



Principals Message



Just a reminder that 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.

Xmas Hamper donations - As we did last year we would like to collect non-perishable items to donate to a local charity for Christmas this year. Any suitable items should be sent in to the office. Thanks in advance for your support.

Next year we will be operating seven classes after notification earlier this term that our numbers have reduced. This will mean a reduction in staff (1 x AP and 1 x SLSO). These staffing arrangements are currently being made and I will notify our school community when I am able.

On a brighter note....Congratulations to Ian Hughes and Janelle Newman who were successful in gaining substantive Principal positions with Newcastle School. Ian will be taking up the P2 Newcastle School Principal position in 2015. Ian is a very experienced SSP Principal and we welcome him aboard the Newcastle School team. Janelle is familiar to us all and she will be taking up the Senior School Principal position permanently in 2015. Well done to both. Looking forward to working together in 2015 and beyond.

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	Christmas Party Day
Wednesday, December 17th	Last Day of Term 4 - Students
Friday, December 19th	Last Day of Term 4 - Staff

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

Congratulations to Lecky's Hunter Valley Electrical Wholesalers on being the winner of our Silent Auction! They have won a great prize of being able to advertise their business on a Southern Cross Austereo radio station.

Thank you so much to Mark Smith and his team at Lecky's for their fabulous support of our school.

Please look at our sponsors advertisements in our newsletter and support them if you can.

They have been a wonderful support for our school and golf day.

Friends Committee

Student Christmas Party

When: Monday 15th December

Place: COLA

Time: 11.30am -1pm

Food: Please bring a plate of party food to share e.g. potato chips, lollies, cakes etc.

We would like to invite our students' families to celebrate the festive season with us at school on this day.

If you would like your child to receive a gift from Santa, could you please send one in before the day to your child's teacher.

Thank you

Jenny Lewis
Teacher



Reminder

Could families please return their expression of interest slip for their child to participate in Justin's program next year. (See note attached below)

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

*RSVP to
wcgrace@
gmail.co
asap

ALL WELCOME!

Norfolk Drive, Stockton,
use the visitors carpark
on your left.

Catch 136 from Stkn Ferry Wharf

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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

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



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Christmas Hamper Charity

Donations for the needy

As we did last year we would like to organise donations of non perishable grocery goods (cans, packets, boxed items etc) of food items that can be organised by charity groups into Christmas food hampers for the needy, elderly or families in our community.



It would be much appreciated if you could donate one or more items on behalf of your child's family. There is a collection box in the Office and your donation(s) can be sent in your child's bag or in a separate bag to their teacher.

We want to make a difference to people struggling in our community at this time of year and hope you are able to assist us with this initiative.

Thanks for your help.

Judy Mouthaan
Organising Teacher

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!

