

# HILLTOP NEWS

Newcastle East Public School – Australia's Oldest School

Week Ten Term Four, Tuesday December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Edition Seventy-three

## Getting Ready For Presentation Day – Please Note Earlier Time of 9.30

Many thanks to the organisers and guests of last Friday's Welcome to Kindergarten BBQ, which was very well attended, and very successful. Our new Kinder kids and parents certainly know that they're welcome at NEPS, and the children now confidently move around the school, like veterans. Mrs Thompson, Ado, and Chris Baker deserve our thanks for taking on yet another role in our school!

This week we have our Year Six Dinner to look forward to as well as 2M's movie premiere, but the key date for parents to try to be at the school is next Monday, Presentation Day. Here's the program for the day of celebrations: -

- 9.30 Presentation Day on the COLA. Everyone is welcome to this celebration of the achievements of our students. The ceremony includes a performance by our School Choir, under the leadership of Mrs Edge, and the first public performance of our new school song. The Presentation Day is expected to finish around 11, important advice for those with car parking concerns.
- 5.30 Christmas Concert. Again, an open invitation to all the family, with class performances expected to run for about an hour, followed by a BBQ dinner. Students will sit in their Monday Assembly lines for the performances, to show respect for the performers, then mingle with their parents for food and drink after.

## 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. Every student received an additional book of tickets last week. I recognise that this is an intense time of year for many families, but without the Fair, we really need to sell as many tickets as possible to try to raise money for our students. To remind you, our fantastic prizes are:-

- 1<sup>st</sup> – family helicopter scenic flight
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – wine cabinet, with six bottles of fine wine
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 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. This week's skate-board was won by Emily Miles of 3E. Congratulations!



## Science Club

On Tuesday last week, some budding doctors heard Dr Susan Miles explain how the heart and lungs work in our bodies. Then it was time for some diagnostic work, with our young scientists checking each other's pulse, breathing, and other "life signs".

Dr Miles also showed us some X-rays of a healthy pair of lungs and a set of lungs with bad congestion, due to pneumonia.

It was fun, and we learned so much about our respiration that it was an inspiration! Thank you Dr Miles!



## Success Becomes a Habit



- Riley Egerton from Grade Two has been selected in the Newcastle Jets Under 9 Emerging Jets squad for 2014. The squad trains hard for one and a half hours, every Tuesday and Friday, at Wallsend. Ryan Campbell is the Head Coach. The team will be going up to Coffs Harbour to play some games, and in 2014 we play a competition including Central coast and Sydney teams. Riley is happy to play right through the summer!

- Three of our ex-students were nominated for CONDA Awards this year, for their work in the dramatic arts. They are Harry Gelzinnis and Jasmine Duff, for Tantrum Theatre's Romeo and Juliet, and

Hadrian Le Goff, for Rumpelstiltskin (Young People's Theatre).

We wish them all the best of luck. More at: -

<http://www.theherald.com.au/story/1916460/35th-condo-award-nominations-photos/>

- Congratulations to our many students, boys and girls, performing in their Christmas Ballet Concerts, too, and thanks for bringing your skills into our School Dance troupe. Miss Heidi's School of Dance even conferred a special honour on Averil Jones, the prize for "Hardest Working Dance Student". The picture shows Ben D, Oliver C, and Averil, in costume at the Christmas Concert.



## This Week's Quiz

Well done, Asha Osborne and Luciana Clews, first to answer correctly last week, with *Romeo and Juliet*. The question was "Which one of Shakespeare's plays is about a tragic love affair between two young people?"

Now, the last quiz for 2013. And it's mathematical.

Where should addition signs be placed between digits of the number 987654321 to get a total of 90? As usual, answers to [john.beach@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:john.beach@det.nsw.edu.au). Good luck.

## Movie Premiere - A World First!

Excitement is mounting! Tonight Mrs Miller's class, 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!



What the critics are saying about Time Travellers...

*"Rivals Fellini in its sumptuous set design!"* Margaret P

*"Finally, the words 'Henry Wrensford' will become a house-hold name!"* David S

*"An astonishing accomplishment! And the actors are so young!"* Sandra H

## For Your Diary- Last Two Weeks of School Year

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
9 Last P and C Meeting  School Council	10 World Premiere – Time Travellers in 2M classroom, 5 pm	11	12 NEPS Choir performs in Hunter Street Mall, 11.30  Year Six Formal Dinner at South's Leagues Club	13
16 9.30 Presentation Day  5.30 Christmas Concert 6.30 Christmas Barbeque	17 Class Party Day	18 Final day of school year  2.30 – Clap-out		

## P and C Golf Day

Another successful fund-raising event organised by our P and C. Thanks to Chris and all those playing on Sunday, we raised \$320 for our students, had a good social day, and improved our handicaps (hopefully!)



## Recycling Your Old School Uniforms

Don't forget to mark our Christmas Concert in your diary – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Premier's Reading Challenge



Congratulations to these clever students, who were each awarded a Premier's Reading Challenge Certificate at Monday's Assembly. And special congratulations go to Asha and Tate Osborne, for their fourth consecutive year of successful participation in the Challenge. KT would like to thank 5/6H for their help in completing the Challenge.

## Rugby Rego Days

Wanderers Rugby Club is looking for players from Under Six to all ages, and they are holding registration days on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February next year, at No 2 Sportsground. You can email for more information at [www.wanderersrugby.com.au](http://www.wanderersrugby.com.au)

## 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.



## Sewing Club Thanks to Miss V

Last Friday's Sewing Club was the last for 2013, and I would like to express my gratitude to Miss Varagnolo and her many adult helpers for making the Club so popular. To get such strong numbers turning up each week, on a Friday afternoon, is quite a feat, and Miss V deserves our thanks for making it happen, week after week.

## Canteen



<b>Week 11</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> December Michelle Lott	18 <sup>th</sup> December <b>TBA</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Xmas Holidays</b>
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