

Hilltop News

Week Ten, Term Three, Tuesday, September 15th, 2015 Edition One Hundred and Forty-nine

Disco for NEPS School Band

Mike the DJ had the COLA really hopping at last Thursday's disco, to raise money for our Band. And it was a huge success, with \$1000 donated to band, and lots left over for P and C general funding. On such a cold night, we still managed to have lots of fun, play lots of requests, and churn out stacks of beautiful hot food, and cold drinks. My thanks, on behalf of Band members, to all who helped. Lots of work goes into ordering and picking up the food and drinks, cooking, setting up, and cleaning up after, and many hands helped out. Some familiar faces popped up on the barbeque, so a special thanks to those reliable stalwarts of P and C, who just turn up time and time again. Our kids loved the DJ too!

Science and Engineering Challenge



Our Stage Three students travelled to Kahibah Public School for this design challenge, run by Engineers Australia and University of Newcastle, and attended by schools from all over Newcastle, and from various school systems. It was an enjoyable and educational day, teams working cooperatively to solve difficult engineering problems. And our school won the challenge! Congratulations to our creative problem-solvers and thanks to Mrs Cummings for organising the event.

Public Speaking Regional Final

The best public speaker in the Hunter region? It's Diya Sanjay, in KM, who won our school competition, the Zone, and now the Regional competition. Diya's topic was "extinct and endangered animals". She was not nervous, and it was fun. "The school was next to my mummy's university," she said. In the picture Diya is holding her certificate and her winner's medal.



Debating – Stop Press

Our train-on (Grade Five) team has just won against Merewether Heights, giving them six wins out of seven. It's a big squad, with Logan, Jack, Emily M, Elizabeth, Hunter, Luka, Sadie, and Asha all playing a role in this strong performance, rotating through the positions. Their mentors for these debates have been Evie Mee and Sophia Suters, who did a sterling job guiding their younger team members.

Parent Survey

Please try to find ten or fifteen minutes to do our School Council survey for parents, found on our Skoolbag app. It's totally confidential, results are correlated by parent members of School Council, around 60 have already done it, and it gives you the chance to give your opinion on a range of school matters.



School Camp Q and A

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| • Must I wear school uniform? | No, comfy (old) casual clothes are fine. |
| • When do we leave? | Wednesday, normal school starting time. |
| • Where do we go Wednesday morning? | Leave your bags on the COLA steps |
| • When do we get back? | Grades Three and Four, Thursday 2.45 |
| | Grades Five and Six, Friday 2.45 |
| • Will the bus have seat-belts? | All buses are fully seat-belted. |
| • Will I have good room-mates? | Yes, you'll be safe & have good friends |
| • Will I feel safe? | All activities are safe, and voluntary |

Safe, Happy Holiday, and Safe Return

School resumes on Tuesday October 6th, following the October long weekend. Our third term has been marked by high levels of illness amongst children and staff, so I trust that your family might find some rest time to recuperate from the winter chills.

A safety reminder about traffic around this area during the vacation. The number of vehicles seems to increase during vacations, and we need to be even more cautious using pedestrian crossings, or crossing the road. Never assume that cars will stop for you, even if you are on a crossing! Wear a helmet on your bike or scooter, and come back to Term Four safely.

ICAS English Results

A record high number, 35 students, sat for this exam, and their results were excellent. High Distinctions went to Amy De Malmanche, Ruby Parsons, and Laria Crawford, while these students scored Distinctions: - Anjali Kana, Ben Dennis, Lachlan Baker, and Sophia Suters. Many others scored Credits or Merits, and our overall school standard was very high. Congratulations to all who sat!

Tell Them From Me, and Why?

Parents of children in Grades Four, Five and Six will have received a note about this state-wide survey of students' attitudes to school, conducted anonymously, and looking at just how satisfied (or dissatisfied) our students are. Parents need only return the note if they do NOT want their son or daughter to participate. Complete confidentiality is assured!

Why so many surveys? It's because one of our school priorities over the next three years is to improve our pastoral care of our kids, and to get started, we need some information on how satisfied they are just now, and to see if there are problem areas.



Crazy Hair Day

Daniel looks fantastic with his balloon-inspired hair-do. Our students really got in the spirit, and raised \$280 for our partner schools in Vanuatu, still re-building after the typhoon last summer.

Stop Press

Great writing by Ruby Parsons has earned her a Silver Award in the Sydney Morning Herald Write-on competition. Her story, Forgotten Isles, was highly commended by the judges, amongst thousands of entries from all over Australia.

