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Term 3 - Week 8

Friday, 5th September, 2014

Principals Message



As you know, Belinda has been relieving in the P1 Principal role and will be on Long Service Leave until Week 3 next term. We wish her a well-earned, wonderful holiday and know she will be back refreshed ready for a busy finish to Term 4

2014.

This week the school had its annual DEC audit. We have completed all aspects very well considering the many significant system changes that have happened throughout the year.

In response to the student attendance aspect of the annual audit, we ask all families to please assist us by ensuring explanations for absences, late arrivals or early leaver days are provided within 7 days of the absence (as per DEC policy). This can be done via a phone call to school or written in your child's Communication Book, this way, we can keep our records up to date.

Next week we are having a group of Variety Charity volunteers completing a Working Bee at our school. They will be refreshing the paint on some of our playground designs and doing some gardening maintenance in time for spring. We will try to include some pictures in next week's newsletter.

Transition visits have continued this week for our Year 8 students who will be graduating and starting at the Senior School from next year. Students have been enjoying a variety of activities with new peers and staff. We are off to Myuna Bay Camp early next term for another transition activity.

SASS Recognition Week

This week we recognise the outstanding and exceptional School Administrative and Support Staff that we have at Newcastle Middle School. These people go above and

beyond to support staff, students and community members.

This year the theme for SASS Recognition Week is 'Stepping up to the challenge' as the changing Education system sees many challenges that need to be addressed.

We thanked our wonderful SASS staff with a lovely morning tea and Certificates of Appreciation for the work they do ALL day, EVERY day. We are very lucky to have such hard working and dedicated SASS staff as part of our school.

Regards
Judy Mouthaan
Principal (Relieving)

Diary Dates - Term 3

Week 8

Saturday, September 6th	Bunnings BBQ - Belmont
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Week 9

All Week	Electrical Safety Week
Wednesday, September 10th	Drum Group Performance 11.30am - 12.30pm
Friday, September 12th	Fifa World Cup Sports Day Maitland 9am - 2pm 20 students + staff

Week 10

Friday, September 19th	Wetlands excursion - Rooms 3 and 5
Friday, September 19th	Last Day of Term 3
Saturday, September 20th	Junior School Trivia Night

IOTAS Concert Raffle

Thank you very much to all those families and friends who have donated prizes for our gift hampers and purchased raffle tickets so far. We are very grateful. More tickets are available at school if you need them. Could you please make sure that all ticket books and monies are returned to school with your child before the end of term, thanks.

Reminder that the raffle will be drawn at the Annual IOTAS Concert at Panthers Newcastle on Wednesday 22nd October where some of our students will be performing a dance item this year.

Friends News

Friends Charity Golf Day for Newcastle Middle School at Merewether Golf Club - Friday 7th November

Our fundraising goal this year is to raise \$6000 to purchase a web playground swing.

Flyers will be sent home next week to families and friends to seek players for our planned charity golf day.

Last year our inaugural charity golf day was a great success!

If you would like to join in on this fun day of golf, please return the slip to school with your details.

You can enter as a team of 4 or individually and we will make up a school team.

The cost this year is \$65 per player which includes green fees, breakfast and lunch.

Golf Day Flyer will be in next week's newsletter outlining more details. Hope you can come, too!

Bunnings BBQ (Belmont)

Saturday 6th September - Saturday 6th September from 9am - 4pm. Please stop in and have a sausage sandwich or just say hi!

Thanks again for your ongoing support.

Friends Committee

Australian National Flag Day

On Wednesday 3rd September, Declan Dinneen from Class 3 proudly raised the flag to full mast to celebrate Australian National Flag Day.



It was on the 3rd September, 1901 when the flag was first flown after

Australia's first Prime Minister, The Rt Hon Sir Edmond Barton, announced the winners of a competition to design a national flag for Australia.



Lenore Hanney
Assistant Principal



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"WORLD FESTIVAL OF MAGIC SHOW 2014"

Rotary Club of Newcastle would like to invite any special needs children, the aged, underprivileged and their families from the Hunter Region to attend "**WORLD FESTIVAL OF MAGIC SHOW**" at Newcastle Panthers Club, King St, Newcastle.

These tickets to you are completely **FREE OF CHARGE** and made possible by the generosity of your local business and professional people.

The Newcastle Magic Show has been generously sponsored by the business community of Newcastle and its surrounding areas.

There will be two shows held on Thursday 6th November 2014 at 12.30pm and 6.00pm (shows run for 90 minutes).

If you are interested in attending please let the school office know and tickets will be sent home with your child. Please indicate the number of people attending as everyone will need an entry ticket.

"WORLD FESTIVAL OF MAGIC SHOW 2014"

NUMBER OF TICKETS: _____ CHILD'S CLASS: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

CHILD'S NAME: _____