



Thursday, 5th February 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I would like to take this opportunity to say how excited I am to be teaching Stage 3 this year. Having taught Stage 3 previously I understand what a pivotal moment this is in a child’s schooling.

To the parents of year 5 students, there will be some new and exciting challenges that lay ahead for your child throughout the year. However, with hard work and determination I am sure what ever goals we set, each student will gain great satisfaction from knowing they gave it their best.

To the parents of year 6 students, this year marks a milestone experience for your child. High school looms in the not so distant future and I see my role as a mentor to enable a smooth transition into year 7.

As we are moving into an ever changing learning landscape that requires students to be self-directed learners I will endeavour to meet each and every student’s educational needs. I would like my students and their families to be in the ‘driver’s seat’ of their learning experience this year.

On a personal note, commencing Monday, 26th February, I will be moving to a 3 day working week to be the primary caregiver for my two daughters on a Monday and Tuesday. I will continue to be on class Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, until the end of this year, where I will move back to fulltime work. During this time Mrs Rachel Haynes will be stepping in as classroom teacher on a Monday and Tuesday. We very much look forward to working together to ensure your child has a successful and fulfilling year.

To help your child develop a meaningful individual plan I would like parents/caregivers to have a conversation with your child around the importance of goal setting and achievement of these. Please refer to the attached pro forma that should be used as a guide. Once completed, these proformas are to be brought back to school and given to Mr Daniels. If you feel that you would like to discuss these goals face to face, please don’t hesitate to email me so we can decide on a time to talk about these further. My contact details are below.

Below I have included a list of items that will assist your child in our class. Please bring these in as soon as possible:

• Glue stick	• 3 HB pencils
• Scissors	• 3 red ball point pens
• 1 box of tissues	• 3 blue ball point pens
• Headphones	• Ruler
• Thumb drive	• Sharpener
• Homework book – A4 size, 96 pages	• Small, compact pencil case
• Library bag	• Coloured pencils
• Book to read in class – preferably a novel	• Textas
• Optional items include – protractor, simple calculator, pocket dictionary, geometry compass.	

Thank you in advance for your time, I am very much looking forward to meeting everyone and guiding your child through their final stage of schooling at Newcastle East.

Kind Regards,

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Principal

PERSONAL LEARNING GOALS – 5/6D NEWCASTLE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL

Student Name:	Parents Names:
Email Contact:	Phone Contact:
My strengths are...	
My areas of need are...	
I would like to be better at...	
3 academic goals I would like to achieve are 1) 2) 3)	
3 personal goals I would like to achieve are 1) 2) 3)	
What can I do to help me improve my skills and attain my goals...	
What can my teacher do to help me attain my goals...	
What can my parents do to help me attain my goals...	
Any other relevant information that may assist... e.g. medical needs, are glasses required, social needs etc	