

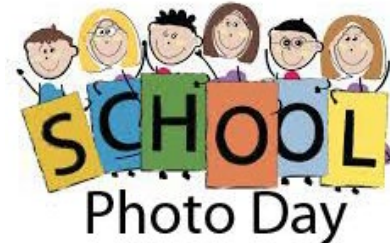
## Principal's Message

Term two is off to a busy start! On our staff development day – staff engaged in a Swim Training Program through the Royal Life Saving Association. This program accredited our staff in how to plan and implement swimming and safe water skills for our students. They braved a very frosty pool but came away inspired to create programs for our Aquatics sessions at NJS.

Last week we started playground integration with our friends from Hillsborough PS. A group of 15 students came over during our play break on Wednesday to engage in some fun games and activities with our Stage 1 & 2 students. The program will continue every Wednesday and it was great to see bonds and friendships starting to form among the students. We would like to thank the teachers and students from Hillsborough PS for their ongoing interest and support in building a successful integration program with us.



Next Thursday is our Mother's Day morning tea. It is a chance for mum/nan or special friend to come and spend time in classrooms then have light refreshments in the school therapy gym. We look forward to finally being able to have some visitors on site.



Just a reminder that school photo day is approaching. **Photo day is Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> of May** and all students should come in school uniform with their best smiles! Payment can be made via the online link or by returning the envelope and payment to the school.

This week has seen many students falling ill to a nasty gastro bug. It is part of school and Department policy that students stay home for 48 hours after their last vomiting or diarrhoea episode. This assists with reducing the spread in the school. The Sick and Recovering Students Guidelines can be located on our schools' website if you need further information. We appreciate your ongoing support with this.

Thanks  
*Mandy Carter*  
RELIEVING PRINCIPAL

## DIARY DATES

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> May :** Mother's Day Morning Tea

**Wed 12<sup>th</sup> May :** School Photos

**Mon 14<sup>th</sup> June :** Public Holiday

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> June :** Last Day Term 2

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> July :** Staff Development Day

**Tue 13<sup>th</sup> July :** First Day Term 3 - Students

## **IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING MEDICATION**

Newcastle Junior School follows the Department of Education (DoE) policy on medication in schools. The DoE policy on medication is available on our website or through the link:-

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/student-support/studenthealth/individualstud/adminmedicine/>

If your child requires medication at school, a *Request for Support at School of a Student's Health Condition* must be completed by the parent/carer. Unless a medication is prescribed by a doctor, or is listed as part of an Action Plan (for example an Asthma, Epilepsy, Allergy, or Anaphylaxis plan) signed by your specialist or GP, the staff at Junior School are not allowed to give it to the students. This includes non-prescribed medications like those bought over the counter at the pharmacy.

All medications supplied to the school must be in a webster pack and have a pharmacy label which states the child's name and the dosage. It is important that all information regarding health care plans are kept up – to-date and paperwork regarding medication adjustments is completed and returned to school as soon as possible.

Junior School has examples of plans from doctors that cater for prescription medications. If you are unsure or would like to discuss the use of medications during school time please contact the office.

## **ALLERGIES**

NJS aims to minimise the risk of exposure to allergens, therefore we endeavour to be a nut, shellfish, egg and pineapple free zone.

## **Main Gates and Safety for our students**

For the safety of all students the main gates to the school at Hillsborough Rd are **locked between 9.15am and 2.30pm.**

**If you have to access the school between these times, please enter the gate via the roundabout and please shut the gates after you have opened them.**

**Our students' safety is everyone's responsibility.**

## **Damage to Vehicles in Car Park**

We ask parents to avoid entering our school car park in the afternoon **before 2.15pm.** Although every effort is made to minimise risk we have had an incident of objects being thrown from the playground into the car park during lunch break.

It is NSW Government Policy that -

**All persons who park their vehicles on school grounds do so at their own risk.**

This means that Newcastle Junior School is not liable to meet the cost of damage to vehicles.

## **School Health**

The school has a duty of care to its students and will provide the necessary care as required if a student falls ill at school, has a seizure or has an accident. This may include calling emergency services or calling parents/carers to come and collect the student.

**Parents/carers have the primary responsibility for the health needs of their children.** If a child is too ill to engage in classroom learning and requires monitoring and support throughout the day the parent/carer should make the decision to keep them home.

## **Contact Details**

Could all parents and carers ensure that the school has their current contact details and updated emergency contact details.

Thank you





# Newcastle Junior School 2021 School Photos

2021 School Photos can be ordered online.

To view packages and to place your order please visit  
[www.newcastleschoolportraits.com](http://www.newcastleschoolportraits.com)  
 and enter your code.

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Orders to be done before photo day to avoid late fee.  
 Payments can be made with any Mastercard or Visa cards.

### School Packages

<b>A Pack</b> \$65 City Ordered Cover: Composite Class Photo 8x10" 30 Page Photo Album to store your child's photos Free low res Digital Image of individual 1-1007-22-645-574-Weeks 6 & 8 RT- Engagement	<b>B Pack</b> \$45 City Ordered Cover: Composite Class Photo Free low res Digital Image of individual 1-1007-22-645-574-Weeks 6 & 8 RT- Engagement	<b>C Pack</b> \$38 City Ordered Cover: Composite Class Photo Free low res Digital Image of individual 1-1007-22-645-574-Weeks 6 & 8 RT- Engagement	<b>D Pack</b> \$26 City Ordered Cover: Composite Class Photo Free low res Digital Image of individual 1-1007-22-645-574-Weeks 6 & 8 RT- Engagement	<b>E Pack</b> \$22 City Ordered Cover: Composite Class Photo Free low res Digital Image of individual 1-1007-22-645-574-Weeks 6 & 8 RT- Engagement
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Family Package are also available online but must be ordered by 9pm the night before Family photo day.

