



## Principal's Message



I have attached with this week's newsletter an expression of interest (EOI) for families who would like to purchase a discounted copy of Proloquo2Go. The Junior School P&C are going to facilitate the purchase process and any orders would need to be paid for in

advance. Please read the attached information and contact Lisa Baston at Junior School if you have any questions (ph: 4943 3479). This is a great deal and this program is the main program for communication now being utilised across Newcastle School sites.

I would like to congratulate Jenny Lewis for her wonderful organisation again for the Bunnings BBQ at Kotara last weekend. The BBQ raised nearly \$2000 in profit!!! To our fabulous families and staff who gave of their valuable weekend time to ensure we had a well-oiled snag sandwich team. Well done everyone.

**Regards**  
**Belinda Ryan**  
**Principal**

## Friends News

### Thank You

So much to our parent helpers and staff who assisted on Saturday at our Bunnings BBQ!

Special thanks to Geoff O'Shea, Alana Christie, Karen Sommerville, Andrea Connell, Jude Mouthaan, Stacey Radcliffe and Erin Lewis.

It was a great day with over \$1970 profit made!

Thanks so much again everyone!

News on the golf day at Merewether Golf Club next week!

**Friends Committee**

## Diary Dates - Term 4

### Week 7

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

### Week 9

Friday, December 6th	Presentation Day 11.30am – 1.30pm
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### Week 11

Monday, December 16th	Class Christmas Parties
Tuesday, December 17th	Yr 8 Graduation Luncheon 11.30am
Wednesday, December 18th	<b>Last Day of School (Students)</b>
Thursday, December 19th	<b>Staff Development Day</b>
Friday, December 20th	<b>Staff Development Day</b>

## Diary Dates - 2014, Term 1

### Week 1

Monday, January 27th	<b>Australia Day Holiday</b>
Tuesday, January 28th	<b>Staff Development Day</b>
Wednesday, January 29th	<b>First Day (Continuing Students)</b>
Thursday, 30th	<b>First Day (New enrolments)</b>



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# Proloquo2go

Proloquo2go is a voice generating device for individuals around the world, enabling people to talk using symbols or typed text in a natural-sounding voice.

Proloquo2go can be adapted to suit the needs of a wide range of users with varying literacy levels. Speech can be generated by tapping buttons with symbols, selecting buttons using an adaptive switch or typing using the on-screen keyboard with word prediction.

Students can use Proloquo2go to communicate at home, in school, at work, in the community, anywhere, anytime.

At Newcastle School we have taken a whole school approach and rolled out Proloquo2go across the three sites as a support for communication development and as a teaching tool for the classroom.

In that short time we have seen tremendous improvements in student communication and interaction with adults and their peers.

We would like to invite families to be part of this exciting communication revolution through a reduced cost for purchase and training workshop.

## What will it cost?

Through the iTunes store you can purchase Proloquo2go for \$230. With the introduction of Volume Purchasing for schools in Australia, we are able to purchase Proloquo2go for a cost of \$115 when we bulk buy more than 20 units.

## What do I need to do now?

Fill out the form below to **register your interest** for either the purchase of Proloquo2go or workshop or for both and return to school as soon as possible.

At this stage the workshops will be held in Term 1, 2014 with a day and evening option. Further details will be communicated to those interested when they come to hand.

If you have any questions or enquiries please contact, Lisa Baston, Assistant Principal, Newcastle Junior School, Ph: 4943 3479 or email: [lisa.baston@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:lisa.baston@det.nsw.edu.au)

*Please fill in the form below to register your interest in purchasing Proloquo2go and for the upcoming workshop. **Please return by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2013***

- Yes I am **interested** in purchasing Proloquo2go at a cost of **\$115.00**.
- Yes I am **interested** in attending a Proloquo2go **workshop**.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you  
Lisa Baston  
Assistant Principal