UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 28 Jul – Fri 1 Aug    Education Week
Tuesday 29 July    Music Night – School Hall – 6pm
Wednesday 30 July    Education Week Assembly – 2pm
                        Knights Rail Safety Talk
                        Oz Tag Gala Day
Thursday 31 July    Year 1 Wombat Stew Excursion
                        Pie Drive Order Collection –
                        CONNECTED CLASSROOM FROM 2PM
Thursday 7 Aug        PSSA Basketball Gala Day
                        Jeans for Genes Day – Gold Coin
Wednesday 13 Aug    Scienza Viva
Monday 11 August    Rookies Chess Team – Newcastle Grammar School Park Campus
Tuesday 12 August    ICAS Mathematics Competition
Friday 16 August    Spelling Bee Finals Y3 – Y6
Monday 18 – Friday 22 August    Book Week
Wednesday 20 August    Whole School Assembly
                        P & C Meeting – Connected Classroom – 7pm
Thursday 21 August    Scienza Viva – Incursion – Whole School
Monday 25 August    Rookies Chess Team – Newcastle Grammar School Park Campus
Wed 27 – Friday 29 August    Year 4 – Great Aussie Bush Camp
25th – 31st August    National Literacy and Numeracy Week
Thursday 28 August    Year 3 – Outdoor Education
Monday 1 September    Book Week - World’s Apart Performance
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Education Week

Each year as we celebrate Education Week we reflect on the value of public education in our community and the contribution public schools make to our state and country.

As a young person I went to a catholic school and I was always happy with that until I went to university and really thought through the value of a public system in our democracy. I chose to send my children to public primary schools as I was convinced that the public system represented the values that I believed were core to the society I wanted them to live in. I have worked in public schools now for 35 years and I still believe that this system is the best.

In public schools all children are treated equally. No matter what ethnic or social background, what religion or creed, what cognitive ability, disability, strength or perceived weakness all children are embraced and supported to achieve their best. Teachers are well trained and continue professional development to ensure differentiated learning and quality teaching. We offer many opportunities. We celebrate diversity, we practice equity, we encourage, we support, we lead and we achieve!

This year is the 60th anniversary of Education Week. For 60 years families and community have joined together with students and staff to celebrate public schooling. This week we will have an assembly on Wednesday at 2pm and we hope you can attend.

The ironic thing this week is just when we hoped to showcase some wonderful things at the assembly, many of our students are off experiencing more of the opportunities I speak of. The Oz Tag Gala Day where 50 plus of our students are involved, competes with our assembly. We will go ahead and celebrate as we know the world does not stop!!!

Our assembly will showcase dance, choir, sport, public speaking and our band. We will be led by the next tier of leaders as many of our student leaders are off to Oz Tag. This highlights the depth of excellence and leadership at our school. We want students to embrace the opportunities we offer and have a diversity in those experiences. What a great example of this!

Zone Public Speaking

Congratulations to all student representatives who have given their speeches at the Zone competition last week and this week. Students report a wonderful but nervous experience. I am so proud of each and every one of them and I really appreciate the work they have put into this event. We await the results!

Sickness has us down

Many classes have been in skeleton form with many students and teachers ill with various bugs and viruses. Mrs McCallum had a week off with a broken foot and Mrs Neinert with a serious influenza virus. Mrs Hogg and Mr Edwards have had to go home sick and many teachers report up to 10 students absent each day. Please remember it is important to stay home if you are sick but you need to phone or send in a written explanation. Remember the school app has the option of using this to inform illness. Thank you to our office ladies who really support students who fall ill at school.

Changes in pick up and protocols

If for some reason your family need to change your usual routines for after school, the office ladies do not mind assisting by passing on messages ( eg if someone else is collecting your child). Some families with shared custody make changes and parents are not always in the loop or agreement. If any change is made it is up to the parents to inform anyone affected by the change. It is not the office ladies role to be part of this. Parents are encouraged to use the family court to sort out any conflicts and make clear arrangements for care.

