

HILLTOP NEWS

Week Ten, Term Four, Tuesday 13th December 2016 Edition One Hundred and Ninety Nine.

What a year!

Firstly, I would like to congratulate our students and staff on a very successful year of teaching and learning at NEPS. While I only witnessed the last two terms, the results, positive attitudes and programs that have resulted can only reflect the success that seems to be ingrained within this community. I am very proud of the fact that all of our students, regardless of their abilities, have been given every possible opportunity to be challenged, achieve success and feel valued in our school.

During the year, a number of our students accepted new challenges – academic, sporting and cultural. Many entered external national competitions, absorbed themselves in enrichment activities and entered Premier's Challenges; others represented our school at zone, regional and state level sport, and many students began to learn instruments in the band or dance programs enhancing their dramatic arts skills and had the courage to perform in front of audiences for the first time. Yet again our wonderful choir represented the school to the highest standard.

I must say a big thankyou to you all – my staff, student leaders, parent community and especially to our students. Newcastle East would never exist without you. Everything accomplished this year would have remained a hollow, elusive dream without you. Together we have stood. Together we have worked. Together we have laughed. Together we celebrate and together we will excel in 2017 and beyond.

Have a great break everyone. I can't wait for next year.

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Term Dates for students in 2017

Term One – Monday 30th January – Friday 7th April

Term Two – Wednesday 26th April – Friday 30th June

Term Three – Tuesday 18th July – Friday 22nd September

Term Four – Monday 9th October – Friday 15th December

Class Structure for 2017

We are anticipating 257 students next year. This means we will have 10 classes again in 2017, but only 5 students off forming an eleventh class. Due to these large numbers, the class structure will be:

2 x **Kinder**, 3 x **Stage 1** (yrs. 1 & 2), 2 x **Stage 2** (yrs. 3 & 4), 1 **cross stage class** of yrs. 4 & 5 and 2 x **stage 3** (yrs. 5 & 6). We are hoping to form classes day one 2017.

School Leaders 2017

I would like to congratulate the newly elected captains and vice captains for 2017. Our school has again chosen very wisely.

Captains – Heidi S and Alex G

Vice Captains - Riley E and Ruby C

School Security during the Christmas Break

I would encourage all families to access and use our wonderful facilities during the school holidays. I'm sure that there will be a new bike in some households and the COLA would be a great place to learn to ride. If you notice any other concerns, please contact school security on **1300 880021**

Notes home this week. – All notes will also be sent via the SkoolBag App

DRAFT Term Planner 2017 – an update will be provided in the 1st newsletter of 2017.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
23 Holidays	24 Holidays	25 Holidays	26 Australia Day	27 Staff Return
30 Students return – New classes formed Best Start – Kinder 2017	31 Best Start- 2017	1 February Kinder Photos School Swimming Carnival	2	3
6 Sailing	7	8	9	10
13 P&C Meeting - AGM School Council Meeting	14	15	16	17
20 Sailing	21	22 Zone Swimming Carnival	23	24
27 Sailing	28	1 March	2	3
6 Sailing	7	8	9 Selective High Test	10
13 Sailing	14	15	16	17
20 Sailing P&C Meeting School Council Meeting	21	22	23 Inter-relate Evening	24
27 Sailing	28	29	30 Zone Soccer Trials HAM Olympics	31
3 April	4	5	6	7



NEWCASTLE CRUISING
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- Tackers Junior Sailing Program for Kids
- Sail & Play School Holiday Camps
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School Holiday Course Schedule January 2017

Course	Dates	Time	Cost	Description
"Sail & Play" Sailing Camp	Monday to Thursday 9 th to 12 th January	9:00am to 3:00pm	\$275	10-16 years Force 24 inshore keelboats 4 kids + 1 instructor per boat Introduce the kids to sailing & water based activities in a fun & safe environment. They will spend their days outdoors in the fresh air learning new skills & participating in challenging activities!
Tackers 1 "Having Fun"	Monday to Friday 9 th to 13 th January	9:00am to 1:00pm	\$250	7-12 years OptiOpt dinghies Kids sail in pairs Tackers is a non-competitive games based introduction to sailing that strives to develop confidence and ability. The course is all about having fun and getting out on the water.
Tackers 2 "Tricks & Techniques"	Monday to Friday 9 th to 13 th January	9:00am to 1:00pm	\$250	Progressing from Tackers 1, the kids now sail the boat single-handed under the watchful eye of their instructor.
"Sail & Play" Sailing Camp	Monday to Thursday 16 th to 19 th January	9:00am to 3:00pm	\$275	As above
Tackers 1 "Having Fun"	Monday to Friday 16 th to 20 th January	9:00am to 1:00pm	\$250	As above
Tackers 2 "Tricks & Techniques"	Monday to Friday 16 th to 20 th January	9:00am to 1:00pm	\$250	As above
Tackers 3 "Sailing Fast!"	Monday to Friday 16 th to 20 th January	1:30pm to 5:30pm	\$250	Progressing on, the kids will now start to fine-tune their boat handling skills to learn to "sail fast"!

Further information and full details of the courses can be found on our website

www.ncyc.net.au/sailing-academy/course-dates

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DATES

December Holidays (4 Days)	19/12/2016 - 22/12/2016	\$249
December Holidays (4 Days)	27/12/2016 - 30/12/2016	\$249
January Holidays (4 Days)	03/01/2017 - 06/01/2017	\$249
January Holidays (3 Days)	11/01/2017 - 13/01/2017	\$199
January Holidays (3 Days)	18/01/2017 - 20/01/2017	\$199
Mondays After School Term 1	13/02/2017 - 20/03/2017	\$199
Thursdays After School Term 1	14/02/2017 - 21/03/2017	\$199
Fridays After School Term 1	17/02/2017 - 24/03/2017	\$199

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

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