

HILLTOP NEWS

Newcastle East Public School – Australia's Oldest School

Week Nine Term Four, Tuesday December 3rd, 2013

Edition Seventy-two

Getting Ready For Presentation Day – Please Note Earlier Time

Following yesterday's Assembly, with our Grade Five students making their speeches to convince us of their potential qualities as Captains for 2014, we are now busily preparing our last assembly of 2013, our Presentation Day, to be held at 9.30 on Monday 16th December. This time is a little earlier than the advertised 10am start, but will allow us more time to finish before recess, escape the heat of the day, and allow parents to get back to work a little earlier.

Several important announcements are made during Presentation Day, including the announcement of the new School Captains and Vice-captains, the Dux of the School, and our major academic prize winners. It would be wonderful to have a full audience of parents and family members to see the Presentation Day. Every child receives recognition for achievements and progress throughout the year, our School Choir will perform, and of course, it's our last official function for the year.

Mighty NEPS Raffle – Perfect for CHRISTMAS

We are still selling tickets for our incredible raffle, originally planned for the Colonial Fair, but postponed until our Christmas Concert night. Some books of tickets are still outstanding, and more books are available from the Office. To remind you, our fantastic prizes are:-

- 1st – family helicopter scenic flight
- 2nd – wine cabinet, with six bottles of fine wine
- 3rd – professional studio family photo package

As well, each week between now and the Christmas Concert, a name of a ticket seller will be drawn at Monday Assembly, with a skate-board as the prize.



NEPS Christmas Concert

Our own school Christmas Concert will be held on the same day as Presentation Day, Monday December 16th, starting at 5.30. You will see performances by our School Band, our Choir, some individual students, and lots of class items. After this short concert, food will be available from the BBQ. Everyone is invited along, and we would love to see grandparents, family and friends come along to celebrate the festive season with our students. The raffle draw will be a highlight of the night, so be there!

This Week's Quiz – from Guest Quiz-master Montana in 2M

No quiz last week (sorry, I forgot!) but this week's quiz is a literary one.

As usual, answers to john.beach@det.nsw.edu.au

Which one of Shakespeare's plays is about a tragic love affair between two young people?

Scripture Teachers' Christmas Service Wednesday– Parents' Choice

Our combined scripture teachers are producing a Christmas Concert for our students this Wednesday, at 1.45, in our COLA area. The Concert is set to be a traditional celebration of the Christmas spirit, with a message of “good will to all men”, without overtly or strident religious messages contained in it. All students are invited, including those who are enrolled in our Ethics Course. I have sent home a note for all students, with an exemption form for those parents who would like their children excluded. It is your right as a parent to withdraw your child from this performance, and students not attending will be taking part in an enjoyable alternative activity. The note for this has been sent home separately, and I can be contacted if you have further inquiries.

Science Club

This week Dr Susan Miles will demonstrate the workings of the human lung in Science Club. All students are welcome to see this exciting demonstration of just how we keep breathing, and the importance of keeping our heart and lungs healthy and “clean”.

Benson Library, Tuesday 1pm.

Movie Premiere - A World First!



On Tuesday 10th December 2M will be holding a movie premiere. The movie is called Time Travellers. It stars all the students in 2M and Mrs Miller. Everyone is welcome and it is held at 5.30 pm, 2M classroom. Make sure you bring a gold coin for entry. We would like everyone to attend this special night. There will be lemonade and pop-corn available for sale, and a cake stall as well. The movie is by the best director, Vanessa, Romeo's mum! Parents and grandparents are welcome too. See you there!

By Violet and Ruby

What the critics said...

“Definitely the best movie about Henry Wrensford ever made!” Margaret P
“I really loved the action sequences – very well acted by a talented young cast” David S

School Spectacular

Our former School Captain Harry Gelzinnis had a starring role in this year's production of School Spectacular, at the Sydney Entertainment Centre last weekend. Harry did such a wonderful job with his solo song, Sitting On Top of the World, and as a backing singer too. You can read all about Harry, who is currently a student at Hunter School for the Performing Arts, here: - <http://www.schoolsspectacular.com.au/cast/featured-artists-2013>

Kindergarten Welcome BBQ

A reminder for current Kindergarten parents, and for new 2014 Kindergarten parents, that your Welcoming Barbeque is planned for this Friday at 5pm on the school's front garden. Some meat will be available, plus you can bring your own to cook on our BBQ.



