

# HILLTOP NEWS

Newcastle East Public School – Australia's Oldest School

Week Eight, Term Two, Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2015

Edition One Hundred and Thirty Seven

## NEPS Teacher Stands in the Limelight



No one could be more excited about Miss Varagnolo's recent win in the Apple for the Teacher Competition than Mrs Thompson. Mrs Thompson celebrated the win by making these fabulous T-shirts, pointing out that she works with Newcastle's most popular teacher. She says she's thrilled to work with Miss Varagnolo, who deserves the recognition. That's something we can all agree on!

### What's the Weather?

KT students enjoyed an outdoor lesson to test the strength of the wind on Tuesday. Mrs Hadfield helped them make their wind detectors to measure wind and took them to different parts of the playground to test their theories. The hands-on science lessons are designed to get the children thinking about their environment and the forces that shape it.



Grace said, "I like having lessons outside. We tested which places are the windiest places in our playground."

Lila said, "The bottom playground was the windiest."

We tested the COLA, near the office and near the canteen."

## Premier's Debating Updates



Picture: Premier's Debating Team and Train-on Debating Team 2015 (Absent: Evie)

### **Train-on Team Update** by Asha and Elizabeth

Last Wednesday, the train-on debating team went to Belair Public School with Mrs Audet and Evie, their Year 6 mentor. The topic was, 'School Hours Should be Changed from 9-3 to 12 to 6. We were the negative team. The result was very close, but in the end we won, thanks to our great rebuttals.

### **The Premier's Debating Team Update** by Sophia and Lilli-Ann

The Premier's Debating Team has participated in three debates this year. Unfortunately we have only won one debate but all the results have been very close. The first two debates were against Tighes Hill and the third was against The Junction. Topics debated were: 'All Schools Should Teach Self-Defense Classes', 'All Schools Should Dedicate a Day Each Week To Sport' and 'Students in Year 5 and Over Should Be Able To Access All Social Media Websites'. We were on the affirmative for all the debates and we won the one about sport. Our next debate is on Thursday against Hamilton.

### **School Production Update - SHOWTIME-August 6<sup>th</sup>**

Planning is well underway for the school production that will be held on August 6<sup>th</sup> in Term 3. We are now on the lookout for anyone who is handy to assist with building sets and props, especially anyone with carpentry experience. If you are able to assist, please phone or text Lyndal Edge on 0416 017 959. Any volunteers would be greatly appreciated.



## Important Dates for Your Planner

- Intensive Athletics Workshop- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June ICAS Writing
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June P&C and School Council Meetings
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June ICAS Spelling
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Premier's Debate
- Athletics Carnival – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June

Attached to the on-line version of this newsletter are the planners for Terms 2-4. These will be updated weekly.

## Athletics Workshop

An intensive athletics workshop will be held this Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June at Alder Park for 55 students in Years 4-6. Little Athletics coaches will instruct students to improve their skills in high jump, long jump, shot put and discus in readiness for the upcoming athletics carnival. Buses leave straight after roll call.

## Premier's Reading Challenge



*Students from 2/3V read the recommended Premier's Reading Challenge books to students in KM and KT each week.*

## Canteen Volunteer Roster

If you are able volunteer please text Cherry on 0409 927 006 to volunteer:

<b>Week 8</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> June Queen's Birthday Closed	10 <sup>th</sup> June Jodie McGuire	12 <sup>th</sup> June Rob & Belinda Johnson
<b>Week 9</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> June Lisa Marshall Lesley Marshall	17 <sup>th</sup> June Simone Pengally	19 <sup>th</sup> June Ingrid Beavis Volunteer Needed

### **Donations of Pineapple Rings are required this week from the following families:**

O'Rourke, Onley, Osborne, Papagni, Devir, Frost, Phillips, Pidcock, Currington, Prickett, Soklaridis, Randall, McGilvray, Rattray, Rees, O'Donohue, Janse Van Rensburg

## **YOGA AND MINDFULNESS** **SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOP**

A FREE 3 day yoga and mindfulness workshop for youth ages 12-17, to help them reduce and manage stress, anxiety and depression.

**Date:** June 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015

**Time:** 2pm-3:30pm

**Location:** Wesley Youth Services Newcastle  
Level 1, 14 Wood Street, Newcastle West

For further information or to register please contact Aija Stoddart on 02 4915 3626.







