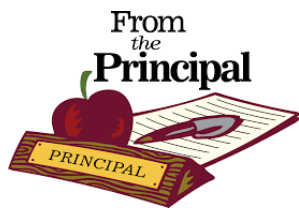


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Week Ten, Term Four, Tuesday, 18th December 2018 Edition Two Hundred and Seventy Eight



Presentation Day Speech

Good morning special guests, parents and friends, teachers and most importantly – the students of Newcastle East Public School. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to everyone here.

Today we are gathered here to give thanks to all those people who have contributed to Newcastle East's stellar year of achievements as a school, and celebrate the successes of our student body and their teachers.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate our students and staff on a very successful year of teaching and learning. 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.

The tireless and industrious work of the busiest and most professional P&C in Newcastle resulted in a swag of programs, device upgrades and plans for the future growth and improvement for all students of Newcastle East.

Our dedicated School Council has worked together to develop our new values statements and revamp our outdated school council constitution. These two major tasks will provide a solid foundation moving into 2019.

We have seen the start of our long awaited building program. 2019 will be a challenge with noise, dust and machines but the end result will be brilliant for our school and especially our students, who will learning in a state of the art, future focuses environment.

But as I have already stated, today is a

celebration of our student achievements.

During the year, a number of our students accepted new challenges – academic, sporting and cultural. Some entered external national competitions, absorbed themselves in enrichment activities and entered Premier's Challenges; others represented our school at zone and regional sport, and many students began to learn instruments in the band program or sing for the first time in our choir.

In May, our students sat for the NAPLAN assessment. We were extremely pleased with the achievement of our students. They showed strength across almost all areas of literacy and numeracy. In nearly all strands our cohort of students out-performed the state average and demonstrated advanced skills in many areas.

My thanks also go to our student leaders, our school captains and vice captains. I have been an educator for over 25 years and have seen many student leaders but in the time that I have been here I have never been more impressed with the calibre and qualities of our student leaders. I have been very proud to have them represent us in the public forum.

My thanks also go out to our very committed and enthusiastic staff. I have never worked with a team of educators who spend such long hours at ensuring that their teaching is best practice and that their students are receiving quality lessons. Weekends, holidays and late after school they never seem to go home. Thank you Sarah, Laura, Lucy, Daniel, Helen, Mel, Rachel, Barb, Zeita, Kim, Di and Sue. Your work and commitment propelled 2018 to the success that it was.

A special mention to our wonderful Leadership Team and office staff who have again made the life of the Newcastle East Principal a dream job.

Their capacity to multi task and have the school functioning at such an efficient manner often astounds me. Thankyou Claire, Lisa, Anne, Chris, Nat, Megan, Linda and Todd.

In conclusion, may I say a big thankyou to you all – our guests, my staff, student leaders and especially to you, our students. NEPS 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 celebrated,

And together we will excel in 2019 and beyond.

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

Mick McCann

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Farewell and Thank You

At the end of each year we are always met with the need to say thank you and goodbye to much loved staff members. This year we say goodbye to Mrs Lyndal Edge, Ms Sarah Kerr and Anne from the office. I thank these special teachers very much and wish them well in their future.

Holidays

I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and New Year period and hope that both our families and teachers take the time to relax, enjoy having family around them but most importantly have fun and be safe. This holiday period is often treacherous with lots of travel and distracted people so please take the time to be safe, ensure your whereabouts are known to others and that you have an enjoyable time. We look forward to seeing you all back at NEPS in 2019.

Year 6 Clap Out for Students not Returning

The Clap Out for Year 6 will be held on the last day of school on Wednesday 19th December at 2:15pm All parents, family and friends are invited to the ceremony where we farewell our outgoing students when they ring the NEPS bell for the last time. Students who will not be returning to school will also be acknowledged. The ceremony will finish with the traditional guard of honour by the rest of the school to see them out the school gates for the last time as a student of NEPS.



Day 1 – 2019

Students in Years 1 – 6 return to school on Wednesday 30th January. We ask that the children line up in their classes for 2018. Executive staff and teachers will then take the grades to different parts of the school and place them in their new classes. On the first afternoon, rather than have parents come walking through buildings looking for children, teachers will bring the children back to the pebblecrete for collection.

