Dance Festival This Week
Our talented dancers, under the direction of Mrs Edge, will perform this Thursday at Panthers Club, following a day of rehearsals at that venue, and we’re all invited along to see them perform. Having seen them in rehearsal, I can say that they are simply outstanding, and that their spectacular costuming (many thanks to Dr Hanks and Mrs Edge for their hours of stitchery over the holidays!) does them proud. The dance tells a story in a very creative and engaging way, and I congratulate Mrs Edge and the entire troupe for the hard work and imaginative thinking that they’ve put in over many months.

Canteen in Crisis
We have an unemployment crisis in our School canteen. Unless we can quickly find some more volunteers to help out on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays, we are faced with the terrible prospect of being forced to close the Canteen on one of those days. Currently, the weight is falling firmly on just a few hardy good-natured people, who are having to cover many days each, so we desperately need more willing helpers. If you’ve never done it before, you will get lots of training and help, and it’s fine to team up with a friend or family member to cover the gaps. Working in Canteen is a fun way to see our kids in an informal setting, check out their manners (which are usually impeccable!) and to meet other parents. Just contact the School Office if you can help, please.

Education Week Highlights – Join Us
Try to set aside some time next week to join our students as we celebrate Education Week. On Wednesday, 12.30, our Ed. Week Assembly will feature performances by our dance Troupe, School Band, the announcement of our winning Principal for a Day, and public speaking about our sister school in Vanuatu. Join us for Rice Day lunch after Assembly, as we raise money for our sister school. Also, Premier’s Spelling Bee takes place Thursday 11.15, for students from Grades 3 to 6. Parents and grandparents are very welcome to all these events! Send a gold coin Wednesday, and a bowl!

Emergency Evacuation Plan – Civic Park
A safety requirement of schools is off-campus evacuation drill, to cover the chance that students and staff may need to leave the school grounds in an emergency, to assemble safely away from the school. Our off-campus assembly area is Civic Park, which has the advantages of being a safe distance from the school, offering cover and toilets, and close for parents to pick up their children. We will rehearse this process sometime in the next two weeks, but you might be able to help to prepare your children by talking with them about it.
Harper’s ANZAC Poem
Congratulations to Harper Warren, from Grade Five, who won the Newcastle ANZAC poetry competition with her excellent work. She was presented with her prize last week at Assembly, by Mr Tim Owen, our state member of Parliament.

BandLink
Nine students from NEPS will take part in this combined schools event Wednesday and Thursday this week, bringing together hundreds of students from all over the Hunter region, to work with experienced tutors in the various sections of concert band work. The result, which can be heard on Thursday at 2pm, at the Town Hall, is a wonderful massed concert, with the hundreds coming back together to play the pieces they’ve rehearsed. My thanks go to Mrs Jardim for her work in organising this opportunity. Due to Bandlink, there will be no band practice Thursday morning this week.

Cold Science Show Wednesday
Primary students will learn about super-cold substances tomorrow at Assembly, when one of our partner scientists, Professor Tim Roberts, presents his Cold Science Show, all about liquid nitrogen. To get a quick preview of what we’ll see, try clicking this link: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MaxZwsqstFs

Active After-School Communities
Our after-school sports program is fully operational this week, with these sports operating:
Tuesday – touch football (commencing Week 5)
Wednesday – European handball
Thursday – Infants football and games, boys this term, girls next term

Have-a-Go Sport
From Friday Week 3 students from Grades 3-6 will be participating in friendly and fun Friday sports afternoons at National Park. Round robin activities will include Netball, T-Ball and Modified Soccer. They will learn to play these games in a non-competitive environment with students of similar ability. Travel will be by seat-belted bus and the cost of $40 per student can be paid to the office. Permission notes have gone home this week.

Zone Athletics
Our Zone athletics team are off to compete this Friday and next Tuesday at Glendale Sports Centre. Parents are asked to bring competitors directly to the venue. An entry fee of $5 is required and this can be paid at the school office prior to the day. We wish them the best of luck!
French Resources
Le Van du Livre will be at Newcastle East Primary School on Saturday 2nd of August from 9am to 1pm with a large selection of books, DVDs and magazines for adults, children and learners of French at all levels and ages. If your child already comes to our Alliance Française classes at NEPS (that’s Tuesdays, Thursdays, or Saturdays), or if you’re interested in helping your child to become bi-lingual, this is a great chance to buy some excellent resources.

The Quiz
First quiz question for the term, and reserved for anyone who has never won the quiz before. It’s very tricky! You’ll need to research it to find the answer.
Who said this about our school, way back in 1815?
“Give it every possible support and encouragement, it being highly approved of by the governor as a most benevolent and praiseworthy institution”.
Email your answer to john.beach@det.nsw.edu.au

Design Newcastle
With so much discussion in our school community about the future shape of inner-city Newcastle, you may be interested in registering your interest in an upcoming community forum, to address these issues. This link has details of how you can get involved and have “your say”.

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Donations – Ham Slices
Families on the donation roster this week are: Bramhill, Brazil, Cabalzar-Lampert, Carr, Chamberlain, Clack, Clews, Coakes, Russ, Corcoran, Cossato, and Crawford

Colonial Fair
A reminder and correction, the next subcommittee meeting will be held this Thursday 24th July at 2:15pm in the staffroom. All welcome and encouraged to attend.
King Edward Park Get-together

Some families who have children attending NEPS in kindergarten in 2015 will be meeting at King Edward Park near the rotunda on Tuesday 29th July 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.

Opera Oz

Players from OzOpera at last week’s performance of Barber of Seville. As well as the show itself, we had the added dramas of the Opera Australia van getting stuck between two fences near the OCLA. All in all, a very entertaining morning!

L to R: - Rosina, the Count, the Barber, and the Aunt.

Term 3 Disco under the Cola with dance2bfit

Wednesday 30th July
5:00pm - 7:00pm
Entry: FREE!!!!

Available for sale on the night: BBQ, snacks, glowsticks and drinks
PLUS raffle for an amazing weekend away
BBQ hosted by 4T and 3/4A
Your chance to win an exclusive weekend away in a holiday house at Tea Gardens

Executive residence set on 2 acres with amazing views over the whole of Port Stephens – 2 large entertaining areas with balconies; 4 full sized bedrooms with a master that has the most amazing ensuite with views from the bath spa; a wonderful pool area with cabana, in-built BBQ and pizza oven; and all this within a 2 minute drive to the riverside in Tea Gardens or 4 minutes to the beaches of Hawks Nest.

Prize includes 2 nights for up to 8 people

Subject to availability – not valid during school holidays

Tickets $1 each

Available for purchase at the school disco!
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