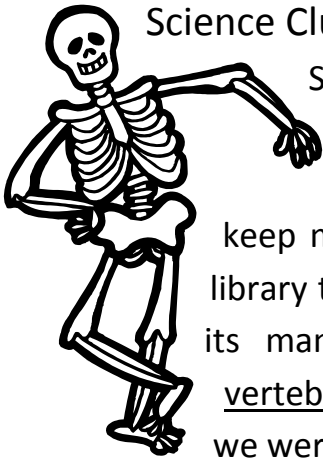


# HILLTOP NEWS

Newcastle East Public School – Australia's Oldest School

Week Seven Term Four, Tuesday November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Edition One Hundred and Seventeen



## Science Club – A Skeleton in Our Closet

Science Club this week hosts Dr Susan Miles, who will explain to us how the bones of the human body connect together, how they hold us up, how they make it possible for us to move around, and how they keep making fresh blood to keep us healthy. Everyone is welcome in the library tomorrow, Wednesday, to take a closer look at a human skeleton and its many different parts. Animals with bones and spines are called vertebrates, and you might like to think about how life would be different if we were all Invertebrates, like worms or slugs.

## Election Barbeque Thanks

Many thanks to P and C members, parents and teachers who volunteered to operate the successful hot food stall on Saturday, as residents came to vote for the new Lord Mayor of Newcastle. While the number of voters was down a little, we still made a profit of just under \$1000 for the morning, money which could readily translate into three iPads, or two lap-tops, or lots of Library books for our avid readers. And of course, it is now well-known that our new Lord Mayor, Nuatali Nelmes, is an ex-student of NEPS. Special thanks, again, to Chris and Ado, who did the lion's share of the organisation and preparation. Once again, it was pleasing to see that some of our students helped as well.

## Musica Viva – Song Company

Last week's concert was spectacular, and our students enjoyed it. This four-piece a Capella group lead us in some rounds and part singing, and to top it off, our thank you was a brief performance by our own senior girls with their own harmonic performance.



## Vacation Science Courses

Many of our students have a strong interest in experimental science, and these UNSW courses during January might interest families who want to spend a few days in Sydney, while the children have some exploratory fun at university.

<https://education.arts.unsw.edu.au/about-us/gerric/for-gifted-students/>

## School Council Positions Filled At Last Night's Meeting

We are very grateful for the work carried out by our School Council over the past year, under the leadership of Kate King, who navigated us through various issues with school maintenance, advocacy for our school, the odd controversy, and internet privacy. With the election of new officers last night, I thank the outgoing members for their outstanding work, and congratulate the new members on School Council. I've listed all below, and each is very happy to discuss with you your school-related thoughts. My thanks to Mrs Hadfield and Mrs Jardim also, for representing staff viewpoints on Council so well.

Kate Drew: President  
Mike Giles: Secretary  
Kate King: Parent (Out Going President)  
Jane Gilchrist: Parent  
John Mowett: Parent  
Baris Guner: Parent  
John Beach: Principal  
Julie Jardim: Teacher  
Kim Hadfield: Teacher  
Rose Cogger: Community Member

## Kindergarten Welcome Barbeque

A quick reminder for this year's Kindergarten parents that we are hosting a welcome barbeque on the forecourt of the school at 5.30 Friday December 5. More information will be sent home this Friday, but all parents and children of this year's K classes, and next year's, are invited for this casual evening function.

## School Maintenance – fence and timber work

Last week we had several contractors measuring up to prepare quotes for two major jobs at the school, the fence on Tyrrell Street, and the restoration of the timber work on the three external verandas. Masons from Sydney measured and photographed each stone on the fence, to cut stone to replace damaged sections, with work starting (hopefully) early next year. Restoration will be in two separate programs, the first for stonework, the second for the wrought iron. The timber work, and painting, might happen during the vacation, if labour is available. These two projects will make a huge difference to the appearance of the school, which has shown real signs of deterioration in the last twelve months.

## Goal-keeper's Outfit Free

We have a size 12 soccer goalie's shirt and short for anyone who can use it. Please see me!

