

HILLTOP NEWS

Newcastle East Public School – Australia's Oldest School

Week Seven Term Three, Tuesday August 26th, 2014

Edition One Hundred and Seven

Family Portraits Saturday

Don't forget that Peter Field Photography will be taking family photos this Saturday. This is a chance to get studio-quality pictures at a discounted price. Basic cost is just \$20 for the sitting, all that going to our P and C, while prints can be purchased at your discretion. Peter's class and individual photos of our students were very well-received, and he will happily re-shoot any pictures that you are not happy with. To make a booking, please contact Claire or Lisa in the School Office on 49292911.

Clever Students at Tournament of Minds

Sunday was both eventful and successful for NEPS at University of Newcastle, with two of our three TOM teams winning their division, and our third team finishing second in its division. It's a tribute to the creativity and team-work of our students, and the dedication of our teacher/facilitators Miss Varagnolo and Ms Townsend, that our small school successfully competes against far larger schools, in a competition which stresses cooperative problem solving, and the skills of drama and public speaking. For the record, our wonderful teams were: In the discipline of Language/Literature - Evie Mee, Sophia Suters, Indiana Ryan, Lilli-Ann Ellway, Lara Murphy, Alex Parsons, Harper Warren. This team won its division.

In Applied Technology - Luciana Clews, Will Hampson, Eliot Taylor, James Snitch, Noah Handley, Ella Hall, Lucy Bramhill. This team was outstanding, competed against a huge field of fifteen schools, and finished with Honours, effectively second place.

And in the discipline of Social Sciences - Gus Springthorpe, Emily Miles, Eliza Payne, Dani Leet, Asha Osborne, Tom Grimshaw, Stella Zdenkowski. Again, first place in their division.

What sort of challenges did they face?

Just one example, from Social Sciences:

Your national icon has been stolen, and you need to take legal action to try to save it.

Describe what ensues, and portray that sequence of events on stage for the judges.

Whew, that's tough!



Regional Athletics

Jude Hampson (3/4A) and Will Hampson (5/6 H) were successful in securing a place to represent our zone at the Regional Athletics Carnival. Jude will compete in the Junior boys' high jump and Will is competing in the 13yrs 100ms. We congratulate the boys and wish them well.

Stage Two Excursion

Our third and fourth grade students left this morning for their two-day trip to Sydney, with the emphasis on early Australian history. Staff accompanying them include Mrs Edge, Miss Van Dam, Mr Hutchison and Lisa Bartel. When I spoke with the excursion group Monday afternoon, they were very excited and very anxious to learn, and leave behind a good impression of our school. Thank you to the teachers travelling with our students, who are giving up their own family time to make it happen.

Raffle Tickets – Please Start Selling!

Don't forget that each Monday we are holding a raffle book seller's draw for a canteen voucher. Just get your sold raffle ticket book back to the Office to be in the draw. Week Seven's winner was Genevieve from Grade Five. To make our Colonial Fair raffle a successful fund-raiser for our school, we need your support in helping your children to sell their raffle tickets. The prizes are handsome, including a family holiday, a family helicopter experience, a signed Socceroos World Cup jersey, and a Wallabies jersey.

For Your Diary – Free Parents' Evening at NEPS200 Sculpture Exhibition

This Friday between 6pm and 8pm parents and friends are invited to our "shop" on the corner of Hunter Street and Thorn Streets, for an evening of wine and nibbles, and the announcement of the winner of our sculpture competition. There's no charge, and we are relying on our school community to really get behind this event, by turning out in large numbers. Wines are from Inner City Wine-makers, and there's the chance to win a bottle of Grange Hermitage in our Sculpture Raffle. Three prizes will be announced on the night: -

Children's Choice Award – our students visiting the exhibition will be able to vote for their favourite work

People's Choice – visitors to the exhibition over its two week life vote for their favourite work

Judges' Selection – this work has been judged the best by our expert panel of judges, and will be built on our school's forecourt, as funds permit.



Skoolbag App for Smartphones

We are currently trialling this app on 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. Last night P & C officially adopted this app, meaning that soon 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.

Library Visits for Book Week – by Class 2M

At the library I liked the ***Silver Buttons*** because it was fun!
Pop! Pop! Pop! went the seaweed. *Aktıl*

At the library I liked the books because you could dream about them and dream about the characters. *Annabelle*

At the library I liked ***The Rules of Summer*** because it is funny and terrifying all at once. There was a BIG rabbit. *Marley G*

At the library I liked ***The Rules of Summer*** because it was fun when the giant rabbit scared the players. *Callum*



A highlight of Book Week for our younger students was hearing Year Six read their favourite stories. Senior students did a wonderful job preparing some games and activities for our classes, who really appreciated the effort and maturity shown by school leaders.

