

Newcastle Middle School

Newsletter



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Term 2 - Week 6

Friday, 6th June, 2014



Principal's Message

I hope you are all looking forward to a long weekend this weekend.

It's been another busy week here at Middle School as we celebrated Reconciliation Week and received a great donation

from the Variety Club Bashers (see below).

We also had a team of students from Hunter Christian School who took on some grounds maintenance, in very unkind weather conditions, across the school as part of their community service.

Support from the broader community is pivotal to extend our programs and facilities, which ultimately benefits our young people.

We are grateful for all the wonderful support of our school.

N.D.I.A

Many of our families have already accessed the NDIA and now have plans in place for their child/children. If you would like to share these plans or even part of a plan with us we would appreciate the opportunity to link any areas where appropriate. If you would like to discuss this with me please contact me at school.

Regards

Belinda Ryan
Principal



Office News

Assisted Transport

Just a reminder to all families that use Assisted Transport, if any changes need to be made regarding transport arrangements (e.g. changing address, changes to before or after school pickups) Assisted Transport need to receive forms with at least 7 working day's notice before the change is to occur.

Regards
Susan and Kristy

Diary Dates - Term 2

Week 7

Monday, June 9 th	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
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Week 9

Friday, June 27 th	Semester 2 Reports home
Friday, June 27 th	Last Day of Term 2

Diary Dates - Term 3

Week 1

Monday, July 14 th	Staff Development Day
Tuesday, July 15 th	School Students Return

Week 3

Monday, July 28 th	Education Week
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Friends News

Thank you so much to the 'Variety Bashers' for their generous donation of \$1604.35 towards our new school bus project!

This money was generously collected on their recent bash in green money boxes from St. George Bank.

There was great excitement at school on Wednesday when 35 money boxes were delivered to school full of money!

Please see photo attached of our little friends with various accessories sitting on the school bus seat



waiting for a bus!

We are so grateful for Variety's ongoing support of our school!

Friends Committee

Fundraising News

Great news! We've been nominated to participate in the Grill'd Local Matters donation program at Grill'd The Junction this month.

Every month, Grill'd donates \$500 to local groups and asks their customers to decide who the money goes to.

When customers buy a burger, they will receive a token to put into one of 3 jars representing different groups. Whoever has the most tokens at the end of the month receives \$300. The other two groups receive \$100 each.

To do your bit to help our cause, spread the word and head on down to Grill'd The Junction located at Corner Glebe Rd & Kenrick Street, Newcastle

National Reconciliation Week

Reconciliation Week was celebrated between the 27th May and the 3rd June.

This year's theme was 'Let's Walk the Talk'.

To mark the occasion the students made class posters. These were presented at our School Assembly last Friday.

As you can see, everyone did a great job.





Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Newcastle School is becoming part of a Department of Education & Communities initiative called Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL).

What is PBL?

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is a whole school program that actively promotes positive behaviour. It enables students to develop a clear understanding of required expectations, become responsible for their own behaviour and work together to create a positive, productive and harmonious learning community.

How will it work?

Our focus statement is "At Newcastle School we strive for independence". The core values statements will be "**We learn, We care and We are safe**". These values will be explicitly taught to support positive behaviours.

Newcastle School recognises the vital role that parents and caregivers play in promoting positive behaviour for their children at home and at school. We are committed to working with parents and caregivers in achieving positive behaviours from their children. Newcastle School is also committed to regularly supporting parents with PBL through extra links and information on the school website.

What will it look like?

There will be signage throughout the school reminding everyone of our core values. The existing 3 stars logo has been embedded in our PBL emblem (shooting stars) uniting values across 3 settings.

Our core values "We learn, We care and We are safe" will be reinforced in our Star awards system.

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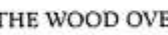










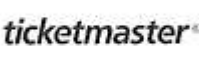
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