Basketball court is awesome!

The new basketball court and ends are really popular with students. They also look amazing! Once again my thanks to parents who supported the Lapathon and the P&C for support. It is very satisfying to see fundraising so well used.

Have a great week.

Gail Cornford
WINTER PERFORMANCE NIGHT
The Senior Concert Band, Junior Concert Band, Vocal ensemble, Drumming and Guitar groups would like to invite all parents, grandparents, families, friends and staff to our Winter Performance Night to celebrate the beginning of Education Week and what we have learnt so far this year. This performance night is Tuesday 29th July in the school hall at 6pm. We would all love to see you there, your support is greatly appreciated.

JEANS FOR GENES DAY
On Thursday 7th August, our school will be participating in Jeans for Genes day. Students will be able to wear their jeans to school with their school shirt and donate a gold coin to help raise money for research into the genetic causes of many common diseases and conditions.

KD NEWS
Welcome to Week 3! Firstly KD would like to wish Audrey and Finley all the very best of luck in the Public Speaking finals today. We know you will do a fantastic job. This week we are looking at the word families; et and ot. We will be reading the book 'Hattie and the Fox' and doing vocabulary work using words from the story. In maths we are revising 2D and 3D shapes. We will also be starting our science unit, 'Staying Alive'. Thank you to everyone that has paid for Dance2bfit.

KP NEWS
KP have been working very hard this term to produce quality work in all that they do and the extra care they put into their work is really starting to show. Well done KP! We have started formal handwriting lessons using guidelines and we're focusing on forming our letters correctly. We are also learning word families this term. Our Dance2bfit lessons are going really well and in sport we are learning all about throwing and catching. Don't forget library books and bags every Thursday.

1F NEWS
I was so proud to see several of our class members performing in the Junior Choir at our NAIDOC assembly. These students have shown such RESPONSIBILITY and EXCELLENCE with their commitment to weekly practises and being such brave students to perform in front of a big audience. Well done! This Thursday is our Year 1 excursion to see Wombat Stew at Civic Theatre. Please ensure your child is punctual to school and wears their full school uniform, with their school hat and school jumper. We warmly welcome Mrs Hinder to 1F who will be teaching on Monday and Tuesdays for the remainder of term 3, while Mrs Neinert takes leave.

2O NEWS
This week 2O have been looking at multiplication and division. We have been learning about arrays, grouping and sharing and doubles. 2O started a science a unit called 'Spot the difference'. Some of us had an amazing time at the Hunter Dance Festival, congratulations to our Junior and Senior Dance Groups. These groups can be seen at the Education week assembly on Wednesday. 2O have been learning our ‘Grease’ Dance during Dance to Be Fit. Please remember to return permission notes and payment for this. Karim shared his experience of Ramadan with us. Remember that parents are welcome to come and listen to children read on a Thursday morning at 9.25am.

1/2H NEWS
Week 2 was another busy week in 1/2H. We started learning our dance for this year’s showcase ‘The Musical of Musicals the Musical’. Everyone had great fun learning lyrics as well as dance moves. A reminder that payment for this is due now. A note about book boxes went home early last week and many students have begun to bring in and use their book boxes. It’s great to see such enthusiasm for reading and sharing books. We sadly said goodbye to one of our class members, Sarah F, on Friday. She has moved to a school closer to her new home. She will be missed by everyone. Mrs Maurer and the class did get to say hello to a familiar face on Friday too when Mr Martin came back to NLS to begin the next part of his internship. He will be working with the class every Friday. I know everyone is very excited about this. Year 1 have their excursion to the Civic Theatre this Thursday to see the stage production of Wombat Stew. We have been looking at and discussing the text in preparation for this. Thank you to all the parents that have been asking about helping with reading again this term. I will be able to run reading from 9:30am until approximately 10am every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. If you are available during these times every week, or just when you can, then simply turn up. Books will be ready and students will be eager to read to you. Have a great week!

