

HILLTOP NEWS

Newcastle East Public School – Australia's Oldest School

Week Four, Term Two, Tuesday 12th May, 2015

Edition One Hundred and Thirty Three

Henny Penny Hatchlings Looking for a Home



Our recent hatchlings are thriving in KT as the program comes to an end. Many students have had an opportunity to watch a chick hatch during the past week or to handle one with care. Now our sixteen little chicks are looking for new homes. If you are keen to adopt a chick, you can purchase one from Mrs Miller for \$10.00. You must have a fenced backyard so your chick has somewhere to scratch about. Mrs Miller has starter packs for sale so you'll have everything you need to raise a healthy egg-layer. All enquiries about the adoption process are to be made to Mrs Miller in KM. Those chicks not adopted by Friday will live happy lives on the farm.

Distance Runner's – Personal Best

Emily Miles is very pleased with her recent success at the Regional Cross Country Championships. Emily finished 13th, in a 3000m race against the fastest middle distance runners in the Hunter Region. Emily trained hard for her race, improving her result on last year's 15th place, by two places. Emily aims to finish in the top three in the near future so she can represent the Hunter at the State Carnival. Congratulations Emily, we're very proud of you.



After School Sport- Term Two

As usual our After School Sports Programs are very popular with the younger members of our school. European Handball/ Soccer started today at total capacity, with twenty participants from Years 1 and 2.

Miss Dickinson is teaching ball handling skills and co-operative team skills this term and the children are having a wonderful time.

There are still a number of places left in Basketball, which will be coached by Dennis Pitt. Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 are invited to play on Thursday afternoons. No experience is necessary.

Apple for the Teacher Competition



Congratulations on nominating one of these teachers in ***NEWFM's Apple for the Teacher*** competition!

For your teacher to become Newcastle's Favourite Teacher we now need you to tell everyone you know to vote for them from Monday at newfm.com.au

You could help win 25 ipads for our school.

Mrs Thompson, Miss Hicks, Mrs Audet and Miss Varagnolo were entered into the competition by students in our school. So get voting!

World's Biggest Morning Tea- Thursday 28th May

Year 6 will host 'The World's Biggest Morning Tea' on Thursday 28th May to raise funds for the Cancer Council of Australia. For a gold coin donation students can wear yellow clothing for the day and there will be various cakes and cookies on sale at recess. Please let Mrs Audet know if you can donate some baked goods for the morning tea.



Premier's Challenge Debating and Train –On Debating Teams

Our Premier's Challenge Debating team is ready to commence competition this week as they challenge Tighes Hill Public School in the first round. Lily Ann Ellway, Sophia Suters, Harper Warren and Kaden Dube are looking forward to the challenge. Next week, on Thursday 21st May, the Train-on team of Year 5 students will challenge their opponents.

Building and Maintenance Update

Work on replacing the Tyrrell Street fence will continue this week. The on-site work space has been set up inside the school gates at the Tyrell Street entrance, outside OOSH. Students can keep using this entrance until further notice.

The area around the play equipment in the bottom playground remains out of bounds until the ground cover is restored. The ground was disturbed by the fallen tree, exposing the soil. Work should commence on the repairs next week.

Carpet is due to be replaced in Mrs Edge's room and the P.A has been replaced under the COLA. Both suffered water damage from the storms.

Important Dates for Your Planner

- NAPLAN- 12th, 13th, 14th May
- Round One Premier's Debating Challenge- Friday 15th May
- Tuesday 19th May –ICAS Computer Test
- Thursday 21st May- Train-on debate
- P & C and School Council Meetings - Monday 18th May
- School Photos- Monday 25th May

Thank you Thank you Thank you

Many thanks to the parents who helped at the Mothers' Day Stall last Friday. All children were able to buy from a range of gifts on sale, organized by Mrs Jardim.

Letter to Alumni for Sculpture Installation

A letter to all former students of NEPS has been attached to the on-line version of this newsletter. The letter explains the significance of the sculpture installation as an enduring memorial for the bicentenary next year and invites alumni to take part in the celebrations.

Canteen

There will be no more 'Fruity Ice' sold at the Canteen.
Hot Chocolate available now for the winter, Terms 2&3.
Quelch Sticks will now be 25c for ½ or 50c for full.

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.

