

# Newcastle East Public School

Week Seven, Term Three, Tuesday, August 25th, 2015 Edition One Hundred and Forty-six

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## Making NAPLAN A Useful Resource

Student reports for Grades Three and Five were sent home last week, and parents are very welcome to discuss results with class teachers, if further explanation is needed. NAPLAN yields some very useful data for teachers, allowing us to make meaningful comparisons between our school's performance, and other, similar schools. The good news is that our students are progressing very strongly, but of course there is a range of abilities, so please contact the school if you have concerns. Our Annual School Report, released at the end of the school year, provides full details of our school's performance in a range of assessments, including NAPLAN, and parents can make comparisons for themselves through this site: - <http://www.myschool.edu.au>

## Canteen Closed Wednesdays

Please note that from this week on, our school canteen will no longer be open on Wednesdays, due to staffing shortages. With so many parents now working or studying, or caring for younger children, it has not been possible to find volunteers for one day per week, and with Wednesday the quietest day, it has been chosen. It will not be possible to provide lunches or morning teas at any time during Wednesdays from now on, nor will it be open for snacks, fruit, etc.

## Debating News

Our "train-on" (Grade Five) debating team had two inter-school debates last week, recording a comfortable win against Merewether, and a hard-fought loss against The Junction, their first loss this year. This is a squad full of potential, and bristles with great ideas and strong arguments. Now we are working on specific debating skills, such as developing a clear team line, working as a team, and supporting each other with clear rebuttal cards. Debating is tough, and draws together all the skills of English, including writing, public speaking, and analytical thinking. Congratulations to all members for their work so far, with another debate this Friday against New Lambton Public School. The picture shows Asha, Emily, Elizabeth, Hunter and Jack hard at work, and absent from the photo were Sadie and Logan.



## It's Book Week

Congratulations to all who dressed as their favourite book character for today's parade, and thank you to parents for your support in getting ready! Children's Book Week celebrates the best Australian literature for kids, by Australian authors and illustrators, and all shortlisted titles are now available for purchase.

[http://cbca.blob.core.windows.net/documents/National/BookOfTheYear/2015/BookOfTheYearAwards\\_Winners\\_2015.pdf](http://cbca.blob.core.windows.net/documents/National/BookOfTheYear/2015/BookOfTheYearAwards_Winners_2015.pdf)



### Resilience sculpture Unveiling

Our senior choir, the Neptunes, will be performing Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September at the unveiling of this sculptural work on the Foreshore Park, around 2 pm. The sculpture represents the spirit of resilience, is carved from marble from Greece, and has had wide community support. You are welcome at the ceremony Saturday, and you'll hear our choir in full song.

## Classroom Herald Competition Thursday

Our team entry in this competition is published in this Thursday's Herald, and every student will bring home a copy of the paper that day. It would be a fine thing if you could take a moment to read our entry with your family, remembering that all text, images, cartoons, and ads have been created by NEPS students, independently.

## Discover Sailing Day

Our children are interested in sailing as a sport, and Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club has organised a "try sailing" day, for the family, in just a few weeks. Details are included in this link, there's no charge, and it's an enjoyable day on the water.

<http://www.ncyc.net.au>



## The QUIZ

Well done, the Mowatt family, closest to the correct answer- NEPS has had 40 headmasters/principals, and none, yes, none, have been women. This week: - Guess this teacher riddle, from these clues: -  
I grind flour for my living, but I teach our youngest students.

Email your answer to [john.beach@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:john.beach@det.nsw.edu.au)

## Canteen

<b>Week 7</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Aug</b> Annie Wiseman	<b>26<sup>th</sup> Aug</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Aug</b> <b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b>
<b>Week 8</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> Aug</b> Chris Baker	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sep</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	<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> <b>CLOSED</b>	<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> <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> Sep</b> <b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b>

## Help Needed

Thanks to the P&C and a generous donation from Lennane 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.

## Cinderella and Rockerfella DVD

The professional DVD recording of our recent smash hit musical, Cinderella & Rockerfella is now available to purchase. We are taking pre orders at the school office with quantities and payment of \$20 per copy to be made prior to Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September. See the office now to avoid missing out! All monies raised will go toward the P&C 2015 fundraising targets.

## Final Camp Payments

For students Years 3-6 attending the Outdoor Education Camp this term all payments are due by this Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August. The school has set aside funds for any families having trouble meeting this cost and an extension or payment plan can be arranged where necessary. We would love all students to attend so see John Beach or Claire if you need any assistance.

## 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 Premiers Spelling Bee – school final	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 Premier's Spelling Bee Regional Final	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



## Come and Play Cricket with City!!!! NEWCASTLE CITY JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB



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MILO In2CRICKET – 5 to 8 Years ( Starts 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2015)	FEE: \$90.00
MiloT20 BLAST – 7 to 12 Years (Starts 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2015)	FEE: \$109.00
TONKIN TENS for U11's (Starts 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2015)	FEE: \$190.00
30 OVER Cricket for U11 to U16/17 (Starts 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2015)	FEE: \$190.00

For a second family member the fee will reduce by \$20 and for a third the fee will reduce by \$80 (Does not apply to Milo In2Cricket & T20 Blast). There are no further weekly costs to you. Training and match shirt provided, new match ball every week and umpires fees included. Payment either by Direct Deposit/ Cash/ Cheque/ Online.



### REGISTRATION DAYS

DATE	VENUE	TIME
Wednesday's: 19 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> Aug	King St McDonalds	4:30 – 6:00 pm
Friday's: 28 <sup>th</sup> Aug & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Admin Building, No.1 Sportsground	4:30 – 6:00 pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT – Yusuf Badat [badat@iinet.net.au](mailto:badat@iinet.net.au) or 0400 883 719