Cross Country and Athletics Skills Building
Lots of sport news this week, with two students competing at Regional Cross Country, against some very high quality opposition. Congratulations to Emily Miles, who finished 15th, and to Matthew Corcoran, who finished 22nd.

Athletics Workshop
Last Wednesday, fifty-five students from Years 4, 5 and 6 participated in an athletics workshop at Kotara Park. Students were given expert coaching from accredited coaches, supplied by the Little Athletics Association. Students were able to utilise the correct equipment to improve their skills before the upcoming school athletics carnival. Dennis coached students in high jump. He taught the important skills of approaching the bar correctly, which foot to take off from, the jump and twist technique and landing safely. In long jump, Colin taught students to concentrate on the run up, take-off and landing as well as walking out of the sandpit correctly after their jumps to prevent fouls. When teaching discus and shot put, Jack concentrated on teaching students the correct techniques for throwing and how to prevent fouls when competing. All students participated with enthusiasm, acquiring many new skills through this experience.

KO-FM Prize – Maddie Whiteside
Our warmest congratulations to our student Maddie Whiteside, who has won a competition on radio KO-FM, focusing on how schools help to improve energy usage and management. Maddie explained how our students are taught to turn off appliances, and to avoid the “stand-by” function. The reward? Our school gets a $2000 Energy Australia grant, and we host a live broadcast of that radio station’s breakfast program, from our COLA, on Thursday May 22nd. It’s a spectacular win for Maddie, and for our school!

How Do We Use iPads at NEPS?
Thanks to those families who were able to attend this excellent and informative session last week, with our IT team of teachers, Miss Hicks, Mrs Audet, Mrs Miller and Mrs Jardim, explaining the various ways in which iPads are being used at our school. With the way we get information changing so quickly, it is wonderful to see how these resourceful teachers are using this technology to allow children to explain and document their class work, in truly creative ways. Thanks IT Team!
Mother’s Day Stall
Friday’s stall was a resounding success, with almost $1100 worth of gifts sold, and our P and C making a clear profit of almost $600. Thanks to Mrs Jardim’s careful ordering, there was a great range of gifts available for our students to choose from. Thanks also to the kind parents who gave up their time to sell the items.

French Film Festival
This Festival begins on Friday 23rd, but for children there is an excellent movie on Saturday May 24, at 11 am. It’s rated PG, and is Belle and Sebastien, a beautiful story about the love between a young boy and a “wild” and very shaggy dog named Belle, set against the background of the German occupation during World War Two. You can view the trailer here: http://newcastlefrenchfilmfestival.weebly.com/belle-and-sebastien.html The film has sub-titles, but is equally suitable for children studying French at NEPS, and general public.

Fresh Fruit For Free
As part of a fresh food promotion, Woolworths at Market Town has offered to provide each of our children with a piece of fruit on Friday 16th, at Recess time. None of our children will be used as promotion for the store, nor will any photographs of our children be used, but some classes will produce an art work on the “fresh is best” theme, to be displayed only in the lunch Room of the store.

School Gossip
Staffing changes – Miss Monaghan is heading overseas on leave, and will be replaced by Mr Richard Hutchinson for the remainder of the year. Mr Hutchinson is well-known around our school, having had many days her as a casual teacher, and we welcome him to our staff. Several days for the change-over are planned for this week, while Miss M is still here. We wish her safe and enjoyable travels.
KM charmed everyone at Assembly last week when they led the whole thing from beginning to end. Each student had a speaking role, and they spoke with confidence and clarity. Great work, KM!
MP Sharon Claydon visited NEPS last week to present a book to the school marking ANZAC Day this year. Ms Claydon is our Parliamentary representative in Canberra, and with our senior students travelling to Canberra this term to study government, it was a timely visit.
Recital Night is planned for Monday evening last week of this term – June 23rd, and students are invited to present any musical items they have been learning. Our School Band and Senior Choir will also perform.
NAPLAN tests are held this week, investigating our students’ skills in maths, reading, spelling, and grammar. Parents can expect the results during Term Three.
Family Play Date Message
Some families who have children attending NEPS in kindergarten in 2015 will be meeting at King Edward Park near the rotunda on Friday 23rd May 2014 around 9am. Bring some morning tea and the kids can have a play and get to know each other. Anyone is welcome. Feel free to bring younger siblings.