## WHAT I SAW THROUGH THE KEYHOLE – WRITER OF THE WEEK

Outside the keyhole there were hundreds of green and yellow fields. On the left were pens and inside the pens were black and white cows, bright pink pigs, fluffy white goats and rams, big black and bright Marron Bulls charged at each other. White, grey and black horses trotted across the long fields and the hens and roosters fly in the big coop.

Yellow corn, white rice and pale wheat grow on fields. There are big and small peaches, apples, bananas, oranges, nectarines, plums and tomato trees. Honey was being made by bees on the right.

In the foreground, sunflowers, tulips, roses and daffodils grew. In the background, the farmer ploughed a new field.

The farm sounded like cows communicating, goats shouting and hens talking. I could almost taste the wet, delicious fruit and yummy, growing crops. It smelt like a giant fruit salad in a fancy restaurant.

By Romeo, Grade Three



### Swim School Certificates

Two weeks of daily practice really paid off, with thirty NEPS students making big advances in their swimming stroke, safety, and endurance. Each received a certificate showing their progress, at last Wednesday's Assembly. Congratulations!

### For Your Diary – Dates and Times To Note

- Captain Candidates' speeches – Monday December 1, 8.50
- Presentation Day – Monday December 15, 10 am.

### The Quiz, Gone Strangely Anatomical!

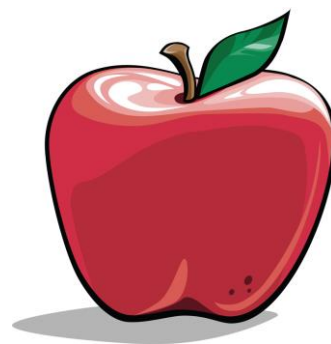
Congratulations to Emily Miles, first to correctly work out that last week's cryptic clues made up the name Mansfield. This week, how many bones in the human body?

Answers by email to [john.beach@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:john.beach@det.nsw.edu.au) Only those who've not won before please!

## Canteen - Staffing Crisis

If you can spare even a day a term, your help will make all the difference. Currently we have a small band of helpers who are carrying the load and this is unsustainable. To prevent further closures please contact Cherry: 0409 927 006 to offer your help.

***Thank you to the lovely volunteers who were able to fill the vacancies this week***



## Volunteer Roster

<b>Week 7</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> November</b> Deb Clarke Jones	<b>19<sup>th</sup> November</b> Jenny Williams	<b>21<sup>st</sup> November</b> Ingrid Beavis Tina Irving
<b>Week 8</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> November</b> Lisa & Lesley Marshall	<b>26<sup>th</sup> November</b> Clare Hogue	<b>28<sup>th</sup> November</b> Belinda & Rob Johnson

## Donations: Dishwashing Liquid

Families on the donation roster for this week are: Wood, Ford, Gay, Bohlsen, Crane, Stockdale, De Malmanche, Giles, Marosszeky, Katzmarski



We are working towards streamlining our parent / community communication processes by consolidating all functions into the Skoolbag app. For those of you who do not have access to a smartphone or who would prefer to view the app alerts and info online we have installed a link on the front page of the school's website which also facilitates subscribing to email alerts. If you have not already done so please subscribe to this email list to ensure that you receive up to date school news and alerts.

## Term 4 2014

<http://www.newcastle-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar>

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/ Sun
One		7 Lessons resume	8 12.30 Cancer Council visit	9	10	11/12
Two	<b>13</b> 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 Year 5 Gala Day NHS	31	1/2
Five	3 Swim School Kindy O	4	5	6	7	8/9
Six	<b>10</b> Kindy O 2 <sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform Sale 9:00am	11	12	13 Musica Viva 1:45 pm	14	15/16
Seven	17 Kindy O	18	19	20	21	22/23
Eight	24 Kindy O RSVP Year 6 Dinner	25	26	27	28	29/30
Nine	1 Captains' Speech Assembly 8.50	2 Scripture Christmas Concert 1.45	3	4	5 Kindy O BBQ 5.30	6/7
Ten	8	9	10	11 Year Six Dinner Souths Leagues Club	12	13/14
Eleven	15 Presentation Day 10am	16 Class Party Day	17 Last day of Term / Clap-out			