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Newcastle East Public School – Australia's Oldest School

Week Ten Term One, Tuesday March 24th, 2015

Edition One Hundred and Thirty

Harmony Day

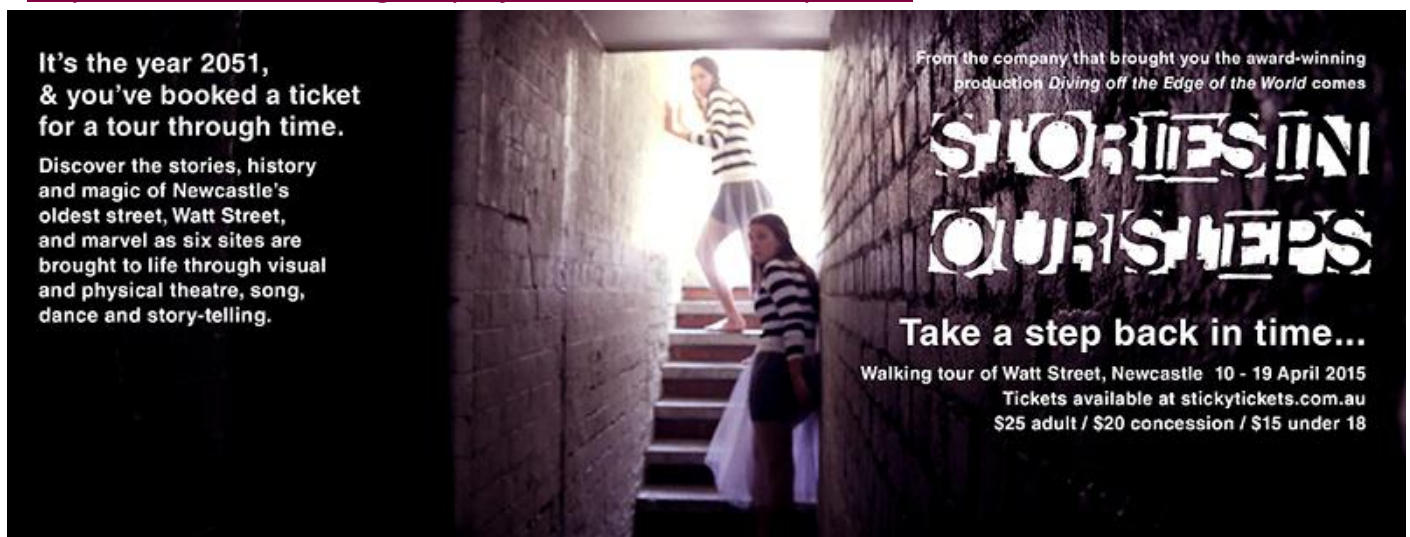
Our children looked very colourful last week, as we celebrated the many different cultures in Australia. Thank you to those parents and grandparents who were able to join us, in an assembly which featured lots of different costumes, languages and music. Our School Choir performed a beautiful song about black swans, and they managed to really move the audience. After some wonderful class items, we finished with Miss Dickinson's class conga line, in the Carnivalé in Rio. It was fun, but there was a serious meaning under the celebrations, about respecting everyone's culture and language.

You remember that our school supports two small schools on Pentecost Island. There is still no word on the damage to those schools from Cyclone Pam, but we must assume that they have sustained considerable damage. Thanks to our generous school community, and the kindness of parents who donated rice and cooking time, these amounts were raised to help re-building: -

Rice Day / Out of Uniform/ Donations	\$621
Cookies of Love, Mrs Thomas' class	\$263

Budding Thespians

In case you missed this item in last week's Newsletter, students from our school will be performing in the Tantrum Youth Arts production of *Stories in Our Steps* during the April school holidays. The performance will feature the talented, Asha Osborne, Sophia Suters, Zoe Rivers Beard and Luka McCallum and will be well worth a viewing. Visit <http://www.tantrum.org.au/projects/storiesinoursteps.html> for more info and to book.