St Nicholas Choir Opportunity

Christchurch Cathedral Organist and Musical Director Peter Guy has made available spaces in the St Nicholas Choir for our students. Strong religious beliefs are definitely not a prerequisite, but the Choir does provide singers with a sound and enjoyable musical education, plus a very positive and formative experience. Our school has had a long association with the Cathedral, especially since our first school premises were on the Cathedral site, and for a brief time in the 1830's, we were in fact a Church School. The Choir experience may boost a student's chances of successful application to a Performing Arts High School. A sample musical performance of the Choir can be found at the following web address: - <http://www.newcastlecathedral.org.au/music.html> Parents are very welcome at all rehearsals and performances. For more information, please contact Peter Guy at music@newcastlecathedral.org.au, or on 0419 239 828.

It's Parent Survey Time

You may receive a call over the next few weeks from a parent member of our School Council, conducting a telephone survey of parents' perceptions of our school. Please try to participate if you can – the survey is completely anonymous, it gives staff valuable information on how our school is seen by our community, and often turns up some very creative ideas about things we could improve or change at the school.

For Your Diary- Last Three Weeks of School Year

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
2 Speeches by Grade Five students – School Captaincy	3	4	5	6 Welcome BBQ for new K parents, hosted by this year's K parents – School Forecourt
9 Last P and C Meeting School Council	10	11	12 Year Six Formal Dinner at Souths Leagues Club	13
16 10-Presentation Day 5.30 Christmas Concert 6.30 Christmas Barbeque	17 Class Party Day	18 Final day of school year 2.30 – Clap-out		

Recycling Your Old School Uniforms

Don't forget to mark our Christmas Concert in your diary – Monday 16th December at 6pm. As well as some entertaining class items and delicious food for sale, there will be a sale of beautiful Christmas craft items made by our children, as well as re-cycled uniform items. To assist our P and C, if you have any second-hand uniform pieces you might like to donate, please send them into school on Thursday 12 or Friday 13 December.

P and C Golf Day

Put it in your calendar - Sunday December 8, at Merewether Golf Course. It's an Ambrose Day, so the longest shot each time sets every-one's starting point for their next shot, making the day far more even for beginners and experienced, and lots more fun, even if you have the odd bad shot. Just \$60 gets the round of golf, plus food and drinks. P and C President Chris Baker has all the information, but he needs your name. You can reach him on 0411 571 721.

Excellent Tea Towel Sale Now On – For a Limited Time Only

Our Colonial Fair didn't happen, because of the asbestos problem we have been dealing with, so we have surplus stock. With Christmas coming up soon, it's a great gift idea for grandmothers and all the rellies. P and C has taken the bold marketing step of discounting, to a mere \$10 per tea-towel or 3 pack for \$25, for a fabulous Christmas present.



Canteen

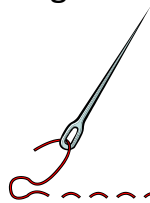
Volunteer Roster

Week 8	2nd December Deb Clarke-Jones	4th December Sally Bursill	6th December Maggie Hall Nicole Tait
Week 9	9th December Kate McClelland	11th December Lisa Marshall Helen Cossettini	13th December Ziva Westley Pip Strachan

Donations – Tinned Pineapple Rings

Families on the donation roster for this week are:

Nagle-Hill/Retzlaff /Osborne/Parsons/West/Payne/Frost/ Phillips/Pidcock/Mee



Sewing Club

A quick reminder that the last meeting of Sewing Club for this year will be held this week on Friday 6th of December. This meeting will be 'Party Day' for the club and will be in Miss V's room as usual.



Newcastle Youth Orchestra

NIMA in association with Newcastle Youth Orchestra present:

Classics

on the boardwalk

Song & Dance Symphony

featuring
Newcastle Youth Orchestra

The Honeysuckle Boardwalk incorporates the finest in restaurant dining. Together with our best young orchestral musicians in a full symphony... Newcastle really has something to make a song and dance about! Don't miss your opportunity to experience a delightful free program of light classics accompanied by the best in harbour views, food and wine. Book your table at participating restaurants today!

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Friday 6 December 6.00-9.00pm

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