

New Town Primary School Newsletter

8 February 2018



Dear Families

Welcome to the new school year, 2018 and what a wonderful start for all classes! The effort made in 2017 to create positive, cohesive classes has certainly paid off this week with all students settling in particularly well. Thanks must go to Yvette Barrett for her coordination of important conversations with teachers and parents about class placement, especially around any concerns raised by families plus the collation of a rich data set to support the best decision making possible to support our students for 2018.

A Happy Learning Environment

Walking around the school on the first day there were lots of smiles and words of encouragement visible throughout the school. Thank you families for your work in preparing your child for school.

We also shift our thoughts to the year 6 students heading off to high school for the first time and wish them well for 2018.

Room Changes

Thank you to our hard working staff who have produced such a warm, welcoming and safe environment for your children. We have made a few changes to our spaces, the plan created to best enhance the learning environment for staff and students.

The moves all started as a result of 60 student enrolments for Kindergarten, so three Kindergartens in the early childhood area of the school.

The Preps have moved to join years 1, 2 & 3 students, now feeling very grown up in this new setting. With these students located around the courtyard we will be working on further improvements to this area, so watch this space.

The staffroom has moved to the workroom.

The staffroom is now an office for our AST (senior teachers) team.

The workroom has moved to the room off the courtyard.

The computer lab has moved to the library where we have created an 'Information Hub' for students. We are also opening this area up for students to visit at lunch time by providing staff supervision and guidance.

Band Program for 2018

Also this year we begin our involvement in the Band Program. Our year 5 and 6 students will have the opportunity to test for a position in the band for 2018. Claire Reade will be the teacher working Tuesday mornings with students selected for this group. She will begin this process next Tuesday February 14.

Teacher Meetings

Teachers will have meetings scheduled each week, in most cases a Wednesday afternoon after school.

LIL

Families have been asking about LIL and Pre-Kinder sessions. We are close to confirming times and will inform you of our plans as soon as possible. Yvette Barrett our Assistant Principal is overseeing this program so please do not hesitate to contact her if you have any questions.

I am very excited to return to New Town Primary as Principal with at least a two term assignment. So please do not hesitate to contact me about any issue or concern you have during the year.

Once again I must express our gratitude to all our fabulous staff for such a happy, smooth start to the new school year.

Regards, Sharyn Gill

New Town Primary Staff 2018

56S - Di Smith
56P - Ana Prior (0.8) and Denise Tanner (0.2)
45G - Ruth Goodman
45S - Roxanne Steenbergen (0.6) and Angela Woodward (0.4) (Melissa MacCrum first term)
34P - Elvira Patemoster
23P - Meagan Petzke
23B - Alison Bailey (0.8) and Denise Tanner (0.2)
12O - Elizabeth Osborne
12N - Barry Noble (0.5) and Victoria Cooke (0.5)
IP Karen Packer
PrepF Alex Frusher
PrepC Sue Coates (0.8) and Barbora Waterhouse (0.2)

Kindergarten

KB - Rosie Bobbi, Traci Huskinson (TA)
KS - Lisa Sproule, Lou Alexander (TA)
KA - Jeanette Atkins, Juanita Williams (TA)

Music: Rosalie Mulcahy

Band Instrumental Teacher: Claire Reade

PE: Susan Leitch and Barbora Waterhouse

Languages: Zoe Sharman

Support Teacher: Toni Tarbath

ASTs: Toni Tarbath, Angela Woodward, Denise Tanner

Assistant Principal: Yvette Barrett

Support Staff for 2018

Cleaning & Grounds:

Deb Patmore, Lyn Kormazynski & Jason Mayne

Office:

Margaret Robinson & Lisa van Emmerik

Teacher Assistants:

Pete Quarry, Juanita Williams, Traci Huskinson, Lou Alexander, Wendy Aboud & Jo Price

Library Technician:

Susan Wells

School Diary

Mon 12 Feb	Regatta Day - No School
Thu 1 Mar	Welcome BBQ - Meet the Teacher
Tue 6 Mar	Athletics Carnival - Years 3-6
Mon 12 Mar	Public Holiday - No School
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

The day and time for LiL has not yet been finalised. We will publish information regarding the start of the program on Facebook and in the newsletter as it becomes available.



