**Newcastle Middle School**

Newsletter

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**Term 3 - Week 6**

**Friday, 22nd August, 2014**

**Principals Message**

Our online school survey link (on the Newcastle School website) has had some problems. We believe these are now resolved and we encourage families to complete the survey when they can. We are aiming to collate all survey responses early in Term 4.

Your feedback is important to our forward planning.

Andrea is on leave this week and next week. Alison Onley will be relieving in Room 7.

I will be taking leave from the beginning of Week 9 returning Term 4, Week 3. Judy Mouthaan will replace me as Relieving Principal during that time.

*Regards*  
*Belinda Ryan*  
*Principal*

**Friends News**

**Golf Day at Merewether Golf Club**

Friday 7th November - we are seeking sponsors and raffle prize donations for our upcoming golf day. If you know anyone that may be able to assist, please let them know and we can organise to discuss options with them.

**Bunnings BBQ (Belmont)**

Saturday 6th September - We invite all our families and staff to drop in for a sausage sandwich if you are going by or just stop and say hi!

**Chocolate Drive**

We still have some boxes of chocolates left - if anyone is interested - please let your child's teacher know.

Thanks again for your ongoing support.

**Friends Committee**

**Diary Dates - Term 3**

**Week 7**

- Wednesday, August 27th  
  Life Education Visit

**Week 8**

- Saturday, September 6th  
  Bunnings BBQ - Belmont

**Week 9**

- Wednesday, September 10th  
  Drum Group Performance  
  11.30am - 12.30pm

**Week 10**

- Friday, September 19th  
  Last Day of Term 3
- Saturday, September 20th  
  Junior School Trivia Night
PARENT/CARER SURVEY about Teaching/Learning and School Culture

As part of our school’s self-evaluation, we would like to know the opinions of parents and caregivers on different areas of school life. Your response is confidential and will be stored securely. Survey completion is voluntary.

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<td>1. The school ensures that everyone at school is treated fairly.</td>
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<td>2. School leaders have a positive influence on the school culture.</td>
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<td>3. The school often praises and rewards students who are successful.</td>
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<td>4. I am proud of my child’s school.</td>
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<td>5. The school appreciates having my child as a student.</td>
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<td>6. The school caters for the learning needs of all students.</td>
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<td>7. The school is continually finding ways to improve what it does.</td>
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<td>8. Teachers provide class activities that are interesting and appropriate to my child’s needs and abilities.</td>
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<td>9. The school has involved parents and students in decisions about what it is aiming to do.</td>
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<td>10. The school provides clear information about student achievement through the term 1 and term 4 reports.</td>
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Please comment:

What are some ways that school and families communicate? ____________________________________________________________
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What could be done to further enhance family involvement with our school? ___________________________________________
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If there was one major focus over the next 2-3 years to enhance student outcomes what would be your priority? ____________________________________________________________
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Thank you for completing this survey

If you would like to complete an additional (different) survey please complete the Community survey found on the “Newcastle School Website”

www.newcastle-s.schools.det.nsw.edu.au