**It's the year 2051,
& you've booked a ticket
for a tour through time.**

Discover the stories, history
and magic of Newcastle's
oldest street, Watt Street,
and marvel as six sites are
brought to life through visual
and physical theatre, song,
dance and story-telling.

From the company that brought you the award-winning
production *Diving off the Edge of the World* comes

STORIES IN OUR STEPS

Take a step back in time...

Walking tour of Watt Street, Newcastle 10 - 19 April 2015
Tickets available at stickytickets.com.au
\$25 adult / \$20 concession / \$15 under 18

Staff Changes

I will be absent next term, taking Long Service Leave, with Mrs Thomas replacing me in my role, and Mrs Edge and Mrs Audet sharing the Assistant Principal role left vacant.

State Election Barbeque

Our P and C operated a very successful barbeque on Saturday, raising over \$1400 for our students. We are indebted to all the parents and staff who came to help with cooking, serving, and setting up. A feature of such a day is the return of many ex-students, either with their voting parents, or to vote themselves. We manage to have lots of fun too, although it is a long tiring day. Thanks everyone!

Zone Cross Country 2015

Competition was fierce at this year's Zone Cross Country Carnival. Twenty two middle distance runners from NEPS represented our school at the carnival last Friday, competing in either 2000m or 3000m races. In each race there were 60+ competitors from twenty four Newcastle schools. Our students achieved excellent personal best results with one outstanding athlete, Emily Miles, advancing to the Regional Carnival next term.

Individual results from the carnival are as follows: Emily Miles 3rd, Ella Marceau 10th, Jude Jennings 13th, Adelaide Tait 17th, Gabriella Van Rensburg 18th, Jude Hampson 20th, Noah Handley 20th, Miles McCauley 22nd, Millie Dennis 24th, Violet Olsen 25th, Riley Egerton 25th, Angus Tait 32nd, Darcy O'Rourke 32nd, Kaden Dube 36th, Ben Bardsley 37th, Averil Jones 38th, Genevieve Van Rensburg 39th, Evie Mee 40th, Drew Randall 40th, Romeo Alexander-Meylan 43th, Eliot Taylor 48th, Mani Brazil 51st.

GATS Writing Report

On Wednesday last week we went to Newcastle High for a special English Workshop called GATS. When we arrived we met all the other students. There were kids from Fern Bay, Hamilton South and many other schools.

First our teacher showed us some optical illusions to get our brains working. They were really interesting and fun to work out! Next she showed us some riddles and went around the classroom for some imaginative answers.

Afterwards she gave us some story starters and we had fun coming up with some creative ideas. Then we had some M and M's. . . just to kick start our brains! Then she gave us a story planner and three words that we had to build the story around. We got a dice, a spoon and bath towel. Our story was about a girl called Ruby, who got very sick after she ate from a spoon that had been dipped in poison. She has to search everywhere for the only thing that can cure her; the bath towel of Awesomeness!

All in all, it was very much fun, and we learnt a lot!

By The Lords of the Pretzels (Amy, Ruby, Sadie and Elizabeth)

Cricket News

On Sunday 29th March 2015, just before the Australian team won the World Cup, a Newcastle City Club team made up of U12 players who had recently won the Country Championships travelled to Hurstville Oval in Sydney and won the State Weetbix T20 cup against the metro winners, Caringbah.

The 14 Players in the City U12's Team who have played as a squad since November last year to get to this State Final are:

William Anson, Taj Annan, Patrick Charters, William Connors, Jake Hainsworth, Jack Hartigan, Jacob Humphrey, Angus McTaggart, Tom Sharpe, Cooper Southam, Angus Tait, Joshua Taylor, Daniel Wall, Clare Webber. Caringbah won the toss and batted first. They posted 3/97 off their 20 overs with City doing a good job of keeping the runs under 100 in the last 4 overs, given Caringbah were 2/84 after 16 overs. Angus McTaggart (1/14 off 4 overs), Angus Tait (1/11 off 2 overs) & Clare Webber (1/10 off 2 overs) took wickets, with Taj Annan (0/13 off 4 overs) being the most economical. Looking for 5 runs an over, City started the run chase with unaccustomed nervous running between the wickets and lost 3 wickets in the first 4 overs, however kept up with the run rate throughout the innings. Jake Hainsworth and Clare Webber then steadied the ship with a 27 run partnership getting to 44 at the halfway mark before Jake was runout. At 5/45, City were under pressure but Clare (32) and Angus McTaggart (25 no) played beautifully for a 52 run partnership which got the team home with an over to spare.

