

New Town Primary School Newsletter

22 February 2018



Dear Families

New Town Primary School is continuing its wonderful start to the school year. Classes are busy with their new curriculum and program for the year. The teachers have been busy discussing our schedule for the school year in order to provide you with a detailed update.

The following events will occur during the school year:

- A **Dance Event** in term 3
- A **Special Music Assembly** in term 3
- Science Week** and associated activities
- Book Week**-with a parade outside and a focus on our literacy and numeracy learning.
- Harmony Day**-March 21
- Welcome Barbby**-March 1 (see information below)
- Visit by **Jon Madin** in September (Marimba expert)
- Athletics Carnival** March 6
- ECE Athletics Carnival** April 10
- Anzac Day Assembly** May 4
- Cross Country** May 29
- School Photos** May 30 & 31
- Terrapin Puppets** August 15
- Central Concert Band Tour** and visit to NTPS August 16
- Water Safety Program** September 17-28
- Swimming Carnival**-October 22
- Band Rehearsals**- Wednesdays - September 5, 19, October 24, November 7 and 21
- New Town High School Orientation**-November 16
- DEC Concert and full day rehearsal** (involving our 5/6 band and choir students) November 30
- Night on the Green**-dates to be confirmed (two dates will be set aside, one as an alternative)
- Graduation Year 6 Students**-December 19
- Last Day Assembly**-December 20

Please note events occurring outside are subject to the weather and relevant safety concerns as a risk analysis forms part of the organisation for such events and excursions. In most cases if an event is cancelled we would hope to have an alternative date and time available. Often an alternative location is not an option due to the nature of the event and the numbers involved. Sometimes it is not possible to allocate the event to another date due to other commitments. Due to the impact on staff and families we work to provide adequate notice for any change of plans.

Reporting by teachers on student progress our schedule for 2018

- Progress Report-March 29
- Mid-Year Report-June 29
- Optional Interviews with teachers-July 2-6
- End of Year Report and Class Information for 2019-December 17

Please note we encourage you to meet with your child's teacher throughout the year. Communication between you and your child's teacher will certainly benefit your knowledge and understanding of the learning program and enhance your child's progress.

SEESAW

This year teachers will be trialling the SeeSaw App as a valuable tool for sharing the classroom learning-program in a more immediate and ongoing way. It will provide you with an opportunity to watch your child's learning journey. Classes will access this App as each teacher becomes confident and ready to engage families with this tool.

Welcome Barbecue and Classroom Visits-Thursday March 1

We wish to provide you with the opportunity to make an informal visit to your child's classroom on Thursday March 1 after school.

This will be supported by a free barbecue organised by our School Association to welcome everyone in the community to the new school year.

Teachers will be available in their classrooms during these times:

Session 1: 4.00-4.30

Session 2: 4.30-5.00

Please choose session 1 or 2 to visit your child's class.

It should be possible to fit at least two classes into one session.

Following your visit please join our teachers and families for a free barbecue in the courtyard. The food will be available between 5 and 6 pm. This is a great chance to socialise with other parents and staff.

**Please note two teachers will not be available on this night, Elizabeth Osborne and Rosie Bobbie.

Regards, Sharyn Gill

VALIDATION FORMS

Validation forms were handed out in the first week of term. Please complete them and return them to the office as soon as possible.

Thank you!

School Diary

Mon 26 Feb	Launch into Learning - 1:00 - 2:30pm
Thu 1 Mar	Welcome BBQ - Meet the Teacher
Fri 2 Mar	Launch into Learning - 9:00 -10:30am
Mon 5 Mar	Launch into Learning - 1:00 -2:30pm
Tue 6 Mar	Athletics Carnival - Years 3-6
Fri 9 Mar	Launch into Learning - 9:00 - 10:30am
Mon 12 Mar	Public Holiday - No School
Fri 16 Mar	Excursion - 45S - Molesworth
Wed 21 Mar	Harmony Day
Fri 30 Mar - Tue 3 April	Easter - No School
Tue 10 April	Athletics Carnival - Years K-2
Thu 12 April	Last Day for Students for Term 1
Fri 13 April	Student Free Day - No School

LAUNCH INTO LEARNING

Launch into Learning starts Monday 26 February. We will be running two sessions this year:

Mondays 1 - 2:30pm

Fridays 9 - 10:30am

Sessions will be held in our new LiL room which was a prep class last year. There will be signs to show the way.





SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AND GET COLLECTING



We would love your help collecting Coles Sports for Schools for our school. Tell your friends and family to get involved as well, because the more vouchers we collect, the more sports gear our school will receive.

HATS

Students are required to wear hats when outside in Term 1. Please ensure that your child has one at school. Hats may be purchased from Lowes. Lowes is in Northgate Shopping Centre at 387-393 Main Rd, Glenorchy

From Ms Leitch....

North Melbourne Football Club
Next Generation Gala Day 2018

North Hobart Oval
Sunday February 25
12pm

For girls and boys 11-12 years

CANTEEN

The canteen re-opens on Friday 2 March. Make sure your lunch orders are in Thursday morning so you don't miss out. Menus have been sent home with this newsletter.

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWS

WELCOME BBQ: On Thursday, 1st March the school will be holding a meet-the-teacher event (from 4 - 5), and the SA will be running a free barbecue for the school community from 5 on. Please come along and meet some of the other parents and community members, and find a School Association member to ask any questions you may have about the association!

CANTEEN: The canteen will be back up and running again next week, with ice-cream sales on Wednesday and lunches on Friday. If you are interested in helping with the canteen, please get in touch with Brett at the crossing.

COLES SPORTS IN SCHOOLS: We are now collecting Coles Sports for Schools vouchers. Please bring them into the school, or nominate our school if you shop online with Coles.

NEXT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEETING: To be held at 7pm on Tuesday, 6th March in the staff room. All are welcome to attend. 2018 Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 10th April - please think about becoming involved with the committee.

Gudrun Wells, Chair
(0424 770 751)

Student Absences
Phone: 6228 1339

Or email new.town.primary@education.tas.gov

The school phones were upgraded last year and the lines into the school have been changed. Please only use the number above.



New Town Primary Athletics Carnival 2018

Tuesday 6 March

(Back Up Day Tuesday 13 March)

Grade 3 – 6 Students

9:30 am – 12:30 pm

John Turnbull Oval

(opposite Lenah Valley Primary)

Order of Events

Sack Race	Grade 6 – 3
100 metre	Grade 6 – 3
200 metre	Grade 6 – 3
Three Legged	Grade 4, 3, 6, 5 (inside of track at same time as 200 m)
Late For School	Grade 6 Only (socks, shoes with laces, jumper, hat)
400 metre	Grade 6 – 3
Tug of War	Grade 4, 3, 6 & 5 Boys / Girls teams (Inside of track same time as 400m)
Shuttle Relays	Grade 3 – Grade 6
House Teams Tug of War	Selected Students from Grade 3 – 6 (1 boy & 1 girl from grade 3, 4 & 5, 2 x boy & girl gr 6)

** Please apply sun screen to your child as required before they come to school on Athletics Carnival Day, students must wear a hat when not in an event and there will be sunscreen available at the recorders desk and Shade Tents for each House.

** Students with asthma must have their medication with them

SPSSA Athletics Carnival:	Tuesday 20 March, Domain Athletics Centre
Champions Carnival:	Thursday 5 April, Domain Athletics Centre
State Athletics Championships:	Friday 11 May, Launceston (Term Two)