



Term 1 - Week 10

Thursday 2nd April, 2015



Principal's Message

The term has flown past and Easter is upon us. On behalf of the Middle School team I would like to wish all our students and their families a very Happy Easter and

safe, relaxing holiday.

Thank you to all our families, staff and friends who have donated to our Easter Raffle this year we raised over \$410.00 with over 30 prizes in total.



We say a fond farewell and best wishes to Liz Wood who is retiring after more than 30 years of service to young people with special needs in Public Education. Thank you Liz for your support of our teachers and young people over your career. You will be missed! We all hope you enjoy travelling and spending time with your gorgeous family.

Finally thanks to all our staff for their hard work over the term. Term 1 is always busy and this one has been no exception! I appreciate your dedication to our students, their families and your own professional development.

Enjoy the holidays!

Regards

Belinda Ryan
Principal



**THANK YOU LIZ,
ALL THE VERY BEST!**



Diary Dates - Term 1

Week 10

Thursday, April 2nd	Rooms 1, 2 and 3 Excursion
Thursday, April 2nd	Last Day of Term 1
Friday, April 3rd	Good Friday

Diary Dates - Term 2

Week 1

Monday, April 20th	Staff Development Day
Tuesday, April 21st	Students Return

Student Equipment

We are seeking the cooperation of families to ensure safe working conditions for staff and students by eliminating the use of metal containers being brought to school. Larger metal objects (including lunch boxes, thermoses, rulers etc) can be thrown accidentally or intentionally and may cause significant injury. To help avoid this we are asking that families only send their child to school with plastic equipment.

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated. Please contact Belinda at school if you have any questions.

Friends News

Easter Egg Raffle

Thank you to all our wonderful families, staff and friends who have donated to our Easter Raffle this year we raised over \$410.00 with over 30 prizes in total.

Congratulations Jack Johnson who won first prize in the Easter Raffle.

Congratulations also to Adrian Welling who won our silent auction prize of a family pass to Hunter Valley Gardens.

Cadbury Chocolate Drive

Letters will be sent home early next term to see how many boxes families and staff would like to take and sell.

Thanks again for your ongoing support.

Friends Committee

NEW Senior School Initiative - CHANCES

CHANCES is a work skills program that was developed to promote learning, independence, develop skills, encourage friendships and team work and ready Newcastle Senior School students for life after school.

Students hand make products, with each student playing a vital role in the production, design process, packaging and distribution of their products.

Please find attached an order form for the handcrafted products our hard working Newcastle Senior School students in Room 7 have produced.

Keep in mind Mothers' Day is fast approaching!

Sarah Turnbull

*Room 7 - Assistant Principal
Newcastle Senior School*



The Bugalugs Bum Thief tells the hilarious story of the town of Bugalugs where inhabitants wake up one morning to find their buttock missing, all 496 citizens of the town of Bugalugs are BUMLESS!

After waking up to discover that his bum is missing, Skeeta Anderson, with the help of his best mate Billy Marbels and Mick Misery, set out to discover where all the bums have gone and to find the culprit of the crime. After much mayhem and madness Skeeta finally unravels the mystery and Bugalugs gets back to normal...well almost. Ages 4-10.

RELAXED PERFORMANCE on Tuesday April 14 at 1pm.

LEND LEASE DARLING QUARTER THEATRE, SYDNEY

This performance is the opposite of the quiet carriage on the train. Patrons are welcome to come and go as they please, the theatre lights remain on and audio is adjusted accordingly. We welcome patrons with young children and those that may have special requirements.

Book with the code **relaxedmonkey** for \$17 tickets (plus booking fee) on www.monkeybaa.com.au

Harmony Day 2015

Swag Full of Instruments





On Harmony Day we made a poster depicting people from around the world living in harmony. We made harmony cookies with smiley faces. We went to a music show by Swag Full of Instruments. We did a Flamenco dance, a Bollywood dance and a Hawaiian dance. Harmony day we learned about different cultures. The message from Harmony Day was Everyone Belongs. One of our students, sang a song titled 'We're in Harmony'.

