



Respect

Responsibility

Safe Learning



Monday 13/11	Tuesday 14/11	Wednesday 15/11	Thursday 16/11	Friday 17/11
•	•	• Library Day	• School Banking • Snack Canteen	• Swim School • Friday assembly

Citizenship Award



Edie McNamara was recognised for her outstanding citizenship at last Friday’s assembly. Edie always helps others at school and includes them in games. She follows the school rules and encourages others to do the same. She maintains a positive outlook and always strives to do her best. Congratulations, Edie, on your well-deserved award.

School Community Survey

The school is in the process of preparing its upcoming three year plan. To this end, we would like each family to complete the questionnaire attached to this newsletter. This, coupled with student information and the recent External Validation process, will give the school a clear sense of direction as we form three Strategic Directions.

Staffing

This week will be Mrs Baker’s last week at work before commencing maternity leave. The whole school community wishes Mrs Baker and her family all the very best over the coming weeks. I would like to thank Kate for her amazing efforts throughout the year and her dedication to the students of her class and the school.

In Term 1 next year, I will be taking leave as my daughter starts school. I will come back from the summer holidays for one week to ensure that the year is set up well and we have a great start to 2018. A relieving principal will take over for the rest of the term (from 7th February to 13th April). Mrs Jenny Moody (Director, Public Schools – Newcastle Network) will be overseeing the Expression of

Interest process for the selection of my replacement for this time.

Assessment and Reporting

Teachers are completing assessments for their classes in preparation for the Semester 2 reports. These will be distributed in Week 10.

Kindergarten will get written statements for each subject, describing achievements in each Key Learning Area. Their level of attainment will be described as ‘above’, ‘at’ or ‘below’ level as compared to the Kindergarten outcomes.

Years 1 and 2 will receive a grade for each subject and a comment outlining work covered in each area throughout the semester. The grade will be on the A-E scale. The following table is from the NSW Education Standards Authority, accessed from:

<https://arc.nesa.nsw.edu.au/go/k-6/common-grade-scale/>

A	The student has an extensive knowledge and understanding of the content and can readily apply this knowledge. In addition, the student has achieved a very high level of competence in the processes and skills and can apply these skills to new situations.
B	The student has a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In addition, the student is able to apply this knowledge and these skills to most situations.
C	The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.
D	The student has a basic knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a limited level of competence in the processes and skills.

E The student has an elementary knowledge and understanding in few areas of the content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills.

This means that if your child receives a 'C' grade, they have a sound knowledge of the curriculum area. They are on-track as to where they should be in relation to their stage of schooling.

End of Year Concert

Thank you to Mr Jason Eyre who has kindly agreed to perform at our end of year concert on December 8. The evening will start with a short item from each class under the COLA and then we will go to the back playground for a picnic dinner and concert.

P&C News

LUNCH CANTEEN

Our final Lunch Canteen for the year is on next **Thursday 23rd November**. A lunch order form bag was sent home today. If you wish to order, please return it with the exact money (sorry no change can be given) to the P&C drop box outside the office by **3:15 this Friday 17th November**. Unfortunately, no late orders can be excepted due to us having to place orders with suppliers. Extra order forms can be printed from the school website, find them under P&C, lunch canteen.

THURSDAY SNACK CANTEEN

Our Thursday snack canteen volunteers for this week are **Val Gent** and **Sarah Clement**.

Snack canteen is running on Thursdays this term due to swimming being on Fridays.

If you find yourself unable to make your rostered day please arrange a swap with someone and notify Sam samtocan77@hotmail.com via email and copy P&C nlhipandc@gmail.com. If you are unable to find a replacement, please advise Sam and copy P&C so that a substitute can be organised from the canteen call-in list.

Canteen is held between 12:45pm and 1:10pm (second lunch time). Please make sure you can setup at 12:30pm ready for this time. Thank you.

If you have any queries you can contact the P&C via email nlhipandc@gmail.com

FETE UPDATE

It was a few weeks ago now but wanted to give everyone an update on how the fete went. Despite the rainy weather the fete raised around \$4,500 for our school!! A huge thank you to everyone involved, all our sponsors, those who donated items, and to everyone who came on the day. A special thank you to Melinda Holmes who did all the graphic design for the advertising and notes home.

UNIFORM SHOP ORDERS

If you need uniforms for Term 1 next year please place your orders as soon as possible. The girls' dresses need to be made so orders for these will need to be placed by Friday 1 December. If you have any questions or need to arrange a time to try on uniforms please email the uniform shop nlhiuniform@gmail.com. Order forms with exact money can be placed in the cream P&C box outside the office. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary 2017

<i>Term 4 Events</i>	<i>Date</i>
WSPS Y2-Y3 Transition Day	Wednesday 15th November 9:00am – 11:00am
NLPS Y2-Y3 Transition Day (Students Only)	Thursday 16th November 9:20am – 12:15pm
WSPS Y2-Y3 Transition Day	Wednesday 22nd November 9:00am – 1:00pm
New Lambton South Public Transition Day	Thursday 23rd November 9:30am – 11:00am
WSPS Y2-Y3 Transition Day	Wednesday 29th November 9:00am – 2:55pm
P&C meeting	Wednesday 6th December 7:30pm
School Concert	Friday 8th December
Reports Home	Week commencing 11th December
Presentation Day	Wednesday 13th December
Party Day	Thursday 14th December
Last Day for students Talent Quest	Friday 15th December



Congratulations to our award winners!

Name: _____ (optional)

Parent Questionnaire 2017

My child is in grade	Kindergarten	Year 1	Year 2	
To what extent do you agree with the following statements?	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The school has an excellent level of parent and community involvement				
I am pleased with the academic progress my child is making				
I am pleased with the social progress my child is making				
I believe my child has the right amount of homework				
I understand what my child learns in the Key Learning Area of English				
I understand what my child learns in the Key Learning Area of Mathematics				
I understand what my child learns in the Key Learning Area of Science				
I understand what my child learns in the Key Learning Area of Creative Arts				
I understand what my child learns in the Key Learning Area of Personal Development, Health and Physical Education				
I understand what my child learns in the Key Learning Area of Human Society and Its Environment (History and Geography)				
My child learns in a quality learning environment				
The school works hard to create and maintain productive community partnerships				
The school helps students develop into citizens of the future				
The school has wellbeing initiatives which support all students				

How can the school provide Quality Learning Environments?

How can the school enhance Productive Community Partnerships?

How can the school help develop Outstanding Citizens?

I would be interested in participating in further discussions regarding school planning	Yes	No
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