All the School Gossip You Need!



Zone Gala Day – Netball and Soccer – scheduled for this Thursday, but we are really at the mercy of the weather, with grounds washed out last week, and rain forecast all this week.

Sydney excursion – students return Wednesday 5:45pm

Newcastle Perm Maths – Wednesday this week, for Grades Five and Six

Science Club Friday - Our partner scientist Tina Pickering, a food technologist, will visit Science Club this Friday to do some fascinating experiments with water and its mysterious properties.

SMH Write-on Competition – after lots of very difficult decision-making, and selecting from many high-quality pieces of writing, I have chosen as our stage winners George Carr, Ruby Parsons, and Stella Zdenkowski. Congratulations to all students who entered, your work was excellent, creative, and well-written.

Quiz Answer and This Week's Head-scratcher

Last week I asked How many countries does Spain share a border with?

That was so tricky that I can hardly live with myself! Two got it correct – Claudia Bookallil and Logan Dube, both answering five – Portugal, France, Andorra, Gibraltar (UK territory) and Morocco. Very clever detective work by Logan and Claudia!

This week's is easy, but only children who have NEVER won the quiz please!

Which country is Australia's nearest neighbour?

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

Diary Note – Fathers' Day Community Event

Our P and C will host a Fathers' Day breakfast on Friday September 5th, from 7.30. There'll be bacon and egg rolls and coffee available for dads and carers, with all welcome!

Colonial Fair – Getting Ready

We are gearing up for our biggest fund-raising event, the 2014 Colonial Fair, planned for Saturday, October 18th 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.

- We are searching for two **baristas** who might be able to help at our café, even for just an hour or two to give others a break. If you have coffee-making skills, or know someone who does, please contact John.
- Please ask for another raffle ticket book if you have already sold one, and remember that as usual there are great prizes to be won and weekly prizes for students who return their booklet sold. Follow this link to details of the Diamond Beach Holiday on offer: <http://www.hallidayspointholidays.com/accommodation/5051>
- If you have cuttings for our plant/produce stall please send them in only on the day before the Fair. We have nowhere to store them, and they may not be safe here!
- Don't forget to ask friends, family, and workmates to come to the Fair. It is a great day out, with lots of activities and displays for all age ranges. Invite everyone! A big crowd makes a successful fund-raiser!
- Sub-Committee meetings are now held each **Wednesday afternoon 2:00-2:45 pm in the Staffroom**. All are welcome to come along.
- Make sure you have been in touch with your class teacher and/or get your name down on a roster.
- Infants' parents may not be aware that for the Colonial Fair we all dress up in period costume. Start brainstorming some ye olde worlde costumes.
- **2H are currently seeking volunteers to work on the stall so if you can spare an hour on the day please see Claire in the office.**
- **KT is hosting the Toy Stall and the generous donations keep rolling in with no one to organise them. We are desperately in need of some parent volunteers from this class to come up to the school and do a bit of a tidy up in the storeroom. If you can help please see Claire or Mrs Thompson.**

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

Disco in Week Ten – Assisting Classes

It's back to DJ Andy for our Term Three disco, on Thursday September 18th, and the classes rostered on to look after the Barbeque and drinks stall are Mrs Thomas' Grade Five parents, and Miss Varagnolo's 1 / 2 class parents.

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?

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, every project gets a certificate
- Marbles run down hills, not up hills
- Don't go out and buy special bits and pieces –re-cycle
- 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
- It might help to glue your marble run to a thin sheet of board or cardboard to keep it strong!

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!

These links might help to give you some ideas: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QkwaXzx7I4g>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-lX2sYCh7ME>

Canteen

Volunteer Roster



Week 7	25th August Susan Crawford	27th August Volunteer Needed	29th August Gillian Zavos Volunteer Needed
Week 8	1st September Lisa Marshall Lesley Marshall	3rd September Mark Parsons	5th September Belinda Johnson Rob Johnson

Donations – Cheese Slices

Families on the donation roster this week are: Osborne, Parsons, West, Payne, Cockerill-Pegg, Frost, Phillips, Pidcock, Currington, Prickett, Randall, Rattray, O'Donohue

New Readers

The school has purchased many new sets of novels for middle primary. The students are super keen to get into reading, however we would like to cover them with some protective contact. If you could spare 1/2 an hour one evening to cover 8 books, please contact Mrs Audet.

Term 3 2014

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/ Sun
One JULY	14 SDD	15 Oz Opera - Barber of Seville K-6	16	17	18	
Two	21 Train-on debating 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 <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 & C/School Council	16	17 Stage Assembly	18 Disco with 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
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