

Newcastle Middle School

Newsletter



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Term 3 - Week 9

Friday, 13 September 2013

Principal's Message



We are fast approaching the end of Term 3 and this week has certainly been a busy one.

Students who attended our junior camp this week have had a great time and I thoroughly enjoyed meeting our 2014 students. A big **THANKS** to Judy and Clare for

supporting this overnight event.

On Wednesday we had the Jamo Jamo Drum Performance, it was a **HUGE** hit and I loved seeing the level of engagement of the kids.

A **BIG** thanks to Hunter River Community School also for organising another very successful and fun combined SSP Sports day.

Next weeks newsletter will have plenty of photos of all of these events.

Good Luck to all candidates who are interviewing for our new Assistant Principal position. Congratulations on gaining an interview. We will be able to announce our new AP next week.

Regards

Belinda Ryan

Principal

Friends News

Merewether Golf Club Charity Day on Friday 1st November 2013

If you would like to be a part of our inaugural day of golf at Merewether Golf Club, please contact school on 4960 2122 and let us know. We need players to be a part of our school team, or you can submit your own team!

Thank you everyone for your ongoing support in our fundraising!

Also thank you to our staff for their help on BBQ days - great teamwork!

Friends Committee

Diary Dates - Term 3

Week 10

Wednesday, September 18th Monster Truck Visit (Free)
Friday, September 20th **Last Day of Term 3**

Diary Dates - Term 4

Week 1

Monday, October 7th **Public Holiday**
Tuesday, October 8th **First Day of Term 4**

Week 7

Monday, November 18th Life Education Bus
Tuesday, November 19th Life Education Bus
Wednesday, November 20th Life Education Bus

Monster Truck Show

Wednesday 18th September - 10.30am

The monster truck with a mission

This truck has bought the world of Monster trucks and the environment into one sentence since the forming of a relationship between the Save the Devil Campaign Foundation and the team from Monster truck Promotions.



Each year this great truck with the three D body shaped like that of the tiny little Marsupial the Tassie Devil that is threatened with extinction from the deadly infectious cancer known as the Devil facial Tumour Disease, travels around Australia conducting shows, visiting hundreds of schools, shopping centres promoting the message of how we can help raise awareness of the plight of the Tassie Devil making this one of the more strange but rewarding relationships in the Monster truck world.

SAS Staff Recognition Week 2013

This week is a very special week for the School Administration and Support Staff here at Newcastle School. Each of our special SAS staff members have been formally recognised for the vital work they undertake in our school with a certificate and a celebration morning tea. The teaching staff in particular would like to thank all the support staff and wish them a very happy and productive week.



positive partnerships

Supporting school age students on the autism spectrum

FREE two day workshop and information sessions for PARENTS/CARERS of school age students on the autism spectrum

Workshop: 2013NSWPC14 Location: Newcastle

The Positive Partnerships initiatives have been developed and delivered by Partnerships between Education and the Autism Community (PEAC) and funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations through the Helping Children with Autism package.

What will you learn?

As a result of participating in the workshops and information sessions as parents/carers you will gain:

- a greater understanding of the impact of autism on your child, both at school and at home
- knowledge about how to develop effective parent, school and teacher partnerships
- specific strategies on how to:
 - advocate for your child
 - support your child's participation at school
 - develop an awareness of ongoing learning needs
- information about your local school system's processes
- opportunities to network and share strategies with other parents/carers and key community members
- opportunities for discussion around a range of topics relevant to students with an ASD and their families

Some key community representatives that support families living with autism will be identified and invited to participate in the workshop with a view to supporting a community focus beyond the workshop.

Workshop details

Venue: Quality Hotel Noah's On the Beach
Corner Shortland Esplanade & Zaara Street, Newcastle NSW 2300

When: Two day workshop – Monday 11 & Tuesday 12 November 2013

Day 1: 9.00 a.m - 4.30 p.m (Registration from 8.15am)

Day 2: 9.00 a.m - 3.30 p.m

Registration for this workshop will open Monday 30 September 2013 and close 2 days prior.

Please visit the website to register www.positivepartnerships.com.au.

For more information please contact the Positive Partnerships workshop Info Line number: 1300 881 971



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