Principal’s Reflections
As mentioned in the previous newsletter, we are currently in a major planning review this term and next, as we move forward as a school and community in terms of key strategies directed towards quality teaching, student learning (literacy & numeracy), student engagement & well-being. To this end the “Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians” is a key-stone to our thinking, along with the DEC document, “Great Teaching Inspired Learning”.

Our vision is to, “Create opportunities, for the present and future”.

Our planning will consider not just the next three years but the next five years (2020 and beyond). Key programs which work, such as Best Start; L3, and Focus on Reading, will be sustained and enhanced across our school. Instructional leaders with expertise in literacy and numeracy will be integrated into our school to support the quality of teaching and learning. Exciting times 😊.

Book Awards
Congratulations to Bella Walsh and Riley Drinkwater for this high achievement. Well done Bella and Riley!

Merit Awards
Congratulations to these students for achieving this high honour;
- Riley Drinkwater
- Ashley Robson
- Roman Barry
- Jack Norman
- Phoebe Magill

State Drama Festival Finalist
Congratulations to Phoebe Magill who had a wonderful opportunity to perform in Sydney recently as a State Drama Finalist. The theme was Transformation. Well done Phoebe!

K-10 FACE in the Urban Landscape, Art Exhibition
Congratulations to these students whose art work is currently being displayed in Newcastle West at the, “C Studio Art Gallery, 738 Hunter Street”. Our talented artists are;
- Stephen Stair
- Jaye Simons
- Sophia Grieg
- Bella Walsh
- Jasmine Burns
- Cain Giles
Well done 😊

Halloween this Friday 31st October
This event “when I was a child” was unheard of, however it is increasingly becoming part of our culture. While it is HUGE in the USA, its origins go way back to medieval England and Europe.

For those students participating this Friday 31st October in Halloween activities, please insure a responsible adult accompanies you. Keep safe and enjoy.

Christopher Parkinson
Principal
FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Term 4

**OCTOBER**

- Wed 29 Oct – Kinder Orientation
- Wed 29 Oct – High School for a Day
- Fri 31st Oct – Book Club orders due to the office

**NOVEMBER**

- Wed 5 Nov – Kinder Orientation
- Wed 5 Nov – High School Ab Ed Orientation
- Thurs 6th Nov – Magic Show K & Y1
- Wed 12 Nov – Kinder Orientation
- Wed 12 Nov – High School Jump Start
- Wed 19 Nov – Kinder Orientation
- Wed 19 Nov – High School Jump Start

**DECEMBER**

- Wed 3 Dec – High School for a day
- Wed 10 Dec – Lawn Bowls Gala Day
- Thurs 11 Dec – Presentation Day
- Fri 12 Dec – Year 6 Party Day
- Mon 15 Dec – Y6 Farewell – Hexham Bowling Club
- Tues 16 Dec – Christmas Capers

**TERM 4 FINISH DAY FOR STUDENTS** – Wed 17th December

SCHOOL INFORMATION

**SCHOOL SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY SCHEME**

Notes have been sent home to students Y1-Y5, please complete the forms and return them to school as soon as possible. The cost of the 10 day program will be $28.00 (just $2.80 per day) operating from Monday 10/11/14 to Friday 21/11/14. Please remember students will need to be dropped off at the pool in the morning and returned to school after the lesson.

**KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION**

There are four more Orientation afternoons – Wednesday 29th October, 5th November, 12th November finishing on 19th November.

Please remember to bring along your completed enrolment form along with your child’s birth documents and immunisation certificate if complete and you have not returned them earlier.

**BOOK CLUB**

Orders and money need to be returned to school by Friday 31st October.

MAD MONDAY

What a great success. Stall holders raised $355.80 for the purchase of Year 6 gift to the school. Well done everyone!!

Thank you to all the wonderful performers, your entertaining items were enjoyed by all.

**MAGIC SHOW**

Kindergarten and Year 1

Thursday 6th November 2014

Cost - $6.50

Kinder and Y1 will be attending the World Festival of Magic show. They will be leaving school at 11.30am and returning to school at 2.40pm. The cost of the excursion will cover the cost of the bus to and from the venue, Newcastle Panthers. The show is hosted by The Rotary Club of Newcastle Enterprise.

Please ensure permission notes and money are returned to school office by Friday 31st October.

THANKS.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

**CHOOSING THE RIGHT SCHOOL SHOES**

Can those school shoes last...one...more...term.....? And are the expensive ones REALLY better for your child’s feet?

Find out more:

**CREATIVE READING**

If your child is full of great ideas, share these 22 slides to help them tell their stories. Pixar’s 22 rules for great creative writing are brilliant!

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