Creative Kids Voucher

The NSW Government is helping kids get creative with the new Creative Kids program.

From 1 January 2019, parents, guardians and carers can apply for a voucher with a value of up to \$100 per calendar year for each student aged 4.5 to 18 years old enrolled in school.

The voucher may be used with a registered activity provider for registration, participation and membership costs for creative arts, speech, drama, dance, digital design, coding, and music lessons and activities.

The voucher can be used at any time during the calendar year it was issued. The program runs year-round, so kids can get creative at any time.

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-creative-kids-voucher>

Major Capital Work Update

Last Thursday we saw the relocation of VP9 (our demountable) to its new spot. The room should

be operational this week and fences should be removed soon after.

Works are progressing with our school upgrade. The stumps and palm trees will be removed this week as part of the clearing works, helping to prepare the site for the start of construction.

Artel (our building company) will have their Christmas break from the 20th of December and will return to the site on Monday 7th January 2019.

Annual School Council Survey

We invite our school community to give valuable feedback on the programs we have in our school. We will be providing links over the next few weeks to get your feelings about particular programs. These surveys will be short and sweet—taking a few short moments of your precious time. We will use your information, together with that of staff to consider our next steps for the school.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZKF6T98>



Thought for the Week



OOSH Update

With respect to bookings for the coming year, 2019, **Tuesday and Thursday is now completely booked.** We will be taking names for a waiting list should there be any cancellations. We encourage you to look ahead where possible to secure your place.

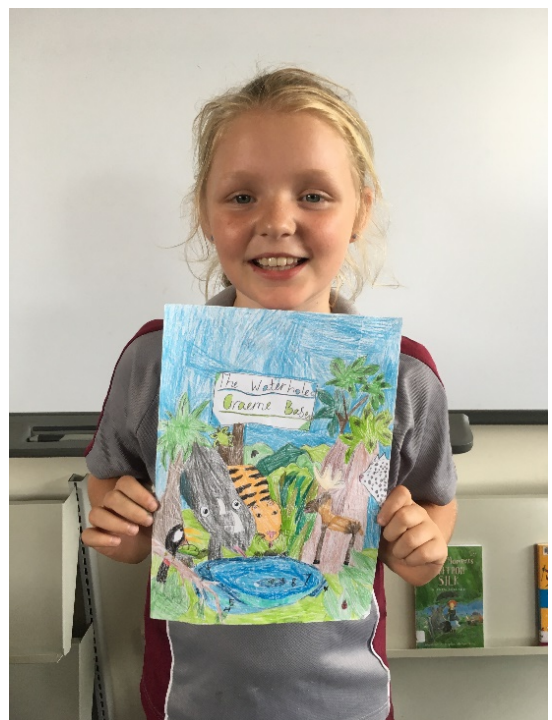
Regarding Vacation Care over the Christmas break:

20th December, January 16th, 17th, 22nd, 23rd, and the 24th are totally booked.

There are plenty of spaces remaining with respect to the rest of the vacation period program. We welcome you to enjoy the summer fun!

Reading Australia book design cover competition

Congratulations to Mia from year 3 who has won the Reading Australia book design cover competition. Students from 3/4H redesigned the cover of a book and Mrs Mason entered them in the competition. Mia chose to redesign the cover of the Graeme Base book 'The Waterhole'. We were very pleased to hear that Mia was 1 of 5 winners across the country and will receive a \$100 book voucher for herself and a \$100 voucher for the school. You can check out her entry as well as the other winners on the Reading Australia website. Well done Mia!



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Newcastle East Public School

Works notification

December 2018

Site establishment and construction works have commenced and between December 2018 and the end of February 2019, Artel Constructions will:

- install fencing and hoardings to separate the site from the school grounds
- remove trees within the site to facilitate construction. New trees will be planted as part of finishing landscaping works at the end of the project
- remediate known asbestos within the site in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies and guidelines
- begin bulk excavation, removal of the existing COLA, relocation of existing services.

Temporary Closure of Brown Street between Kitchener Parade and Tyrell Street

The removal and relocation of the existing COLA away from the school site will require oversized vehicle movements.

