



NEWCASTLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 1 2013

Friday 10th May

Principal's Message

Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a great holiday and feel rejuvenated for another busy and enjoyable Term at Newcastle Middle School.

I am relieving as Principal for Belinda as she and Susan are attending User Acceptance Testing for the new student management system in Ryde for the first two weeks of next term.

We have a very busy term ahead. Transition meetings and activities between Junior, Middle and Senior sites will be progressing, including combined CAPA music based events, Myuna Bay Camp, sport and classroom visits.

This week I had the great honour of presenting a well earned 20 Year Certificate of Service to our SLSO (School Learning Support Officer), Liz Wood. This certificate is in



recognition of Liz's dedication to the needs and education of students and as an integral member of our hard working school team. Your ongoing and valuable

contributions are very appreciated by your colleagues, the students and their families. Congratulations, Liz!

Currently, staff are in the process of determining new or continuing ILP targets for all students. Each Class Teacher will be in touch with families to organise phone or personal appointments to discuss these and any other aspects of individual planning for your child. We have been very pleased with the new processes of ILPs and reporting across the whole Newcastle School sites. Any feedback from parents and carers is very welcome as we engage in ongoing evaluation.

It is important that interruptions to our teaching and learning sessions are as minimal as possible to ensure we maintain optimal learning conditions for our students. We are seeking the assistance of our families who bring their students to school by remaining with their child, under the COLA, until the 8:45am bell goes or if you arrive after 9:00am by signing your child in at the office and a classroom staff member will come to collect your child to take them to class. Your cooperation in helping us maintain optimal learning conditions for our students is greatly appreciated.

Regards

Judy Mouthaan
Relieving Principal

DIARY DATES - TERM 3

WEEK 3

Tuesday, July 30th

Book Club Orders Due.
Student Medical records
Updates Due.

All Week

Education Week

WEEK 4

Thursday, August 8th

Myuna Bay Transition Camp
with Senior Students.
(overnight)

Friday, August 9th

Senior Students return from
camp.

WEEK 5

Saturday, August 17th

Bunnings BBQ at Kotara.

WEEK 6

Friday, August 23rd

Excursion to Senior School
for performance "RUBBISH".
Presenter makes puppets
from recyclable materials.

WEEK 7

Saturday, August 31st

Bunnings BBQ at Belmont.

WEEK 9

Monday, September 9th

Immunisations

Thursday, September 12th

Myuna Bay Camp with Junior
Students (overnight).

Friday, September 13th

Junior Students return from
camp.

WEEK 10

Friday, September 20th

Last day of Term 3.

FRIENDS NEWS

Pie Drive

Tax Receipts for students bus excursion contributions have been sent home to families this week to help with tax returns.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all families for paying the bus contribution each time their child participates in an out of school excursion.

This money goes directly into our Friends Account which pays for petrol, insurance, registration and regular service and maintenance for our bus.

We are very grateful for your ongoing support.

Thank you

Chocolate Drive

Just a reminder that we have 12 boxes of chocolates left if any families would like to take to sell.

Thank you again for supporting this valuable fundraiser.

Friends Committee

OFFICE NEWS



Updating Medical Records Forms

During Terms 3 and 4 we will be updating our medical records systems to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child's health.

These new forms were sent home earlier this week could you please fill them out and return them to us as soon as you can. They are due back by 30th July.

We appreciate your support as we start collecting the information, and if you have any questions please call.

The good news is we have already started collecting some of this information, which means less for you to do.

The new forms will help us collect your child's important medical information and the introduction of new systems will mean we'll be able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child.

We appreciate your support as we start collecting the information, and if you have any questions please call.

Parent Payment Envelopes

These were also sent home this week. If you require any more please do not hesitate to let your child's teacher or us ladies in the office know so that more can be sent home.

Book Club

Please note that these are due back at school by Tuesday 30th July.

Entertainment Books

We now only have a couple left please see the office if you would like to purchase any.

School Uniforms

Now is the time to start thinking about your child's summer uniform. We will be sending order forms home in the next couple of weeks.

School Term Fees

Our school voluntary term fees are now due, these are \$20 a term. If you wish to pay for the rest of the year then the total owing is \$40.

Thank you to those families that have already paid.

Regards

Susan and Kristy