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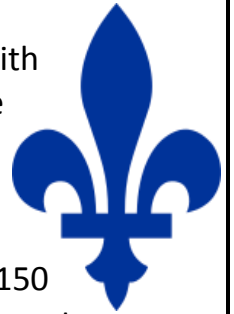
Newcastle East Public School – Australia's Oldest School

Week Nine Term Two, Tuesday June 24th 2014

Edition One Hundred

A New Fence at Last

We celebrate our one hundredth **eNewsletter**, and the approaching vacation, with the news that our Tyrrell Street fence, all sandstone and wrought iron, will be fully restored to its original glory, with extensive heritage restoration work to begin in November. Artisan craftsmen will do the work, which may take six months, at a cost of \$728000. Originally the front fence of the school, which faced Tyrrell Street, the fence has delivered good value – it has stood for almost 150 years, with no real maintenance work, in a harsh maritime climate. But in recent years, the fence has really shown its age, badly in need of work. Sandstone blocks have shifted and cracked, and iron posts rusted out. This engraving, made in 1870 to celebrate the school's opening, shows the fence as it stood then, complete with Fleur de Lys on each iron post. I anticipate this significant restoration project to be an important step as we prepare for our bicentenary.



Recital Night

Congratulations to all who performed at last night's performance evening. A full house enjoyed a variety of offerings from talented kids, from choir items to band, from classical to rock. Congratulations to all who performed and thanks to the teachers and music tutors who made it all possible, and who turned out to support our students on a cold winter's night.

School Disco Wednesday

A reminder to all parents and friends that our **Term 2 Disco** will be held this **Wednesday 25th June from 5-7pm**. The disco will be hosted by **Dance2bFit** and **students from all grades will be performing** their dances from Term 1's dance program. **Free entry** and all welcome to attend however **all children must be accompanied by an adult throughout the evening not just dropped off**. The P&C will also be running a **raffle**. **Tickets are only \$1 each** and you will go into the draw to win a **luxurious weekend away, in Hawksnest, for up to 8 people**. BBQ, Glowsticks and fun will abound so come and join us, but with a cool night forecast, rug up warmly! The **BBQ** will be run this time by the parents of **3/4A and 4 of 4/5T**. We are still in need of volunteers for set up from 4pm, cooking and serving from 4:30pm and for clean up at 7pm. Thirty minutes is all we ask so if you can spare some time to help out please see Claire, Chris Baker or let the office know.

Working Bee Thanks

We enjoyed a beautiful sunny Sunday morning for the very successful working bee this weekend, with around forty people turning out to help with projects in our garden and P and C storage shed. We managed to weed and mulch our front garden, trim the trees around the fore-court, clean up our little citrus tree area, and weed and mulch the garden bed near our senior classrooms and Library. Importantly, too, we re-painted the wall above the lunch area, preparing it for its future use as a mural to celebrate the school's 200 year history. We worked hard, had fun and P&C gave us a hearty lunch. Thanks everyone!

Canberra Excursion



Thanks to Miss Hicks and Miss Varagnolo who accompanied the group of forty children to Canberra to study government last week. The amount of organisation, and the level of responsibility placed on staff, deserves our recognition and sincere thanks. Our students were a great bunch to travel with, and they were complimented on their behaviour at many venues visited.

Here's their report: -

On Tuesday, 17th June, students from Years 5 and 6 at Newcastle East PS went to Canberra for four days to learn about government. In these four days, we went to places such as Parliament House, Old Parliament House and the Museum of Democracy, the Australian War Memorial, the National Museum of Australia and Government House. We were lucky enough to be able to go to Question Time, where we saw the Prime Minister, Bill Shorten, our local member, Sharon Claydon, Bronwyn Bishop, Julie Bishop, Joe Hockey and many other politicians. Our excursion also included the chance to go to some fun places like Questacon, the Australian Institute of Sport, Telstra Tower and Bowling.

Everyone who went on this trip loved it! It was definitely an unforgettable journey for everyone! - Dani and Harper

Returning to Class Term Three

Classes resume on Tuesday 15th, after the Winter Vacation. We wish all our school families well after a safe and well-earned break.

