



Principals Message



Another busy week at Newcastle Middle School. Some photo pages will be included in this newsletter.

I hope all fathers, grandfathers and uncles had a wonderful day on Fathers' Day and enjoyed time with family.

A big thanks to the parents and staff who volunteered and worked hard at the Bunnings Belmont BBQ fundraising event on Saturday. Your time and generosity is really appreciated. A huge thanks to Jenny Lewis, who does an amazing job as key organiser of fundraising events on behalf of our Friends Charity, relentlessly pursuing ideas to help raise much needed funds for improved facilities and resources for our students and to keep our bus running.

This week on Tuesday, former parent, Peter Harvey, organised a hard working group of Variety volunteers from the Caterpillar Company and himself to generously give their time to repaint some of the faded artworks in the lower playground. The alphabet snake and snakes and ladders game now look refreshed, bright and colourful once again. SLSO, Liz Wood, told fondly how she and past SLSO, Wendy Carnell, had originally painted these for students to enjoy.

On Wednesday, Earthen Rhythm drum performance was enjoyed with great enthusiasm by our students and staff and a group of transitioning Year 4 students from our Junior School. Students were delighted with the drumming, songs and stories via music and dancing along with Benjie and Grant, the performers from Earthen Rhythm.

Transition Meetings with families and staff from each Newcastle School site have been very positive with opportunities to share information about incoming students starting 2015.

All classes have participated in Electrical Safety Week activities learning to be aware and safe around electricity.

Regards
Judy Mouthaan
Principal (Relieving)

Diary Dates - Term 3

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

Diary Dates - Term 4

Week 1

Tuesday, October 7th	First Day - Term 4 (Staff and Students)
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Week 2

Monday, October 13th	Year 7 Immunisations
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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.

Please return them to school ASAP if you would like to play golf with us on the day.

Bunnings BBQ (Belmont)

Saturday 6th September - Thank you so much to our helpers who manned the sausage sizzle at Bunnings BBQ Belmont last Saturday!

Big thanks to parents Tim Johnson, Geoff O'Shea, Matt Dorhauer, Ken and Liam Budge and to staff Liz Wood, Judy Mouthaan, Simone and Jemma Gosper and Andrea Connell.

It was a great day with a mix of rain and sunshine. We made approx \$1000.00!

Variety artwork painting

Thank you to Variety for painting our artworks in the COLA on Tuesday afternoon!

They donated 5 hours of their time and paints to help beautify our school environment.

Thank you so much Variety!

Earthen Rhythms Drumming

What a great time we all had at school on Wednesday with Benjii and Grant drumming! All students enjoyed playing the drums.

It was lovely to have our transitioning students from Junior school join us as well!

See photos attached of all the fun that was had this week at Middle School.

Thanks again for your ongoing support.

Friends Committee



Trivia Night!

Please come along to our Trivia night to raise funds for Newcastle Junior School! NJS is a school that provides quality learning experiences and opportunities for students with a disability in the Newcastle/Lake Macquarie area.



Come join us for a night of trivia, live music and fun games and prizes.

When? Saturday 20th of September 2014

6:30 arrival for a 7:30 start.

Where? Gallipoli Legions Club—Beaumont St Hamilton.

Each team must have no more than 10 members at a cost of \$200 per table (10 x \$20 per person) to be paid in cash or cheque **before 15/09/14** to

Newcastle Junior School

64 Hillsborough Rd, Hillsborough 2290.

A \$50 deposit will reserve you a table. Get in quick as tables will be limited!

For enquiries please call the school on 49433479.

Calling all:
FAMILIES, CARERS, HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, SERVICE PROVIDERS,
TEACHERS/ASSISTANTS, & THE GENERAL PUBLIC

HNE Carer Education & Support Program – Hunter
 Invites you to the

2014 Expo for Families & Carers

What's in it for you?

- Support & Information for Families & Carers in their caring role
- Information for Professionals to support Families & Carers
- Opportunities to Network & Promote Carers Week Activities

Guest Speakers:

10.00am – 11.00am: Keynote Speakers:

Hunter New England Local Health District & Private Aged Care Services

'Aged Care Reforms: ACAT Legislation, Home Care Packages & Residential Aged Care'

12.00pm – 1.00pm: Dr Lee Sturgeon – Consultant Clinical & Developmental Psychologist

'Managing the Mental Health and General Wellbeing of Parents, Carers and Siblings of Children with Developmental Disorders including Autism Spectrum Disorders'

Children's Entertainment:

"Loopy the Clown"

"Face Painting, Animal Balloons, Magic"



Details:

Date: Thursday 9 October 2014
Time: 9.30am – 3.00pm
Venue: Newcastle Panthers, King Street, Newcastle
Cost: Free

This is a Collaborative Project between HNE Carer Support Program - Hunter and our Carer Reference Group

For information or to Register

Phone: 4921 4895 or 1300 887 776

or Email: Educare-Admin@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au



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Electrical Safety Week



This week we have been participating in electrical safety week and have been learning about how to be safe with electricity. Each class constructed a poster to display what they had learnt about electrical safety and proudly brought them to assembly to share with the school on Thursday.

Earthen Rhythms Drum Performance



Thank you, Variety

