

Hilltop News

Week Five, Term Four, Tuesday, November 3rd, 2015 Edition One Hundred and Fifty-four

Bicentennial Dinner Bookings Now Open – Get In Early!

Bookings open this week for our 200th anniversary highlight, the Town Hall Dinner, to be held on Saturday February 6th. Included in the dinner ticket: -



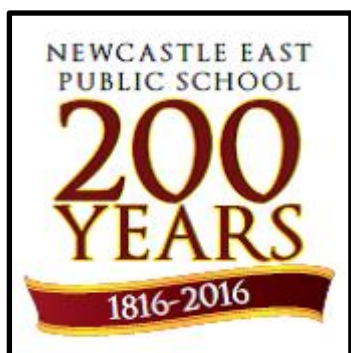
- Canapés and pre-dinner drinks in the Cummings Room
- Three-course meal
- Local wines and beers
- Two exciting guest speakers
- Souvenir pack of school memorabilia

Our two speakers are well-known. Justice Michael Kirby (pictured), formerly of the High Court of Australia, has recently worked for the United Nations, reporting on human rights in North Korea. He is a highly respected jurist, and a staunch advocate of public education. Ms Gillard is now a Director of Global Partnership for Education, advocating for education for girls and women. The night will be fun and informative, and attended by many former students of the school, in a re-union format.

Bookings can be individual, in groups, or as a table of ten. Follow this link:-

<http://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=167759>

Using our Bicentennial Facebook Page Yet? Like Us For Updates!



Just three months now until we celebrate our 200th birthday. We plan to use the Facebook page highlighted here for updates, tickets, news, re-union gatherings, etc, so it's important that as many people as possible "Like" it right now. If you haven't done so, please click the link below, have a good look around at the dates and functions, and click "Like", to receive updates as they come out.

<https://www.facebook.com/NewcastleEastBicentenary>

Traffic Issues

Newcastle Council's senior traffic engineer has spent two days at the school, watching our drop-off and pick-up times, and trying to come up with some creative solutions to make it safer for our children. If there are changes, I'll keep you posted.

The Puzzle

Well done, Matilda and George, for working out, for last week's historical quiz, that our first Headmaster, Wrensford, served here for five years. This week you need to unscramble this anagram to identify a person linked closely to the school, and work out who he was.

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Answers to john.beach@det.nsw.edu.au

P and C Golf Day

NEPS Golf Day - P&C Fundraiser: 12.30pm tee Sunday 15th November @ Merewether GC; Cost \$70 includes golf, packed lunch, prizes, post game BBQ. Ambrose team format - suitable for all levels of golf ability. Come along and have a fun day, meet some NEPS parents and make a contribution towards school readers. Contact: Chris Baker 0411571721

Busy Gardening Weekend

Preparations for 2016 are in full swing. Over the weekend Brett, our super General Assistant, returfed our lower playground (again!) to make it ready for safe use in just a few weeks, while a team of dedicated volunteers, grandparents and friends of the school, began clearing un-wanted plants from our forecourt, making ready for the sculpture installation. Many thanks for all that effort!

Agapanthus Please

Our huge fence restoration project on Tyrrell Street is just weeks away from completion, so our thoughts are turning to garden repairs just inside the new fence. If you have any agapanthus plants ready to "split", or any you are pulling out, could you consider donating them to the school, as part of our bicentennial facelift? It seems that agapanthus were the original plants used along that fence, so this will complete the restoration to the original look on what used to be the school's front entrance.



Canteen Problems – Crunch Time !

We continue to have difficulties staffing our canteen. With many parents working, or minding other children, families are finding it difficult to provide time. P and C is now facing a difficult decision, to keep our School Canteen viable. It is a valuable source of funding for our school community, raising around \$10000 annually, all of which goes back to our kids for school projects. Over the years, we have gone from a daily Canteen, to three days per week, to the current situation of two days each week. We have been very fortunate to have the voluntary service of several parents who do ordering and rostering, and covering for any gaps, but it is unreasonable to ask them to continue.

Several possibilities face P and C: -

1. Continue with volunteer staff, providing we can find enough volunteers. This is the best solution – it means that P and C still raises funds for our kids, and we can control what's sold, etc.
2. Employ a paid supervisor, who would look after ordering, rostering etc, but still rely on volunteers for counter service etc.
3. Engage an outside service, such as Response, to operate the Canteen fully, with a paid Supervisor, and staffed by several people with mild disabilities. This solution frees the school community of all responsibilities, but also virtually eliminates any profit.

Clearly, the preferred solution is Option One, but we need to find more volunteers (who could be grandparents, or other family members who can be available), and ideally a Supervisor who could volunteer to do ordering and rostering.

Could you ask urgently amongst your circle of family and friends to see if helpers can be found? A decision must be made soon. If you can help, or have an idea which might assist, please email either casabaker@iprimus.com.au or john.beach@det.nsw.edu.au

Make Some Noise – November 17

This concert at Civic Theatre brings together the talents of all inner-city primary schools and Newcastle High School. It will include dance, singing, and drama, and our choir and dance ensemble are featured in the program. Tickets are on sale at the Newcastle High School Office for just \$15.



Some Key Dates for Your Diary

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| • Captains' Speeches | Monday November 30, 8.45 am |
| • Year Six Dinner | Thursday 10 th December |
| • Presentation Day | Monday December 14, 10 am |
| • Christmas Concert | Monday December 14, 5.30 pm |
| • Clap-out | Wednesday December 16, 2.30 pm |



Still Missing the Newsletter, or Know Someone Who Is? Let Us Know!

