



## Principals Message



\$7000 was raised at our Golf Day last Friday!! This is a staggering amount and I would like to thank Jenny, Simone, Jemma, Sarah and all our other sponsors and helpers who made our second ever golf day such a resounding success. Looking forward to next year already.

### Early / Late arrivals

Please ensure that you alert the office staff when you are dropping off or picking up students outside of usual drop off/pick up times. Our new business system means families no longer have to fill out paperwork (yay!), however staff do need to log a reason for partial absence or it will be seen as an unjustified absence. Thanks for your cooperation.

### Christmas Hamper Donations

We are asking families to donate any non-perishable or gift items for our Christmas Hamper this year. All donations will be forward to a local charity. This activity demonstrates to our students and school community we can give back to the community which supports our school in other ways. Thank you for your generosity.



**Regards**

**Belinda Ryan**  
**Principal**

## Community Event: Stockton Centre

The Stockton Centre caters for residents with intellectual and physical disabilities. They are holding a couple of annual events that you might enjoy.

A flyer is attached for you. If you would like to attend the Santa on the Oval event on Wednesday 3rd December at 10.30am (school time). It is important you contact via email ASAP so that they know you are coming. Santa comes in the Westpac helicopter which is exciting.

The Carols by Torchlight is on 10th December from 6pm. This event is a tradition involving residents and the local community coming together to sing traditional and modern Christmas songs. On dusk the crowd is treated to a spectacular fireworks display.

## Diary Dates - Term 4

### Week 9

Friday, December 5th	Presentation Day
Sunday, December 7th	Official opening of Newcastle School Art Project Exhibition - Animal Sanctuary at Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery starting 11am

### Week 10

Friday, December 12th	Graduation Day
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### Week 11

Monday, December 15th	Class Party Day
<b>Wednesday, December 17th</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 4 - Students</b>
<b>Friday, December 19th</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 4 - Staff</b>

## Special Event: Art Project

Students from several classes of Middle School have been participating in a special Art Project for Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery, alongside groups from Junior and Senior School sites.

The theme this year is Animal Sanctuary, this is our inaugural year creating an artwork for the exhibition. Professional artists will also be exhibiting their works on the theme of Wildside: The Animal in Art.

The exhibition officially opens on Sunday December 7th at 11am. Families are welcome to attend and a note will come home soon. The exhibition will run from 5th December until 1st February 2015 at the Gallery located at Awaba. You can look up details about it at the Art Gallery website link -

<http://artgallery.lakemac.com.au/exhibitions/coming-up>

Our students have been working very hard on a mixed media artwork which has been linked with HSIE (Human Society and Its Environments) studies. Students have learnt about Australia's natural physical environments, and how these provide habitats for our unique flora and fauna.

Hopefully many of our families are able to see the exhibition and admire our students' creativity.

**Thanks**

**Judy Mouthaan**

**Art Project Co-ordinator**

## Friends News

### Friends Charity Golf Day for Newcastle Middle School at Merewether Golf Club

Our Charity Golf Day at Merewether Golf Club last Friday was a great success with almost \$7000 raised!

This was a result of corporate sponsorship, player fees, donated raffle prizes and a Silent Auction.

Thank you also to our staff member, Simone Gosper and her daughter Jemma for making our "Voucher Tree" which was used to display the numerous gift vouchers that had been donated by local businesses.

We plan to purchase a swing for our playground with our funds raised.

The weather was perfect for golf and provided a great day for our 50 golfers!

We received very positive feedback on the day and plans are already in process for next year to make it bigger and better!

Please look out for our golf day sponsors advertisements over the next few weeks in our school newsletter commencing next week.

We are very grateful for our ongoing school family and community support.

Thank you again,

**Friends Committee**

## PBL: Positive Behaviour for Learning

This is a school-wide behaviour support initiative.

At Newcastle School we have chosen 3 values to underpin this process. Each value has 2 behaviour expectations (rules) to support students' behaviour. These values and expectations are taught to students in their personal development lessons and reinforced at school assemblies.

Our values and rules are shown below in a visual format. When you visit our school you will see the posters around the school and in classrooms to remind student, staff and visitors of school values and rules. We are also planning to trial including PBL indicators in our Daily Communication books next year.



# CHRISTMAS

at  
**STOCKTON CENTRE**

## CAROLS BY TORCHLIGHT

Wednesday 10th December 2014

live music followed by  
spectacular fireworks  
display!

bring the family and picnic

fun starts at 6:00pm

## SANTA ON THE OVAL

Wednesday 3rd December 2014

come along to see Santa arrive by  
helicopter!

an experience not to be missed!

fun starts at 10:30am

**ALL WELCOME!**

 Norfolk Drive, Stockton,  
use the visitors carpark  
on your left.
   
 Catch 136 from Stkn Ferry Wharf
   
 [wcgrace@gmail.com](mailto:wcgrace@gmail.com)



\*RSVP to  
[wcgrace@gmail.com](mailto:wcgrace@gmail.com)  
asap





# GOLF DAY 2014







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