Reforms to P&C Federation

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations. Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.

Newcastle Athletic Field

Some parents have pointed out that there is construction work continuing at Newcastle Athletic Field and have queried its effect on our sports carnival scheduled for Monday 2nd June. The Athletics Association have indicated that the canteen and grandstand are fully operational although there is no inside car park. Parents should use the large car park at No 2 Sports Ground and walk straight across Smith St to the carnival.

Visit from School Education Director

Mrs Jenny Moody, School Education Director, visited the school today and observed the processes involved in the Mentoring of Teachers program in her role of supporting schools.
P & C News

Next Meeting: Monday 16th June
7.00pm staffroom

Library
We have some new books in our library that relate to our work with insects. 'Snail, Turtle and Friends' by Stephen King includes some lovely environments, 'The Amazing A to Z Thing' by Sally Morgan has an aboriginal perspective and illustrations and 'Clever Camouflage' by Kim Pryor explores animal and insect defences against predators. Get your Book club orders in this week and start practicing your spelling we have just registered for this year’s Premier’s Spelling Bee.

Linda Gesling
Teacher Librarian

Public Speaking
This week a note went home explaining the Public Speaking Program for this term.

- The majority of the preparation will be done in class
- The children will have a free choice of topic although there may be a class theme
- Children are encouraged to practice their delivery and presentation at home
- More students will have an opportunity to present their speech publicly

All children will receive a certificate showing the level of achievement at a Bronze, Silver or Gold standard.

Debating
Today our A debating team of Nathalie and Ella Simons, Teigan Duggan and Josie Muggleton Ryan successfully argued the affirmative case for “there should be separate schools for smarter kids” against Merewether Heights in Round 1 of the schools debating competition. Well done girls!

The A Debating Team

Whole School Sports Carnival

Monday 2nd June
Newcastle Athletics Field (next to Newcastle High)
9.30am — 2.00pm

All children travel by bus to and from venue. Cost $6

An information and permission note was sent home with all children on Monday this week.

WARNING: We have students who are at risk of ANAPHYLAXIS (severe allergic reaction). This condition is potentially life threatening. Please do not send nut based products to school with your child for lunch or recess. Products which should not come to school include peanut butter, nutella, sesame seeds, tahini spread, loose nuts, muesli, nut or chocolate bars.

Principal’s Award
Quality Respect Responsibility

Students to receive awards at this Fridays assembly:
Lachlan Watkins, Hugh Fabre, Oscar Allen, Madeleine Main, Ewan Gifford, Cayne Fepuleai, Harry Masterson, Jayden McDonald, Isaac Flook, Nick Collins Sophie Loiselle, Sakeel Balfour Brown, Ashton Robinson, Liliana Isbister, Mackenzie Clancy, Ethan Loades,

Assembly Items
23rd May Miss Woodward
30th May Miss Harber
6th June Miss Razmovski /Mrs Jennings
13th June Mr McKay
20th June DANCE groups
27th June Mrs Hibbert

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Sport
The junior and senior football teams played Lambton at Darling St last Friday. The juniors lost 4—7 with Remi F scoring two goals and Jack M and Imanee B getting one each. Our seniors team won 4—1 with Sakeel B, Declan O, Tydu N and Nick C scoring our goals.