Week	Monday	Wednesday	Friday
4	11th May Susan Crawford	13th May Clare Hogue	15th May Ziva Westley
5	18th May Donna Feirsinger	20th May Katrina Kana	22nd May Lisa Marshall Helen Cossetini
6	25th May VOLUNTEER NEEDED	27th May VOLUNTEER NEEDED	29th May Sonya Anderson Heidi Walpole
7	1st June Michelle Lott	3rd June VOLUNTEER NEEDED	5th June Ziva Westley

Donation Roster Oliphant, Wilkinson, Newell, Fensom, Ferguson, Squires, Davis, Fitzsimmons, Ford, Beecham, Garafillis, Gardner, Gay, Suters, Gittens, Glastonbury, Gomez Morris

Donations – PINEAPPLE RINGS

School Photos

School Photo envelopes will be going home this week. Please return to the school office along with payment. Payments can be by cash in the envelope or online. Family photo envelopes are available from the office.

Term Two Planner

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
20	21 Storm of the decade	22 School operating with minimal supervision	23 First Day Back	24 ANZAC Day Assembly
27 CHOIR – CHORAL WORKSHOP at NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL	28	29	30 Choralfest	1 MAY
4 Rock and Water Teacher Training	5 Rock and Water Teacher Training	6	7 Whole School Evacuation Drill	8 Mothers' Day Stall
11	12 NAPLAN Language/Writing	13 NAPLAN Reading	14 NAPLAN Maths	15 Premier's Debating Round 1 Vs Tighes Hill
18 P&C Meeting School Council Meeting Kinder-parent /teacher interviews	19 ICAS Test- Digital Technologies Kinder-parent /teacher interviews	20 Kinder-parent /teacher interviews	21 Train-On Debate Kinder-parent /teacher interviews	22 Kinder-parent /teacher interviews
25 School Photos Kinder-parent /teacher interviews	26 Kinder-parent /teacher interviews	27 Simultaneous Storytime Kinder-parent /teacher interviews	28 Jaqueline Harvey- Author talk 9.30-10.30- Years 2, 3 & 4 World's Biggest Morning Tea	29 Kinder-parent /teacher interviews
1 JUNE	2 School Disco	3 ICAS Test -Science	4	5
8 Queen's Birthday	9	10	11	12
15 ICAS Test- Writing	16 ICAS Test- Spelling	17 Train-on debate Belair	18	19
22	23	24	25	26 LAST DAY Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Entries



**NEWCASTLE • EAST
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29 April 2015

Dear Alumni

As you would be aware, Newcastle East Public School, the oldest continuing school in Australia, will turn 200 in 2016. Planning for this unique occasion has been ongoing for over twelve months.

As an enduring memorial to this significant event, a national competition was held for a commemorative sculpture to be installed in the forecourt of the school. In August 2014, the winner, Heather B Swann, a nationally recognised sculptor from Melbourne, was selected from a field of 17 artists. Her entry consists of 16 bronze traditional stools, randomly placed within a brick paved circular space. The space will be enclosed by a low-growing hedge of native plants. Emerging from the back of some of the stools are abstractly formed bronze birds – inspired by convict artist Richard Browne's illustrations of 1813.

The total cost of the sculpture project, including installation, is around \$100,000, of which the Committee has already raised \$40,000 (including some substantial donations from parents). We are continuing in our efforts to raise the balance.

Despite the significance and uniqueness of the event (celebrating the enduring value of education), we have not been able to attract any government assistance.

As a former pupil of the school, you might like to make a donation to ensure that the commemorative sculpture installation is completed for the 2016 celebrations. We are happy to accept donations from individuals or businesses. Any donations over \$2,500 will entitle the donor's name to be included on the plaque integral to the sculpture.

Attached is a brochure describing the events and sponsorship opportunities. 2016 is a special year for the evolution of education in Australia and through the vision of Governor Macquarie NEPS was there at the beginning in 1816. We urgently need support to ensure the bicentenary celebration is appropriately recognised, for future generations.

The main celebrations will occur in February 2016, and will provide an opportunity for former pupils to meet and share memories of this great school. While we hope you will be able to make a contribution to the sculpture fund, we also invite you to take this opportunity to make contact with the school to register your interest in receiving further information about the bicentenary celebrations.

If you would like to make a donation, or if you have any queries, please contact the school on (+612) 4929 2911 or newcastle-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

We also invite you to share this letter with any other alumni of the school with whom you are in contact.

Yours sincerely

Brian Suters
For the NEPS Bicentenary Committee



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