Briar Fish from Class 6 read out their Harmony Day research about Cultural Diversity.

Written by Savannah (Room 4)

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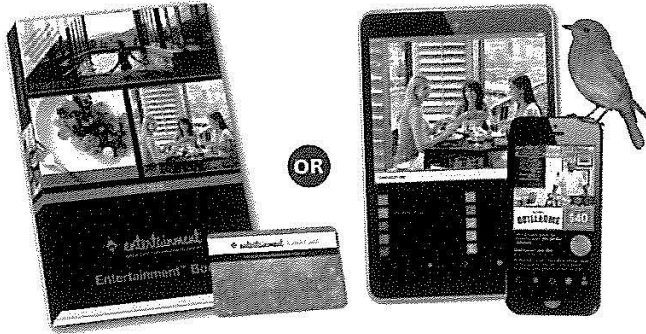
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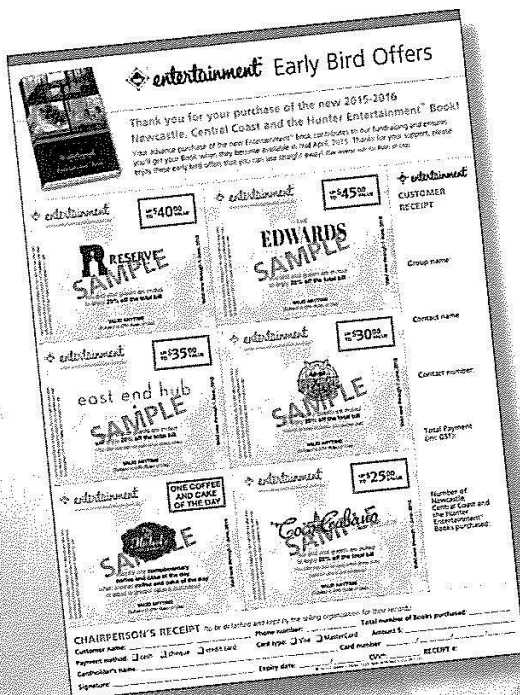
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Join us for a

Free Autism Information Day



April is International Autism Awareness Month and as part of the celebrations we are hosting a free Autism Information Day for parents, carers and professionals.

Special Guest speaker Natasha Beyersdorf (NBN Newsreader) will be there to welcome guests on the day.

Topics covered on will include:

- Understanding autism: Different not less
- Sensory processing and occupational therapy
- Tips and tricks for fussy eating

The day will give local people the chance to meet up with others in similar situations and chat with our speech pathologists, occupational therapists and behaviour support practitioners.

A question and answer session will also be held with Northcott staff who will answer questions about topics related to autism.

There will also be stalls to browse, including Nana's Weighted Blanket's and lucky door prizes from The One Stop Sensory Shop.

DATE: Wednesday 29 April

TIME: 10am – 2:30pm

REGISTRATION: 9:45am

PLACE: Wests New Lambton, Bowling Club Conference Room, Tauranga Road, New Lambton

COST: Free, with morning tea and lunch to be provided

Bookings are essential as places are limited!

RSVP: Northcott Mayfield




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Order Form

Product	Description	Price	Quantity
	Brown Sugar, Honey & Coconut oil Body Scrub Hand made body scrub made with all natural ingredients. Great for dry skin. 250ml	\$15.00	
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	Hand made Gift Card with envelope Beautiful handcrafted cards with envelope, blank, so you can add your personal touch for someone special.	Textured \$3.50ea	
		Water Colour \$3.50ea	
COMING SOON	Sensory necklace Beautiful, unique handcrafted silicone bead necklace for the trendy young person with sensory needs or the Mum with a teething child.	\$10.00	
Total:			

Name: _____

School: _____

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Contact: Sarah Turnbull
Newcastle Senior School
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