

HILLTOP NEWS

Newcastle East Public School – Australia's Oldest School

Week Three Term Four, Tuesday October 21th, 2014

Edition One Hundred and Thirteen

Colonial Fair – What a Day!

It could hardly have been better – a beautiful day, lots of great stalls, delicious food, and a huge friendly crowd! The day was a financial success too, with our P and C raising over \$28000, with more to come. Planning such a successful day takes many months of hard work, so our thanks must go to the organising committee, which has now developed the blueprint for many successful future fairs, with the balance of stalls and entertainment, history and heritage, just right. With so many hours of work put in by teachers and parents, as well as by our students, we can only offer our sincere thanks to everyone for such an outstanding job! Some special highlights: -

- We recorded record sales at several stalls, including nearly \$4000 at Craft, \$3300 at the BBQ, our International Food stalls making \$2200, and 2H's class book making \$2200, with the promise of more sales to come yet.
- Many of our ex-students came back for the Fair and to visit the old school
- Descendants of the Eckford family, one of our first families from 1816, came forward to get involved with our 200th anniversary school history project.
- Decorated cake-box winners were Olivia Prickett, Hamish Anderson, Ella Hall, and Noah Handley. We had many entries, but these four were judged the most creative, and each received a prize pack.
- Big winners in the raffle were the McCauley family, Jenny Paterson, John de Bruyn, Anne Wood, and Mary Coakes. Thanks to all who bought tickets, with the raffle raising \$2000.
- We were able to exhibit the maquette of our winning sculpture entry, and it received a very positive response.
- Lots more pictures are on our Facebook site at www.facebook.com/nepschool



As usual the success of our fair was dependent upon the generous donations and support from local businesses and we are most appreciative for the amazing variety and sheer volume of goods and services donated. **Following is a list of our corporate sponsors. Please reciprocate their generosity by supporting their businesses.**

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| • Australia Post Shop
Newcastle | • Reserve Wine Bar | • Goldberg's |
| • OPSM Newcastle | • Priceline Pharmacy
Hamilton | • Jodie Louise Millinery |
| • McGuigan Wines | • Hunter Valley
Gardens | • Little Wren Flowers |
| • House of Elliot | • Balance City
Newcastle | • Om Shalom Hair and
Make Up |
| • Mount Pleasant
Estate | • Sharp Electronics | • Studio Melt |
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| • Blueberry Hill
Vineyard | • Silo Restaurant and
Lounge | • Travel Now |
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| • Frankie's | | • Tintilla Estate |
| • Winemakers Centre | | • 2300 |

Election Barbeque Saturday – Don't Forget To Vote

Still got a little energy left after the busy Fair weekend?

Could you volunteer for an hour or two at Saturday's election barbeque?

Our P and C is seeking people to spend a little time cooking or serving to the voters turning out for the Newcastle state seat by-election. As well as food and coffee, we plan to sell some remaining items from the craft stalls at the Fair, as well as some severely discounted books from the book stall. There will be some amazing bargains, as we try to edge our Colonial Fair total up over the \$30000 mark, but to make that happen we ask for your help. If you can work for some time Saturday, any time slot from 7 am till 1 pm, please complete the slip below and return to the School Office.

We plan to hold a cake stall as well, so if you can help, please send in a cake or biscuits Saturday morning, to be sold at the barbeque.

Election Barbeque

I can help!

My best times are _____

My best phone number is _____



Cancer Council Presentation

Recently we had a visit from Shayne Connell, of the Cancer Council, and this large but very cuddly bear, who presented us with a plaque noting the support given by the Cancer Council to our new shade-cloth playground covering. They were popular at Assembly, especially the wobbly-headed bear, and Shayne reminded us of the importance of wearing a hat and sun-screen in Australia.

AASC Cancellations

Please note that Ado Thompson's After School Sport groups: European Handball and Junior Girl's Sport Skills will be cancelled for this week and next. The Tuesday Basketball and Wednesday Surfing will go ahead as the weather allows.

Canteen

Staffing Crisis

We currently are unable to find anyone to work on the Canteen this coming Friday 24th October. If this remains the case we **will be forced to close the Canteen on Friday**. We need two volunteers so if you can assist please contact Cherry: 0409 927 006 as soon as possible.

Volunteer Roster

The Term 4 Roster will be sent home today if you are able to fill any vacancies shown please contact Cherry.

Week 3	20th October Michelle Lott	22nd October Clare Hogue	24th October Volunteers Needed
Week 5	27th October Chris Baker	29th October Liane Dunford	31st October Teval Guner Volunteer Needed

Donations: Cheese Slices

Families on the donation roster for this week are: Leet, Murdoch, Randall, Lopez, Mowatt, West, Ritter, Ellway, Hall, Kwok, McCauley, Beattie, Dederer, and Oliphant

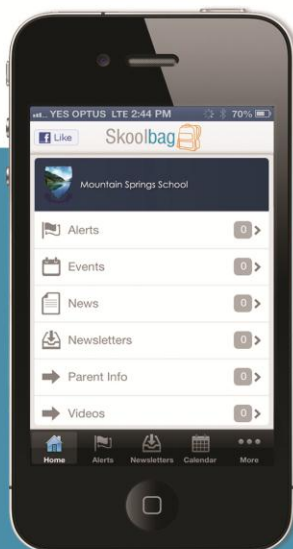
Skoolbag

Please note that the Skoolbag app is undergoing system maintenance and may not be sending through push notifications with reliability. We received the following message from the providers of our school app. We are unsure as yet how wide spread the implications will be in the immediate future however we will work with Skoolbag to solve any issues that become apparent:

Just a note to let you know that with Apples latest iOS 8 update they have managed to break various functions in the Skoolbag app. We are aware of these issues including push notifications not working, and to rectify this we are currently updating the apps with a new version. Please note that the issue does not effect users who are still running iOS 7. For current Skoolbag customers your app will be upgraded to 2.6.0 version. Updates are being submitted daily to Apple who then take around 5 - 7 days to approve them. You can expect the update will be ready for download within the next 2 - 4 weeks. We thank you for your patience in this matter, as this was an issue that was beyond our control.

Term 4 2014

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/ Sun
One		7 Lessons resume	8 12.30 Cancer Council visit	9	10	11/12
Two	13 Bandfest/ P and C / School Council	14	15	16	17	18/19 Colonial Fair
Three	20	21 Choral Festival	22 Choral Festival	23 Choral Festival	24	25/26
Four	27 Swim School	28	29 Kindergarten Information Evening 6pm	30	31	1/2
Five	3 Swim School Kindy O	4	5	6	7	8/9
Six	10 Kindy O	11	12	13	14	15/16
Seven	17 Kindy O	18	19	20	21	22/23
Eight	24 Kindy O	25	26	27	28	29/30
Nine	1 Captains' Speech Assembly	2 Scripture Christmas Concert 1.45	3	4	5 Kindy O BBQ 5.30	6/7
Ten	8	9	10	11 Year Six Dinner	12	13/14
Eleven	15 Presentation Day	16 Class Party Day	17 Last day of Term / Clap-out			



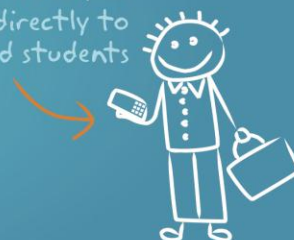
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Smartphone school to parent communication

Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- > School, free push notification alerts
- > School events
- > School newsletters
- > School documents
- > School RSS feeds
- > School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

iPhone & iPad Users

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.



Android Users

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
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