It’s Hat Week! Wear It!

Our nation has the world’s highest incidence of skin cancer, and our life-style leaves us exposed to the sun more hours daily than almost any other country. This week we are marking the start of Spring, and warmer weather, with a “hat blitz”. Please ensure that:

- Your child comes to school with a hat
- That hat has a name in it
- No hat, no play will be enforced under the COLA

Last Week of Term – Safe Happy Holiday!
Lessons resume on Tuesday October 7th, after the Spring vacation. We trust that your family enjoys a safe and relaxing break, and returns free of the winter chills.

Marble Runs This Friday
Don’t forget to bring your marble run this Friday, if you have taken up the challenge this term to build one. We will film all entries, and put the video on our school’s web-site, and please remember that it doesn’t have to be complicated. I would love to see any entry, even if it’s very simple. Anyone can help, and the information sheet is at the back of this Newsletter, if you decide to build a late entry.

Tournament of Mind
Praise for our two teams who travelled to University of New South Wales for the New South Wales finals of this challenging competition. After winning their Hunter Region finals, both teams worked well in Sydney, though were unsuccessful in moving to the National level. Many thanks to the teachers and parents who supported the teams, and travelled with them to Sydney.

Disco Thursday with DJ Andy
Don’t forget this Thursday 18th, 5.30, under the COLA. This social occasion marks the end of Term Three, and the arrival of Spring, so it’s a must! Weather forecasts for the night are clear and cool, so rug up! Remember that children must be accompanied by their parents, and that there’ll be lots of tasty food and drink available on the night. Classes rostered on for barbeque duty are Miss Varagnolo’s class parents, and parents from Mrs Thomas’ Grade Five.
Battle for Australia
I have received a letter from the organising committee of this event, congratulating our students on their participation in the BFA ceremony on September 3, at Fort Scratchley. Despite the very cold and windy day, they carried out their role very well, and Gus Springthorpe read the Ode to Remembrance beautifully. The old soldiers there thought they were very good examples of young Australian people.

Community Consultation – Where Should Our School Go Next?
No, we’re not being evicted, or thinking of moving to the beach. Rather, our staff and School Council are working together to formulate our strategic plan for the next three years. We need your views on what could be our school priorities, so that we can reflect all viewpoints. For instance, you might feel that we should spend more time (or less) on sport, or less time (or more) on technology, that we need all our kids to be able to swim 100 metres or speak Mandarin, or that we need to concentrate more on the basics of maths or reading. You might have in your mind your “dream school”, just right for your children. Whatever your view about our school’s future direction and plans, I would love to hear from you. Last night at School Council we spent time working out how best to get our school community’s views on this topic, and there will be other ways to get your views across, but for now, I am very receptive to any ideas that you might have. Please talk to your friends and family, sound out what the kids want, chat in the playgrounds, and then email me with your ideas, no matter how plausible, or improbable, they might be.

Class 2H – Radio Stars
Mr Hutchison’s class has been working busily on a wonderful picture book, incorporating their stories and art work, ready to sell copies at the Colonial Fair. Helping and inspiring has been Nina, mother of Mathilda in KT, and her guidance and experience has certainly lifted the book into a very high class publication. It’s superb, and when ABC 1233 radio visited the class this week, they were amazed too. You can hear the report at this link: https://soundcloud.com/1233newcastle/new-class-of-authors-at

Raffle Tickets – Please Keep Selling!
Don’t forget that each Monday we are holding a raffle book seller’s draw for a canteen voucher. 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 discover the full details of the Diamond Beach Holiday on offer: http://www.hallidayspointholidays.com/accommodation/5051

Quiz Answer
Toby Burman got the answer correct last week, and no quiz this week, due to the holidays. Toby correctly answered that Newcastle was shelled by 34 shells on the 8th of June 1942. Interestingly, nearly half of those shells did not explode, and had to be recovered and disarmed later. Great answer Toby!
Colonial Fair – Getting Ready

- For several Colonial Fairs we have had some beautiful plain white table-cloths, used to decorate tables in our café. They are missing! If you know where they are, please contact the office.

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
- Mount Pleasant Estate
- Villa Clone
- Drayton’s Wines
- Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service
- Conversant Media
- Peter Drayton Wines
- Pigs Peake
- Keith Tullock Wines
- Marsh Estate
- Blueberry Hill
- Woolworths Newcastle West
- Tamburlaine
- Winemakers Centre Reserve Wine Bar
- Priceline Pharmacy Hamilton
- Hunter Valley Gardens
- Balance City Newcastle
- Sharp Electronics
- Lotus Espresso
- Pilates for Life
- Chris Bramhill Chinese Herbalist
- Clarkesmart
- Hamilton Vet Clinic
- 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.

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, and every project gets a Certificate
- Marbles run down hills, not up hills
- Don’t go out and buy special bits and pieces – just re-cycle your old stuff
- 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
- Mums and dads, grandpas and grandmas, big brothers or sisters - all can help too!
- 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=QkwaXzx7I4g
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tX2sYCh7ME
Canteen Volunteer Roster

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Donations – Pineapple Rings
Families on the donation roster for this week are: Wyman, Zheng, De Bruyn, Bohlsen, Davis, Gay, Suters, Jennings, McCauley, Nagle-Hill

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.

THRILLER
Thursday
Year 6 Fundraiser

Dress in a Spooky outfit for a gold coin donation
Have fun at the Year 6 Ghoulish Games
Buy a can of drink for $2
Thursday 18th September
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.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

**Android Users**

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
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Two 21
Train-on debating DANCE FESTIVAL WEEK
P and C/School Council

Two 22
Train-on debating T&D Staff Meeting

Two 23
Stage Assembly - Cold Science Show
NAIDOC Week

Two 24
NEPS Dance Festival performance - 6pm

Two 25
Zone Athletics - track

Three 28
EDUCATION WEEK

Three 29
Zone Athletics - field

Three 30
Full Assembly Dance2BFit disco 5-7

Three 31
Spelling Bee 11-1

Three 1
Water Safety talks K-2 11.45, 3-6 12.20

Four 4
Train-on debating @ Hillsborough

Four 5
T&D Staff Meeting

Four 6
Stage Assembly

Four 7
Train-on debating @ Hillsborough

Four 8

Five 11
Train-on debating

Five 12
T&D Staff Meeting

Five 13
Full Assembly

Five 14

Five 15
SMH Write-On competition close

Six 18
Book Week Parade P and C/School Council

Six 19
T&D Staff Meeting

Six 20
Year 6 Reading

Six 21

Six 22

Six 23
Return of Mrs T

Seven 25
Train-on debating

Seven 26
Stage Two Sydney

Seven 27
Full Assembly Stage Two Sydney

Seven 28

Seven 29

Seven 30
Family Photo Day

Eight 1
Train-on debating

Eight 2
T&D Staff Meeting

Eight 3
Stage Assembly

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Nine 8
Train-on debating

Nine 9
Full Assembly

Nine 10
Science/Engineering Discovery Day Kahibah

Nine 11

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Ten 15
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Ten 17
Stage Assembly

Ten 18
Disco with DJ Andy

Ten 19
Last day of Term