Student of the Week

Judith Jerrard 1/2

Judith is a new member of 1/2 class who has had a fantastic start at Newling. Judith has quickly adapted to the school routines and instantly become a great friend to her peers.
Judith always completes her school work to a high level and is always willing to help others.
Judith is reliable and responsible and always uses all of her You Can Do It keys to success.
**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

**Autumn Festival**
We had large number of students at the Autumn Festival Parade proudly representing our school on Saturday. They looked wonderful in their school uniforms up on the float and kept waving the Autumn leaves and streamers plus blowing bubbles for the crowd all the way through the parade.

A special thank you to Micheal Kim who volunteered the use of his truck and then drove it for the benefit and enjoyment of our students in the parade. A special mention to the team of parents and students who helped to decorate the truck: Angela Yates, Casie Yates, Dianne Kim and Marilyn Wright who were assisted by a number of students and our school captains.

It was wonderful to see such school spirit and parental support on Saturday at the Autumn Festival and the enjoyment for our students as a result was enormous.

**P and C BBQ**
The Newling P and C are calling for support for this weekend’s BBQ Fundraiser at Bunnings on Saturday 22nd March. Another volunteering roster is included in this Newsletter for parents/friends to help out in one hour sessions. The success of the day depends on your assistance.

Please return the roster with the preferred times for you to help out to school office before Wednesday. The roster will be finalised Wednesday and volunteers will be contacted to confirm times.

**P and C Annual General Meeting (AGM)**
The next P and C meeting on the first Wednesday of next month (2nd April) will be the AGM. At this meeting positions within the P and C will be re-elected. The P and C is great way to get involved with your child’s school and show them your support.

Anyone interested in being an office bearer or just wanting to be a part of the organisation is most welcome.

The P and C are responsible for decisions and the consultation with parents on changes/initiatives within the school. Membership of the P and C will allow you to play your part in the future directions of the school.

**Working With Children Check (WWCC)**
New protocols are in place in respect to the 2013 Child Protection Legislation. This legislation made it necessary for all persons employed in, volunteering in a child related activity or workplace to undergo a Working with Children Check (WWCC). My understanding is that this would mean persons who coach teams made up of children or supervise at any organised event. A WWCC can be obtained by visiting the website www.workingwithchildren.nsw.gov.au and getting a reference number to then take to the Services NSW (formally RMS & RTA) office for processing. Alternatively you can ask at the school office. Thank you for your support in this important initiative.

**Gathering**
Kindergarten/Year 1 class were fantastic in hosting last week’s Gathering. They were very confident talking to the audience and gave a wonderful presentation on the work they have completed this year.

**Harmony Day**
This week we celebrate Harmony Day, a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

Mrs Creighton has organised for a new mural to be painted representing “unity”, as the message for Harmony Day is that everyone belongs. Every student in the school will this Thursday afternoon be part of creating the mural. We look forward to revealing the finished artwork on Friday.

**Abundant Opportunities**
The school calendar is very busy this coming fortnight with many opportunities for our students. The older students will be at the Science and Engineering Challenge at UNE then at a debating workshop and Harmony Day celebrations Friday. The following week we have a Taronga Zoo visit and then Pet Care program for the younger students.

Newling students certainly get a lot of extra opportunities for experiences above and beyond at school!

**Star Awards**
This week’s “You’re a Star Award” certificates were presented to successful students who has been using the You Can Do It keys to success and demonstrating organisation, persistence, confidence, resilience and getting along.

Congratulations to our recipients: Kayden Hourigan, Oscar Ryan-Naylor, Morris Collins, Alex Ridgewell-Morris, Neville Weribone, Keinan Ahoy and Hayden Weatherall.

Murray Cox
Principal

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### Important Dates

**March**

- Science and Engineering Challenge Day UNE - 18th
- Debating Workshop - 19th
- Harmony Day Mural Painting – 20th
- Rugby League Trials – 21st
- P and C Bunnings BBQ - 22nd March

**April**

- Pet Care (K-2) - 25th
- Taronga Zoo Mobile - 25th
- Gathering 1/2 Hosting - 28th

- P and C AGM - 2nd April
- Farm Excursion - 4th April
- Easter Hat Parade - 11th April
**Week 1**

**SRC Trivia competition question:**
What are the house colours?

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**P and C NOTICES**

**UNIFORM POOL**

The Uniform Pool is running very low on:
- Boys shorts
- Grey trousers
- Green sports shorts
- Socks/tights

Donations of any clothing in good condition will be greatly appreciated.

If your child has had a change of clothes from the Uniform Pool can you return them as soon as possible.

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**VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS**

All families will receive a voluntary contribution letter this week.

All families who pay the contribution before the end of term will go into a draw for a $50 voucher from Independent Sports.

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**HARMONY DAY**

21 March is Harmony Day.

The message of Harmony Day is “Everyone Belongs”. It is a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

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At Newling we are celebrating the day on Thursday March 20th. All students will be invited to leave their painted handprint on a wall mural near the Library.

When completed the wall will feature red and green handprints on a white background and represent all Newling students in 2014.

By participating in Harmony Day activities we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and make it a better place.

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**KIDS CLUB**

To assist with catering and programs, if your child is registered and will not be at Kids Club on any Wednesday, parents are asked to contact the co-ordinator Janice Chapman on 0422411067.

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**Hockey New England Under 9’s Clinic**

**When:** Wednesday 23rd April 2014

**Time:** 9:30am to 12pm

**Venue:** New England Hockey Complex, UNE

**Cost:** $15 (Cash or Cheque payment on the day)

HNE in conjunction with Hockey NSW will be conducting a clinic for Under 9 year old boys and girls. This is a great opportunity for players to get some hockey under their belt before the season starts. It is also an ideal environment for players that may not have played hockey before to come and try this fantastic game.

For players that haven’t played before, sticks are available on the day.

**RSVP** to Blair Chalmers via e-mail: blair.c@hockeynsw.com.au

Under 13’s Wednesday 23rd, 1-4pm and 24 March at 3pm.

Armidale’s and NSW Arrows player, Georgia Morgan coaching girls at the Under 15 Development Camp in Newcastle this year.