

# Hilltop News

Week Eight, Term Four, Tuesday, November 24th, 2015 Edition One Hundred and Fifty-seven



## Mythical "Great Wall of Newcastle" Nears Completion

Just days away now from the completion of our restored Tyrrell Street fence, with stone work all finished, and iron work well under way. The image shows an iron picket locked into position with molten metal, exactly as it was on the original fence in the 1860's. Tomorrow masons will chisel in the dates 1816-2016, and the blacksmiths are booked for this week to install remaining pickets and iron railings. It's been seven months since the project began, but from a two hundred year perspective, delays of a few weeks seem less important. I am waiting to re-plant our garden bed inside the fence, with the many agapanthus so kindly donated, but it's still too early to know when that will happen. A working bee is planned for just an hour or two one Sunday, but date to be announced, as work finishes completely.

## Ethics / Scripture Wind Up for 2016

Our sincere thanks to the many volunteer teachers of both Ethics and Scripture, as lessons for those subjects finish this week, ahead of next Monday's Scripture Christmas Concert, at 11.45, for children taking the Scripture option. Parents are very welcome at this concert, too! Volunteers, such as our Ethics and SRE teachers, help make a school run, and provide our children opportunities, and we are indebted to them for their efforts and consistency over this school year. The search continues for an Ethics Coordinator for 2016, with Erin finishing her time at the school. If you are interested in finding out more about this very worthwhile position, please ring or email me at the school. [John.beach@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:John.beach@det.nsw.edu.au)

## Make Some Noise

Congratulations to Mrs Edge and her Dance group, and her Neptunes (choir) on their fantastic performances last week at this concert at Newcastle City hall. The standard was very high, and our students attracted much praise for their beautiful singing and dancing. Thanks Mrs Edge, and thanks parents for your support.

## This Week

As we move towards the end of the school year, with lessons finishing on Wednesday December 16<sup>th</sup>, there are many special events to recognise effort by our students, or to prepare for our 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary in February. This week: -

- Today – our editorial team for the Classroom Herald Competition attended the awards ceremony at Hunter Stadium
- Thursday – our choir, the Neptunes, will be recording songs at Newcastle High School's professional recording studio, to accompany our bicentennial video, currently being shot by Miss Hicks
- Friday – Year Five students will attend a gala day at Newcastle High School, with some of our former students assisting them in games activities.



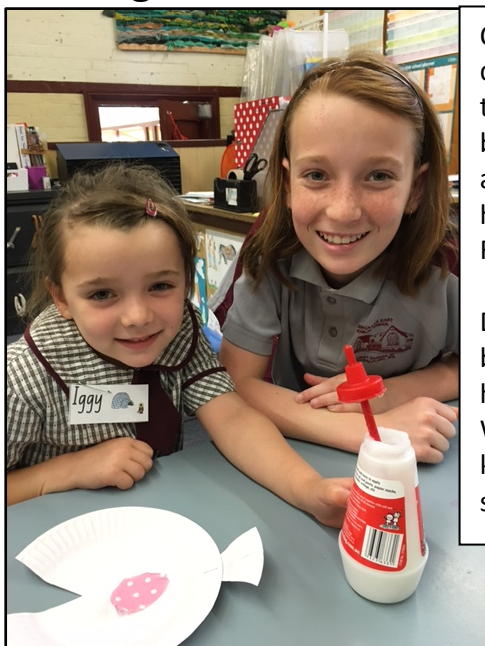
This all-girl crew, Sadie, Marina and Gen, showed how it should be done at Sailing last Wednesday, when conditions were fairly windy and hot. However, our **Crew of the Week** award went to Oliver, Jack and Jordan, who showed that they now have all the basic sailing skills, of helming the boat, tacking, gybing, and keeping the boat trimmed.

## Dinner Bookings

Only 100 tickets left, so if you want to go to our Bicentennial Dinner, get in quick at this link: -

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

## Kindergarten Meet Buddies



Our Grade Five students did a beautiful job with their new Kindergarten buddies, showing them around the school, and helping them with their Recess snacks.

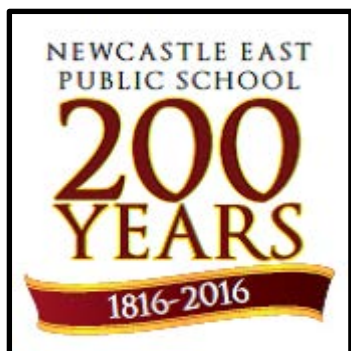
Sadie and Iggy, Daniel and Kingsley, bonded very well, and had a happy morning. We already love our new kindy! They know our school well!



## Quiz Winner – Charlie Clews

Congratulations to Charlie for correctly answering last week's quiz, when he answered that we have ten classes at NEPS. This week it's about our fence on Tyrrell Street. How many gates are in that fence, when it's fully restored? Again, this week is just for Kindergarten and Grade One students. Email your answer to [john.beach@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:john.beach@det.nsw.edu.au)

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



Just three months now until we celebrate our 200<sup>th</sup> 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>

## 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>

## Special Note for Year Six Parents

Year Six students will be allowed to wear their "farewell" T-shirts on these dates in December : -  
Monday 7, Wednesday 9, Friday 11, Wednesday 16

## Canteen Roster

Week	Monday	Friday
8		27 <sup>th</sup> November Lisa Marshall Helen Cossettini
9	30 <sup>th</sup> November <b>Volunteer needed</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> December Ingird Beavis Pip Strachan
10	7 <sup>th</sup> December Chris White Greg Warburton	11 <sup>th</sup> December Robin Hetherington <b>Volunteer needed</b>
11	14 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Volunteer needed</b>	

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



# 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.

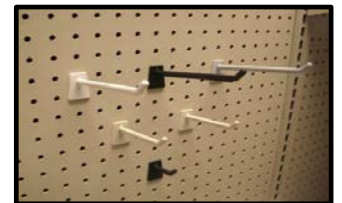


Can you design and build a better system to move sand from one desk to another, using only recycled materials?

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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

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