## Kids look to you to keep them safe

**No parking areas and/or kiss and ride zones have been installed at most schools to help parents and carers safely drop off and pick up children.**

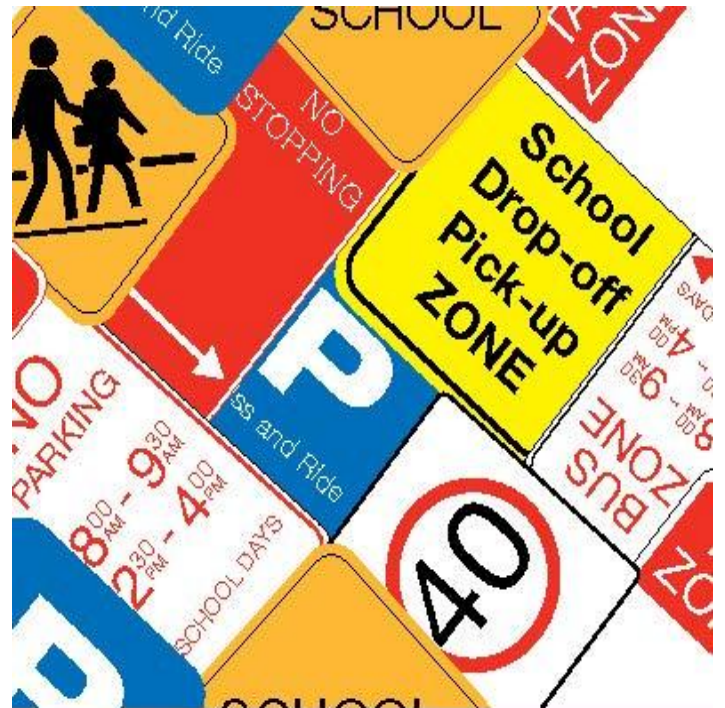
For these zones to work effectively, parents and carers need to:

- **Be timely.** If there is no indicated time on the No Parking sign, you are only permitted to stop for 2 minutes. If your child does not enter or exit the vehicle within that time, you are required to exit the zone and re-enter when the child is ready
- **Not move more than three metres from your vehicle.** For example, a driver may get out of the car, open the boot and help children with their bags, but they must not move any further than 3 metres from their vehicle
- **Stop their vehicle as close as possible to the head of the zone, this will allow other parents and carers easy access to the zone.**

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For enquiries please call 4974 2000.

For more information visit:  
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*Signs you may see in school zones*

## Offences in school zones

**Stop on/near pedestrian crossing - School Zone**

Stop on/near marked foot crossing - School Zone

**Stop at/near bus stop - School Zone**

Double park - School Zone

**Stop in bus zone - School Zone**

Stop on/near childrens crossing - School Zone

**Disobey no parking sign - School Zone**

Disobey no stopping sign - School Zone

**Stop on path/strip in built-up area - School Zone**

Stop on/across driveway/other access to/from land - School Zone

*Demerit points apply*

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**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](mailto: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

# 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
18 P&C Meeting School Council Meeting	19 ICAS Test- Digital Technologies	20	21	22 Premier's Debate Tighes Hill v NEPS
25 School Photos	26 Premier's Debate away	27 Simultaneous Storytime Kinder-Newcastle Library visit	28 Jaqueline Harvey Author talk/ World's Biggest Morning Tea / Train-On Debate NEPS v Belair Premier's debate- Junction	29
1 JUNE Premier's Sporting Challenge begins	2 School Disco 1D & 3/4E parents set-up & pack-up	3 ICAS Test –Science 9.45-10.45 Choir performance	4	5
8 Queen's Birthday	9	10	11 Intensive Athletics Workshop- Years 4-6 9.00-12.30	12
15 ICAS Test- Writing P&C/ School Council Meeting	16 ICAS Test- Spelling	17	18 Premier's Debate Home/Hamilton	19 Athletics Carnival Newcastle Athletics Field
22 Stage Public Speaking finals By Friday	23	24 Recital Night	25	26 LAST DAY Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Entries Reports Home

## Term Three Planner

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
13 JULY Premier's Spelling List Published	14 Students resume	15	16	17
20	21	22 Musica Viva	23 Dancefest	24 Zone Athletics-Track
27 NEPS Public Speaking Final	28 Zone Athletics- Field	29 Musical dress rehearsal	30	31
3 August	4	5	6 Musical Performance + all day rehearsal	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24 Book Week	25	26	27	28
31	1 September	2	3	4
7	8	9	10 Regional Public Speaking	11
14	15	16 School Camp 3-6	17 School Camp Years 3 and 4 return	18 School Camp Years 5 and 6 return



## Term Four Planner

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
5 October Public Holiday	6 Students resume	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30
2 November	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30 Captains Speeches	1 December	2	3	4
7	8	9	10 Year 6 Dinner	11
14	15	16 Last day for students	17 SDD	18 SDD