

HILLTOP NEWS

Newcastle East Public School – Australia's Oldest School

Week Ten, Term Two, Tuesday, 23rd June, 2015

Edition One Hundred and Thirty Nine

Athletics Carnival Wash Out



School Athletics Report

Students in Years 3-6, teachers and parents braved the cold, wet weather on Friday at the school athletics carnival. The 100m and 200m sprint events were run in unrelenting rain before the carnival was cancelled at 11.30 am. Some field events were completed although many will be held over until Term 3 to enable us to finalise the age champions. While students in Years K-2 missed out on the athletics carnival, teachers will re-schedule a day of fun at King Edward Park during Term 3. Thank you to the teachers and parents who braved the conditions and tried to make the most of the day.

The students selected for the zone team for the 100m, 200m and relay events are listed below. Notes will be issued in Week 1 Term 3. The Zone carnival will be held at Glendale Athletics Centre over two days. Track events will be held on Friday 24th July and field events and 800m on Tuesday 28th July. Congratulations to all the students who made the team in inclement conditions.

100m Age Race: 8 years- Harry Williams, Toby Burman, Mana Phillips, Natalie Fensom, Grace Giles, Ela Su Guner, 9 Years -Darcy O'Rourke, Harper Strachan, Daniel De Beer, Tash Stockdale, Eleanor Mowatt, Imala Cush, 10 Years- Noah Handley, Riley Egerton, Angus Grimshaw, Laura Kwok, Adelaide Tait, Ruby Jennings, 11 Years- Jude Hampson, Luke Springett, Kaden Dube, Paola James, Sophia Suters, Emily Miles, 12 Years- Miles McCauley, Jude Jennings, Angus Tait, Eliot Taylor, Evie Mee, Katie Madden.

200m Race: Juniors- Riley Egerton, Noah Handley, Heidi Schneider, Tash Stockdale 11 Years- Jude Hampson, Luke Springett, Paola James, Sophia Suters Seniors- Evie Mee, Eliot Taylor, Miles McCauley, Jude Jennings

Relays: Junior girls: Laura Kwok, Adelaide Tait, Tash Stockdale, Eleanor Mowatt Junior Boys : Noah Handley, Riley Egerton, Angus Grimshaw, Max Bohlson Senior Girls: Paola James, Sophia Suters, Emily Miles, Natalie Fensom Senior Boys: Miles McCauley, Jude Hampson, Jude Jennings, Luke Springett.

High Jump: Angus Tait, Jude Hampson

Long Jump: Kaden Dube, Adelaide Tait, Jude Jennings, Miles McCauley

800m Race: TBA

School Production Update - SHOWTIME-August 6th

Tickets for the school performance will go on sale in Week 2 of Term 3. All sales will be made via an electronic booking system. Details to follow in Week 1 of next term.

Recital Night- This Wednesday at 6.00pm

This Wednesday evening, come along to Recital Night to see a selection of musical ensemble performances and student soloists. The evening begins at 6pm. Programs will be on sale for \$1.00. All proceeds from the sale of the programs will go to the choir for music folders. Thanks to Mrs Edge and Miss Dickinson for organising the evening.

Farewell and Good Luck to Mrs Audet



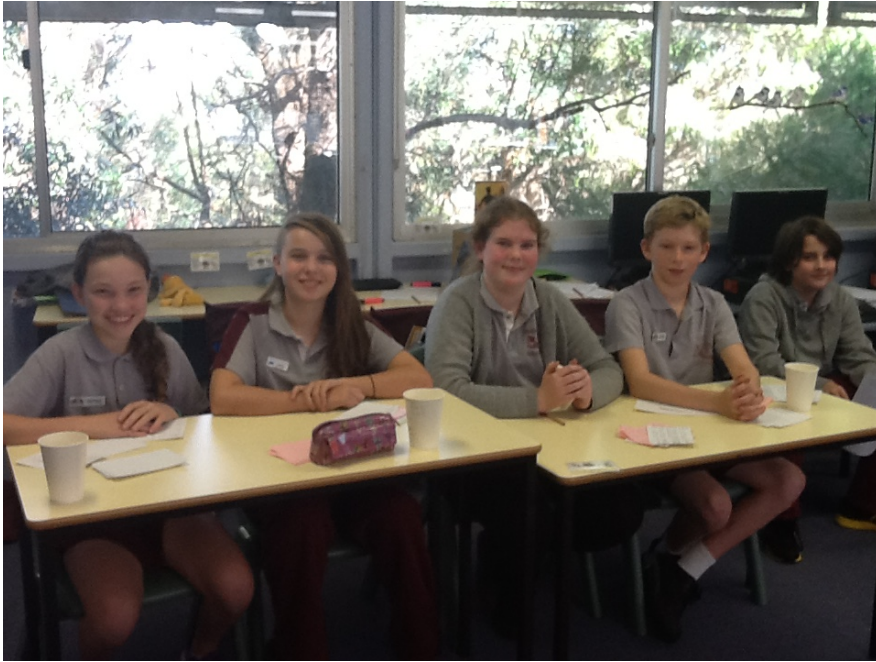
We're so sad to see the wonderful Mrs Audet leave our school but we know she's keen to continue on her career path and we wish her all the best for her new position as Assistant Principal at Kahiba Public School. Mrs Audet has worked at NEPS for only 18months. In addition to being a great classroom teacher, she has helped the school in acquiring and maintaining the iPads and apps, training staff in how to best use the iPad apps and training and supporting debating teams. She was a wonderful addition to our staff and we know Kahibah Public School will love her.

