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# Newlands Newsletter

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### *What Happened This Week*

#### **Visit by Minister of Education Mr. Merlino & Minister for Finance Mr. Scott**

Yesterday afternoon Minister Merlino visited Newlands Primary. Our student leadership group of Nichols, Ruby, Erin and Ornette met both ministers formally and chatted to them about Newlands experiences, especially our wonderful concert last week.

As principal I accompanied the school council president Adam Palmer and the minister and their entourage around the school visiting classrooms, and observing teaching in action, especially our Spanish and Performing Arts programs.

The minister was very impressed with the quality of learning that was taking place within the classrooms, and he engaged with a number of students, which was great to witness, especially in the music room, where Minister Merlino took over the beat of the drums.



### **Upcoming Events Term Four**

#### **December 5**

- PFA meeting @ 7.15 pm

#### **December 6**

- Year Six transition to secondary school visit

#### **December 7**

- Organisation of literacy resources

#### **December 8**

- Santa to visit Newlands

#### **December 11**

- School Garden Working Bee  
1 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

#### **December 13**

- Graduation Dinner

#### **December 19**

- Student End of Year Celebrations
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### **SANTA's Visit**

**8<sup>th</sup> December, 2016**

**Santa will be visiting the kids at Newlands for the annual photo. More information will be available in the weeks to come.**

**This is a photo opportunity organized by Newlands with Santa.**





## Grade 5/6 visit to Coburg High School

On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November, the grade 5/6 class went to visit Coburg High School's Arts Department to participate in a day celebrating the amazing Arts programs at both our schools. We participated in 3 workshops – Performing Arts, Music and Visual Arts with the friendly staff and students at Coburg High.

In Performing Arts, we worked with a Year 8 class and got a taste of swing dancing with Dance teacher Lotta and learnt a simple hip hop routine with Dance/ Drama teacher Luke. We also got an opportunity to perform our concert items for the staff and students which was really well received. Before taking a break, we participated in a couple of really fun drama games with Luke.

The next workshop was in Music with some Year 8 students and music teacher, Heather. Coburg High School also does the Musical Futures program so we were really able to show off our skills! We worked in groups playing the drums, keyboard, ukulele, bass and guitar and by the end of the lesson, we were able to perform together.

Our final workshop was in the Visual Arts with Art Teacher, Emma. The focus was on simple printmaking techniques focusing mainly on block printing. We talked about creating shapes and simple designs that could be used to create patterns. We learnt how to use special cutting tools carefully to carve out our designs out of lino and then practiced inking the lino cuts and printing out our designs. Overall we had a fantastic day out at Coburg High School and we look forward to more opportunities where we can work together and share our skills and experiences.



## Important Announcements

### Reorganisation of Literacy resources

A big thank you to all those who have helped with this reorganization. A final push to get everything ready for our students to begin the 2017 school year will be held next week.

Please come along and help us with this on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December** between 2:00p.m. and 3:30 p.m. in the room opposite the library.

### PFA MEETING

The last PFA meeting for this year will be next Tuesday 6th December from 7.15- 8.30pm in the After School Care room. We will be finalising the Fundraising Plan for 2017, so if you have any ideas or just want to turn up to see how the meetings run please feel free. There will be Tim Tams! All Welcome.

### GARDEN WORKING BEE

We will be holding our last working bee for the year on Sunday December 11th from 1-3pm. We will be tidying up the vege patch, orchard and doing some general weeding. You don't need any gardening skills or experience to come along. It's a great chance to meet other parents and feel free to bring your kids- they always have a great time. We hope to see you there. Thanks! If you need to clarify anything just give me a call 0438 043 166 as I'm about to go to work and won't be checking emails again.

### eSmart

Last week we held our parent information session. A big thank you to all those who attended. We had positive feedback from all those who attended.

Here are some resources which you might find useful. A tip sheet for all parents is included in this newsletter.

eSmart School

[www.esmartschools.org.au](http://www.esmartschools.org.au)

eSmart Digital Licence

[www.digitallicence.com.au](http://www.digitallicence.com.au)

Children's eSafety Commissioner

[www.esafety.com](http://www.esafety.com)

Open DNS

[www.opendns.com](http://www.opendns.com)

Dear parents/guardians,

The SRC (student representative council) are organising an end of year celebration party for students. We have confirmed the date, it will be **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> of December**. It will be held during the school day.

Parents are welcome to bring in food. If you bring in food then you need label the ingredients clearly, as to avoid food allergies. The classes will help to provide decorations. There will be activities provided on the day. We will send home more information next week.

Stay tuned .

## Parents and Friends Afternoon Tea



**The PFA has been instrumental in raising funds for our school this year and has been involved in a number of amazing school activities.**

**This has all been due to the work and time parents have put in.**

Newlands PS and PFA appreciate all the contributions which have been made and want to say a big thank you!

So if you've flipped a sausage, baked a cake, sat in a meeting, or helped out in a classroom, (or anything you can think of!)

We invite you to our:

**PFA Afternoon Tea**

**Monday 12th December at 2pm**

**In Multi-purpose room**

**Young siblings and children welcome!**

**We also want to welcome new and existing parents in our community to come and say hello!**