There are lots of options when it comes to reading the weekly Newsletter:-

- We can supply a paper copy each week if you request it
- You can pick a copy up from the Office at any time
- Register for the free Skoolbag app from the App store or Play Store
- Email the Office so that we can email the Newsletter to you every Tuesday
- You can access it on our school website at any time - <http://www.newcastlee-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Design Challenge

Check out the fun design exercise on the last page of the Newsletter. It's something the family can help with, to make a creative solution to an engineering problem, from recycled materials.

Need ideas? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tsrc2IMdH08>

Selective Schools Applications Now Open On-line

Our Grade Five students, and their parents, considering an application for Merewether High School can now apply on-line at <https://www.shsocplacement.org.au/registration/> . Parents wanting more information, or just to have a chat about the process, can ring me on 49 29 29 11. No paper applications are possible this year, so please let me know if this presents a difficulty for your family.

Canteen Roster Term Four

Week	Monday	Wednesday	Friday
4	26/10 Kate King		23/10 Sonya Anderson Heidi Walpole
5	2/11 Donna Fiersinger		30/10 Ingrid Beavis Kelly Wyman
6	9/11 Cherie Guernier		6/11 Cherry Connew Shaun Olson
7	16/11 Chris Baker		13/11 Robyn Hetherington Volunteer Needed
8	23/11 Peter Miles		20/1 Kelly Wyman Volunteer Needed
9	30/11 Volunteer Needed		27/11 Lisa Marshall Helen Cossettini
10	7/12 Chris White Greg Warburton		4/12 Ingrid Beavis Pip Strachan
11	14/12 Volunteer Needed		11/12 Robyn Hetherington Volunteer Needed



MUSICAL BEGINNINGS



- How music benefits brain development and focus at school
- Create team players - all children can learn to sing
- Getting your child to practice

Hear the latest research explained in simple terms

WHEN: Monday 24th August, 2015

VENUE: 7:00pm Hamilton Public School

RSVP & ENQUIRIES: 4963 2026

www.julieloganmusic.com.au

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Have a look at your
Specialty Groups

Log on code: 63813AZ

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The background of the poster is a photograph of the Newcastle Town Hall tower, which is a tall, ornate building with a clock face. The image is slightly blurred and has a warm, golden-brown color palette, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The tower is the central focus of the background image.

MAKE SOME NOISE

NEWCASTLE
TOWN
HALL
NOV 17
6.30 PM
\$15

NEWCASTLE HIGH SCHOOL
PRESENTS

A NIGHT OF DRAMA, DANCE AND MUSIC
FEATURING PERFORMANCES BY OUR PARTNER PRIMARY SCHOOLS
CARRINGTON:NEWCASTLE EAST:THE JUNCTION
HAMILTON:HAMILTON SOUTH:STOCKTON
TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM NEWCASTLE HIGH SCHOOL OFFICE
LIMITED TICKETS ON THE DOOR

- PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY THE FUCHS FOUNDATION -

Design and Build Challenge

There are lots of different ways to move “bulk” things, like wheat or sand or soil, from one place to another.

Here are some:-

- A shovel can pick up stuff and throw it
- A wheel-barrow can be loaded up then carry materials to a new place.
- A truck or train can carry bulk things over a long, long distance.

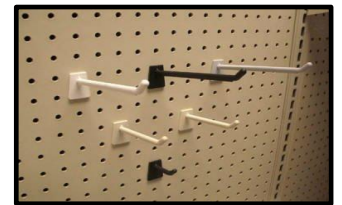


Can you design and build a better system to move sand from one desk to another, using only recycled materials?

The desks will be 60 cm apart, with a pile of sand on one side, which you can load onto your machine by hand.

Things you might use:-

- Lego wheels
- Rubber bands
- Bike tubes
- Old bits of wood
- Paper/plastic cups
- Cardboard tubes
- Old belts
- Rules



It's fun, so anyone can help!

It's not a competition! Everyone trying gets a certificate. Every entry is precious!

Show Day is the last day of term, 1 pm, Wednesday 16th December, and that's when we try them out.

Need some inspiration? Try this link for ideas: -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DrnPQJNAcGI> or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DQhFMENp-zY>

Some helpful hints needed? Look up “conveyor belts” and “luggage carousels” for ideas.

Questions? Email john.beach@det.nsw.edu.au

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
5 October Public Holiday	6 Students resume	7	8	9
12	13	14 Sailing begins	15 Grandparents' Day 8.15 Breakfast	16
19	20	21	22	23 Sunday 25- Bunnings Barbeque
26 Swimming School begins	27	28 Kindergarten Information Evening 6pm Library	29	30
2 November Kindy Orientation 10am	3	4	5	6 Last day – swimming school
9 Kindy Orientation 10am	10	11 State Final Premiers Spelling Bee	12	13
16 Kindy Orientation 10am	17 NHS + Feeder Schools Town Hall Performance	18	19	20
23 Kindy Orientation 10am	24	25	26	27
30 Captains Speeches Scripture Christmas Concert	1 December	2	3	4
7	8	9	10 Year 6 Dinner South Newcastle Leagues Club	11
14 School Presentation 10am	15	16 Last day for students	17 SDD	18 SDD