**Family Packages**

<b>Family A Pack</b> \$25 City Ordered 1-1007-22-645-574-Weeks 6 & 8 RT- Engagement	<b>Family B Pack</b> \$35 City Ordered 1-1007-22-645-574-Weeks 6 & 8 RT- Engagement
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**Newcastle School Portraits**  
 Capturing your memories for over **30 years**

[www.newcastleschoolportraits.com](http://www.newcastleschoolportraits.com)  
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 4965 4114

You are invited  
 to Newcastle Junior School's  
 Mother's Day  
 Morning Tea

on

**THURSDAY, 6TH MAY 2021**  
**TIME: 9.30 AM**

Join your child in doing an activity in the classroom.  
 This will be followed by refreshments in the school gym.

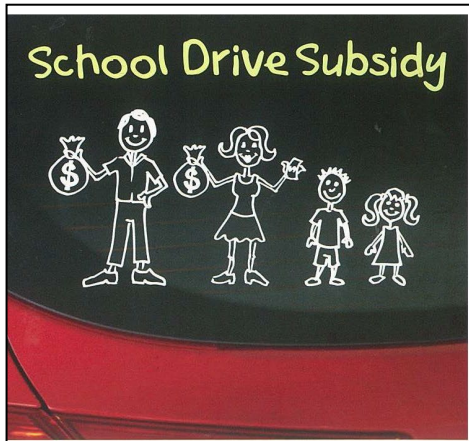
PLEASE RSVP YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER  
 BY THE 3RD MAY 2021:

YES I WILL ATTEND

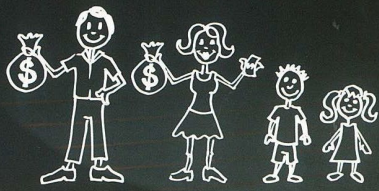
NO I AM UNABLE TO ATTEND

YOUR CHILD'S NAME





# School Drive Subsidy



If you live a long way from public transport and need to drive a student to a public transport pick up point or to school, you may be able to get financial assistance.

The School Drive Subsidy provides eligible parents and guardians twice-yearly payments to help cover some of the expenses of getting children to school.

To find out if you're eligible, and to apply online, visit [transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive](http://transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive)

**Can't get online?**

Ask about the School Drive Subsidy at your school, or call **131 500**.



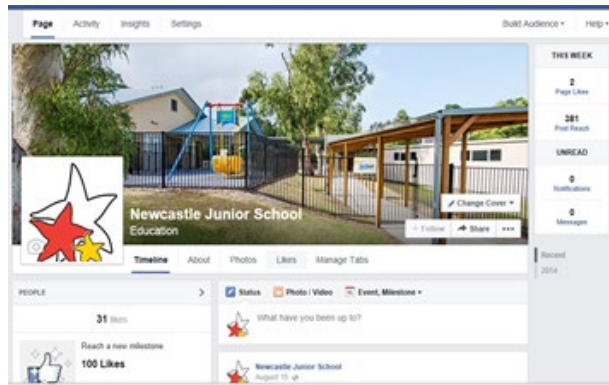
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## Assisted School Travel

If you need to contact Assisted School Travel, please use the following email address

[parent.astp@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:parent.astp@det.nsw.edu.au)



**DON'T FORGET TO LOOK FOR US ON FACEBOOK!!**

## Stay informed with the SkoolBag App

The SkoolBag app is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minutes notices, newsletters and all school communications.

- 1 Download the app**  
Search for the free SkoolBag app in the Apple App or Google Play Store
- 2 Create an account**  
Sign up in seconds with your email address
- 3 Add your school**  
Search for your school and add your subscription groups



### How to apply for a card

1. Visit [www.companioncard.nsw.gov.au](http://www.companioncard.nsw.gov.au) to print an application form or request a printed copy by phone, email or post.
2. Return the application form by post to: Companion Card, Locked Bag 4028, Ashfield NSW 1500.

### What is the Companion Card?

A Companion Card is for people with significant and permanent disability who have a lifelong need for attendant care support to attend venues and participate in community events and recreational activities.

The card can be presented when booking or purchasing a ticket at participating events and venues and provides the cardholder with a ticket for their companion.

### Who is eligible for a card?

You may be eligible for a Companion Card if:

1. you are an Australian citizen or resident, and live in NSW; and
2. you are a person with a significant and permanent disability; and
3. you are unable to participate at most community venues or activities without attendant care support; and
4. aids and other technologies do not meet your attendant care needs; and
5. your need for this level of attendant care will be life-long.

### What information do I need to provide with my application?

The Companion Card Application form asks for:

- » information about your disability
- » information about your need for lifelong attendant care
- » verification by your health professional or service provider confirming that you meet all of the Companion Card eligibility criteria
- » two high quality, colour passport photos signed by the person who verified your application.

### How do I use a Companion Card?

The Companion Card can be used at participating businesses, venues and facilities across NSW and around Australia.

You or your companion show your Companion Card when booking or buying tickets from an affiliate. The affiliate will provide a FREE ticket for your companion.

