

# HILLTOP NEWS

Newcastle East Public School – Australia's Oldest School

It's spring – make sure you have your hat every day for

Week Nine Term Three, Tuesday September 9th, 2014

Edition One Hundred and Nine

## Disco Next Week with DJ Andy

Don't forget to put this date in your diary – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>, 5.30, under the COLA. This social occasion marks the end of Term Three, and the arrival of Spring, so it's a must! Remember that children must be accompanied by their parents, and that there'll be lots of tasty food and drink available on the night. Classes rostered on for barbeque duty are Miss Varagnolo's class parents, and parents from Mrs Thomas' Grade Five.



## Sculpture Raffle

Thanks to everyone who purchased a ticket in this raffle for the bottle of Grange Hermitage wine. The draw took place at yesterday's Assembly, and the winner was Kate King. Congratulations! The raffle managed to raise almost \$1600, a very good result, but now it's out of the way we can all concentrate on the Colonial Fair Raffle, selling lots of tickets.

## Fathers' Day Community Event

The turn-out for Friday's breakfast barbeque was so great that twice we had to send out for more supplies. Despite the rain, almost one hundred people came in early to enjoy bacon, eggs, fresh bread and coffee, making it a special day for our guests, and raising some money for our P and C. My thanks go particularly to Ado Thompson and Chris Baker, P and C officers, who just keep selflessly putting in super efforts, to make events like this happen.

## Fire Alarm Monday

We had a visit from the Fire Brigade today, when thick smoke began bellowing out of the kiln room. As a precaution, we kept our children inside for Recess, while the firemen satisfied themselves that there was no danger, and indeed, no fire. It appears that something inside the kiln was producing lots of acrid fumes and smoke, but no danger to our students or staff. It seems that where there's smoke, there may not be fire, after all.

A really impressive feature of the whole misadventure was the calm way in which our children managed the situation, probably because they are sensible, and because we have rehearsed so many times for a real emergency. I think our Kindies will long remember the day that three fire trucks came to the school!



## Train-on Debating Team Wins Again

Congratulations to our team of Harper, Sophia, Matty, and Lilli-Ann, following their convincing win against New Lambton Public School today. Over the full season of debating, this talented team has won five and lost two debates, a wonderful result.

## Macbeth Tickets Free to a Good Home

Two tickets for the Sydney Theatre Company production of Macbeth, for this Friday night, are available at the school office, to anyone who can use them

## Vegetable Garden

With Ms Townsend finishing a long teaching stint on class 4/5T, and Mrs Thomas returning from leave, it's an appropriate time to thank Ms Townsend for her excellent work with that class, and her great contribution to our triangular garden, and to warmly welcome Mrs Thomas back from her adventures. Bunnings at Kotara have undertaken to provide us a new, expanded vegie garden as well, starting in October, ready for the summer months.



## Raffle Tickets – Please Keep 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. 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. 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 discover the full details of the Diamond Beach Holiday on offer: <http://www.hallidayspointholidays.com/accommodation/5051>

## Quiz Answer and This Week's Difficult Head-scratcher

Last week's riddle was hard! Clues: - It's hard to give up. Remove part of it and you still have a bit. Remove another part, but bit is still there. Remove another and it remains. It was "habit", worked out by three people, Claudia, Mani, and Alex Giles. Each gets a prize, since it did require some very clever thinking to work out.

This week it's history. What date was Newcastle shelled by a Japanese submarine, and how many shells were fired? Answers only by email to [john.beach@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:john.beach@det.nsw.edu.au)



Averil Jones, from Mrs Audet's class, celebrates her beautiful trophy, won for the highest club point score at Hunter Swimming Club. Well done!

## Skoolbag App for Smartphones

Our School now has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. We are asking parents/students to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name "Newcastle East Public School" in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store. Last week's altered excursion times showed just how useful an app can be for keeping up to date with school info, however it also highlighted the need for as many families as possible to have access to the app so that the most benefit is gained. Browse through the app features and you'll find it also allows for submitting online absence notifications, change of details, calendars, push notification reminders, accessing the newsletter and much more. For more information please see the Parent Info sheet at the end of this newsletter.

## Australian History for Stage Two

Following the very successful excursion to Sydney, to study early Australian history, some of Mrs Edge's students have written these beautiful poems, about the hardships faced by convicts in old Sydney.