Canteen

18th Sep

Ingid Beavis

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

School Holiday Sailing Camp

The Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club will be conducting a School Holiday Sailing Camp using our Force 24 training boats.

- Date:** 29th & 30th September, 2015
- Time:** 9.00am- 1.00 pm
- Age:** 10-14 yrs
- Cost:** \$150.00
- Venue:** NCYC- 95 Hannell St Wickham
- Bookings:** Complete Registration Form on the website
Email: info@ncyc.net.au
www.ncyc.net.au/sailing-academy
- Contact:** Phone: 02- 4940 8188
0416-266619



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

FUN + SAFE + EASY

Surfest surf school

at Nobbys Beach
for 5 - 12 year olds



Search ' To book Online, Click on ' **SURFGROMS** ' @ www.sanbah.com

Dates

September Holidays	Sep 19, 20, 21, 22	12hrs
September Holidays	Sep 23, 24, 25, 26	12hrs
September Holidays	Sep 27, 28, 29, 30	12hrs
October Holidays	Oct 1, 2, 3, 4	12hrs
Mondays After School	Oct 19 - Nov 23	9hrs
Tuesdays After School	Oct 20 - Nov 24	9hrs
Wednesdays After School	Oct 21 - Nov 25	9hrs
Thursdays After School	Oct 22 - Nov 26	9hrs
Fridays After School	Oct 23 - Nov 27	9hrs

After school 4pm- 5.30pm
Everything else 9am - 12noon

\$199 - 9 hour program
\$249 - 12 hour program

...or start your own group!
for all booking enquiries:

0410 840 155



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SurfGroms Pack: Every child signing up will receive a great Quiksilver or Roxy backpack bursting with surfing merchandise including a rash-vest, sun-hat, Toyota wax comb and a tube of VEGEMITE.

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School Holiday Fun for Kids



At Bricks 4 Kidz®, we believe that kids learn best through activities that engage their curiosity and creativity.

The Place: Charlestown Community Centre

Wed 23rd Sep Full Day
Space Adventures 9am - 4pm
Wed 23rd Sep 1/2 day
Mining and crafting 1pm - 4pm

Wed 30th Sep Full Day
Mining and Crafting 9am - 4pm
Wed 30th Sep 1/2 day
Angry Birdies 1pm - 4pm



Fletcher Community Centre

Thursday 24th Sep Full Day
Mining and Crafting 9am - 4pm

Thursday 1st Oct Full Day
Superheroes 9am - 4pm



Wallsend Pioneers Cottage

Monday 21st Sep 1/2 day
Angry Birdies 1pm - 4pm

Monday 28th Sep 1/2 day
Space Adventures 9am - 12pm

Bricks4kidzAustralia.com.au/nsw-lakemacquarie/





ANGELA NORTH

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0412 171 121

Does your child lack confidence? Love storytelling? Want to work on public speaking skills? Or just love to entertain???

My one on one lessons offer a safe environment to focus on what your child needs. I have 20 years experience in theatre, film and TV as an actor and 10 years experience as a fully qualified Drama teacher.

I have spaces available now, please call for more details

Family, Fun and Fitness

Adamstown New Lambton Athletics Club



Fun and Fitness, Athletics is for EVERYONE regardless of your ability.

Adamstown New Lambton Athletics Club holds weekly Friday night twilight competition from 5:15pm at Alder Park, Bridges Road, New Lambton from September through to March.

Girls and boys from 3 years of age of any ability are encouraged to register with us. Our emphasis for athletes is very much on personal improvement and participation and for the parents involvement and encouragement.. Registration fees start from \$115 and will cover up to 21 nights of competition with us. For more details and information visit our website www.anlac.org.au





KidzCare – General information

OPENING HOURS: 8:00am – 6:00pm

COST: \$38* per day (plus excursions)

***CCB Approved**

Newcastle PCYC KidzCare offers quality accredited care to children from Kindergarten to Year 6. Our mission is to encourage children to participate in a variety of enjoyable activities within a safe and familiar environment.

Our activities cater for children of varying abilities while encouraging maximum involvement. Children rotate through activities which regularly include a variety of craft, cooking and sports for children to participate in.

Each school holiday period offers excursions to the movies, local parks, iconic landmarks or popular entertainment venues. In the September/October school holidays we will be visiting Newcastle Mattara for a science exploration day and going to the movies to see "Oddball".

Newcastle PCYC KidzCare staff members attend regular training to keep up to date with changes in legislation and programming, and are experienced in a variety of fields including childcare, physical education and primary teaching.

