

HILLTOP NEWS

Newcastle East Public School – Australia's Oldest School

Week Nine Term Four, Tuesday December 2nd, 2014

Edition One Hundred and Nineteen

Dates for Your Planner

We're getting to the busy part of the year, and the dates are piling up. Some really important ones for your diary: -

- Today, 2 pm, Benson Library - Scripture Christmas Concert
- Thursday 4th – Old Post Office – 5.30, Choir public performance of Christmas songs
- Friday 5th – Kindergarten barbeque – 5.30, School Forecourt
- Monday 8th – P and C/School Council meeting – Reserve Wine Bar
- Thursday 11th - Year Six Farewell Dinner, Souths Leagues Club
- Monday 15th - Presentation Day, on the COLA, at 10.
- Monday 15th - School Christmas Concert and Barbeque – 5.30, COLA
- Wednesday 17th - Clap-out for departing students, 2.30



Neptunes Hit The Road

Last week our Choir, the fabulous Neptunes, under the direction of Mrs Edge, and with lots of help from many parents, travelled to Edgeworth, to perform Christmas songs in a nursing home for old people. From all accounts, they spread joy with their songs, some of the audience members even shedding a tear at the beauty of the music. It is truly a treat to hear them sing, and see their enthusiasm, and you can do it all again this Thursday, at 5.30, on the steps of the old Newcastle Post Office. The Neptunes will be a part of a living Christmas pageant, a walking Advent Calendar of music and performance, and there's more information at this link: -

<https://www.facebook.com/events/899590700058891/>

Parents are asked to please have their children at the Post Office by 5.15 Thursday.



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.

Safety in Our School

We work hard to keep our students safe at school, and we do our best to make sure that they get home safely every day. Several recent incidents have led to this reminder: -

- Traffic awareness – installation of the flashing School Zone signs around our school is expected to take place this week. In many cases installation is closely followed by a police campaign of enforcement, to make sure that the community is well aware of the speed restrictions and the timing of the School Zone.
- Playground safety – supervisory care is provided for children by the school staff whenever a teacher is on playground duty. A teacher is scheduled for the playground from 8.20 am, until bell time at 2.45, each day. Outside these hours, children using the grounds are the responsibility of their parents or carers.
- Safe entry and exit from the Brown Street side is only by the pathway behind the hedge, keeping children away from the staff car park, or by the Main Office entrance.
- Skateboards and scooters are ridden to school entirely at the discretion of parents.



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The Quiz, and Alex Miles the Winner

Well done Alex, working out this tricky cryptic clue to reveal King Edward Park as the answer.

I'm nearby but I'm neither prince nor queen. Some call me Teddy, and you can visit me to play. Who am I?

This week: -Your friend presents you with the numbers 2, 3, 4 and 5, and the symbols = and +, and the following tantalizing challenge: It is possible to use each number and symbol once and only once and end up with a true equation; further, you cannot use any number or symbol not given. How can you do this? That's tough!

Answers by email to john.beach@det.nsw.edu.au

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.



Volunteer Roster

Week 9	1st December Volunteer Needed	3rd December Gillian Zavos	5th December Ziva Westley Pip Strachan
Week 10	8th December Volunteer Needed	10th December Kate Bookallil	12th December Teval Guner Volunteer Needed

Donations needed: MARGARINE/SOFT BUTTER

Families on the donation roster for this week are: Cush, Mlynarczyk-Elices, Soklaridis, Nagle-Hill, Rattray, Sulzberger, Thompson, Walpole, White, Wilson, Glastonbury



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	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			