

HILLTOP NEWS

Newcastle East Public School – Australia's Oldest School

Week One Term Three, Tuesday July 15th, 2014

Edition One Hundred and One

Welcome Back

Chilly winds greet us as we rug up for Term Three, with the advice to our students and parents to wear that extra layer. It gets cold up here on the Hill! Minor works continued at the school during the vacation, with lots of little jobs getting done. Our grounds are suffering for lack of water, and cooler ground temperatures, so I'll need to carefully manage wear and tear on our grassy surfaces this term, to ensure that children do not break through to bare earth again, with the problematic possibilities that might present.

Term Three is traditionally our steadiest working term, with ten full weeks of classes, and no public holidays to disturb our tranquil minds. Some highlights this term include the Sydney excursion for Grades Three and Four, two discos, some night-time star-gazing, and a visit by OzOpera. Our senior dance troupe is performing at Hunter Dance Festival next week, and we wish them every success. Team selections for Tournament of Minds will be completed this week, with teams going into intense preparation for the Tournament on Sunday 24th August, at the University.

We plan to keep our students happily engaged and very busy over the next ten weeks, and the attached planner will keep you up to date.

Education Week - July 28-August 1

Lighting the Way to a Better World

Education Week will be celebrated during Week Three, with a series of events. For your diary, (we hope you can come!) these include: -

- Wednesday 30th July- Full Education Week Assembly, with everyone invited, to see our School Band, our Dance Troupe, a student presentation explaining our sister school links in Pentecost Island, Vanuatu, and a Rice Day to raise funds for that school.

BRING A GOLD COIN AND A PLASTIC BOWL AND SPOON

FOR OUR DELICIOUS STEAMED RICE, JUST \$2

- Wednesday 30th, 5pm – 7 pm – Disco with Dance2BFit
- Thursday 31st July – School Final of Premier's Spelling Bee, in the Benson Library, from 11am to 1pm. Parents are very welcome to attend to see our best spellers in action.



New Kindy Garden Growing

Last newsletter we heard about our new Tyrrell Street fence, and now parents from KM have worked over the vacation period to re-plant the two garden beds facing Tyrrell Street, on what used to be the formal entrance to our school when it first opened. Flanking the old sandstone stairs, the garden looks a treat, and will soon be finished with some timber edging. Thanks gardeners and KM students!



Asthma Care

With around twenty children at NEPS living with asthma, our entire staff yesterday brushed up on their skills at managing and treating the symptoms of this very common respiratory problem. Our Asthma Foundation educator stressed the role of parents in keeping the school up-to-date with their child's current treatment regime, through the Asthma Management Plan. This is devised by the GP or specialist, and needs to be supplied each year to the school. Our advice is that without this document, no child can be taken outside the school on an excursion, so please be sure that your asthmatic child's Plan is made available to our School Office please.

Disco Dates

After wild weather caused the postponement of our Dance2BFit disco last term, it's been re-scheduled for Wednesday of Week Three, as part of our Education Week celebrations. This is a free disco- but children must be accompanied by an adult. As usual, hot food will be available, and drinks, glo-sticks, etc. All we need is some warm weather. This will be a disco with a difference. At 5.28, the music stops, and we all move to our lower playground to see the USA/Russian space station pass overhead, another reason to hope for clear skies. It will be chilly, so wear lots of layers, and keep moving.

Barber of Seville – Some Early Reviews Hot Off the Press by Our Year Six Critics

- This opera was “exciting, creative, unusual, interesting, and different in a good way”.
- If the Count and Rosina have babies, what will they call them?
- It was very well-timed, but the barber was creepy.
- He was meant to be a hair-dresser, but he didn't have any hair! Strange!

To re-live the best bits, click <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OloXRhesab0>

It's Cold Weather, So Why Not Cold Science?

Our scientist partner, Professor Tim Roberts, will be presenting his liquid nitrogen show at an assembly next week, and we're excited to see the properties of this very, very cold substance.

Writing Our School's 200 Year 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

Colonial Fair

With the Colonial Fair now getting closer the P&C Sub Committee will be meeting weekly throughout Term 3 to finalise our extensive planning and arrangements. For those who have expressed an interest in helping out, now is the time we need you most! Meetings will be held on Thursday afternoons at 2:45 in the Staffroom commencing Week 2 and all are welcome to attend, even on a casual basis. A need identified recently, in addition to the usual donations (as listed on attached flyer), is the provision of tables and chairs for our Coffee Shop, clothes rails and wire hangers for the 2nd Hand Clothes Stall and shade shelters throughout. If you are able to lend or donate any of these essentials to the school for the fair please see Claire.

School Photographs

The much anticipated 2014 school photos have arrived and will be distributed today. The whole school photograph is wonderful as always, and is now on display in the Administration foyer. As you may be aware photographs were also taken of our schools extra-curricular groups such as dance, choir, debating, band and captains. If you would like to purchase a copy of any of these prints the details are as follows and proofs are available to view in the school office.

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Please note we are closed school holidays

Canteen

Volunteer Roster

Monday	Wednesday	Friday
Pupil Free	16/07/2014 Cherry	18/07/2014 Teval Guner Kylie Mowatt
21/07/2014 Nicole Tait	23/07/2014 Katrina Kana	25/07/2014 Kylie Harris

Donation Roster – Cheese Slices

Families on the donation roster for this week are: Ramsey, Burman, Alexander-Meylan, Alexander, Alley, Anderson, Murphy, Bajric, Bardsley, Barnes, Snodgrass, Rivers-Beard, De Beer

Term 3 2014

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Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/ Sun
One JULY	14 SDD	15 OzOpera - Barber of Seville K-6	16	17	18	
Two	21 Train-on debating H DANCE FESTIVAL WEEK P and C/School Council	22 Train-on debating T&D Staff Meeting	23 Stage Assembly- Cold Science Show NAIDOC Week	24 NEPS Dance Festival performance - 6pm	25 Zone Athletics - track	
Three	28 EDUCATION WEEK	29 Zone Athletics - field	30 Full Assembly Dance2BFit disco 5-7	31 Spelling Bee 11-1	1 Water Safety talks K-2 11.45, 3-6 12.20	
Four AUGUST	4 Train-on debating	5 T&D Staff Meeting	6 Stage Assembly	7	8	
Five	11	12	13 Full Assembly	14	15 SMH <i>Write- On</i> competition close	
Six <i>Book Week Theme:-Ready to Connect</i>	18 Book Week Parade P and C/School Council	19 T&D Staff Meeting	20 Year 6 Reading	21	22	24 Tournament of Minds – Uni. of Newcastle
Seven	25	26 Stage Two Sydney	27 Full Assembly Stage Two Sydney	28	29	30 Family Photo Day
Eight SEPTEMBER	1	2 T&D Staff Meeting	3 Stage Assembly	4	5 Return of Mrs T	
Nine	8	9	10 Full Assembly	11 Science/Engineering Discovery Day Kahibah	12	
Ten	15 P and C/School Council	16	17 Stage Assembly	18 Disco wit h DJ Andy	19 Last day of Term	

GIRLS
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