Important Dates for Your Planner

- Tuesday 14th July- Students return to school
- Monday 20th July – Whole School Public Speaking Finals
- Tuesday 21st July- Musical Rehearsal at School
- Wednesday 22nd July- Musica Viva Concert Performance K-6
- Thursday 23rd July –BandLink & Dancefest
- Friday 24th July - Zone Athletics-Track Events
Years 3/4 '26 Storey Treehouse' at Civic Theatre
- Tuesday 28th July- Zone Athletics -Field events + 800 m race
- Wednesday 29th July- Musical Dressed Rehearsal and Photo Day

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

Premier's Debating Team Update



The Premier's Debating Team lost their latest debate against Hamilton Public School last Thursday. The debate was very close with all speakers arguing their points of view confidently.

The topic was, 'All Parents Should Buy their Children a Pet'. NEPS team, in the affirmative, were able to highlight a number of strong arguments to support their case. The winning team's second speaker just nudged them out with a brilliant argument which the NEPS team seemed to overlook in rebuttals. That was the final debate for the Premier's Team. They have all advanced their skills considerably throughout their time as NEPS debaters.

Student Reports

All parents will receive a Semester One student progress report this Friday. An explanation of the levels used in the reports will be included with each one.

July School Holiday Break

I would like to wish all students, teachers and staff a wonderful, safe, well-earned break after a very busy term. I have enjoyed the term as relieving principal and certainly feel that I have learned a great deal over the period. I look forward to Mr Beach's return and the many hours it will take to update him on the events of the term.

Don't forget, students return to school on Tuesday 14th July.

Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Competition

Here are some examples of the poems written for this competition by very talented Year 4 students.

My Kettle by Ruby Parsons

Fergie, my kettle, is angry at me
For a miniscule reason, that I cannot see.
His nostrils are flared, steam's pouring out
It's rather amusing when he starts to shout.

Fergie's face slowly turns a brilliant red
The room's tension could make one drop dead.
If I really must, I'll tug at his tail
He'll start to go blank, his system will fail.

His voice is so shrill and nerve-rackingly high
The deafening sound nearly makes me cry.
When we're having a party friends start to flee
Yet he honestly makes some wonderful tea.

My Toaster- Riley Egerton

Fred, my toaster is a very great boaster
About how perfect he can make our breakfast
He has two mouths with a tongue in each one
He spits the toast out

We have to remember to plug his tail in
He is very sunburnt

Poor old Fred is getting very worn out
How about a toaster named Ted?
He won't be sunburnt and won't boast to the pans and
pots
But instead he will be kind and full of delicious
bits and bobs

Canteen Volunteer Roster

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

Week 10	22 nd June Deb Clark-Jones	24 th June Sally Davis	26 th June Ziva Westley Pip Strachah
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Donations of PINEAPPLE RINGS are required this week from the following families:

Niazi, Szecodi, Rigby, Robinson, Russell, Sanjay, Saunders, Schneider, Carlon, Somjaipheng, Stapleton, Springett, Stockdale, Sullivan

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 29th, 30th and July 3rd, 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.

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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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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

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 NEPS Public Speaking Final	21 Musical Rehearsal COLA	22 Musica Viva Bandlink	23 Dancefest Bandlink	24 Zone Athletics-Track
27	28 Zone Athletics- Field Yrs 3-4 '26 Storey Treehouse' Civic Theatre	29 Musical dress rehearsal + photography All day	30	31
3 August	4	5	6 Musical Performance + all day rehearsal	7
10 Zone Public Speaking?	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24 Book Week	25	26 Newcastle Perm. Maths Comp.	27	28
31	1 September	2	3 Pet Visit KM & KT	4
7	8 Yrs K-2 'Cranky Bear' Civic Theatre	9	10 Science & Engineering Y 5/6 Regional Public Speaking Disco	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 State Final Premiers Spelling Bee	12	13
16	17 NHS + Feeder Schools Town Hall Performance	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