Still No Lower Playground Access, But We’re Getting Closer!
This Saturday tree-fellers will be at NEPS, to begin clearing the six trees listed as “dangerous” by the tree audit conducted last term. This followed the sad events at a Sydney school in February. Please keep away from the school this week-end. French students for our Saturday La Petite Ecole classes will be housed in the old building, entering by the Office pathway.

P and C/ School Council Meetings Next Week
Upcoming P&C meeting is 5.30-7pm Monday 19th May in Teacher's Staffroom, with School Council meeting at 7. Everyone is welcome at these meetings; they’re interesting and fun, so please come along.

The Quiz
This week’s quiz is open only to students who have never won a quiz before. Last week Ben Dennis quickly worked out the phonetic alphabet characters for the word “young”, and Saba was just after him. Very well deduced, boys! This week is mathematical.  
**Which three-dimensional shape has no right angles, four identical faces, every one of its angles exactly 60 degrees, and always lands with a sharp point facing up?**

Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea
Thank you to Ms Van Dam we have two gorgeous tea cosies to raffle to raise money for cancer research and awareness as part of our staff Biggest Morning Tea on 22nd May. Parents and friends of the school are welcome to enter the draw and tickets are available for $2 at the front office.

Premier’s Sporting Challenge
All our students are part of this fitness and exercise program, which encourages them to do more active play, and to keep an accurate record of their actions. Teachers will guide students and manage their records, but parents can help keep our kids fit and active by introducing more fun, physically-exertive games etc. at home. More at: - [https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/psc/primary/home.html](https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/psc/primary/home.html)

Colonial Fair
It’s that time again when we call for volunteers to help in the preparation of the Colonial Fair Saturday October 18th 2014. Individual class notes will go home this week, however if you are interested in getting up to date on proceedings or to offer any suggestions and support you are welcome to attend our meeting this Thursday at 2:45pm and join the email list. To register you interest contact Claire on claire.m.fitzgerald@det.nsw.edu.au .
The Term Ahead
The Planner attached to this Newsletter contains details of key events during this very short term, which include:

- Week Three – NAPLAN testing for Grades Three and Five
- Week Five – School photos and Athletics Carnival
- Week Eight – Senior School Canberra/Government Excursion
- Week Nine – Recital Night

Canteen Volunteer Roster

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Volunteers are still needed to work on Canteen 16th, 23rd and 27th June please see Ziva or Cherry if you are able to help out on those days.

Donations – Snack size Zip Lock bags
Families on the donation roster for this week are: Cush, Drew, Milsom-Drzyga, Dube, Egerton, Ellway, Sullivan, Fensom, Squires, Ford, Beecham, Gay, Suters, and Gittins.

Art Smart

Susan Davies, qualified art teacher, and Andrew Dennis, local artist, are looking to commence after-school art classes at Newcastle East Public School on Wednesdays from 3:00pm – 4:30pm.

The cost of the lessons is $10 per week, which covers all of the materials and tuition except for a sketch book and pencils (2B) that need to be brought from home.

Please complete the expression of interest below to secure your place and return to the school office. Class commencement dates will be confirmed directly with parents once minimum numbers have been reached.

Yes, my child: …………………………………….would love to attend Art Smart on Wednesdays after school.

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Donations Needed
It’s that time again when we call for donations to support our Colonial Fair
Saturday October 18th 2014
Items needed include:

- Baskets
- 2nd Hand Toys
- Small gifts and prizes
- Gourmet Cakes
- 2nd Hand Books
- Lemons
- 2nd Hand Clothes
- Wine
- Plants, seedlings
- Homemade Preserves
- Plant pots
  & Jams

NEPS P&C need the help of the whole community to ensure the fair is a success.

All donations will be accepted at the Office.