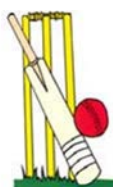
A copy of our current holiday program can be found on the Newcastle PCYC website:

www.pycnsw.org/newcastle

For enquiries, please contact the club on 49 614 493, or via email at newcastlecc@pcynsw.org.au

LYON CRICKET

***SPECIALIST COACHING FOR
JUNIOR CRICKETERS, Ages 7 -17***



Lyon Cricket is leading coaching entity providing group clinics and individual sessions tailored specifically to junior cricketers.

Clinic commences Monday 28th September 9 am at Kahibah Oval. Cost \$80 pp.

For more information on cricket coaching sessions and clinics please contact Mark McInnes: 0414 753 057 or email: info@lyoncricket.com.au



CNWP
CENTRAL NEWCASTLE WATER POLO

Come & Try Day

Water Polo

Sunday 13th September
12.30pm - 2pm
Lambton Diving Pool
Juniors 10 - 16yrs + Seniors

Enquires: Tammy 0421712748



Office of
Environment
& Heritage



BIODIVERSITY DAY AT BLUE GUM HILLS REGIONAL PARK

Fantastic free community day

Thursday 24th September, 10am - 3pm
Blue Gum Hills Regional Park, Minmi



- Free BBQ lunch
- Crazy animal photobooth
- BioBlitz
- Free plant giveaway
- Bee hotels and nesting boxes
- Interact with live animals
- Discover waterbugs and frogs
- Try orienteering
- Prizes to be won
- Nature activities (tree planting, guided walks)
- Bush poetry with the Minmi Magster
- Sustainable hair and beauty, and more....

Bring a blanket, water bottle and hat



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Biodiversity is the variety of all life forms, the genes they contain and the ecosystems of which they form a part

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM AT THE HUNTER WETLANDS CENTRE



Make It Workshop For 7 to 10 years 10.00am - 12.30pm

Tuesday 22 September 2015 **Cost: \$20 per child**

Kites, puppets, giant bubbles and other fun things.

Bush Skills Adventure

For 8 to 12 years 9.30am - 12.30pm

Tuesday 29 September 2015 **Cost: \$20 per child**

Have fun making a bush survival shelter, cook damper, learn knotting and other bush skills.



Wriggly Wetlanders

For 5 to 8 years 10.00am - 12.30pm

Wednesday 23 September 2015 & Tuesday 29 September 2015 **Cost: \$20 per child**

Enjoy a wetlands wander, then get creative with craft activities.

Cartooning Fun

For 8 to 12 years 10.00am - 12.30pm

Thursday 1 October 2015 **Cost: \$20 per child**

Learn basic cartooning skills and have fun creating your own characters.



For all the above activities - Bookings Essential Ph: 4951 6466



Wetlands Explorer

For 5 to 12 years

Available any time during the school holidays. **Cost: Free**

Collect your map and follow the trail. Answer the questions and become a Wetlands Explorer. Go into the draw for a weekly prize.

Bring the family to the Hunter Wetlands Centre

A fun, environmentally friendly learning experience!

Open every day 9am to 4pm

Entry

\$2 per primary-school age child (special school holiday rate). \$5 general entry

Activities

- Watch the Magpie Geese Feeding at 10.30 am & 2.30pm
- Try dipnetting from the jetty
- Playtime at Discovery Playground
- Check out the creatures in the tanks in the Visitor Centre
- Tank Talk - Children can learn about reptile behaviour and care. They can handle some of the reptiles from the tanks in the Visitor Centre. Check at front desk for times.
- Cafe - meals, snacks, ice creams, drinks
- Shop - affordable gifts for children & adults



Looking for	Fitness?	Strength?	Discipline?	Self Defence?
Looking for	Co-ordination?	Self Control?	Confidence?	
Looking for	Flexibility?	Speed?	Respect?	FUN?

Then look no further...

SOUTHERN CROSS TAE KWON DO ACADEMY

Can help...

For Men Women & Children
(From 5yrs +)

Classes at...

CARDIFF

John Young Community Hall
Thomas Street
Mon: 5.30 – 6.30pm

DUDLEY

Dudley Vintage Hall
96 Ocean Street
Tues: 5.30 – 6.30pm



THE JUNCTION

St Josephs School Hall 182
Union & Kenrick St Tue:
5.45 – 6.45pm

HAMILTON

Hamilton South Public School
Jenner Pde
Thurs: 5.45 – 6.45pm

WALLSEND

Callaghan College
Cnr Minmi & Macquarie St
Mon: 5.30 – 6.30pm



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