### **Convict poems by 3E**

Convicts are trouble makers  
On the ships going to the new colony  
New land to be called Australia  
Violent times in old England  
In doing good work they get a special ticket  
Crime is very common  
Trying to get wealthy  
Struggling to survive

**By Teal Murdoch**

Convicts came from England  
On the First Fleet  
Never to escape  
Vicious convicts work  
In horrid pain  
Clothes and shillings had been stolen  
Terrible convicts sent on ships  
Starving convicts lay on streets

**By India Mattsson**

Convicts were hardworking people  
On Sundays convicts went to church  
No convict deserved what they had to do  
Very bad convicts got the Cat-O-Nine-Tails  
I think convicts did too much work  
Convict ships were too small  
Too many convicts were on the ships  
So many convicts were transported

**By Darcy McCallum**

Convicts being whipped  
Others working hard  
No one having fun at all  
Violent crime and people  
In a ship with rats  
Crying all night long  
Trying to get a Ticket of Leave  
Starving every day

**By Tasharna Stockdale**

## Canteen

### Volunteer Roster

<b>9</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> September</b> Deb Clarke Jones	<b>10<sup>th</sup> September</b> Clare Hogue	<b>12<sup>th</sup> September</b> Teval Guner Kylie Mowatt
<b>10</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> September</b> Jenny Williams	<b>17<sup>th</sup> September</b> Ali Onley	<b>19<sup>th</sup> September</b> Pip Strachan Ziva Westley

## Donations – Sliced ham

Families on the donation roster for this week are: Sullivan, Sulzberger, Taylor, Thompson, Shaw, Dyson, Walpole, McCallum, Whiteside, Williams, Wood.

## Colonial Fair – Getting Ready

We are gearing up for our biggest fund-raising event, the 2014 Colonial Fair, planned for Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> 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 receiving lots of great donations from businesses and individuals alike and are most appreciative of all your efforts. **Following is a full list of our corporate sponsors to date. Please reciprocate their generosity by supporting their businesses.**

Australia Post Shop Newcastle

OPSM Newcastle

McGuigan Wines

House of Elliot

Woolworths

Newcastle West

Mount Pleasant

Estate

Villa Clone

Drayton's Wines

Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service

Conversant Media



Priceline Pharmacy Hamilton

Hunter Valley Gardens

Balance City Newcastle

Sharp Electronics

Lotus Espresso

Pilates for Life

Chris Bramhill Chinese Herbalist

Clarkesmart

McWilliams Cellar Door

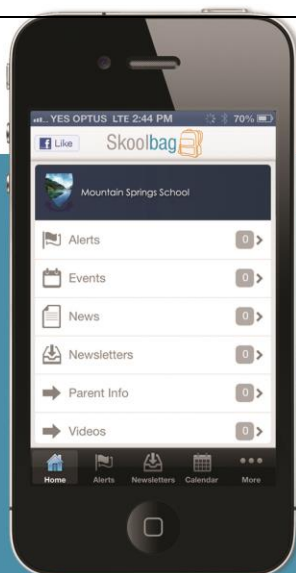
Talulah

One Penny Black

- We are still in need of donations of bottles of wine and small gift prizes for our Chocolate Wheel and Balloon Stall baskets. Specifically gifts of new items for Primary aged children, Women and Men.
- 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.
- **KT Parents please see Claire or Mrs Thompson if you can help with preparations as we are desperately in need of volunteers from your class.**

## Volunteers needed

We still have a large amount of books that need to be covered. These books are for classroom resources and can't be used until they have been covered. Please see Mrs Audet from 3/4A if you can help.



# Skoolbag



Smartphone school to parent communication

Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- > School, free push notification alerts
- > School events
- > School newsletters
- > School documents
- > School RSS feeds
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### iPhone & iPad Users

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.



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### Android Users

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

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3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
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# 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 <b>DANCE FESTIVAL WEEK P and C/School Council</b>	22 Train-on debating T&D Staff Meeting	23 Stage Assembly- <b>Cold Science Show</b> NAIDOC Week	24 NEPS Dance Festival performance - 6pm	25 Zone Athletics - track	
Three	28 EDUCATION WEEK	29 Zone Athletics - field	30 Full Assembly <b>Dance2BFit disco</b> 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 <b>P and C/School Council</b>	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 Train-on debating	10 Full Assembly	11 Science/Engineering Discovery Day Kahibah	12	
Ten	15 <b>P &amp; C/School Council</b>	16	17 Stage Assembly	18 <b>Disco with h DJ Andy</b>	19 Last day of Term	