Sculpture Competition Winner

We’ve had an exciting and busy two weeks exhibiting entries in our NEPS200 sculpture competition, finishing on Friday night with the announcement of the winners.

Our “shop”, courtesy of GPT and Newcastle Now, was the focus for 150 people, who enjoyed some hospitality as they waited for the decision. It was a very high quality group of works, but in the end the judges’ decision was unanimous, and we now face the task of fund-raising the necessary finances over the next year, to make it a reality.

Over 500 people visited the exhibition, and it certainly provoked some good discussion amongst our students about art. Thanks to all who supported the event.

- Judges’ Decision - Heather B Swann (pictured), for her series of sculptural bronze stools, representing our first sixteen students. See it in the foyer!
- People’s Choice - Kristen Walker Cox, for her statue of two children playing;
- Children’s Choice - Noel Yaxley, for his sculptural assemblage of acrylic rods, containing a negative impression of the school bell.

*Left: Annabelle and Genevieve looking closely at Kristen Walker Cox’s “People’s Choice” winner.*

Raffle Tickets – Please Start Selling!

Don’t forget that each Monday we are holding a raffle book seller’s draw for a canteen voucher. This week’s winner was Lachlan Baker, but each week it’s someone new! Just get your sold raffle ticket book back to the Office to be in the draw. To make our Colonial Fair raffle a successful fund-raiser for our school, we need your support in helping your children to sell their raffle tickets. The prizes are handsome, including a family holiday, a family helicopter experience, a signed Socceroos World Cup jersey, and a Wallabies jersey. Please ask for another raffle ticket book if you have already sold one, and remember that 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/5053](http://www.hallidayspointholidays.com/accommodation/5053)
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 and coffee available for dads and carers, with all welcome!

Stage Two Excursion – A Very Rainy Trip
This present-tense account makes it all seem so immediate!

We’re going to Sydney! We just got on and left. Everyone is really excited. We just had a toilet break in Ourimbah. We’re watching Nemo, and Mrs Edge is sitting next to me. I fall in pain, in my neck! Now we’re watching Horton, a funny movie, and now we’re going past some very old walls. It’s raining, just as we arrive in Sydney. We’ve just been to the Opera House. And now, we’ve just left the Barracks, heading for the Rocks. It’s interesting. We get back on the bus for the hotel. It’s the Woolbrokers. Dinner – Schnitzel and it is nice. A quick shower and off to bed at 9. Next morning, a six minute walk to the Maritime Museum to go on a navy war ship, with a person who fought in the Second World War. Australia won, and there is still a man from that war alive. Next, the Art Gallery. It’s amazing! Some yummy lunch, then on the bus for home. We were very ready to see our parents. Montana Gay

Skateboards and Scooters / Play after School
Under no circumstances can any wheeled “vehicle” be ridden inside the school grounds. We have a very lenient policy, in allowing students to ride to school, but there is never a time when it is OK to use them inside the school. Students have been repeatedly asked not to do so, and I am now approaching the point of banning them altogether. Similarly, students staying behind after lessons conclude MUST be under direct supervision by a parent. My duty of care requires me to staff a teacher on playground duty at all times when students are outside, but this coverage does not include after school.

Quiz Answer and This Week’s Difficult Head-scratcher
Last week was easy! Which country is Australia’s nearest neighbour? Lilli-Ann Ellway was first correct. This week’s riddle is a bit harder: It’s hard to give up. Remove part of it and you still have a bit. Remove another part, but bit is still there. Remove another and it remains.
What is it? Answers only by email to john.beach@det.nsw.edu.au First-timers only please. Spread the love!
Skoolbag App for Smartphones
Our School now has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. We are asking parents/students to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name "Newcastle East Public School" in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store. Last week’s altered excursion times showed just how useful an app can be for keeping up to date with school info, however it also highlighted the need for as many families as possible to have access to the app so that the most benefit is gained. Browse through the app features and you’ll find it also allows for submitting online absence notifications, change of details, calendars, push notification reminders, accessing the newsletter and much more. For more information please see the Parent Info sheet at the end of this newsletter.

Debating News
Our train-on squad had a narrow loss to Kotara South Public School today, but the really impressive thing about the result was the very brave way that Jack Williams and Ruby Parsons stepped in, with very short notice, to replace some absent team members. They joined Harper Warren and Matthew Davis, to make a very good team, just beaten. Mrs Audet was proud!

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.

Where Are They Now?
Our former students Hadrian Le Goff and Jasmine Duff both went to HSPA for drama, and for this year’s HSC Showcase at that school, they have been selected as the hosts. As well, Hadrian will perform his HSC soliloquy, Cassius’ speech from Julius Caesar. It’s wonderful to see our students achieving at such a high level.

Canteen – Volunteer Roster

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Colonial Fair – Getting Ready
We are gearing up for our biggest fund-raising event, the 2014 Colonial Fair, planned for Saturday, October 18th 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. We are receiving lots of great donations from businesses and individuals alike and are most appreciative of all your efforts. **Following is a full list of our corporate sponsors to date. Please reciprocate their generosity by supporting their businesses.**

Australia Post Shop Newcastle  
OPSM Newcastle  
McGuigan Wines  
House of Elliot  
Woolworths  
Newcastle West  
Mount Pleasant Estate  
Villa Clone  
Drayton’s Wines  
Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service  
Conversant Media  

- Priceline Pharmacy Hamilton  
- Hunter Valley Gardens  
- Balance City Newcastle  
- Sharp Electronics  
- Lotus Espresso  
- Pilates for Life  
- Chris Bramhill Chinese Herbalist  
- Clarkesmart  
- McWilliams Cellar Door  
- Talulah  
- One Penny Black

- We are still in need of donations of bottles of wine and small gift prizes for our Chocolate Wheel and Balloon Stall baskets. Specifically gifts of new items for Primary aged children, Women and Men.
- If you have cuttings for our plant/produce stall please send them in only on the day before the Fair. We have nowhere to store them, and they may not be safe here!
- Don’t forget to ask friends, family, and workmates to come to the Fair. It is a great day out, with lots of activities and displays for all age ranges. Invite everyone! A big crowd makes a successful fund-raiser!
- 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 and/or get your name down on a roster.
- **KT Parents please see Claire or Mrs Thompson if you can help with preparations as we are desperately in need of volunteers from your class.**
Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- School, free push notification alerts
- School events
- School newsletters
- School documents
- School RSS feeds
- School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

**iPhone & iPad Users**

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "Install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "Install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
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