

HILLTOP NEWS

Newcastle East Public School – Australia's Oldest School

Week Four, Term Three, Tuesday, August 2nd, 2015

Edition One Hundred and Forty-three

It's Performance Week for Cinderella & Rockerfella

We're getting excited, as our Thursday night performance gets closer. Here are the key points for parents: -

- Every student in our school is on stage during the show
- It's a sell-out! Sadly for some, all tickets have gone. There are no reserve seats, so if you have tickets, get in early if you want to sit down front.
- Some families have bought more than four tickets, by logging on several times. If you have a ticket/s no longer needed, we do have some families who have missed out. Let us know and make someone happy.
- Bus Permission notes – must be signed and returned – no money necessary – before Wednesday. You can do this through the Skoolbag app. or on paper.
- Arrive on Thursday night at 6 pm, unless your child's teacher has arranged an earlier time. Parents need to get their children to the theatre.
- Where is it? Sandi Warren Performance Centre, Newcastle Grammar School Park Campus, Union Street, Cooks Hill. Parking is free, and in the streets around the school.
- Some snacks will be available to buy at the theatre, but must be eaten outside the hall.
- After the show? I will release children into your care only when you are there.



Sydney Dance Workshop

Three students (Sophia, Evie, and Averil) were in Sydney last week at a dance workshop with Sydney Dance Company at Walsh Bay. Their report: -

- We had four and half hours of dance lessons each day.
- We did jazz, contemporary, hip-hop and composition.
- We met professional dancers from the Company, including Gregor Thiele, James Deane, Xanthe Gieves, and many others.
- It was really fun, and each day we did different things, a new dance every lesson.
- About 60 dancers were there, from all around NSW.
- And we got these jackets!



ICAS Tests – What Are They Like?

Each year around 60 students from NEPS sit for various tests in six subject areas, on papers designed by the University of New South Wales. Parents have asked for more information about them, so here are examples from a Grade Five Maths paper.

- Complete this pattern:- 2, 5, 9, 14, , ,
- A group of friends shared 108 chocolates equally. The number of chocolates each friend got was three more than the number of friends. How many chocolates did each friend get?

Zone Public Speaking

Kindy speakers had their final yesterday and Diya Sanjay from KM was the winner, and now proceeds on top Regional level. Her topic was “Dinosaurs”, and we wish her well at the next level. Congratulations too, for Charlie Drew, who spoke very impressively to be awarded a Highly Commended certificate.

Good luck to our other speakers this week.

Return of the Quiz, with a Great Big New Prize
It's back, with real prizes this time! Answer by email only to
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?

Canteen Price Increase from August 1

The canteen has not had a price increase for 3 years. Due to the small amount of donations we have been forced to increase prices, effective immediately.

A new canteen menu will be sent home to families today.

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.

Week 4	3 rd August Michelle Lott	5 th August Kathleen Hyland	7 th August Heidi Walpole Sonya Anderson
Week 5	10 th August Lisa and Lesley Marshall	12 th August Susan Probst	14 th August Volunteers needed

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 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	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