COMBINED PRIMARY SCHOOLS BAND PROGRAM

The school will be joining the Combined Primary Schools Band Program in 2018. This is a school incursion program that provides instrumental music and choral tuition provision to schools. It has been in operation since 1975. It is a two year program for years 5 and 6 which involves weekly instrument lessons at school, after school rehearsals at set dates throughout the year, a two day 'band workshop' culminating in the DEC Combined Primary Schools Band Concert. Year 6 students also participate in a band tour to local schools in August. Students will be invited to be part of the program based on musical aptitude exercises and instrument availability. Instruments are provided by the school and the program incurs a fee to families of approximately \$100 for the year.

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWS

Have a say in school plans, events and fundraising

Did you know you can have a say and give feedback about various things going on at New Town Primary School?

The NTPS School Association Committee acts as voice for the school community and aims to help the school be the best it can for all students. Over the year we organise events for the students and school community, and raise funds for the school. We provide input and feedback on school plans and provide an opportunity for you to share any ideas or concerns you have.

We'd love you to join us!

The New Town Primary School Association meets on the first Tuesday of each month (10 meetings over the year), from 7pm - 8.30 in Mrs Smith's room. The first meeting for 2018 is **next Tuesday, 13th February**. All members of the school community are welcome to attend, or if you can't attend you can ask for an issue to be raised or to receive the minutes.

This year, our Annual General Meeting will be held in early April. Please consider becoming part of the committee - new faces would be gladly welcomed.

If you have any questions about the New Town Primary School Association, please don't hesitate to contact me.

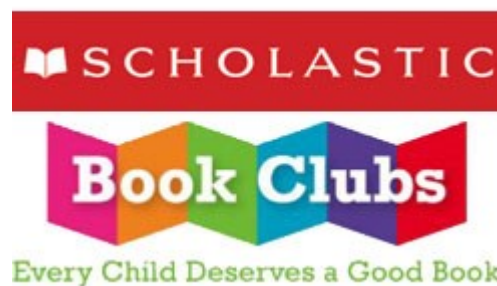
Gudrun Wells, Chair
(0424 770 751)

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

New Town Primary School participates in Scholastic Book Club, which benefits both students and the school. Students benefit by purchasing books to read. And the school library receives 20% of the value of Book Club orders, to purchase books and other resources. There are normally two Book Club catalogues sent home each term. The first catalogue for Term 1 will be sent home this week.

Parents wishing to purchase books should place orders by end of school on **Tuesday 20th February**. There are two options for ordering: (i) complete the paper order form and return it to the school office in a sealed bag, along with cash or cheque; or (ii) order and pay on-line at <http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP>. If ordering at the school office please include correct money because the office cannot give change. Please contact me via the school office if you have any questions.

Paul Rayner – Book Club Coordinator



REMINDERS

Car Park - Please be aware that the staff car-park is for staff members only. There are limited spaces in the car park, plus it is dangerous for students to be wandering in this area before and after school.

Punctuality - Music is played at 8:55 am for students to be in class and ready to start their day at 9:00 am. It is hard for teachers to explain the day's program to late students once their classmates have already started their work for the day. It is of the utmost importance for students to be in class ready when teachers explain the lessons to them. If your child is late to school, please remember that they need to be signed in at the school office.

Please Note - if parents wish to collect their child early from school, please send a note to your child's teacher advising them of same. If parents are collecting their child on a Friday Assembly day, please organise to collect your child prior to 2.00pm, so that the Assemblies can continue uninterrupted.

Student Absences - For security purposes, parents are asked to advise the school office each day by phone with your child/ren's absences prior to 9:00 am or by email to new.town.primary@education.tas.gov.au

Working with Vulnerable People Card - To volunteer at school you must have a card and it must be carried at all times while volunteering. Cards can be applied for at www.justice.tas.gov.au/working_with_children

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

School Information Brochures/Parent Fact Sheets
<http://www.education.tas.gov.au/parent-carers/parent-fact-sheets/>

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.