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Newcastle East Public School – Australia's Oldest School

Week Five Term Three, Tuesday August 12th, 2014

Edition One Hundred and Five

Book Week Connect to reading/Reading to connect

We celebrate Children's Book Week next week with our Book Week Parade, first thing Monday morning. A separate note explains how the children will be involved with aspects of Book Week, beginning with the 9 am Monday Parade of favourite characters from books. The Parade will be hosted by senior students, who will discuss their own "best" books, and each class will be treated to reading by our own Year Six students. Parents and grandparents are especially invited to the Book Week Parade, which will be a spectacle of colour and imagination, with the chance to guess which character each child represents. Staff will dress too, as their favourite book characters.

To see the short list of books, for this year's awards, click this link: -

<http://cbca.org.au/ShortList-2014.htm>

To see just one of the excellent Australian children's books short-listed, Fairy tales for Wilde Girls, click: - <http://www.randomhouse.com.au/books/allyse-near/fairytales-for-wilde-girls-9781742758510.aspx>

Book Week Stall / Library Borrowing Survey

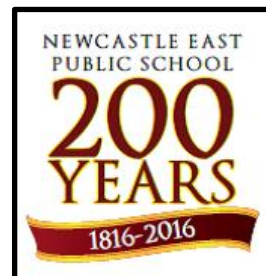
Following the Parade, there will be the opportunity for parents to inspect the short-listed books, from the Children's Book Council, and to purchase copies for placing in our Benson Library. This is a good way for parents to see the books before buying them personally, and to bolster our Library's stock of quality, current kids' literature.

We will also be conducting a survey of our students' book borrowing from our Library, as well as looking at ways that we can boost borrowing rates by widening borrowing times, and improving our book stock.

Sculpture Prize Panel Selection

This week a panel of judges is selecting the winning work from entries in our Bicentenary Sculpture Competition. You recall that we are commissioning a work of art for our forecourt, for our 200th birthday.

- The theme of the competition is the old school bell
- A sculpture is permanent, public, and accessible to all
- All entries will be on display in the French Chateau shop in the Hunter Street Mall
- Classes will be able to visit the exhibition of works, and vote in a "Kids' Choice"
- All visitors will have a vote for a "people's choice" award.



The exhibition runs from 21st August, each Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, until August 31, between 11 and 3 each day. If you can help with "minding" the exhibition, by simply staying at the shop for a time, please let me know. We need lots of helpers! If you can help, please email me john.beach@det.nsw.edu.au or ring 49292911.

Public Speaking

Congratulations to our eight regional finalists in Public Speaking, who competed last week in locations from Newcastle to Salamander Bay. The standard of public speaking amongst our students is very high indeed, a tribute to their self-assurance, intelligence, and the guidance shown by teachers and parents. With just one winner from each division in the Regional competition, we had two students, Caitlin and Alara, receive Highly Commended awards, a wonderful result for these two garrulous girls.



Quiz Answer and This Week's Head-scratcher

Keely from Miss V's class won last week's quiz. The question referred to the number of NEPS students who had served in World War One, listed on the Honour Roll in Miss Varagnolo's room. Keely was the first to get the correct answer to me. It was 83.

This week's question is mathematical: -

Using eight eights and addition only, can you make 1000?

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



Skoolbag app for Smartphones

We are currently trialling this app in iPhones, as a better means of keeping in touch with our community. You can view this trial version by going to the Apple app store, then searching for Newcastle East Public School. If P and C does adopt this app, it will be available for all platforms. I would appreciate any feedback you have, especially any problems you see with the app, bearing in mind that this is only a trial version of the finished product.

Hunter Drama Festival

NEPS was represented by the talented Ben Hall, last week at Hunter Drama Festival, with a live performance due this Tuesday, 6pm, at Civic Playhouse. Ben impressed his tutor with his creativity and acting skills, and there's no doubt that his happy manner would have made a very positive impression. Try to get along to support him tonight, for a great night of student drama. The picture shows Ben in a very thoughtful moment, preparing for a role.



Keep Kids' Brains Ticking

If your child is working on a personal project or a school assignment these school holidays (or you want to make use of the break for a little revision), don't forget www.SchoolAtoZ.com.au has lots of information and fact sheets to help with homework.