All of the players in the squad had contributed with special individual efforts in one or more games over the 8 games needed to win the State Championship and I believe (would need to confirm this fact) they are the first country team to win the U12 Weetbix Cup.



Heidi at State Swimming

Congratulations to Heidi Schneider, who made it all the way to the New South Wales State Final of the Individual Medley at Sydney Olympic Pool on Friday. Incredibly, this girl shaved six seconds off her personal best just during these two days of competition. At this level, competition is intense and winning margins are tiny. Heidi finished eighth in her final, against a very high quality field.

Important Dates for Your Planner

- Easter Hat Parade - This Thursday, 2pm.
Students will learn a little about the history of Easter celebrations, and then each class will parade
- School Disco – Thursday evening, 5.30 to 7.30, under the COLA.
- Term Two begins – Tuesday April 21st

Safe Holidays

Following a busy first term, I wish all families a restful break over the next two weeks, and look forward to your return on April 21st. I will return to my desk in Term Three.

Canteen

Volunteer Roster

Volunteering in the canteen is a fun way to be involved in your child's school. You get a chance to meet their friends and get to know the other children and staff at NEPS. We only need you once per term and if you haven't volunteered in the canteen before then we will roster you on with another parent for training. Text Cherry on 0409 927 006 if you're keen.

Sailing

It was the last week for after-school sailing on Monday, and it was time for parents to get on board, we then celebrated with a barbeque and presentation ceremony. Special thanks to Miss Hicks and Miss Kerr, who made it all possible by sailing every Monday. See more images on our school website, under Galleries.



Term One Planner

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
February 2	3 Swimming Carnival	4	5	6
9 Parent Information Evening	10	11	12	13
16 P&C Meeting School Council Meeting	17	18	19	20
23	24	25 Zone Swimming	26	27
March 2	3 NHS Yrs. 5&6 Info Evening	4	5	6
9 Drama – Bully No More	10	11	12 Selective Schools Entry Tests	13
16	17	18	19	20 Cross Country
23 Parent/Teacher Interviews this week	24 Inter-relate Evening	25 Harmony Day Assembly / Rice Day 12pm	26	27 Zone Cross Country
30 Parent/Teacher Interviews this week	31	April 1	2 Disco 5.30 – 7.30	3 Good Friday

THE ART PROJECT

by Andrew Dennis



Creative, Inspiring and Fun Children's Holiday Workshops

Come along to the new Art Project workspace at Market Square, Newcastle Mall (opposite Rivers) to join Andrew Dennis for his fine art holiday workshops. Specifically for Year 1 to Year 6 students with the aim of encouraging artistic skills and inspiring creativity with an emphasis on drawing. (not cartoons)

In every class, students will participate in a variety of different activities designed to enhance and develop creative skills in a fun and relaxed environment

All classes commence at 9:30am and conclude at 12pm.

Dates	Class Focus
Tuesday 14 th April	Print Making: Day 1 - Defining the Artwork
Wednesday 15 th April	Print Making: Day 2 – Creating the Masterpiece

\$30 per class per child

All art materials supplied.

Children to bring snack/drink
and a painting shirt.

Places are strictly limited.

Book early to avoid disappointment.

Bookings via Andrew 0403 303 366 or
email andrewdennis@optusnet.com.au
www.andrewdennis.com.au



The Rotunda, King Edward Park 2014 Andrew Dennis

Located at Shop 19, Mezzanine Level, Market Square, Newcastle Mall (opposite Rivers)
Easy drop-off zone in Laing St off Thorn St, Newcastle Mall
Visa, Mastercard and EFTPOS payment methods available.

