



Newling News

Quality Education in a Caring Environment

Term 4 Week 8

22nd November 2021

Class Stars of the Week



Year 5/6



Year 3/4



Year 1/2



Kindergarten



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Awards Gathering

Our Kindergarten class hosted our Gathering on Friday on Zoom and each class viewed the Gathering from their own classrooms. Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards recipients were presented with awards in their own classes and names announced at the Gathering as it is not possible for us all to meet together in the same space at present.

Congratulations to all our awards recipients:

Junior Bronze: Jeremiah, Christian, Makenzie

Junior Silver: Levi

Junior Gold: Tamilyka, Sophia, Jarlahris, Jocelyn, Sophie, Shaznae, Xayarna, Olivia, Talarah, Bridget

Junior Platinum: Xavier

Our awards system levels start again at Year 3 and all students recommence the progressive achievement with Senior Awards that have higher expectations in the criteria.

Senior Bronze: Marley, Delonte, Nakiyah, Shalarra, Ly-arnie, Jalira, Tayla

Senior Silver: David, Steve, Braxton, Shadiamond, Jazayah, Ameliah, Chloe, Kyeshia, Zaden, Jamarl, Bailey

Senior Gold: Dante, Andrew, Colin, Rosanna, Yamun, Meryndah, Amber, Althea Maya, Zipporah, Cyril

Senior Platinum: Darnell

We also had multiple recipients of a Principals Medallion, for students who continue to show exemplary leadership qualities and demonstrates great citizenship every day at school after reaching Platinum level.

Our recipients of a Principals' Medallion were:

Jayden, Austin, Ayham

This was our final Awards Gathering for 2021 and we encourage parents to view the Awards Criteria on our website so that children can discuss with parents and understand completely what qualities need to be shown consistently to receive these awards. Teachers have the criteria displayed in rooms and talk about how they awards can be achieved regularly.

COVID Closure

I have received many queries regarding the school closure and cleaning last week, and heard a few tall stories! The following information to the most common questions comes from the DoE website that is accessible to all parents.

Why did our school close for 1 day?

The response protocols for confirmed cases of COVID-19, where the person has been on school grounds or involved in any school activities within the previous 3 weeks, requires reporting to the internal department's internal incident reporting hotline. Advice is then given that the school must follow. NSW Health determine the appropriate course of action required to minimise the risk to the wider community. In this case the school was closed for one day as a precautionary measure to identify any risk and for cleaning.

Making the school non-operational while the contact tracing process is completed minimises risk.

What is the deep clean?

When school cease operation they undergo thorough cleaning of the school site to ensure the environment is clean and safe prior to the school resuming onsite learning. This is standard practise for the safety of our students. We also have twice daily cleaning of all high touch surfaces.

Why do we not know more and who decides?

The communications provided are given to the school from NSW Health and we follow the advice we are given. This includes the messages we put of Facebook/Seesaw/ text and the letters we send to parents. It is the direct advice of NSW Health.

What if my child has COVID-19 symptoms?

If you or your child has any COVID-19 symptoms stay home, get tested as soon as possible and self-isolate until you receive a negative result. Common symptoms include fever, headache, cough, sore throat, difficulty breathing, runny nose or fatigue.

Self-isolation rules can be different depending on circumstances.

Will our school close again?

Let's hope not! Given we are 'living with the virus' in our community it may be necessary in the future. Some schools have closed multiple times as a safety precaution.

Our staff worked over and above this day to ensure our school was operational again the next day. We were given approval to announce the reopening at 9:00pm and all teachers were then immediately sending out letters and communications to every family once permitted.

I can not thank them enough for getting this work done very late in the evening so our students could get back to school.

Schools Plus Smart Giving Grant

On Friday I received some great news that we have been awarded a \$30,000 grant to improve our school grounds. The grant was for our sustainable gardens, outdoor kitchen and recycling program that included a proposal to have a chook pen to recycle food scraps and provide eggs for breakfast club and cooking.

We look forward to planning more with the Schools Plus program to further expand the exceptional opportunities we already provide for our students.

We will keep you updated of the great developments from this grant in 2022.

Uniform

Every day the vast majority of students are making the effort to come dressed in full uniform. The students look very proud when they all are dressed in their uniform as it increases a sense of belonging and builds school pride. Having a uniform makes everyone equal in terms of dress, shows we are one team learning together, and wearing the uniform reinforces that it is important to follow the expected standards at school.

Children who do not have correct uniform can be excluded from school events such as excursions when wearing uniform is important for easy recognition and safety. Children may also be excluded from representing school or attending visiting performances if they are not dressed in correct uniform.

Broad brimmed school hats are compulsory for all students and must be worn at all times in the playground. The school has a "No hat, No play" policy for safety of students all year round.

