



# Nowra East Public School Newsletter

Strive for Better Things

At Nowra East Public School we aim to achieve happiness through respecting each other, taking responsibility for our actions, safe practices and a love for learning.

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Term 4, Week 9  
3 December 2012

## PBS Skills Focus

This week's PBS skill focus is on "Solving a Problem".

Make sure that you:

- Decide on the problem.
- Think of choices.
- Make a plan.
- Do it.

## School Reports

Teachers have been very busy assessing student achievement in all curriculum areas in order to produce professional, informative reports for parents. One of the greatest difficulties teachers have when writing reports is to ensure consistency between teachers when grading student effort. In order to make this a little easier for teachers and parents the following table is being used as a guide.

<i>Effort</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Notes</i>
5	Excellent application	Only the very best
4	Very good application	Mostly high application
3	Satisfactory application	Application has been adequate
2	Unsatisfactory application	Need for improvement
1	Very unsatisfactory application	Parents should already have been informed

Semester 2 reports will be distributed to parents on Friday 14 December.

## NEPS XFactor Talent Quest

Grand finals of the NEPS XFactor Talent Quest will be held this Friday afternoon at 12.15pm in the school hall. I look forward to seeing the best of our talented students performing on stage. Parents and carers of the students who will be performing should receive a note today. Any other parent / carer interested in watching the finals will also be made most welcome.

## End of Year Special Events

As usual, a number of end of year events are being organised to reward children for their efforts and participation throughout 2012. I must remind parents and carers that these events are rewards for consistent good behaviour and that, children who have not been able to uphold our core values, will not be able to attend these events including class picnics and Year 6 graduations. Parents and carers will be informed prior to the event if children are not allowed to attend. However, there will be special activities at school for those not able to attend class picnics.

## Messages to Students

I have mentioned in past newsletters that the front office is being over whelmed with the number of requests being made to get messages, lunches and even clothing to students during class time. While we are more than happy to support families when urgent or unexpected matters arise, too often the ladies in the office are being asked to carry out duties outside their job description.

Could I ask everyone to ensure that children are well prepared to attend school before they leave home and that they have a nutritious lunch and snacks to see them through the day.

Peter Collins  
Principal

## SCHOOL NEWS

### WEEK 9

**Monday 26 November**

*Soccer Skills Day*

**Tuesday 27 November**

**Wednesday 28 November**

*School Counsellor*

*Totally Christmas - Hall*

*Catholic Scripture - Library*

*Stage Assembly*

**Thursday 29 November**

*School Counsellor*

**Friday 30 November**

*School Counsellor*

**NEPS FACTOR**

### WEEK 10

**Monday 10 November**

*Presentation Day - 10.00am*

### KIDSWISH BY ZAC - 5/6K

Kidswish is a very fun event that happens every year. It's where hundreds of kids go to the Entertainment Centre at Wollongong. At Kidswish the people did a play, the play was about the Wizard of Oz.

After the play we saw Consentino, he was so cool. He made a girl put two brooms under arms, took one broom away and made her body float and her other arm on the broom. While he was doing this act lots of volunteers came around and gave us chicken nuggets from McDonalds. He got volunteers from the crowd but he wouldn't been able to pick me because I was high in the Entertainment Centre. For the second act he got a girl to grab a card from a deck all the cards were different. The girl got five of hearts and Consentino drew an ace and he was acting like he got it wrong, but he drew it like a deck and push the cards up and a five of hearts came out of the deck.

We were given yellow bags with torches, a pop top, chocolates and a McDonalds toy.

The next act that Consentino did was where he got a hankchief and made a can appear. I can't remember what he said but he tricked us when he was showing us the trick he said, "last week a girl asked me what if the audience saw the opening of the coke can" as he pushed the lid back like a normal can, he opened it and there was code in it. After Consentino we saw Ronald McDonald and he did a play it was so fun.

### TOTALLY CHRISTMAS

Family and friends are invited to our

Christmas Scripture Assembly. NEPS Hall

**Wednesday 5 December 12.00pm - 1.30pm**

Come and enjoy the Puppet Show!

Sue Perkins  
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### LIBRARY NEWS - FROM THE NOWRA LIBRARY

Summer Holidays are fast approaching and Nowra Library will be hosting our annual Summer Reading Club to celebrate reading and having fun in the library. Please see below for details.

This year, the Summer Reading Club will run from Monday 3 December to Friday 25 January at Nowra Library. When you register for the club you will receive an activity pack and reading log. Once you've read five books, fill in your log and return it to Nowra Library - this is now your entry into the prize draw. Get a new log book and start reading again. The more you read, the more chances you have to win!!

We will also be hosting an Activity Club on Wednesday Afternoons in December (4.00pm) and Wednesday mornings in January (10.00am). This club is a fun way to get to know each other and chat about the books we have been reading for the club.

The Summer Reading Club will finish up with a presentation party at 10.00am on Friday 25 January 2013. Come along dressed as your favourite Fairytale character, win prizes and eat cake! Everyone will receive a certificate of participation on the day. In order to ensure your child receives a certificate and goodie bag, please RSVP by Wednesday 23 January 2013.

## NEPS X FACTOR

**GRAND FINAL - FRIDAY**

**12.15pm - In the Hall**

**Students will be given a note letting them know if they have made it to the grand final. Parents are welcome to join us in the hall between 12.15pm - 1.30pm.**

### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

There is a possibility that NEPS will operate a Revision Study Centre in 2013 out of the Think Room with retired teachers supporting the students.

Parents will be welcome to stay for a cuppa and a chat if they would like.

Please complete the form below if you would be interested in this and return it to the office as soon as possible.

Yes I am interested in the idea of a Revision Centre held at NEPS.

Name: .....

Class:.....

Parent signature.....

Preferred day: Wednesday/Thursday