To facilitate these movements, a short section of Brown Street between Kitchener Parade and Tyrell Street will be closed on 10th December 2018 between 9.00am and 2.30pm.

Traffic control will be in place for the safety of students, the local community and workers. Road users are advised to obey the directions of traffic controllers at all times.

For more information:

School Infrastructure NSW
Email: schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au
Phone: 1300 482 651
www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au

Remediation work – 7 to 24 January 2019

There is known asbestos within the site that will potentially need to be remediated as part of the site establishment and early works.

The health, safety and well-being of students, staff and our neighbours is our highest priority, and all necessary measures will be implemented to ensure that the material is remediated safely.

Any material found on site will be removed during the school holidays between 7 and 24 January 2019, weather and site conditions permitting.

This work will be carried out by a licensed asbestos removal contractor and will be conducted in accordance with the Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan and Safe Work NSW requirements. A hygienist will conduct air monitoring during the remediation works to ensure there is no exposure to workers or the general public.

Please be aware that removal of asbestos will pose no risk to staff, students or the local community.

Working hours

Work will take place from 7am to 5pm, Monday to Friday and 8am to 1pm Saturday. No work will take place on Sundays or public holidays.


Over the Christmas and New Year period, there will be a site shut down from 5pm, Saturday 22 December 2018 to 7am, Monday 7 January 2019.

We are here to make sure that work is completed safely and efficiently and we will minimise impacts on the community at every opportunity.



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Your story should demonstrate that you have thought about what life might be like for the person in the photograph.

Categories: 8 - 10 years 11 - 13 years 14 - 16 years

Prizes: Winners in each category will receive a \$50 gift voucher kindly donated by MacLean's Booksellers, Hamilton. Runners-up will receive a \$25 voucher.

Entries: Open 10 December 2018 and close 30 January 2019
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Visit: newcastle.nsw.gov.au/library for competition information

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SUMMER HOLIDAYS SURF PROGRAMS



AVAILABLE DATES:

- Wednesday the 2nd until Friday the 4th of January 2019
- Wednesday the 9th until Friday the 11th of January 2019
- Wednesday the 16th until Friday the 18th of January 2019
- Wednesday the 23rd until Friday the 25th of January 2019

\$180 for a three day program - 9am to 12pm each of the days - 9hrs total.

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We will be ending 2018 with one of our biggest and most anticipated events of the year... The Motiv8sports Christmas V.I.P BBQ! We welcome all current and new Motiv8sports superstars to join us in some incredible Motiv8sports Christmas fun!

It will be one whole day of non-stop Motiv8sports action including Splash City Water Sports, crazy challenges, insane giveaways and wicked prizes. We also have a surprise visit from Santa to spoil our legendary campers.



1-DAY VIP PARTY

When: Thursday 20th December 2018

Where: Merewether High School
8:30am - 3:30pm

Cost: \$40 (includes a rookie jersey for all new members)

Link: <https://bit.ly/2S9EI2p>

In January 2019, we have **TWO** incredible Motiv8sports SUMMER CAMPS to choose from!
Both will be jam packed with our legendary signature sports including spectacular
SPLASH CITY water sports!

3-DAY SUMMER CAMP

When: Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th and
Thursday 17th January 2019

Where: Merewether High School 8:30am -
3:30pm

Cost: \$110.00 (includes a rookie jersey for all new members)

Link: <https://bit.ly/2r1cvPP>

2-DAY SUMMER CAMP

When: Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th
January 2019

Where: Garden Suburb Public School 8:30am
- 3:30pm

Cost: \$75.00 (includes a rookie jersey for all new members)

Link: <https://bit.ly/2FFNVhA>



All of our camps are designed to cater for all sporting abilities with a strong focus on energy and effort rather than sporting capability.

For more information call Aaron (Camp Director) on 0412 872 396

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- * Modified Cricket Games
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Note: Activity list subject to change



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Venue: Empire Park | Bar Beach

Time: 9.00 am - 3.00 pm

Early Bird Price: \$60 (Ends 30 November)

Regular Price: \$75 (Begins 1 December)

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