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NEWCASTLE GRAMMAR SCHOOL - Weekly Newsletter

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From the Headmaster

There is a buzz of activity around both Campuses as we prepare to welcome everyone back to the beginning of the 2014 academic year. Please find included in this newsletter, the various schedules for the students' return.



It is a pleasure to announce that Mr David Frazer has been appointment Head of Finance & Business Services at our School (this position was formerly known as Bursar). Mr Frazer was previously the School's Accountant and has also been the Bursar at Scone Grammar School. We look forward to David's contribution to our School.

Hill Campus

There have been a number of changes which have been put in place on the Hill Campus and a number that will occur during Term 1.

The Hill Campus Student Office is located upstairs in the Berkeley Building and will be staffed by Mrs Rowena McGowan (4908 4020) and Mrs Carolyn Gowdy (4908 4040). This is the main office contact for absentees and student related matters.

Ms Walker, Head of Student Wellbeing, and Mrs Peterson, Head of Learning & Teaching, are located upstairs in the Berkeley Building.

Mr McKensy, Head of Student Administration, is located on Merrick.

Mrs Rowntree, Head of Student Services, can be found on Level 2, Holland Building.

PDHPE, Drama and LOTE have moved into the Stewart Building.

Years 5 and 6 have moved to Level 1, Holland Building.

If you wish to speak with either Mr McKensy, Mrs Rowntree, Ms Walker or Mrs Peterson, please contact Reception on 4929 5811 and your call will be directed accordingly.

The first major service for the School year is our Dedication and Student Leaders' Induction Service which will be held in the Cathedral at 9.15am on Friday, 31 January. Please allow enough time for parking.

*Mr A Green
Headmaster*

Event Highlights

JANUARY 2014

Tue 28	8.40am-12.00 noon: All Year 5 Students - HHH
	8.40am-2.30pm: All Year 7 Students - HHH
	8.40am-2.30pm: All Year 9 Students - HHH
	10.20am-2.45pm: All Year 11 Students
	9.30am-11.30am: All Kindergarten Students
	9.30am-11.30am: Year 1-4 (New Students only)
	12.00pm-1.00pm: School Leaders' Induction & Dedication Service - Practice (CCC)
Wed 29	Term 1 commences - All Students
Fri 31	9.15am: School Leaders' Induction & Dedication Service - CCC
	12.30pm: Year 5 Activities Afternoon
	Kindergarten First Day of School Photos

FEBRUARY 2014

Fri 7	6.30pm-8.00pm: Welcome BBQ for all Families - Park Campus
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Hill Campus

Orientation Day 2014

We look forward to welcoming students as they begin an exciting year on the Hill.

Date: Tuesday, 28 January 2014.

Times:

- Year 5: 8.40am until 12.30pm, please meet in the HHH
- Years 7 and 9: 8.40am until 2.30pm, Please meet in the HHH
- Year 11: 10.20am until 2.45pm, please meet on Merrick

What to Wear:

As this day is the beginning of the School year, all students are expected to attend in full summer School uniform. (Blazers are not required on this day.)

Boys should be clean-shaven, no jewellery and their hair should be appropriately cut.

Girls should not wear makeup, nail polish nor jewellery (apart from one plain ring and plain studs or small sleepers in their ears). Hair should be a natural colour and tied back if it is shoulder length or longer (With the exception of girls in Year 11). Skirts should be checked before this day, and altered if necessary, so that the hem sits at mid-knee.

What to Bring:

A pencil case and a small notebook.

A School backpack for carrying books and equipment home, rather than other bags.

Students in Years 7, 9 and 11 should bring a padlock for their locker.

A BBQ lunch will be provided for all students (sausage sandwich and a drink). If your son or daughter has any special dietary requirements that we need to accommodate, could you please contact Mr Peter Juchniewicz on jucp@ngs.nsw.edu.au. As the canteen does not operate on this day, students will need to bring other snacks for Recess and Lunch, as suits their needs.

Mr D McKensy (Head of Student Administration)

Ms L Walker (Head of Student Wellbeing)

Confirmation Classes and Admission to the Anglican Church

Thank you to all who have asked to be included in confirmation classes. All names and contacts have been forwarded to Fr Mark Watson, the Canon Pastor at the Cathedral.

Fr Mark Watson is organising these to take place early in the new year and will be contacting you all regarding the dates. Any other interested families will be most welcome to be included.

*Miss J Wotton
Divinity*

Absentee Notification

Parents are asked to telephone from 8.00am onwards of the day if their child/children is/are absent from School on any day. A message may be left on the voice mail service prior to this time. Parents are reminded that the Board of Studies requires a note to be sent to the School on the return of an absentee stating the date and reason for the absence, whatever it may be. This should be signed by a parent or guardian, not the student, and be addressed to the class teacher.

