

# HILLTOP NEWS

Newcastle East Public School – Australia's Oldest School

Week Three, Term Three, Tuesday, 28th July, 2015

Edition One Hundred and Forty-two

## Cinderella & Rockerfella - Dress Rehearsal This Wednesday

Just over a week till our performance of our musical, with every one of our 240 students involved on stage. Tomorrow, Wednesday, is full dress rehearsal, beginning at 9 on the COLA. Some things to remember: -

- Get to school on time! Otherwise, the whole school might be held up for one or two late-comers.
- It's full dress for this rehearsal, so, given the cold weather, it's best to wear uniform, then change into costume as we begin the rehearsal.
- Professional photos are being taken during the rehearsal by Peter Field Photography

## Tickets - Going, going, gone!

They're selling fast, so the advice is to buy now! At last count, fewer than 100 tickets were left. Remember, no tickets are sold at the door, so avoid disappointment and book now!

## ICAS Computer and Science Results

Our school recorded some very impressive results in these two examinations, with two High Distinctions, lots of Distinctions, and many Credits. Ben Dennis scored two High Distinctions, putting him in the top three percent in Australia, and these students scored Distinctions, putting them in the top ten percent: -

**Genevieve J V R, Oliver Cossettini, Lachlan Baker, Ruby Parsons, Amy D M, Ela G, Hunter Pidcock, Markus D, and Adela Z.** Many others received Credit certificates, in a very good overall result for our school.

## Sousaphonics Concert

Last week's Musica Viva concert, with the very incredible group, Sousaphonics, was very popular, and lots of fun. Audience involvement was a big part, and our students were up dancing, conducting the band, and answering questions. It was all about improvisation, and we learnt about the parts played by the different sections of a jazz group, driven by the drummer while the others created tunes as they went. Musica Viva groups visit NEPS annually, and their performances are always of the highest standard.



## This Week – What's Coming Up, and All the Gossip Around NEPS

- Dance Festival last week was a huge success, with our Senior Dance group, and our Boys' Dance group, both excelling in their performances at Club Panthers. Many thanks to Mrs Edge, and to the very supportive parents.
- Mrs Jardim took sixteen students to this two-day intensive music camp, with a grand concert of four bands at the end. Our students played beautifully, and are certainly progressing through the levels, with most now in Senior or Intermediate level bands. Thank you, Mrs J.
- Our Zone Athletics team competed in track events last week, and many ran well, to score many third places in their events. Mrs Thomas managed the team, and complimented them on their excellent participation and behaviour.
- Sculpture project on the Foreshore Park, by sculptor Roger MacFarlane, is open to the public. The theme is resilience, and you can see him at work there most days.
- Tuesday (today) - 25-Storey Tree House performance at Civic Theatre, Grades 3 and 4.
- Tuesday (today) - ICAS English – 35 students sitting for this exam.
- Junior magician baffles us all! Charlie, from Miss Kerr's class, is learning magic, and amazes everyone in his class with his tricks, including this one with his wand and the disappearing egg.



### How Much Can An Egg Take?

Today we went to Science Club and eggs-perimented with the strength of egg shells. Amazingly, they held more than one kilogram without breaking, so we added two more massive dictionaries. Sadly, it could not hold it, and the eggs smashed! *By Harrison Fleming and George Carr.*



- On Sundays at 12 noon there is a new children's TV show called 'So There' which is made in Newcastle at NBN television and airs on GO TV which is Channel 88 (free to air). The show is 1/2 hr and is pitched at 8-15yo with some interesting and varied topics. One regular segment features a band from Rosie's School of Rock. This week on Sunday 2nd August Lachlan B's band 'The Skywalkers' is featured and they play a song in the studio. See Lachie live on TV!

### Return of the Quiz

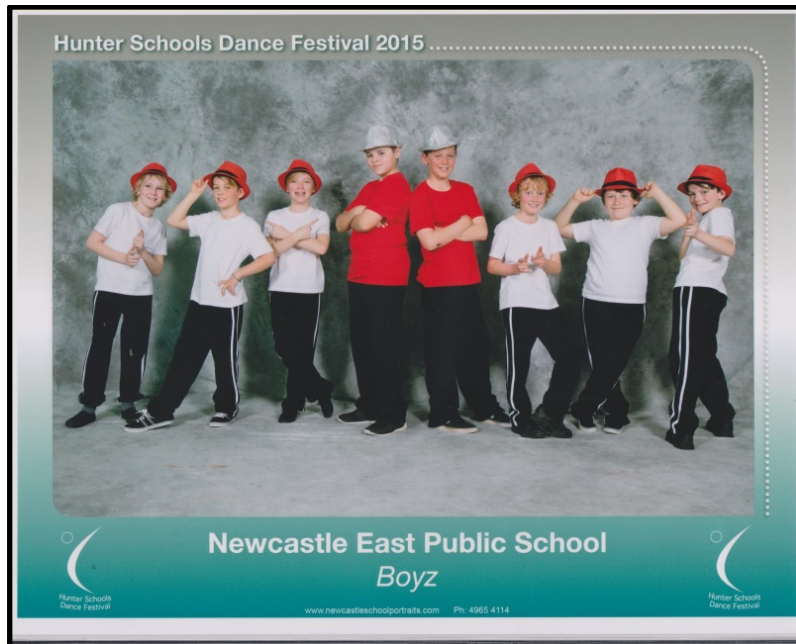
It's back, with real prizes this time! Answer by email only to [john.beach@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:john.beach@det.nsw.edu.au)

We know that our school turns 200 in February next year, but how many Principals/headmasters have we had in those two centuries, and how many of them were ladies?



## Barbeque Volunteers Needed

Our P and C is always working to raise funds for our students, and you can help by spending a couple of hours at our Bunnings Barbeque in a couple of weeks. See the note sent home, or check out our app, to volunteer. It's fun, very social, and for the best cause, our kids!



Our two talented dance groups impressed everyone with their great moves and fabulous



Our Band Leader Scott surrounded by talented musicians at Band Link

## Canteen Volunteer Roster

### Price Increases from August 1

Some small price increases at Canteen will happen from August 1.

The School Canteen is organised and run each week by parents who generously volunteer their time. Every term we have the same few parents volunteering and because of the small number, most of them end up working in the canteen on multiple days. This term we have lost a few of our long standing volunteers and we really need more parents or even grandparents to help. Volunteering for the canteen is a fun way to be involved in your child's school life. You only need to give us one school day a term (9am until 2pm). It's easy and you will be trained before you're put into the canteen on your own.

For those who are working parents, most of our canteen volunteers work in paid jobs too! If we don't get enough volunteers this term, the P&C will need to reduce the days that we can provide this service to two per week.

Please text Cherry on 0409927006 if you can help out this term.

<b>Week 3</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> July <b>Deb Clark Jones</b>	29 <sup>nd</sup> July <b>Clare Hogue</b>	31 <sup>th</sup> July <b>Ingrid Beavis &amp; Pip Strachan</b>
<b>Week 4</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> August <b>Michelle Lott</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> August <b>Ingrid Beavis</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> August <b>Heidi Walpole Pip Strachan</b>

*Fun Languages*



### **\*\* Fun Mandarin Club for Kids!**

Enjoy Mandarin learning through a  
Western teaching approach!

Games, songs, stories, and crafts!

First time FREE Trial - Just come  
along!

Every Wednesday in the school's  
library from 3.00 to 4.00pm

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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 ICAS English 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