Visiting our Sculpture Exhibition

From this Thursday, our “shop” on the corner of Thorn and Hunter Street will be open to the general public each 21st August – 31st August, Thursday to Sunday, from 11am till 3pm each day. You will be able to see all entries in our competition to design a significant piece of sculpture to be installed on our forecourt, in time for the school’s 200th birthday in February 2016. As well:

- You can vote in the “people’s choice” to pick the most popular entry.
- You can buy a ticket or two in our raffle for a bottle of Penfold’s Grange Hermitage, one of Australia’s most famous wines and valued at $2000.
- See the imaginative products of some of Australia’s gifted artists and architects.

With most of our classes walking to the exhibition over the next two weeks, you’ll be able to chat with your kids about which work they preferred, since there is also a “children’s choice” prize for the work most preferred by our students.

If you can help with “minding” the exhibition, by simply staying at the shop for a time, please let me know. We need lots of helpers! If you can help, please email me john.beach@det.nsw.edu.au or ring 49292911.

Tournament of Minds Sunday at University of Newcastle

Twenty-one students have been feverishly working away at their TOM entries, for this weekend’s Newcastle Final. TOM requires students to work cooperatively, to solve complex problems, and to present their solution in a dramatic or musical form, to a large audience. It’s pretty demanding, but it’s a credit to our kids that each year we have more audition for TOM than we are allowed to enter. Two teachers have mentored the teams this year, and I am extremely grateful to Ms Townsend and Miss Varagnolo for the many hours that they have put in supporting these creative students.

Teams for Tournament of Minds, in their categories, are:
- Language/Literature - Evie Mee, Sophia Suters, Indiana Ryan, Lilli-Ann Ellway, Lara Murphy, Alex Parsons, Harper Warren
- Applied Technology - Luciana Clews, Will Hampson, Eliot Taylor, James Snitch, Noah Handley, Ella Hall, Lucy Bramhill
- Social Sciences - Gus Springthorpe, Emily Miles, Eliza Payne, Dani Leet, Asha Osborne, Tom Grimshaw, Stella Zdenkowski

Best of luck for Sunday to all team members.
Congratulations to our students for their extremely creative and quirky outfits at yesterday’s Book Week Parade. We saw everything from Dr Who to Willy Wonka, from Little Red Riding Hood to the Hunger Games. As well as some tailor-made costumes there were plenty made from recycled bits and pieces, including some photographed here. Thanks also to those parents who spent lots of time getting those amazing outfits ready, and to those who purchased books from our Book Week stall.

To see the short list of books, for this year’s awards, click this link: [http://cbca.org.au/ShortList-2014.htm](http://cbca.org.au/ShortList-2014.htm)

The early spring rain has newly sown salad greens, broad beans, climbing beans, broccoli and cauliflower bursting out of the soil. The garden ninjas recently planted seedlings of beetroot and mixed flowers using hydrated peat pots. Talk to the plants as you pass the triangular garden and they will be sure to grow tall and crop happily.

Two winners last week, because both answers arrived by email at the same time. Both Luciana and Kaden worked out very quickly that the best way to use eight “8”s to make 1000 was by starting with 888, then adding 88, then adding another three 8s. It’s geography this week, and no previous winners please.

*How many countries does Spain share a border with? WARNING – this is tricky!*

Answers only by email to john.beach@det.nsw.edu.au

We are currently trialling this app on iPhones, as a better means of keeping in touch with our community. You can view this trial version by going to the Apple app store, then searching for Newcastle East Public School. Last night P & C officially adopted this app, meaning that soon it will be available for all platforms. I would appreciate any feedback you have, especially any problems you see with the app, bearing in mind that this is only a trial version of the finished product.

A gentle reminder that parents should not park and leave cars in the drop off zone in front of the school, even for a few minutes. It is often completely parked out in the morning. It should be kept as a "kiss and go" zone. Enforcement agents are everywhere! Of particular concern is the frequent parking across our School Crossing zone on Brown Street, which places our small students in extreme danger.
Looking to Support Ethics?
Feeling Socratic? We are not able to supply Ethics teachers for some of our classes. If you would like to find out more, and if you’d like to consider helping with this job, please contact me at the school. Ethics classes are highly structured, very thorough notes are supplied, and there’s always a supervising teacher in the room with you. Our staff members are not permitted to teach Ethics themselves – it must be taught by outside volunteers.

