

Newcastle Middle School

Newsletter



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Term 4 - Week 1

Friday, 10th October, 2014

Principals Message



Welcome back everyone. Hope you all feel refreshed after the holidays and are ready for another busy term. Please remember to keep an eye on the diary dates each week in the newsletter to see what is happening and when.

We would like to congratulate Kate (Class Teacher on Room 1) and her husband, Nathan on the recent birth of their gorgeous little daughter, Charlotte Poppy.



All are doing well and we wish them much happiness as a growing family.

Several classes are busily rehearsing for the IOTAS Concert in Week 3 at Panthers Newcastle. They will be performing an item called "Just Dance". I have attached the flyer for anyone interested in watching the concert. It is always fun and this is our first time performing! Wish us luck! The raffle will be drawn on that day at the concert for the mini iPad and gift hampers.

A group of 13 students, staff and carers have been away at Myuna Bay this week for the Middle to Senior School Transition Camp. All had a wonderful time and represented our school well. Photo pages will be included in next week's newsletter. The Junior Camp is scheduled for Week 4 this term.

I have attached a hard copy of our school survey to the newsletter again this week and encourage families to complete and send back to school.

Our Golf Day is quickly approaching, Friday Week 5 on November 7th. It will be great day and we have received some really exciting donations as prizes for teams on the day. We are hoping to raise enough money to purchase a special new playground swing and other equipment for the students enjoyment.

Belinda will return to school from Week 3 after her Long Service Leave and has been enjoying many wonderful experiences and new places.

Welcome back!

Regards

*Judy Mouthaan
Principal (Relieving)*

Diary Dates - Term 4

Week 1

Tuesday, October 7th

**First Day - Term 4
(Staff and Students)**

Thursday, October 9th

Senior Students Camp -
Myuna Bay

Friday, October 10th

Senior Students return from
Camp

Week 2

Monday, October 13th

Year 7 Immunisations

Week 3

Thursday, October 23rd

Book Club Orders Due

Week 4

Thursday, October 30th

Junior Students Camp -
Myuna Bay

Friday, October 31st

Junior Students return from
Camp

NEWCASTLE MIDDLE SCHOOL FRIENDS CHARITY

CHARITY GOLF DAY

\$65 INDIVIDUAL

\$260 TEAM

Green fees, Breakfast, Lunch

& Person Ambrose

**Merewether Golf Club
40 King Street
Adamstown**

**Raffles
Great Prizes**

**Friday
November
7**

**8.30am
SHOTGUN START**

Breakfast from 7.30am
Bacon & Egg Roll

Lunch 1.30pm
Chicken Schnitzel + Salad + Sauce

*RSVP and payment please by
31st October to Jenny on 49602122
newcastle-m-s.school@det.nsw.edu.au*

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BUNNINGS BBQ at BELMONT - Saturday 6th September 2014

Photos of parents and staff hard at work cooking sausage sandwiches at Bunnings, Belmont on Saturday 6th September. It was a day with many seasons! Lots of rain and then the sun shone!

We had a terrific day with a great team of helpers! Thank you so much for your time and hard work!



Geoff O'Shea and Simone Gosper always working with a smile



Ken and Liam Budge sampling some tasty cooking after their hard work



Liz Wood and Matt Dorhauer on the bread line



Judy Mouthaan, Simone Gosper providing customer service to Mandy Irwin & friend



Tim Johnson and Jude serving up sausages

No photographic evidence - but:
Thank you to Jemma Gosper for helping to serve customers and
Andrea Connell for helping pack up and clean at the end of the day!

Thanks heaps everyone!!

THANK YOU

Hunter New England Population Health

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Health

Hunter New England
Local Health Network

LAST CHANCE FOR STUDENTS TO RECEIVE VACCINATIONS AT SCHOOL

The last school based vaccination clinic at school will be held on:

MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2014

It is not too late for your year 7 son or daughter, or year 9 son to receive missed vaccine doses offered in 2014. If you have not completed a consent form, please ask the school for one and send it back in time for the last clinic. Any missed vaccine, even a first dose of HPV can be administered at this last clinic. HPV is an expensive vaccine, and is only funded if the course is commenced in year 7 at school.

What happens if my child has not received a full course of 3 doses of HPV by the end of this year? – as long as your child starts the course of HPV while they are in year 7 in 2014 the nurses will complete their course while they are in year 8 in 2015. You do not need to take any further action. This will however be the last opportunity for boys in year 9 to have a HPV vaccine dose at school. Year 9 boys who have had less than 3 doses of HPV vaccine after this next visit can complete the schedule at their GP practice.

Your child is given a record of vaccination for each vaccine administered; you may need to ask them for this copy.

You can contact the Hunter New England Population Health Unit on 49246477 and ask for an immunisation officer if you have any questions.

INVITATION

IOTAS Concert and Presentation Day 2014

Dear Parents, Carers, Family members and Friends

You are invited to attend the IOTAS
Concert and Year 12 Graduation
Raffle in the foyer

**PANTHERS CLUB NEWCASTLE
(Cr Union and King Sts)**

On

**Wednesday 22nd OCTOBER, 2014
STARTING AT 10.30**

COST

ADULTS \$5.00

CHILDREN AND PERFORMERS \$3.00

CONCESSION \$3

CHILDREN UNDER 5 FREE

**Bring some packed food and drinks. This way you won't miss
any of the action by having to leave the auditorium
and there will be less disruption to the performers.
(Performers should pay money to school before concert)**

PARENT/CARER SURVEY about Teaching/Learning and School Culture

As part of our school's self-evaluation, we would like to know the opinions of parents and caregivers on different areas of school life. Your response is confidential and will be stored securely. Survey completion is voluntary.

Question	Always	Some-times	Rarely
1. The school ensures that everyone at school is treated fairly.			
2. School leaders have a positive influence on the school culture.			
3. The school often praises and rewards students who are successful.			
4. I am proud of my child's school.			
5. The school appreciates having my child as a student.			
6. The school caters for the learning needs of all students.			
7. The school is continually finding ways to improve what it does.			
8. Teachers provide class activities that are interesting and appropriate to my child's needs and abilities.			
9. The school has involved parents and students in decisions about what it is aiming to do.			
10. The school provides clear information about student achievement through the term 1 and term 4 reports.			

Please comment:

What are some ways that school and families communicate? _____

What could be done to further enhance family involvement with our school? _____

If there was one major focus over the next 2-3 years to enhance student outcomes what would be your priority? _____

Thankyou for completing this survey

If you would like to complete an additional (different) survey please complete the Community survey found on the "Newcastle School Website"

www.newcastle-s.schools.det.nsw.edu.au