Kindergarten 2022

If you know of any children of friends or neighbours who will be starting school next year, please ask them to call us. We have a few places in the Kindergarten class available.

Star Awards

"You're a Star Award" certificates were presented at this morning's assembly to students who have been using the You Can Do It keys to success and demonstrating persistence, resilience, organisation, getting along and confidence.

Congratulations to our recipients:

Christian, Makenzie, Jarlahris, Shannon, Rosanna, Kyeshia

Principal

Murray Cox

Important Dates

- Final Gymnastics session Years 3-6–
Monday 22nd November
- Final Gymnastics session Years K-2–
Wednesday 24th November
- K, 1, 2 Water Safety lessons–
22nd to 26th November
- 5/6 Excursion to Coffs Harbour–
Wednesday 24th November
- 5/6 Excursion to Tamworth–
Friday 26th November
- Kindergarten – Teddy Bear Picnic
Thalgarrah- Monday 29th November
- Year 6 ASC visit–
Tuesday 30th November
- Captains 2022 Speeches–
Thursday 2nd December
- Gathering hosted by Year 5/6–
Friday 3rd December
- P&C Meeting –Monday 6th December

Happy Birthday

November

Lincoln- 22nd

Althea Maya– 27th

Olivia–27th



Kindergarten News

Last week, Kindergarten students showed their terrific listening and artistic skills when they carefully followed instructions to draw and paint the 'the Gruffalo'.



They also showed their athleticism at the Gymnastics Centre when they completed a Ninja Warrior course.



Swimming lessons resume this week so students will need their swimmers and towel each day. Please write their name on all clothing items.

On Monday of next week Kindergarten will be spending the day at Thalgarrah Educational Centre. Please return the note and money promptly to help us with the organisation of this excursion. Thank you.

1/2 News

Mr Moffat is working with the 1/2 class for the next few weeks as part of his teacher training. He gave an art lesson on Thursday and the students completed a weaving activity. Look at the enjoyment on the faces of the students!



3/4 News

If you can develop resilience and persistence at a young age, then life is going to be an easier, happier experience! We talk a lot about these two character traits in the 3/4 room and thought that the Tree Tops Adventure course in Coffs Harbour was the perfect opportunity for our students to step out of their comfort zone and build up these skills!

If you have not returned your child's permission slip for this awesome week of adventure, please do so by the end of the week.



5/6 News

We have such an exciting week planned in 5/6 and hopefully if weather permits, we will be able to enjoy both of our field trips.

The students are extremely excited about our adventures and have not stopped talking about it.

On Wednesday we are heading to Coffs Harbour Jetty where we will go on an exhilarating whale watching cruise around the islands.

On Friday we are headed to Tamworth where we will bounce around at inflatable world followed by a game of laser tag and a BBQ.

Just a few reminder:

- Year 6 dinner reservations - by December 1st
- Year 6 transition day notes
- Year 6 Final field trip notes

Book Fair 2021

A huge thank you to the Newling community for the generous support shown at last week's Book Fair in the Library Annexe. Students are highly commended for the sensible and mature way they took responsibility for their purchases. It was a practical lesson in money handling skills for many.

In total, more than \$1300 worth of items were purchased in just the 4 days that the Book Fair was able to be open. Apart from our terrific students personally acquiring great items, our school Library is now the beneficiary of a healthy bundle of new books. Everyone's a winner!

Thank you to all the students who entered the Colouring In Competition. Congratulations to the winners, who were able to spend a \$10 prize voucher at the Book Fair.

Transition- McKenna

Kindergarten- Levi, Mackenzie

1/2- Melody, Shaznae

3/4- Kiesha, Rosanna

5/6- Amy, Torrah

Mrs Lyndal Knuckey
Teacher Librarian



P & C Notices

Christmas Raffle

Donations of non-perishable items to add to Hampers are being accepted now for the annual Christmas Hamper Raffle and are being collected at school office.

If every child at Newling can bring just 1 grocery item, we will have enough for many large hampers again this year.

Tickets will be available in December.

ASC Year 7 2022

Year 7 book packs will be available through our school canteen at the end of year for \$50.

As a welcome to high school, the P&C have kindly reduced the cost of the book packs from \$60.

The book packs contain all the necessary books and stationary, and include a scientific calculator that will be required from Year 7 to Year 12.

Parents and carers will be notified when book packs arrive and are ready for purchase.

School Uniforms

The clothing pool now have in stock some brand new uniform items being sold at cost price.

Shirts: sizes 4,6,8 and 12 – from \$6

Grey shorts: sizes 4,6,8,12,14 and 16 – from
\$12

Jumpers: sizes 4 and 8– from \$12.50

We still have a small range of second hand uniform items also. Donations of school uniforms will be gratefully accepted and can be left at the school office.

Quote of the week.

“You can’t cross the sea merely by standing and staring at the water.”
- Rabindranath Tagore

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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