The Art Project by Andrew Dennis, Shop 18/19 Mezzanine Level, Market Square, Hunter St,
Newcastle NSW 2300
Sprouting Enterprises ABN: 136 0135 9219



THE ART PROJECT

by *Andrew Dennis*

After School Art Classes

Provide your child the opportunity to learn from an established and practicing artist in a working studio.

Fundamentals of the classes include basic principals of fine art including drawing, painting, print making, sculpture and collage.

*After school classes operate every term for 8 weeks at the studio at Shop 19, Mezzanine Level, Market Square, Newcastle Mall.
(Easy drop off zone in Lang Street behind gallery.)*

All art materials included except students are asked to purchase a A4 spiral bound sketch book and 2B pencil. Alternatively a sketching pack is available for purchase for \$25.

**Classes are \$120 for 8 weeks
or \$20 per casual class (places limited)**

*Tuesday 3:15 – 4:15pm & 4:30 - 5:30pm
Wednesday 3:15 – 4:15pm & 4:30 - 5:30pm*

Term 2 start dates: 28th and 29th April

*To enquire about enrolments please email
andrewdennis@optusnet.com.au or
Phone 0403 303366.*

Credit card and EFT facilities available.

April Holiday Adventures with National Parks



nationalparks.nsw.gov.au

Join our *Discovery* Rangers to experience a different side to Port Stephens and Tomaree National Park this Easter school holidays. National Parks and Wildlife tours highlight the beauty and mystery of some of the port's most significant landmarks.



BOOKINGS & INFORMATION

For all tours: Please wear fully enclosed shoes, sun protection and bring water.

Bookings for all NPWS *Discovery* Tours are essential.

More information, and bookings online from 1 April at
www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/Whats-On
[search location: Tomaree]
or phone 13000 PARKS / 1300 072 757.

If you would like to register your email to receive future programs, please contact:

Suzanne Olsson
suzanne.olsson@environment.nsw.gov.au
02 4984 8210

TOMAREE'S WILDERQUEST TREASURE TRAIL

Our action will step back to the time of WW2 to the sites of the torpedo, fort and behind the guns. Changing our defense hats for some time getting close to nature, we explore the summit walk with activities to find new ways to look around and uncover the sounds and textures. Enjoy the spectacular scenery then stay if you wish to make your own WilderQuest bag.

WHERE:

Tomaree National Park. Meet at the lower Zenith Beach carpark.

WHEN:

Wednes 8 & 15 April, 9-11.30am (2.5 hrs)

SPOOKY NIGHT WALK

Join in our spooky dusk tour along Shoal Bay and inside Tomaree's WW2 gun emplacement—experience the ambience of this haunting place! Return by dark to the sounds of the bush and if we're lucky spot a night animal or two. Please bring a small torch (if you have one), snacks, water and wear fully enclosed shoes.

WHERE:

Tomaree National Park. Meet at the lower Zenith Beach carpark.

WHEN:

Thursday 9 April, 5.30-7.30pm (2 hrs)

COST

2 hours: \$8pp—Children & Adults
2.5 hours: \$10pp—Children & Adults
Children under 4yrs free.

Children under 16 years must be accompanied by an adult.

ROCKPOOL RAMBLES

Join a *Discovery* Ranger to search for the creatures that live in this challenging environment—animals that can't move and others than look like plants. Find out what's safe to touch and how to look after these fascinating creatures. Please wear fully enclosed shoes and be prepared to maybe get them a little wet.

WHERE:

Meet at the Boat Harbour carpark off Noamunga St.

WHEN:

Wednesday 8 April, 3.30-5.30pm (2 hrs)
Thursday 16 April, 11am-1pm (2 hrs)

WILDERQUEST BUSH & BEACH FAMILY ADVENTURE

A morning packed with activities to challenge your whole family to discover hidden bush places, create micro trails, and look for signs of plants and wildlife on an exciting bush and beach hunt.

WHERE:

Tomaree National Park. Meet at the upper Zenith Beach carpark.

WHEN:

Tuesday 14 April, 9.30-11.30am (2 hrs)

