

# Newcastle East Public School

Week Six, Term Three, Tuesday, August 18th, 2015 Edition One Hundred and Forty-five

## Book Week Approaching

Mark next Tuesday in your diary. At 2pm, for our Book Week Parade, we will also feature a mini-market of quality children's books for sale, including the short-listed works for Book of the Year. Children can dress up as their favourite book character, then parade in front of an audience of mums, dads, and grandparents. Get to see our staff dressed in their hilarious favourite costumes as well! Please try to join us for this fun event, as we celebrate the high standard of children's literature in Australia.

Click this link to see the short-listed candidates for Book of the Year: -

<http://cbca.org.au/ShortList-2015.htm>



## Fence Restoration Project Underway

Following some foundation work, and removal of many deep tree roots, masons are this week starting to put it all back together on our Tyrrell Street fence. Like a gigantic 3D jig-saw, this involved replacing each "broken" stone with a new one, cut from re-cycled material, as an exact match. A crane is necessary, since each stone weighs around one tonne. We have claimed the old pieces to be used as garden edging around the school, and for seating and adventure walks for our students. With the project costing over \$70000, including stone work and iron-work for the posts, this will give our school a dramatic approach view, just in time for the Bicentenary celebrations in February.



## Paper Aeroplanes Workshop Lots of Fun

- Fifty students did the workshop
- We learnt about avionics – why things fly
- World Record for long distance throwing is 70m
- Dylan Parker, who ran our workshop, is ranked third in the world



## Science Week Survey – Are Left Handers Taking Over NEPS?



As part of our “experiments” this week, two students, Daniel B and Daniel S, did a survey of “handedness” at NEPS. Their report: -

*We have over two hundred kids at NEPS. There are twenty left-handed boys, and eight left-handed girls. That makes over sixteen percent of left-handers at our school, but in the world the percentage of left-handers is just ten percent. Three of our teachers, Miss V, Miss D and Mr B are left-handed.*

### Canteen Crisis Deepens

Last night’s P and C Meeting heard that our staffing problems in our Canteen are still unresolved, and unless we can find some volunteers soon, Wednesday closure will start next week. As well as being an inconvenience for parents of children ordering their lunch, this will reduce P and C contributions to the school, for purposes such as readers, sports equipment, etc. Can you, or grandma or grandad, help? 49292911

### Student Absences

You may have seen media reports of very high levels of sickness and absenteeism from Hunter schools over the winter. We are certainly having one of our worst times for sickness in our school. Some “golden rules”: -

- Encourage frequent hand-washing to help limit spread of illness
- Please keep kids home if they are feverish or sick
- Don’t send them with the message, “Go to school, and you can ring me if you feel unwell”. They always do!
- Need more information? Click this link...

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/too-sick-to-go-to-school>

### Classroom Herald Entry – One That Got Away

Our editorial team for our entry in this competition produced six outstanding articles for publication on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> of this month, just nine days away. Just one problem – we had to supply just five stories, so here’s an excellent piece of journalism, by Ben and Kaden, which did not get a run in the paper.

Our Resurrected City      by Benjamin Dennis and Kaden Dube

*About ten years ago there were empty buildings all over the city of Newcastle, ‘For Lease’ signs on almost every corner, and there weren’t even people walking down the street.” But one man, Marcus Westbury, saw an opportunity to change that, and wondered what if all the empty buildings could be filled with pop-up stores?*

*The basic idea was to lend those empty spaces in office blocks, in department stores, along*

shop-fronts, to people wanting to start businesses, who were willing to accept a short lease. On the condition that properties were returned in a better state than when lent out – a premise which usually involved a lick of paint, and maybe some basic repairs – a deal was struck with owners, and suddenly a whole lot of free real estate was up for grabs.

This program, called Renew Newcastle, has now been running for several years. To be a part of Renew, participants have to apply in writing, which includes an outline of their business idea. But there's one catch – the business idea must revolve around a creative industry.

"I think what makes Renew work is that it provides opportunities for small scale creativity to seed and potentially thrive," said Westbury.

The town saw artists, jewellery-makers, potters, musicians, illustrators, authors and yes, soap makers, coming out of the shop dump.

"Renew has changed my life, but it has also changed Newcastle" says Andrew Dennis a Former Renew Participant.

You can see the effects of Renew for yourself by taking a walk along Hunter Street Mall. Five years ago it was a wasteland of two-dollar shops, but today it's so full of tenants that it's hard to find a spot to offer to Renew participants, Even the old David Jones store that was once forlorn, has been reworked as 'The Emporium'.

Another sign of new starts, further down Hunter Street, you can see many building sites. There are big public buildings, and lots of apartments under construction. Newcastle is having a building boom, with some big projects underway, including two projects each worth nearly 100 million dollars. The new Newcastle Courthouse is almost finished, and it will replace the old Courthouse built nearly one hundred years ago.

University of Newcastle is building its new law and business studies building right in the centre of Newcastle, and it will have around 6000 students when it is finished in early 2017.

## Canteen

Volunteers urgently needed or the canteen may need to close.

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

<b>Week 6</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> Aug</b> Kate King	<b>19<sup>th</sup> Aug</b> Ingrid Beavis	<b>21<sup>st</sup> Aug</b> Sally Davis Michelle Crawford
<b>Week 7</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Aug</b> Annie Wiseman	<b>26<sup>th</sup> Aug</b> Volunteer needed	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Aug</b> 2 Volunteers needed
<b>Week 8</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> Aug</b> Chris Baker	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sep</b> Volunteer needed	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sep</b> Mel Pegg Cherry Connew
<b>Week 9</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sep</b> Volunteer needed	<b>9<sup>th</sup> Sep</b> Volunteer needed	<b>11<sup>th</sup> Sep</b> Lisa Marshall Helen Cossettini
<b>Week 10</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> Sep</b> Penny Coakes Cherry Connew	<b>16<sup>th</sup> Sep</b> Volunteer Needed	<b>18<sup>th</sup> Sep</b> 2 Volunteers needed

## Help needed

Thanks to the P&C and a generous donation from Lenane Templeton our new home readers are starting to arrive, but the work doesn't end there .... Mrs Thompson needs volunteers to help cover the new books before they can be sent home. All materials and training will be provided. Please see Mrs Thompson from KT if you are able to help.

## Resilience Sculpture Unveiling Saturday September 5, Nobby's Foreshore



"The Neptunes" will be performing at the opening



Ella, Joe and Ben helping hand our flyers

## YOU ARE INVITED TO THE OPENING OF THE RESILIENCE SCULPTURE PROJECT



DATE: **SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2015**  
PLACE: COME AND CELEBRATE WITH US AT  
FORESHORE PARK - NEAR THE FROG POND  
TIME: 2PM - SPEAKERS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Our Vision is for a permanent sculpture recognising the impact of mental illness on the many individuals and families within our community, Offering a peaceful place for quiet contemplation and reflection, a place for community events, a meeting place for carers and individuals touched by mental illness. The sculpture reflects acceptance and awareness of mental health within our community encouraging change and offering Hope,

[resiliencesculpture.org.au](http://resiliencesculpture.org.au)





## 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	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 Train-on debating Stage assembly	20	21 Train-on debating Water Safety Lessons
24 Book Week	25 Book Week Parade 2pm	26 Newcastle Perm. Maths Comp. Book Week lessons- Yr 6 12.15pm No	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	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