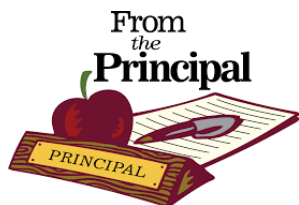


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Week Nine, Term Four, Tuesday, 11th December 2018 Edition Two Hundred and Seventy Seven



Change

Change is something that I embrace and feel comfortable with. As a youngest, I moved around a lot and got use to the idea of making new friends, seeing new places and changing to suit the new environment I was living in. Since being at NEPS, lots of things have changed, physically with the new build and system wise in the ways we now do things. If we don't change or become comfortable with change, we will not be in a position to adapt to major social changes in our world, our family or even our own lives. Here are three reasons why we should embrace change.

Equity

The first reason for the change is equity. If a particular practice is unfair to some, then change should be made to address the imbalance. The basic principle of equity suggests that advantages and disadvantages should be shared.

Perspective

The second reason for the change is perspective. We see things differently when we experience a different way of doing things. The longer you spend in your own place, the less you notice and the more you habituate. A perspective change disturbs us, but is actually good for us. The symbolism of changing perspective is one that we will return to in education.

Experience

The third reason for the change is the reality of change. Paradoxically, change is a constant in life. It will not always be something that we look for, or want, or welcome. It will not always be something that we agree with, or support. It will, however, keep on happening. It is a good thing to

experience change, and to learn how to get through it.

The change within our school, is not an overthrowing of tradition for its own sake, nor is it one of great moment in the life of the school. The reality is that the new systems and ways of doing things will become the new normal. 'Normal', in this context, is simply another way of saying 'what I am used to'.

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Photography at School

With the end of the year approaching and lots of events happening, parents/carers are reminded that when taking photos at school events they should not post these photos online when they include other students. If you would like to post a photo of your child please take an individual photo.

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.

Presentation Day

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and friends who attended our presentation day at Newcastle Grammar School today.

Our Dux for 2018 is **Grace Giles**

Our 2019 vice captains are **Abbi McMaster** and **Oliver Cabalzar-Lampert**

Our new 2019 school captain are **Louis Lyons** and **Rosa Bailey Hepburn**.



School Council Speech

As Emma mentioned at presentation day, Lisa Piefke, School Council president, was unable to make it today. She has sent through this with her apologies.

"Thanks to all of the parents who contributed this year to the School Council, both representatives on the Council in particular, Jaimie Navalli for undertaking the role of Secretary and those who weren't officially representatives but still came to the meetings to participate in the discussions of the Council. Without those volunteers the Council would not have been able to achieve what it has this year.

We would also like to extend our gratitude to the Community Representatives, Kevin Fell and Christine Sheppard and staff members, Todd Daniels and Sarah Kerr who gave up their evenings to provide essential community and staff perspectives to the discussions had at the council.

The Council achieved some fairly substantial outcomes this year. We petitioned the state government and succeeded in ensuring the new build included air conditioning, which was not in the original brief. There was a significant review of the council's constitution which is currently at the Department of Education for ratification. The new constitution will be introduced at the AGM early next year and elections will be held under the new constitution for representatives, so we look forward to seeing parents being more involved.

I would like to take this opportunity to also thank James Sulzberger, Simonne Pengilly and Kevin Fell for their invaluable contribution to the review. Without them we would not have been able to get through the review to ensure that the document was a true reflection of our role as a Council and the aims and responsibilities we felt truly reflected the school.

And whilst there are always going to be robust discussions and disagreements the Council is if used appropriately an effective conduit for parents, the school executive and staff to communicate in an official capacity.

Thank you again to all those who volunteered their time and energy to the Council and we look forward to a successful 2019."

Major Capital Work Update

We will have a crane on site on Monday and Thursday. Tuesday we will see a chipper and chainsaws on site to remove the trees within the construction zone.

Thursday is the planned day for the move of VP9 (demountable). It will be moved into its new spot between the two sets of play equipment and should be operational by Monday 17th of December.



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>



Recital Night

Our talented musicians will perform at a recital evening on Tuesday 11th of December. Mr Ian Cook has been busy rehearsing with the band who will be performing a range of songs.



CANTEEN ROSTER Term 4 2018

Monday	Friday
10 Dec Michelle Lott	12 Dec Kelly Wyman Tracey Hutchins
17 Dec Volunteers needed	

OOSH Update

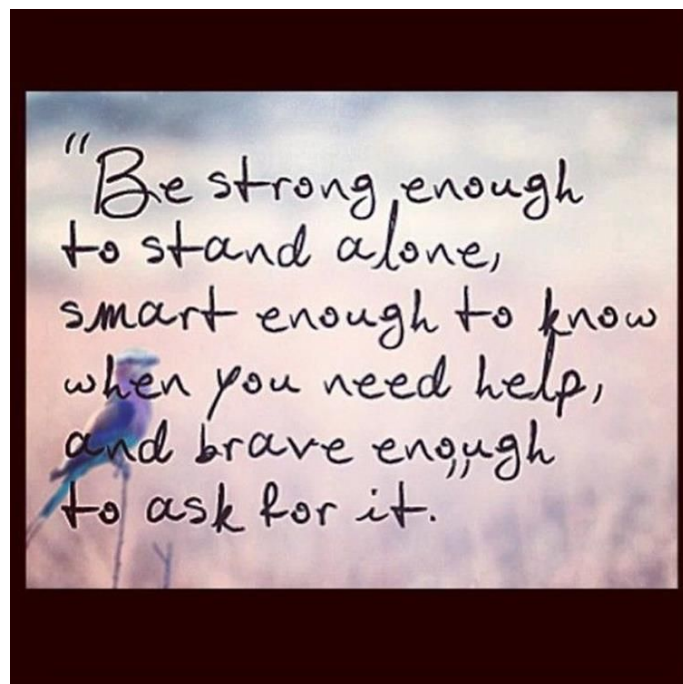
With respect to bookings for the coming year, 2019, **Tuesday and Thursday is now completely booked.** We will be taking names for a waiting list should there be any cancellations. We encourage you to look ahead where possible to secure your place.

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!

Thought for the Week



Canteen Update

A big thank you to the few volunteers on the canteen roster!

New volunteers are always welcome, and you will be trained (but it's not hard!)

If you can volunteer on any of the dates below, text Kelly Wyman on 0421 299611 or use the sign up link below.

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0A4DAEAB29AAF94-canteen4

Also if have any questions please contact Kelly Wyman on 0421 299611



Term Four Planner – *This will be updated regularly here and on our school website.*

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 9	10 December	11 December Presentation Day Newcastle Grammar Hall Recital Night	12 December	13 December Year Six Farewell - Nobby's Surf Club	14 December Reports home
Week10	17 December	18 December	19 December Last Day of school year	Staff Development Day	Staff Development Day

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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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>



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- * Trivia Quizzes & Awards

Note: Activity list subject to change



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Date: January 10-11, 2019

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Time: 9.00 am - 3.00 pm

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Regular Price: \$75 (Begins 1 December)

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