

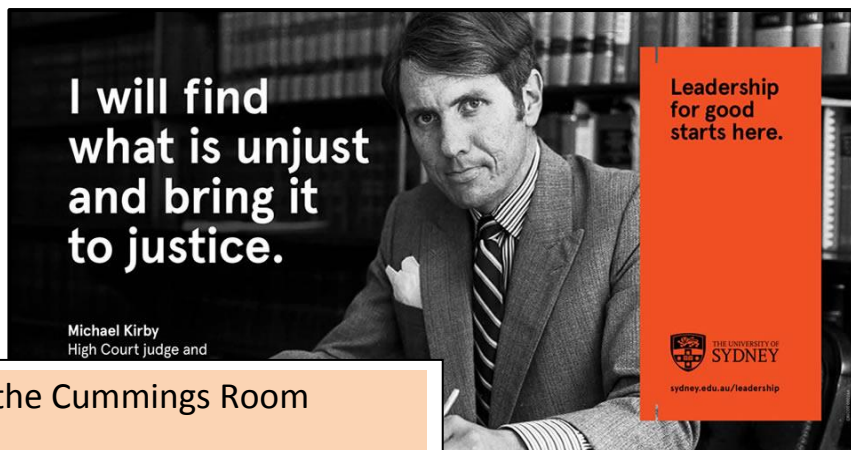
Hilltop News

Week Six, Term Four, Tuesday, November 10th, 2015 Edition One Hundred and Fifty-five

Tickets Selling Now

Bookings opened last Wednesday for our 200th anniversary highlight, the Town Hall Dinner, to be held on Saturday February 6th. Hosted by our former student Hadrian Le Goff, 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

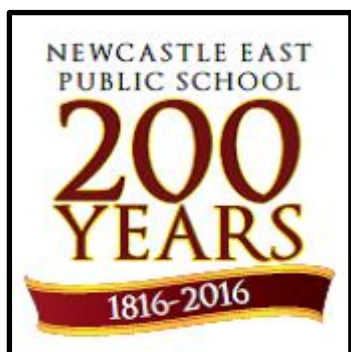


Our two speakers are well-known around the world. Justice Michael Kirby (pictured), formerly of the High Court of Australia, has recently worked for the United Nations, reporting on human rights abuses in North Korea. He is a highly respected jurist, and a staunch advocate of public education. Ms Gillard, Australia's only female Prime Minister, 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!

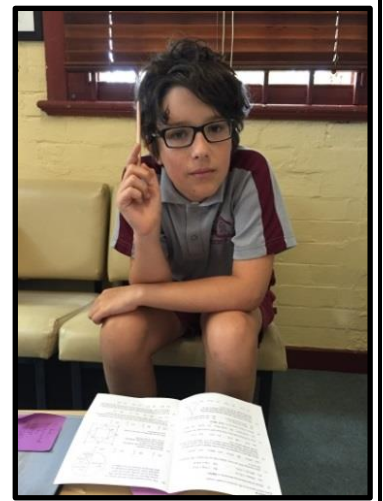


Just three months now until we celebrate our 200th birthday. We plan to use the Facebook page highlighted here for updates, tickets, news, re-union gatherings, etc, so it's important that as many people as possible "Like" it right now. If you haven't done so, please click the link below, have a good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

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

Lachlan Baker - Calculating the Difference

We have some clever mathematicians at NEPS, recognised last week at the Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition presentation, when Lachlan from Grade Five won the prize for ninth place overall, from the many thousands who entered the competition.



School Gossip

- Jude, Logan and Kaden from NEPS travelled to Port Macquarie for representative basketball this weekend, and played four games. Jude and Logan each won their Grand Finals, while Kaden's team did very well against higher-rated teams from other districts.
- Our little new students coming to our Kindergarten Orientation are going very well, and have settled into school life beautifully.
- Gabriella Janse Van Rensburg competed in her pony club events at Mount Sugarloaf and won her grade on her beautiful horse named Summer. She had to do jumping on her horse, over a course of eight jumps.
- Swimming School finished last Friday with lots of progress made by our young squad.
- Sailing was blown out last week, with gale force winds, but we had a great afternoon learning the various knots used in sailing, and building model boats for the harbour.

Art Exhibition in the Mall



On Saturday a number of students from NEPS proudly showed their self-portrait painting on canvas at the student exhibition being held at the Art Project in Market Square, Hunter St. Mall. On display until 25th November.



Traffic Issues and Some Possible Options

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. Under consideration – the closure of Brown Street on its northern intersection with Tyrrell, and another pedestrian crossing on Tyrrell. Eliminating the right turn from lower Brown Street into Tyrrell seems like a safer idea, but your thoughts?

The Puzzle

It's another tough one this week, for the deepest thinkers. A merchant can place 8 large boxes or 10 small boxes into a carton for shipping. In one shipment, he sent a total of 96 boxes. If there are more large boxes than small boxes, how many cartons did he ship?

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

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.

See the flyer attached to this Newsletter.



Some Key Dates for Your Diary

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| • Year Five Gala Day Newcastle High | Friday November 27 |
| • 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.

FREE PARENT INFORMATION



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

Future Uses of King Edward Park

Community members are organising a public meeting to discuss the future of this valuable inner-city resource.

PICNIC IN THE PARK TO REFLECT ON THE FATE OF THE HEADLAND RESERVE

PUBLIC LAND IN PUBLIC HANDS

SUNDAY 22th NOVEMBER – from 12.30p.m

THERE WILL BE SPEAKERS TO OUTLINE THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SITE AND TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THE RECENT COURT DECISION TO OPEN THE LAND TO PUBLIC RECREATION, AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO SHOW THAT YOU CARE.

MAKE SOME NOISE

NEWCASTLE
TOWN
HALL
NOV 17
6.30 PM
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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-

Are you concerned about Climate Change?

A public meeting has been called to look at issues related to Earth's climate. If you are interested, come along to the People's Climate March in Sydney on Sunday 29th of November to send the message to our world leaders in Paris that we want action on Climate Change now.

This is a family friendly event starting with a FREE pancake picnic breakfast at the park next to Hamilton Train Station from 8:30am. The first 50 people also get \$2 off their coffee at Rolador cafe.

At 9.30am we'll all board the train to Sydney together and arrive at Central at 12.10pm with time to walk to the Domain where the rally will start at 1pm.

For more information please click here www.peoplesclimate.org.au/sydney#tw5 or email Charlotte McCabe: charlotte.mccabe@wilderness.org.au

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.

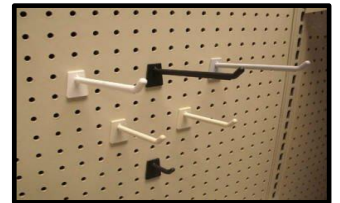


Can you design and build a better system to move sand from one desk to another, using only recycled materials?

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

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