2/3M NEWS
2/3M have had another busy week. We have had lots of students absent with sickness. If you have been away, don't forget to bring a note explaining your absence.
We started our Science and Technology unit "Spot the difference". We have used our observation skills and started to explore how things change state when hot and cold temperatures are applied.
In maths we have used rhombus shapes to create tessellating patterns and found parallel lines in our everyday lives. After brushing up on our multiplication knowledge using arrays we are moving onto some work around fractions. We hope you have a happy and healthy week.

3/4C NEWS
Thankyou to everyone for contributing to our farewell party last Friday, it was a lovely way for the children to say goodbye to a friend. This week we will be focussing on our science unit of work on light. In math we will be looking at measurement towards the end of the week and the first half of the week we will continue to work on whole number, addition, subtraction and multiplication.

3/4T NEWS
Last week, 3/4T focussed on interpreting graphs, inverse operations and inferring connections. We also investigated symmetry and started our Rich Task for 2D Space. We are enjoying reading a poem each morning and are very excited about Camp and our Dance To Be Fit performance.

4/5M NEWS
It is always a proud moment for a teacher when another teacher compliments your class to you. Last week 4/5M had different teachers during the week and it was absolutely fantastic to hear about how well-mannered and hard-working they were. Well done 4/5M, I am very proud of you. This week we are revising strategies in multiplication and division as well as solving problems in cooperative groups. Ask your child what a finite verb is and check in on strategies they are learning for remembering their times tables. And congratulations to Grace for scoring 1306 points in her online homework last week. She will receive a silver trophy certificate for her efforts.

5/6C NEWS
5/6C are investigating the human eye and the properties of light. Our investigations are interesting and we have made some discoveries about similarities and differences between human eyes and different animals eyes.

5/6E NEWS
This week is Education Week and I am handing out awards for those who consistently show respect to their teachers and peers, strive for self-improvement and work to the best of their ability. Students who received the most class Dojo Points over the last two weeks have already received awards for excellence. Keep up the great work!
Our learning topics follow what was outlined last week. In case anyone missed it, we are learning about light in Science, multiplication, division and decimals in Maths and in English we are studying My Place, which is linked to identity and journey themes. The first round of homework for this term was also issued last week and is due end of week 5. Please remember to present project work in either your new homework book or on Edmodo. I would also appreciate it if these books can be covered with contact (of your own choice) to prevent them deteriorating. Have a nice week everyone.

5/6G NEWS
In 5/6G we have been reading Beatie Bow. On Edmodo we have a question we have to answer for each chapter. We also have been learning about the painting 'Starry Night'. We had a website where we had to paint our own version of 'Starry Night' some people did calm, furious, happy, sad, etc.
By Kyah Burrell and Keira Duke

COMPUTER ROOM NEWS
Last week we continued on with our PowerPoint presentations for Stage 1 Year 2 and information posters for Year 1. This week the students are learning edit their work and to insert pictures using both ClipArt and the Internet.
Stage 2 began looking at the features of Outlook and Internet safety skills for items which come into an Inbox. This week we will be looking at the features of emails being sent.

MATHLETICS NEWS
Congratulations to these children who achieved the highest number of certificates in Mathletics for their stage in Semester 1. They will be presented with their certificates at the Education Week assembly on Wednesday.
ES1: Lyly Dunn KF
Stage 1: Reef Ellem 1/2H Yr1
Stage 2: Hamish Monk (Gold Award) 3/4T Yr4
Stage 3: Jayden Ashbourne 4/5M Yr5
Well done Everyone!
HUNTER DANCE FESTIVAL 2014
Last Thursday the senior dance group performed at the Hunter Dance Festival. They have worked very hard throughout the year on their contemporary dance piece ‘Wake me up’. Congratulations on a fantastic performance!

