



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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What's on at NEPS

PBS Focus: Solving a problem

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

School Self Evaluation

Every year the school is required to undertake two school evaluations. One focuses on procedures the other is on curriculum. The school procedure evaluation will be on the school Learning and Support Team (LST). The evaluation requires a select group of students and parents being asked a small number of questions about their experiences with the LST. Tomorrow the evaluation team will be conducting interviews across the whole school community in order to gather data to help improve the way our school operates.

Class Awards / NEPPIES

As you are all aware the school holds whole school assemblies every second week. At this time of year many students are receiving their hard earned NEPPIE Awards. Other students also receive a Class Award. Due to the high number of certificates to be presented, it has been decided to present the infants' (K-2) class awards at the stage assemblies held every odd numbered week. The primary class awards will be presented on Wednesday mornings of odd weeks when the children line up for class. NEPPIES will only be presented at the whole school assembly which are held at 2.00pm every even Wednesday. (This week)

What you should know about....television-viewing, video and computer games by Andrew Fuller

There is growing evidence to suggest that any television-viewing for children under two impairs their ability to concentrate. As children develop, a small amount of television is positively associated with academic achievement. A nine year old shouldn't watch more than one and a half hours per day. A thirteen year old shouldn't watch more than one hour per day. Bad news for those of you with older children! At seventeen years of age optimal amount of TV viewing is half an hour per day.

Video games are incredibly popular and give a sense of great mastery, challenge and involvement. Boys particularly use video games in a social way. It is important to realise that the use of video and computer games is not completely passive.

Too much playing of these games can be negative. These games can be so compelling they become addictive. While some games require intricate problem-solving, the skills learned on these games do not appear to readily transfer to other areas of life. Very few of the games require creative problem-solving or an opportunity to be an active participant in determining a story line.

Some exposure to computer games is good. Too much though can be toxic. While there is little evidence about the amount of time spent in front of computer games, it is a good idea to keep televisions and computers out of children's bedrooms.

Have a great week.

Peter Collins
Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

WEEK 8 - Swimming Scheme continues

Tuesday 26 November

NEPS Factor auditions

Active After School

Wednesday 27 November

NEPS Factor auditions

Scripture

Whole school assembly

Thursday 28 November

Garden Workshop

Friday 29 November

WEEK 9

Tuesday 3 December

NEPS Factor auditions

Wednesday 4 December

Scripture Christmas Party

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

1B - Lachlan, Jewel

1F - Bosco, Hayley

2M - Hayley, Joshua

3/4S - Emily, Chantae

4/5I - Rhiannon, Joshua

5/6S - Bronson, Kylie

5/6W - Lindsay, Chloe

ST - Connor, Maddison

ST - Lance, Ben

AEO - Chloe, Raymond, Jada

15 NEPPIE

4/5I - Maria

ST - Jayarna

30 NEPPIE

KN - Kodie

4/5I - Savannah, Toby

ST - Taylen, Zoeanne

45 NEPPIE

2/3H - Jayde, Tiesha

4/5I - Dean

SH - Dean, Gianna, Octavia

60 NEPPIE

2/3H - Aysha, Josh, Abby,

4/5I - Gearhn

NEPS FACTOR

NEPS factor is on again this year. Auditions are on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week and next week during first break this is for students only. The cost will be 50cents to enter and 20cents to watch, payment needs to be made at the door.

Finale will be on Week 10 - 9 December 2013. Parents are welcome to attend the finale.



STAGE 3 - JAMBEROO

Stage 3 will be attending a reward day at Jamberoo on 10 December 2013. Notes have been already been sent home. Final payment needs to be made by 6 December 2013.

Stage 3 Teachers

CANTEEN MANAGER

A position exists for a keen and motivated canteen manager at Nowra East Public School. The school canteen services approximately 350 students and staff. The canteen operates Monday - Friday and also caters for staff and community events as required.

The manager will be responsible for:

- the daily operation of the canteen
- following of the "nutrition in schools policy" and food safety guidelines
- meeting wh&s requirements
- prepare, cook and promote healthy eating through the canteen
- able to receive and check all ordered supplies
- counting the daily takings
- conducting periodic stocktake
- organising incidental cleaning duties when necessary
- attending all canteen committee meetings or other related duties as determined by the principal

Interested and suitably qualified applicants are asked to apply in writing; submitting a curriculum vitae, addressed to the Principal Mr Peter Collins, including the names and contact numbers of two referees, one of whom must be the current employer by Friday 29 November 2013. Applications should not exceed 2 pages.

NEPS COMMUNITY GARDEN WORKSHOP

This Thursday 28 November we will be holding our third garden workshop. 18 students from stage 2 (our Garden Ambassadors) will be involved in the workshop. Community Members are also invited to join in. The workshop will start around 9.30am.

Please contact Mr Clayton Stevenson if you intend coming along.

SCRIPTURE CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY

Parents, carers and friends are invited to our
Christmas Assembly

NEPS Hall 4 December 2013

12 noon till 1.30pm

All welcome to come and enjoy the Puppet Show