

HILLTOP NEWS

Newcastle East Public School – Australia's Oldest School

Week Six Term Four, Tuesday November 11th, 2014

Edition One Hundred and Sixteen

Musica Viva Thursday



Parents are welcome too, at Thursday's afternoon concert by the Song Company, part of their national Musica Viva tour. Song Company represents vocal music and harmony at the highest level, and will give our students the opportunity to hear quality music which is fun and unusual. It's not too late for your child to pay to go, and for parents and family, there is no charge at all, so please try to join us at 1.45 under the COLA! Click this sample: -

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mABw9ir27mI>

Election Barbeque Volunteers

Another election, I hear you say. This Saturday it's to choose a new Mayor of Newcastle, and we expect another 1500 people to vote at our school. That's potential fund-raising sales of hundreds of bacon and egg rolls, sausage sandwiches, and drinks. We love democracy! Last election we raised \$1500, so this time, why not get involved? It's fun but hot work, lots of friendly chatting goes on, and our kids benefit. To help, put your name down at the Office, or just run up anytime from 7am Saturday until Lunch.

Swimming School – Eye-witness Reports by Those Who Were There

Not last Monday but the Monday before, most of 2H and some kids from 1/2V went on an excursion to swimming school. When we hopped on the bus I was Sarah's partner. Then when we got to the pool we got changed. After that a teacher called Michelle talked to us, and we had to swim 50 metres free-style. Then we left. The next week with my group I learned how to do survival backstroke and back-sculling. I also learned some tips on freestyle. For the next two weeks Year Two learned how to do great swimming. On Friday we had a safety talk. I love swimming! By Imala Cush

On Monday two weeks ago my class and a few other people went to swim school. We boarded the bus and a few of us played Spotto. Once we were there, we went to the change rooms. Because I was away on Monday I had to do a swimming test to see what group I was in. Once I was in my group, we started treading water and survival backstroke. We continued this until Thursday, and Michelle was away. We had Kay for a day, and she was great fun! We swam for as long as we could, and Mani swam 400 metres! On our last day, Friday, it was different. We had a free swim and did some life-saving skills, using a noodle, a kick-board, and a piece of rope. If you had money you could spend it. My favourite thing was the free swim, and learning to do the three stroke freestyle. By Evie Zavos

For Your Diary – Dates and Times To Note

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

Parents Have a Voice

We try to be responsive to our community's aspirations for the school, and there are several ways that you might get your ideas across, including: -

- Next Monday evening both P and C (5.30) and School Council (7.00) meet, to discuss school planning for 2015, fund-raising and spending priorities.
- School Council is holding its AGM, a chance to get involved with school policy making.
- Our telephone survey is humming along, so you may get a call from a parent member of School Council seeking your views on how the school manages certain matters, and asking your ideas on improvements in the future. Think ahead!

Maths Olympiad

Congratulations to Will M, Eliza P and Gus S, our top-scoring mathematicians in this year's Maths Olympiad. This is a series of difficult weekly maths challenges, which must be completed against strict time limits. I've included this example to try at home: -

Sheila went shopping. She spent one quarter of her money on a hat and one third of her remaining money on a shirt. She had \$20 left. How much did she have originally?



What's Happening at Science Club?

We've been experimenting with rockets, powered by compressed air. We force the air from a soft-drink bottle through a tube into a rocket that we have built ourselves. They really fly, sometimes over thirty metres. It was fun! More information: -

<http://www.activityrocket.com/blog/make-a-paper-rocket-and-launch-it>

The Quiz, Gone Strangely Cryptic!

Well done, Eliot and a few others, who told me that George Mansfield was the architect of our old school building. This week it's a cryptic clue which will take some working out.

I am a person. My first part is not a lady. My fourth is the one before "t". My last is another name for a meadow. Who am I?

Answers by email to 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.

Volunteers needed Wednesday and Friday Week 7 ...



Volunteer Roster

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| Week 6 | 10th November Jenny Williams | 12th November Katrina Kana | 14th November Lisa Marshall Helen Cossettini |
| Week 7 | 17th November Deb Clarke Jones | 19th November Volunteer Needed | 21st November Volunteer Needed |

Donations: Cheese Slices

Families on the donation roster for this week are: James, Fensom, Retzlaff, Pidcock, Williams, Barber, Dennis, Handley, McCallum, Miles, Squires, Kauter, Wyman

Second Hand Uniform Sale

Claire will be holding another flash uniform sale on the verandah outside the Administration building on Monday 17th November at 9:00am straight after assembly. Come along and grab some bargains.



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.

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

| Week | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat/ Sun |
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| 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 Year 5 Gala Day NHS | 31 | 1/2 |
| Five | 3 Swim School Kindy O | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8/9 |
| Six | 10 Kindy O 2 nd 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 | | | |