For students polishing their spelling skills, the free Spelling Bee mobile app also allows them to record a list of their own words and then test themselves. You might even want to challenge them with a list you create. Here's where you'll find the free app to download:

<http://bit.ly/Q9ez0G>

Colonial Fair – Getting Ready

We're starting to gear up for our biggest fund-raising event, the 2014 Colonial Fair, planned for Saturday, October 18th. That's just over two months away, and with our last Fair cancelled due to grounds problems, we are really in need of your support in making this our best Fair ever. Here's a list of the class stalls and craft items –

KM	Plants /Lego jewellery	3 E	BBQ / Calico bags, hair-ties
KT	Second-hand Toys/ Lego jewellery	3 / 4 A	Second-hand clothing / Photo blocks
1J	Cup-cake decoration / Pen toppers	4 / 5	Balloons / Ceramics
1 / 2 V	Craft Stall / Cards and decorations	5 / 6	Coffee shop / Animal jars, Christmas decorations
2 M	Plants / Class Book	Mrs Hadfield	Petting Zoo
Dr Hanks	Second-hand books	Ms Van Dam	Egg cozies

What's Next for Colonial Fair?

- Make sure you have been in touch with your class teacher
- Get your name on the roster for the class stall
- Invite everyone! A big crowd makes a successful fund-raiser, so round up family and friends
- Keep an eye out for raffle tickets coming home with each child this week. As usual there are great prizes to be won and weekly prizes for students who return their booklet sold.
- Infants' parents may not be aware that for the Colonial Fair we all dress up in period costume. Start brainstorming some ye olden worlde costumes

Emergency Evacuation Plan – Civic Park

Our practice run of full site evacuation last week was successful, with all staff and students moving to Civic Park in an orderly way. By combining the exercise with our normal Recess time, we were able to give our students a good time for play in Civic Park, while minimising lost class time.

Family photo

The P&C will be hosting a Family Portrait day at the school on Saturday 30th August. Newcastle School Portraits will be taking the photos and a percentage of all sales will be donated back to the school. Bookings can be made at the school office. Please see the attached flyer for more info.

Design and Build Challenge

NEPS Longest Marble Run?

Can you use any re-cycled materials, such as old hoses, bits of wood or metal, demolished old toys, plastic funnels or scoops, bits from wooden train sets, sticky tape, soft-drink bottles, or just anything! – to make a marble run which goes longer than you thought possible?



Bring your marble run in to school on the last day of term, Friday September 19, to be part of our movie about our biggest marble runs!

If you dare to take on this challenge, these are the rules:

- It's not a competition, just some fun at home
- Anyone can help you, and every project gets a Certificate
- Marbles run down hills, not up hills
- Don't go out and buy special bits and pieces – just re-cycle your old stuff
- Trick is to make the track as long as you can, and then figure out ways to slow the marble down, instead of racing down the hill
- It's fine to mix up some toy bits and some junk bits together
- We'll time each marble run to see just how long it keeps the marble in motion
- We have marbles if you need one, but it's OK to use glass or steel marbles
- Mums and dads, grandpas and grandmas, big brothers or sisters - all can help too!
- It might help to glue your marble run to a thin sheet of board or cardboard to keep it strong!

These links might help to give you some ideas: -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QkwaXzx7l4g>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-lX2sYCh7ME>



Canteen

Volunteer Roster



Week 5	11th August Matt Zdenkowski	13th August Katrina Kana	15th August Lisa Marshall Helen Cossettini
Week 6	18th August Michelle Lott	20th August Clare Hogue	22nd August Ziva Westley Angela Leet

Donations – Snack size Ziploc bags

Families on the donation roster this week are: Parker, Katzmarski, Kauter, Kwok, White, Garness, Lee, Lopez, Lorincz, Lyons, De Malmanche, and Marosszeky

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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	5 T&D Staff Meeting	6 Stage Assembly	7 Train-on debating @ Hillsborough	8	
Five	11	12	13 Full Assembly	14	15 SMH Write- On 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	

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You keep saying.....

"We will get a family portrait done soon"

but soon has never come so here is your chance.



Portrait Day Fundraiser

Saturday August 30

Sitting \$20.00 with Free 8" x 12" Enlargement.



**Phone the School office for
sitting times 49292911**

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(open school hours)