ZONE ATHLETIC NEWS
Last Friday we had a team in the zone track events athletics carnival. Everyone competed to the best of their ability and represented New Lambton South with pride, showing excellence, respect and responsibility. Special mention goes to Elliot Page who was successful in gaining a place on the Regional athletics team in 11 yrs boys 100 and 200m races. Well done!!
Chanuka Billy and Elliot at field athletics today.

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Fruit available this week include red and green apples, oranges, watermelon, grape cups and mandarins.

**P &C - FUNDRAISING NEWS**

Last chance to support us at Grill’d The Junction.

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 St Newcastle NSW 2291

Special thanks to Leah Stevens for coordinating our participation.
Don’t Forget: - 2014/2015 Entertainment Books are on sale now! Your entertainment book offers great value & with school holidays almost here it’s a great time to buy & get some great savings on activities for the kids.

For more information on how to get your copy, please see details below.

The NEW 2014 | 2015 Newcastle Entertainment™ Membership has been released, and this year you now have a choice of;

- The traditional Entertainment™ Book Membership that comes with the Gold Card and vouchers,

-OR-

- The new Entertainment™ Digital Membership that puts the value of the Entertainment™ Book into your iPhone or Android smartphone!

Selling for just $60 each, you can purchase your new Entertainment™ Membership today.


Lastly, the P&C would like to take the opportunity again to thank The Adamstown Club for their ongoing support this year via participation in their raffles every second Friday night.

For those of you that may not have visited the club, it has great facilities for families - & we encourage you to try it out.


We are still looking for parent helpers who are happy to represent the P&C on

- 15th August,
- 12th September,
- 10th October &
- 7th November.

The commitment is approximately 1 hour of your time; with all proceeds coming straight back to the P&C fundraising efforts. If you think you may be able to assist, please let us know.

Special thanks to Lee Upton for the organisation and coordination of these raffles.

Have a great week!

Dates to remember:

Grill’d Local Matters
ON NOW until 31st July
Kenrick Street, The Junction

Entertainment Books
ON SALE NOW

P&C Meeting
Wednesday 20th August
Connected Classroom, BLOCK A
7.00pm

Natasha Andrei
P&C President
Phone: 4957 3821 or 0413 188 945 or
Email: markandnatasha@bigpond.com
New Lambton South PS is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to make deposits into their personal Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward. The rewards items available during 2014 are:

- Handball
- Scented Pencils
- Shark or Penguin Keyring
- Whale Shark Pencil Case
- Moneybox
- Swimming Bag
- Projector Cup
- Sea Streamers

New Lambton South PS receives a commission payment for every account activated via the School Banking program as well as on deposits made through the program.

Often we are told that children think that money comes from the "hole in the wall". Together, we can help the next generation understand the importance of saving.

In order to participate in the School Banking program, your child will need a Commonwealth bank Youthsaver account. There are several options on how to open an account.

Karen Gloeckner- School Banking Specialist from the Commonwealth Bank will be at our School K to 2 assembly on Wednesday. Karen will also be available at the following times to assist parents with opening an account. You will find Karen in the K to 2 playground.

On MONDAY the 28th of July between 9.00am and 10.00am, and on TUESDAY the 29th of July between 2.45pm and 3.30pm

ALL THAT IS REQUIRED FOR THIS OPTION IS YOUR DRIVERS LICENCE

You can also attend any Branch of the Commonwealth Bank convenient to you. If you are an existing customer with NetBank access, you can open an account on line. For this option you will need to have your Childs birth certificate and your drivers licence for identification.
Ben Read’s School of Tap
As seen on ‘So You Think You Can Dance’
Learn tap from an original TAP DOG and have fun!!
WEDNESDAYS in school hall
Only $10 for 1 hour class
*Tap shoes not initially required
* Students can be taken to OOSH after class
Ben: 0438 699 095 schooloftap@live.com.au

New Lambton South

Drama Club

Only $10 for a 1 hour class
Come learn performance skills, build confidence & have fun with friends!
Tuesdays straight after school
in the hall.

OOSH kids can be taken to and from care if needed.

LINDA: 0419 161 178
nlsdrama@live.com.au