

# Newcastle Middle School

Newsletter



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Term 4 - Week 7

Friday, 21st November, 2014

## Principals Message



Newcastle City council will be installing flashing light signs for our **40km School Zone**, (weather permitting), on **Monday 1st December** and there may be part road closures. It will be great to have new lights in as we all know our zone is often ignored by drivers who are not aware our school is there!

I am looking forward to celebrating with our school community at **Presentation Day on the 5th December**. Proceedings will start at 11:30am and take approximately an hour. Light refreshments will be served for guests afterwards in our Staffroom.

Our schools' inaugural contribution to the **Art Show at Lake Macquarie Art Gallery next month** is shaping up as pretty spectacular. A great deal of student and staff time has gone into this project and the mixed media pieces have come together beautifully. I encourage all families to attend the grand opening on Sunday 7th December.

Thank you to Lenore for coordinating our **Planet Ark** recycling week again this year. Check out the pics below to see all the very creative ways students recycled.

Only 18 school days for students left this term! Enjoy the weekend.

**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

Please see the Golf Day sponsors advertisement pages attached.

These businesses supported us so generously financially as well as by donating prizes and vouchers to be raffled.

We take this opportunity to thank them wholeheartedly for their support of our school!

Please mention to them if you are out shopping that you read their advertisement in our school newsletter.

**Friends Committee**

## PLANET ARK'S - "NATIONAL RECYCLING WEEK"

Last week the students of Newcastle Middle School enthusiastically participated in Planet Ark's "National Recycling Week". They were able to reuse a variety of materials and revise good recycling protocols.

Class 7 made woven place mats out of cardboard cereal boxes and I think you will agree the end results are wonderful.



Class 3 recycled plastic water and soft drink bottles and turned them into mini plant terrariums and outdoor wild bird feeders.



Class 1 sorted materials into two groups for items that can be recycled and items which end up as waste.



A check of the school recycling program also showed that 100% of classes, the office, staffroom and agricultural area all participate in recycling as many items as possible each week.

Here at Newcastle Middle School we also recycle all of our ink cartridges. As we have one more pick up this year if you have any empty printer cartridges at home simply send them into school by Friday 28th November, 2014 and we will ensure they are recycled correctly.

**Thank you**

**Lenore Hanney (Assistant Principal)**





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### Expression Of Interest: Movement and Wellness Programs 2015

Dear families,

Next year we will no longer be part of the School Chaplaincy program due to changes around the guidelines of who schools can employ. Currently we employ Justin Ryder as a Student Welfare worker and he provides support to various classes based on need. This is usually movement or sport based activities, including PCYC gym classes. In conjunction with that our Active After School grant is also being realigned and will not come into effect (if at all) until Terms 3 & 4 next year. Justin (and other providers) are currently employed under this program two sessions per week across the school to deliver sport/physical activity based programs.

Justin Ryder has approached me with an idea for interim support during terms 1 & 2, 2015 which would require families to pay for their child on a per session rate to keep two main programs running across the school.

The proposal is as follows:

#### **PCYC Gym:**

2 classes once per week PCYC gym session \$6 per child. PCYC visits would incur an additional cost of \$3 for the bus, however visits would work out to be every three weeks making the total cost per term approx. \$27.

#### **Physical Movement:**

2 classes once per week physical movement session \$2 per child. This would work out to be between \$6-\$8 per student, per term.

Total approx. cost per term for each child is between \$33 and \$35 for both programs per term. Some financial assistance may be available from school for families experiencing financial hardship.

Return the slip below as soon as possible to assist us with forward planning. For more information please contact me at school.

Regards

*Belinda Ryan*

Principal

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### **Expression of Interest: Movement and Wellness Programs 2015.**

Please circle one. Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

YES I/we would be willing to pay for my child to participate in the BOTH proposed programs. (\$33-\$35/term)

YES I/we would be willing to pay for my child to participate in the PCYC program only. (\$27/term)

YES I/we would be willing to pay for my child to participate in the Physical Movement program only. (\$6-\$8/term)

NO I/we would be unwilling to pay for my child to participate in either program.

**Potential | Determination | Achievement**

**Thank you to all the fabulous sponsors of our Golf Day on Friday 7.11.14 at Merewether Golf Club!**







We are so grateful for your sponsorship and support of our school!

You have helped provide fundraising to the fantastic amount of \$7000!

This will provide new playground equipment for our students!