Making Tax-deductible Building Fund Donations

Our heritage building is expensive to maintain, and often requires specialist trades-men to carry out building work. Funding for maintenance is based on student population, not on the age or condition of the buildings. If you can help by making a donation to our Building Fund, before the end of the financial year, your gift can help us to maintain the property in the best possible condition. Donations can be made by direct transfer, cheque, or cash and Claire in our School Office can advise on gaining full tax deductibility for your gift.

Accessing School-based Software from Home

Our P and C Association has generously made payment for the two ABC education apps which we use here at school, and encourage our students to use at home as well. They are Reading Eggs, and Mathletics, both award-winning educational packages, often set by our teachers as part of homework.

Some parents have noted difficulties in logging on to these, because their children have lost their passwords. The best advice is to approach your child's teacher for the password, which will allow access from anywhere.

Swimming News

Lots of our students swim daily in squad training, logging many kilometres each week. Last week Averil Jones and Heidi Schneider swam in Canberra at a state-wide meet.

Congratulations to Averil, who qualified for New South Wales Country short-course championships, to be held in Sydney at the Olympic Park Aquatic Centre on 5th July. We wish her well!

For Your Diary – What's Coming Up?

As usual, we aim to finish the term with a bang, not a whimper, so there's lots planned. It would be wonderful if you were able to come to some of these events.



Wednesday 25th 5:00 – 7:00pm

Disco – free entry, but you need a parent with you to get in!

Thursday 26th

NEPS Classroom Herald published

Friday 27th

Public Speaking Finals – K-2 at 9:00am, 3-6 at 11:15

Tuesday 16th July

Classes resume Term 3

Barber of Seville

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Who is this over-zealous barber? It's the hero of the Barber of Seville. Our Opera



Australia performance of this opera is scheduled for our first day back next term, Tuesday July 15th. Parents are welcome too, but we need to be organised with notes and payment before the vacation at the end of this week. Don't forget, it's a comedy and an opera combined, and follows our performance of The Magic Flute last year, which was loved by our students. Notes are available from the School Office.

More samples from the show at: - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qjIFz_Lkbxg

Writing Our School History

As part of our preparations for our 200th birthday, just eighteen months away, we are looking for writers for our social history of the school. If you are experienced or enthusiastic, and might like to find out more about this project, please contact me for a chat. The idea is to write about significant eras of NEPS history, from a student's perspective. It will be a "people's history", to go alongside the Doctoral Thesis we already have, written by Professor Eddie Braggett. john.beach@det.nsw.edu.au

Public Speaking Update

All students have been working hard this term researching, writing and presenting their speeches for our annual Public Speaking Competition. Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent their stages at the school finals. Our school finals will take place this Friday, 27th June, in two sessions, in the Benson Library.

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students will begin at 9 o'clock. Students in Years 3-6 will begin at 11:15. Parents are most welcome to attend.

| Kindergarten | Stage One | Stage Two | Stage Three * |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Brianna Bohlsen | George Carr | Aren Barber | Gus Springthorpe |
| Niamh Cush | Imala Cush | Ruby Crane | Sophia Suters |
| Nick Egerton | Markus Drew | Alara Guner | |
| Mathilda Katzmarski | Lara Egerton | India Mattson | |
| Darcy Menday | Grace Giles | Heidi Schneider | |
| Marley Seyerl | Alex Sulzberger | | |
| | Caitlin Thompson | | |
| | Evie Zavos | | |

*The final for Stage Three students was conducted prior to their Canberra trip. The two winners will present their speeches on Friday.

Two students from each stage will be selected by our judges to represent N.E.P.S at the zone Public Speaking Competition. This will be held between weeks three and five next term.

Mrs. Thompson

Debating

Our train-on team of Grade Five debaters coached by Mrs Audet had a successful debate against Belair Public School. Congratulations to Matthew, Sophia, Harper and Lilli-Ann, all strong speakers in this debate around the topic of compulsory homework.

Canteen

Volunteer Roster



| Week 9 | 23 rd June Craig Mattsson | 25 th June Tracey Meares | 27 th June Cherry Connew Kamisha Refalo |
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Donations – Pineapple Rings

Families on the donation roster this week are: Glastonbury, Thompson, Wood, Wyman, Zhang, Springthorpe, Barber, Dennis, Kwok and Payne



HELEN O'GRADY DRAMA ACADEMY

NEW LOWER PRIMARY CLASS

FREE TRIAL LESSON

"Increase your child's communication skills, confidence and creative talents."

