob S and Juwarn

4/5 – Raymond, Elizabeth, Latahla and Malakye

5/6 - Cody, Gage, Eli and Judith

### Bus Zone and Pedestrian Safety

Pedestrian traffic around schools is an area of high risk and we strive to ensure all our students are safe when entering and exiting the school. To assist keeping our students safe we ask that everyone use the supervised pedestrian crossing. The extra metres of walking could save a life!

Stopping your vehicle in the bus zone, even to quickly pick-up or drop-off is not permitted. Doing so can result in a penalty of a \$325 fine and 2 demerit points.

### Zone Swimming Carnival

We wish the best of luck to our students who have qualified to compete at the Armidale Zone Swimming Carnival this Friday 24th. If they swim with as much confidence and persistence as they did at our school carnival they are sure to be winners.

### Star Awards

Today we had our first Star Award recipient for this year. One student has received 14 keys by demonstrating; getting along, organisation, confidence, persistence and resilience.

Congratulations to Watarah.

Murray Cox  
Principal

## Important Dates

### February

Robotics Workshop— 22nd  
Zone Swimming Carnival— 24th  
Musica Viva 9:30am — 28th

### March

Clean Up Australia Day— 3rd  
Gathering hosted by 4/5— 3rd  
UNE Science Challenge— 7th

## P & C News



### Easter Raffle

The P & C will be running an Easter Raffle to be drawn at the end of Term 1 on 7th April.

We are calling on all families for donations of Easter Eggs for the raffle. If each family could donate one item we should have enough for several large baskets as we have had in previous years. Donations can be left at the school office.



### Harlequins Hockey Club

Harlequins Hockey Club are seeking expressions of interest from players interested in playing junior hockey this year. We will be fielding teams in Under 9s, 11s, 13s and 16s. Girls can play in all divisions and boys are welcome to play in the under 9 and 11s competition. Please send an email nominating your child's intention to play and which age division they are eligible to play in. Please contact either: Louise Vaughan (junior coordinator) at [vaughan79@bigpond.com](mailto:vaughan79@bigpond.com) (0411 607 835) OR Kath Czinner (president) at [kczinner@oconnor.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kczinner@oconnor.nsw.edu.au) (0427141696)



**Demon Knights** registration days, Saturday 18th March and Saturday 25th March at the Wicklow Hotel Courtyard—10am - 1pm. Or register online [DEMONKNIGHTSFC.COM](http://DEMONKNIGHTSFC.COM)



### @ Armidale Public Library

Every Tuesday during school term 4-5pm. All primary school aged children welcome. You will need: iPad, Tablet or mobile device—no laptops, your minecraft membership, latest version of minecraft. Able to co-operate with others in Creative mode. No bookings required. Please note this is a free play unstructured event. Parents are encouraged to stay.

## Home Grown Garden Tour

**Saturday/Sunday 4-5 March 2017**

Buy a map—\$20 per car / \$5 per bike  
Knight's Store or Armidale Outdoors

For more information contact [JO.LEONI77@GMAIL.COM](mailto:JO.LEONI77@GMAIL.COM)



## ***Quote of the week***

**Life is like the ocean—in order to survive, you must  
learn to ride the waves!**

### **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.....