Stage One Transport Excursion

Last Wednesday students from Grades One and Two learnt about different ways people use transport, and the various modes of transport. Here’s what they thought:

**Morgan:** The best thing was Fighter World, because I liked all the aeroplanes. I saw two army planes coming in to land. It was very, very noisy!

**George:** The Maritime Museum was the most interesting thing, because I got to use Morse code, and I got to send an SOS message. SOS means “Save Our Souls”. I also got to pump the oxygen for a deep sea diver.

**Elizabeth:** I liked the Maritime Museum most, because I got to send my first letter in Morse Code. I liked the movie about a ship wreck, and how ships could sink on the Oyster Bank near Nobby’s.

**Markus:** I liked catching the ferry and going to the Maritime Museum. They have some interesting things, such as a ship-wreck video, and knot-tying with ropes. I like the ferry because it goes fast, but when you’re sitting on the inside it feels like you’re going slowly, and you can see things clearly.

Indiana and Eliza from Grade Six are helping the *everyday hero* site ([https://give.everydayhero.com/au/](https://give.everydayhero.com/au/)). The *everyday hero* site lets you make donations to the World Wide Fund for Nature.

Over the past 50 years, WWF (World Wildlife Fund) has grown into the largest and most powerful independent protection organisation in the world. They have close to five million supporters and their global network encompasses more than 100 countries.

WWF’s mission is to halt the degradation of our planet's natural resources and preserve our life-support system – the environment.

Could students please bring in a gold coin donation for the WWF? The stall will be held in the COLA. Thank you for your generosity.
The Quiz
Last week’s challenging quiz asked students to name the events which make up the Modern Pentathlon at the Olympics. Angelo in Year Six got it, naming “fencing, 200 metre freestyle swimming, show jumping and a final combined event which is the pistol shooting and the 3200 metre cross-country run.”
This week you have to learn some Morse Code. Try to figure out this hidden message, and then email me with your answer – john.beach@det.nsw.edu.au.

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Morse Code was an old way to send messages through an electric wire, without a voice, instead using a series of short and long beeping sounds – dots and dashes – to represent each letter of the alphabet.

School Gossip
- Thirty five students sit for the ICAS Science test this week, with questions covering everything from temperature scales, to Biology and Physics.
- Our Athletics Carnival has been re-scheduled for Thursday June 12, after heavy overnight rain made last Friday’s plans impossible. To improve communications with parents, the school is looking at the possibility of providing a school app. for mobile devices, so that postponement decisions can be conveyed earlier.
- Colonial Fair preparations are under way, with all classes now having a craft contribution.
- New enrolments for K 2015 are needed now, so please contact the School Office for an Enrolment Application form, and if needed, a Non-local Enrolment application. Our school zoning map is on our website, or by clicking this link: http://www.newcastlee-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/enrolment
- Premier’s Challenge debaters meet Merewether Heights this Friday, for a debate on the theme of “The Media”.
- School Council is analysing the parent responses from December’s telephone survey, with results to be published through the Newsletter and on our website.
- It’s Finals Week for Stage Two and Stage Three public speaking. Your child’s class teacher has all the details, with times varying for the different ages.

The Term Ahead
The Planner attached to this Newsletter contains details of key events during this very short term, which include: –
- Week Six – ICAS Science Competition
- Week Seven – Athletics Carnival
- Week Eight – Senior School Canberra/Government Excursion
- Week Nine – Recital Night
Colonial Fair Help Needed
It’s not till October, but our Fair is our biggest fund-raising event and we need your help. With this Newsletter there is a flyer requesting donations. **Donations are now welcome and will be accepted at the office.**
If you can offer assistance in any way, or if you have special skills which might aid us, please contact Claire via claire.m.fitzgerald@det.nsw.edu.au or see your child’s class teacher.
Thank you to all the parents who have offered assistance already, however we are still looking for **Parent Representatives for all classes excepting 3E and 3/4 A**, to work with the class teacher to coordinate their class stall, and to, on occasion, attend committee meetings. If this sounds like you please contact Claire.
Our next meeting will be held Monday 16th June at 9:00 am in the OOSH, all welcome.

Canteen Volunteer Roster

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Donations – Cheese Slices
Families on the donation roster for this week are: Miles, Mlynarczyk-Elices, McGregor, Warren, Murdoch, Murdoch, Nagle-Hill, Retzlaff, Onley, Osborne, Papagni, Parsons and West.

Life’s little accidents
Occasionally we need to provide a change of clothes for children who may have encountered a messy incident or a wardrobe malfunction. As such we are in need of donations of spare little boy’s underpants and some small grey socks. Please leave your donations at the office.

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**SOUTHERN CROSS TAE KWON DO ACADEMY**
For Men Women & Children (from 5 yrs +)

- **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

- **BROADMEADOW**
  Merewether High School
  Chatham Rd
  Thurs: 5.45 – 6.45pm

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

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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.
Sunday 8th June 2014
10am - 2pm
Railway Sheds
Newcastle Foreshore

Family Fun Day

SIDS and Kids® Red Nose Day
Hunter Region
An event to raise funds and awareness for SIDS and Kids Hunter Region.

Entertainment by Ruby the Clown
Come and meet Carly & Tresne from MKR

Magician
Airbrush Tattoos
Reptile Display
Face Painting
Craft Corner
Sausage Sizzle

Free Entry

For More Info Call 02 4969 3171