

HILLTOP NEWS

Newcastle East Public School – Australia's Oldest School

Week One, Term Three, Tuesday, 14th July, 2015

Edition One Hundred and Forty

Welcome Back

As we begin Term Three, I thank Mrs Thomas for her period as Relieving Principal, while I was on long service leave. It was certainly a challenging term, with wild weather, disruptions to normal playground use, and all those unexpected issues which arise from time to time, but Mrs Thomas managed the school very well in my absence, and I want to place on the public record my appreciation for her work. During my absence I was able to monitor the school's email traffic, and it was certainly an eventful time. My congratulations to Miss Varagnolo too, following her success in the Hunter's best teacher radio promotion, a recognition very well-deserved.

The third school term is traditionally a time for students to consolidate their learning from Semester One, and to concentrate on achieving their goals for the school year. Student Reports were sent home at the end of the last school term, and teachers worked to provide you with an accurate picture of your child's progress, including achievements and areas needing further work. It is a very sound practice to read through that report with your child, and discuss it. Your child's teacher is ready to discuss the Semester One report, should you need clarification, or some direction in ways that you can assist your child. Appointments can be made through the School Office.

Major events this term include our musical production, which involves all our children, Book Week, a Musica Viva concert, and a camping excursion for Grades Three, Four, Five and Six. The Planner attached contains all these dates.

Cleaning Up Storm Damage

Our school grounds remain in a sorry state, with trees still down in some of our gardens, and repairs to fences and paths still to be done. Initially, students will be asked to play away from the lower playground, which has been badly eroded by subsequent rain, despite our extensive top-dressing at the end of Term One. With restoration of the Tyrrell Street sandstone fence also under way, the space for kids to run and play is very limited, so we wait for repair work to be finished as soon as possible.

School Musical Production

Our students are rehearsing their lines and learning their songs and dances, with our show, Cinderella & Rockerfella, just a few weeks away. We are excited about the show, and hope that you can join us on the night, Thursday August 6th. Here are the key points you need to secure your tickets: -

No tickets are sold through the School Office.

All sales are online, through Trybooking.

There are 450 tickets available. Maximum of four tickets per booking.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids over 12 months who aren't NEPS students.

Tickets are available for purchase at 7:30pm on Monday 20 July.

The link: - <http://www.trybooking.com/IBOP>

Education Week at NEPS

With so much happening in the school currently, with last term's Recital Night, the Book Week Parade, NEPS and Zone Public Speaking finals, Dance Fest, Bandlink, and our school's production of Cinderella & Rockerfella, all falling within a four week period, I have decided to integrate our observation of Education Week with the school musical concert. Both our children and our staff are going through an extremely busy period of activities, and the concert brings together all aspects of our school's music, art, drama, and dance programs, in a creative showcase for parents, involving all our students.

Staffing Note

We welcome back Mrs Cummings, replacing Mrs Audet, on 5/6, and introduce Mr Fuller, who is doing his Internship with Mrs Miller on KM this term.

School Camp

Permission notes and deposit for the school camp are due to the school no later than Friday, 24th July. You should have received your notes at the end of Term 2. If you have misplaced your note or not received one you can download a note from the school's website or on the Skoolbag App.

Public Speaking

Congratulations to the following students who will represent their stage at our school public speaking finals.

Early Stage 1 Finalists

Charlie Drew
Diya Sanjay
Zoe Thompson
Grace Wilkinson
Anna Wood

Stage 1 Finalists

Nick Egerton
Darcy Munday
Niamh Cush
Adam Handley
Marcus Drew

Stage 2 Finalists

Alex Giles
India Mattson
Imala Cush
Thomas Nagle-Hill
Ruby Crane

Stage 3 Finalists

Lilli Ann Ellway
Nathan Frost
Alara Guner
Noah Handley
Sophia Suters

The final will take place next Monday, 20th July in our school library, and will be held in 2 separate sessions.

K-2 Infants Session - 9am

3-6 Primary Sesion - 9.45am

Parents and friends are welcome to come along. Judges will select 2 students from each stage to represent our school at the Zone Public Speaking Competition during week 4.

Canteen Volunteer Roster

As you can see by the following canteen roster we are in desperate need of volunteers. We may need to close the canteen if we don't get any volunteers. If you are able help please text Cherry on 0409 927 006:

Week 1		15 th July Cherrie Connew	17 th July Volunteer Needed
Week 2	20 th July Volunteer Needed	22 nd July Volunteer Needed	24 th July Volunteer Needed



Donations of CHEESE SLICES are required this week from the following families:

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

Cooks Hill Surf Life Saving

ALL Nippers Registrations Online

**NEW Members & Renewing Members Applications
OPEN IN AUGUST**

Registrations
will not be taken
outside of these
registration
dates!

**NO REGISTRATIONS TAKEN
AFTER 30TH AUGUST**



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Term Three Planner

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
13 JULY Premier's Spelling List Published	14 Students resume	15 Whole School Assembly	16	17
20 NEPS Public Speaking Final	21 Musical Rehearsal COLA	22 Stage Assembly Musica Viva Sousaphonics Bandlink Dance Rehearsal	23 Dancefest Bandlink	24 Zone Athletics-Track
27 EDUCATION WEEK	28 Zone Athletics- Field Yrs 3-4 '26 Storey Treehouse' Civic Theatre	29 Musical dress rehearsal + photography All day No assembly	30	31
3 August Police Talk Public Speaking ES1 Garden Suburb	4 Public Speaking St 1 Stockton 12 noon	5 Stage Assembly Public Speaking Stage 3 Zone Soldiers Point	6 Stage 2 Zone PS Musical all day rehearsal at NGS PERFORMANCE	7
10	11	12 Newcastle High Taster Lessons Whole School Assembly	13	14 Write On submissions to Mr Beach- Y1-6
17	18	19 Stage assembly	20	21 Water Safety Lessons
24 Book Week	25 Book Week Parade 2pm	26 Newcastle Perm. Maths Comp. Book Week lessons- Yr 6 12.15pm No Assembly	27 Infants Library visit?	28
31	1 September	2 Stage Assembly	3 Pet Visit KM & KT	4
7	8 Yrs K-2 'Cranky Bear' Civic Theatre	9 Whole School Assembly	10 Science & Engineering Y 5/6 Regional Public Speaking Disco- Band running	11
14	15	16 School Camp 3-6 Stage Assembly	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