

Newcastle Middle School

Newsletter



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Term 3 - Week 7

Friday, 30th August 2013

Principal's Message



Thank you to our staff and families who have volunteered to man the BBQ at Bunnings, Belmont on Saturday. I will be heading out there and am looking forward to another busy day raising funds for the school. Jenny has done a wonderful job getting it all organised, so tell everyone you

know to head out and buy a sausage from us.

Our Newcastle School Principal, Rick Frost will be retiring at the end of this term. Rick has been instrumental in bringing our new school model into being and the staff will be farewelling him at our upcoming whole school staff development day. On behalf of the Middle School community I would like to extend my thanks to Rick for all his support of myself, our staff and our students. We wish you all the very best in your retirement and I'm sure we will see you sailing around local waters enjoying life after work!

Regards

Belinda Ryan
Principal

Office News

Book Club Orders

Please note that orders are due back at school by Monday 2nd September.

School Uniforms

We would like to place an order on the 6th September so that uniforms will be back in time for Term 4; therefore orders are due back to school on 4th September.

We currently have a small amount of stock available but if the sizes that you require are out of stock we will need to place an order, unfortunately our supplier

Diary Dates - Term 3

Week 7

Saturday, August 31st	Bunnings BBQ at Belmont
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Week 8

Monday, September 2nd	Book Club Orders Due
Wednesday, September 4th	School Uniform Orders Due

Week 9

Monday, September 9th	Immunisations
Wednesday, September 11th	Jamo Jamo Drum Performance
Thursday, September 12th	Myuna Bay Camp with Junior Students (overnight).
Friday, September 13th	Junior Students return
Friday, September 13th	Asia Pacific Games" theme Combined SSPs Sports Day at Maitland.

Week 10

Friday, September 20th	Last Day of Term 3
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Diary Dates - Term 4

Week 1

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

requires us to order a minimum of 10 items of stock with the school logo per order, therefore there may be a small wait for some orders.

School-Based Immunisation Program on Monday

The next round of immunisations is on this coming Monday, 9th September. Some Year 7 students may have missed the opportunity to start the HPV vaccination course. Three doses of the vaccine are required for optimal protection. If your child missed out on the first dose/s and is now in Year 8 they can start the course during this visit. Further information regarding the school-based immunisation program can be found at the following websites:

<http://www.hpvvaccine.org.au/>

or

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/schoolvaccination.aspx>

Daffodil Day

Thank you to all students and families for supporting our fundraising efforts for Daffodil Day.

We raised an amazing \$131.00.

Susan and Kristy

Friends News

Bunnings BBQ - Kotara

We are holding another BBQ at Belmont Bunnings this Saturday, 31st August from 8.30am - 4pm.

Could we please ask all helpers to wear a cap as it is a health requirement of Bunnings e.g. peaked cap - so sorry but we will all have hat hair afterwards!

We look forward to another big day - so if you are going by stop in and say hi!

Merewether Golf Club Charity Day on Friday 1st November 2013

Please let school know if you are interested in playing as a team or want to be on the school team - should be a great day of golf and fun with breakfast and lunch provided for only \$50.00 - all proceeds going towards a new school bus - thank you to Teachers Mutual for sponsoring us.

Chocolate Drive

Still 6 boxes left - let us know if you would like one or two to sell.

Thank you for all your support with our fundraising projects!

Friends Committee

DisabilityCare Australia and Educational Pathways Planning Seminars

Tanya Bruning, Director – Service Delivery, NSW Site at DisabilityCare Australia and Rick Frost, Principal of Newcastle School will conduct a seminar for parents and other carers on Wednesday 11th September at 6pm and again on Thursday 12th September at 10am.

The seminar is intended to introduce parents and carers to the new Newcastle School Student Educational Pathways Schedule (StEPS) which we are implementing this year, and to introduce the new provisions available for people with disabilities through DisabilityCare Australia. Key intentions of StEPS are to guide individual student learning plan development and to empower parents, other carers and students as they engage increasingly with the new DisabilityCare Australia procedures.

DisabilityCare Australia has just commenced its operation in Newcastle so this seminar will provide an excellent opportunity for parents and other carers to hear first-hand how the new service system will operate.

All parents and other carers are warmly invited to attend one of the following seminars (the two seminars will be the same):

Wednesday 11th September (6pm – 7.30pm) at Newcastle Senior School, 66 Harriet St, Waratah

Thursday 12th September (10am – 11.30am) at Newcastle Junior School, 64 Hillsborough Rd, Hillsborough

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