Disco in Week Ten – Assisting Classes
It’s back to DJ Andy for our Term Three disco, on Thursday September 18th, and the classes rostered on to look after the Barbeque and drinks stall are Mrs Thomas’ Grade Five parents, and Miss Varagnolo’s 1 / 2 class parents.

Family Photos
The P&C will be hosting a Family Portrait day at the school on Saturday 30th August. Newcastle School Portraits will be taking the photos and a percentage of all sales will be donated back to the school. Bookings can be made at the school office. Please see the attached flyer for more info.

Colonial Fair – Getting Ready
We’re starting to gear up for our biggest fund-raising event, the 2014 Colonial Fair, planned for Saturday, October 18th. That’s just over two months away, and with our last Fair cancelled due to grounds problems, we are really in need of your support in making this our best Fair ever.

Here’s a list of the class stalls and craft items –

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What’s Next for Colonial Fair?
- Sub-Committee meetings are now held each Wednesday afternoon 2:00-2:45 pm in the Staffroom. All are welcome to come along;
- Make sure you have been in touch with your class teacher;
- Get your name on the roster for the class stall;
- Invite everyone! A big crowd makes a successful fund-raiser, so round up family and friends;
• Raffle tickets went home with each child last week. As usual there are great prizes to be won and weekly prizes for students who return their booklet sold. Follow this link to details of the Diamond Beach Holiday on offer: http://www.hallidayspointholidays.com/accommodation/5051 If you are unable to sell your ticket book please return it to the office ASAP. Additional books are available from the office;
• Infants’ parents may not be aware that for the Colonial Fair we all dress up in period costume. Start brainstorming some ye olde worlde costumes.

Diary Note – Fathers’ Day Community Event
Our P and C will host a Fathers’ Day breakfast on Friday September 5th, from 7.30. There’ll be bacon and egg rolls available for dads and carers, with all welcome!

Design and Build Challenge- NEPS Longest Marble Run?
Can you use any re-cycled materials, such as old hoses, bits of wood or metal, demolished old toys, plastic funnels or scoops, bits from wooden train sets, sticky tape, soft-drink bottles, or just anything! – to make a marble run which goes longer than you thought possible?
If you dare to take on this challenge, these are the rules:
• It’s not a competition, just some fun at home
• Anyone can help you, every project gets a certificate
• Marbles run down hills, not up hills
• Don’t go out and buy special bits and pieces – re-cycle
• Trick is to make the track as long as you can, and then figure out ways to slow the marble down, instead of racing down the hill
• It’s fine to mix up some toy bits and some junk bits together
• We’ll time each marble run to see just how long it keeps the marble in motion
• We have marbles if you need one, but it’s OK to use glass or steel marbles
• It might help to glue your marble run to a thin sheet of board or cardboard to keep it strong!
These links might help to give you some ideas: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QkwaXzx7I4q https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-lX2sYCh7ME

Canteen
Volunteer Roster

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Donations – Milo
Families on the donation roster this week are: Seyerl, Meares, Mee, Menday, Mercer, Giles, Miles, Mlynarczyk-Elices, McGregor, Warren, Murdoch, Murdoch, and Retzlaff
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World Sleep Day Distinguished Activity Award 2014

In Term Two, NEPS students took part in a survey of sleeping patterns, and heard a talk on sleep hygiene from Dr Susan Miles. Now that program has been given an award for its part in sleep education, and the text is set out below:

The Australasian Sleep Association (ASA) and The Sleep Health Foundation (SHF) World Sleep Day Activity 2014 headed by Sarah Biggs has been awarded a Distinguished Activity Award by the World Sleep Day Committee.

This success belongs to all of you, with Sarah’s vision and leadership at its core.

We could not deliver such great programs to the community across Australia and New Zealand to promote sleep health without volunteers. We thank you for your generous contribution to this event. Together you visited twenty three schools and reached approximately 6000 children across Australia and New Zealand. You attracted over 65 separate engagements with TV/Radio/Newspapers/Magazines combined across Australia and New Zealand – an amazing effort.
Newcastle School Portraits
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You keep saying.......... “We will get a family portrait done soon” but soon has never come so here is your chance.

Portait Day Fundraiser

Saturday August 30
Sitting $20.00 with Free 8” x 12” Enlargement.

Phone the School office for sitting times 49292911

Newcastle School Portraits office 17A Denney St Broadmeadow (open school hours)