We are proposing to start a new class in Newcastle for Lower Primary students only (6, 7, 8 years of age) to compliment our afternoon Upper Primary Drama classes.

A free trial drama class will be conducted at our Newcastle Studio in the Uniting Church Hall in Glebe Rd. Merewether on Wednesday 25th June 4.00pm – 4.45pm. The class will run for 45 minutes. If you wish to book a place or would like further details, please contact us to book in at:

dramacorp@bigpond.com - 02 49692338

Shane Skerly

Principal

Hunter Region

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| | Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| HEAPS OF GREAT HOLIDAY FUN AT LOLLIPOPS THESE SCHOOL HOLS | FANTASTIC HOLIDAY VALUE – ALL EVENTS FREE WITH NORMAL ADMISSION | | | | | | 28 June "Scaly Things" Themed dinner with Ranger Jeff's live reptile show from 06:00PM ALL KIDS ENTRY ONLY \$5 AFTER 6PM |
| | 29 June Dora the Explorer character visit 01:00PM | 30 June Free Face Painting 10:00AM – 11:30AM | 1 July Ranger Jeff's live reptile show 10:00AM | 2 July Spider Man character visit 01:00PM | 3 July Lollipops Mum's and Kids Markets 10:00AM – 02:00PM Peppa Pig Visit 11:00AM | 4 July MJ's DISCO From 06:00PM ALL ENTRY SALES DONATED TO MOLLY-JANE BOYSON | 5 July Super Hubert Magic Show 11:00AM |
| UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP | 6 July Ruby the Clown Magic Lessons 10:00AM | 7 July Free Face Painting 02:00PM – 03:30PM | 8 July Batman character visit 11:00AM | 9 July Frozen Theme Day ALL FULL FEE ENTRIES GET A FREE SLUSHIE | 10 July Lollipops Mum's and Kids Markets 10:00AM – 02:00PM Peppa Pig Visit 11:00AM | 11 July "Pajama Party" From 06:00PM \$5 Entry For all kids in Jim-Jams and a free small coffee for all grown-ups in Jim-Jams | 12 July Ranger Jeff's live reptile show 02:00PM |
| | 13 July Pirates/Princess Theme Day ALL COSTUMED FULL FEE ENTRIES GET A FREE FROZEN YOGHURT | 14 July Dora the Explorer character visit and Free Face- Painting From 10:30AM | LOLLIPOPS PLAYLAND AND CAFÉ U6/154 PARK AV KOTARA (02) 49 655 466 | | | | |

THIS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
BUY ONE CHILDREN'S ENTRY
GET ONE FREE



Valid through till 15th June 2014. Voucher must be surrendered to redeem offer. Not valid with any other vouchers, deals or special pricing. Purchase one full priced children's entry and get a voucher to equal lesson value free. Limit of one voucher per customer.

Planner Term Two

| Week | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat/Sun |
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| 1 | 28 School Development Day | 29 Lessons resume | 30 12:30 ANZAC Service | 1 Colonial Fair Meeting 14:45 | 2 | 3/4 |
| 2 | 5 | 6 | 7 17:30 iPad info evening parents | 8 | 9 Mothers' Day Stall Regional Cross Country | 10/11 |
| 3 | 12 | 13 NAPLAN Language/Writing | 14 NAPLAN Reading | 15 NAPLAN Maths | 16 Free fruit for all students | 17/18 |
| 4 | 19 Shaun Tan exhibition P&C Meeting School Council | 20 | 21 National Simultaneous Reading Day | 22 | 23 Gala Day Foreshore Park Yr. 4/5 | 24/25 |
| 5 | 26 School Photos | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31/1 |
| 6 | 2 | 3 | 4 ICAS Science | 5 | 6 | 7/8 |
| 7 | 9 Queen's Birthday Holiday | 10 | 11 Wacky Wombat - K | 12 Athletics Carnival | 13 | 14/15 |
| 8 | 16 P&C Meeting School Council. ICAS Writing/Spelling | 17 Stage 3 Canberra | 18 Stage 3 Canberra | 19 Stage 3 Canberra | 20 Stage 3 Canberra | 21/22 |
| 9 | 23 Recital Night | 24 | 25 Disco | 26 | 27 | 28/29 |