Park Campus 4925 2121
Hill Campus 4929 5811

Uniform Shop Hours During Term Time

MONDAY	CLOSED
Tuesday	10.20am - 4.00pm
Wednesday	10.20am - 3.00pm
Thursday	10.20am - 4.00pm
Friday	10.20am - 4.00pm

Canteen Duties week commencing Monday, 27 January

Hill Campus Canteen

Mon, 27 January Australia Day Holiday	Tues, 28 January All New Students	Wed, 29 January All Students return	Thu, 30 January Edwina Forrest Lesley Filby	Fri, 31 January Martha Casey-Knight
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Park Campus Canteen

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Park Campus

Tuesday, 28 January

9.30am to 11.30am: Kindergarten and new students in Years 1, 2, 3 and Yr 4 at Park Campus

From 9.20am Park Campus staff will be in playground area to welcome new students and families. Kindergarten students will go to the Kindergarten classrooms to meet Miss Biddleston and Mrs Keane. Students in Years 1 to 4 will go into the Hall. At 9.30am students will be taken to their classes by their teachers. Parents will meet in the Hall to have some morning tea and hear about the start of the school year arrangements. At 11.30am students will return to the Hall to be collected by their parents.

Wednesday, 29 January

All students commence 8.45am bell, line up, then all students go to their class areas where they will be allocated their classroom and bag locker. Students may wear their 'Water Wednesday' uniform. Students in Years 2 and 3 will have PE on Wednesday and may choose to wear their PE uniform to School.

Thursday, 30 January

Students in Kindergarten and 1T have PE on Thursdays so they may come to school in their PE uniform for the day. Students in Years 3 and 4 have Sport after lunch so they are to wear their Summer Uniform to School and bring their Sports Uniform in their Sports Bag, ready to get changed at lunchtime.

Friday, 31 January

On Friday, the School holds its Leaders' Induction Services in Christ Church Cathedral, commencing at 9.15am. Students in Years 1, 3 and 4 will attend this service. Parents are warmly invited to attend this special service and the Morning Tea which will be held after the Service in the Holland Common Room on the Hill Campus.

Kindergarten and Year Two remain at Park Campus. Kindergarten will have their photos taken for our school files.

The bell will ring at 8.40am. Students in years 1, 3 and 4 will depart Park Campus at 8.50am by bus. They will return to Park Campus around 10.30am.

Chapel and Assembly will not be held on Friday, 31 January.

Important dates for the start of the School Year:

- Leaders' Induction Service on Friday 31 January – see above for details
- Parent Information Evening – Tuesday, 4 February – 6.00pm to 7.00pm. Parents are invited to attend an Information Evening. After initially meeting in the SWPC, teachers will take parents into their classrooms to outline information pertaining to the year's activities and expectations. At 6.40pm a second session is offered for parents with children in other Park Campus classes. This Information Evening is for parents only.

- Friday, 7 February: At 6.00pm the Parents and Friends' Welcome Barbecue will be held at Park Campus and all families are invited to attend.
- 'Get to know you' interviews – Tuesday, 11 and Wednesday, 12 February between 3.30pm and 6.30pm. This year we have organised two 'Get to Know You' Evenings so parents can meet with their children's teachers early in the term. Please make a booking with Ms Foster (4925 2121) or email juniorschool@ngs.nsw.edu.au.
- **Park Campus Swimming Carnival:** Our Swimming Carnival for Kinder to Year 4 takes place on Thursday, 20 February at the Mayfield Pool and full details will be sent home prior to this event. The alternate date for the Park Campus Swimming Carnival is 27 February.
- **Sports Sessions:** Year 3 and 4 Sport will be on Thursday afternoons. Kinder and Year 1 Sport is on Monday afternoons and Year 2 Swimming School commences in Week 2.
- **Chapel and Assembly:** Chapel and Assembly will be held on Friday afternoons at 2.15pm and we hope that many parents and friends will once again be able to attend these. Our first Chapel and Assembly will be in Week 2, Friday, 7 February.

Drop-off and Pick-up

Parents are asked to use Parkway Avenue as a drop off and collection zone. Parking and leaving your car is not permitted in that zone at the beginning and end of the school day. Corlette Street is very narrow and tends to cause traffic congestion. 5 minute parking is permitted to allow parents to drop off and collect Pre-school children. Kindergarten children will finish school at 2.45pm at the start of the year to assist with the smooth movement of students at the end of the school day. Parents are asked to consider our neighbours and not park across or in the driveways of neighbouring homes, even for a short period of time.

We look forward to a fulfilling and rewarding 2014. I encourage parents to have their children organised into routines from the first day. This helps the students feel secure and helps form good lifelong learning skills. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the Park Campus Office if you have any questions as we strive to work together for the education and welfare of our children.

*Mr P Sanders
Head of Park Campus*

Commencement of NGS Buses for 2014

Newcastle Grammar School buses will commence operation from Wednesday, 29 January 2014.

Park Campus

Junior School Music Performers

Welcome back to another year full of song, music creation and performance at Park Campus. One of the musical opportunities available to our students, is to perform at the Junior School Assembly on a Friday afternoon. Below are the criteria/checklist that will help us make this happen.

- Decide with your instrumental teacher if you have a suitable piece ready to perform.
- Speak to Miss Parkes and find a date for your performance. You will be placed on the list.
- Should you require piano accompaniment, make sure Miss Parkes has a copy of the music at least one week prior. This will allow time for a rehearsal so you can be your best.
- Make sure your teacher and parents/ carers know when you are performing so that they can be there to hear you.
- Practice every day.
- If you feel a little nervous – that's OK. It's normal. You need to be brave and take this opportunity to share your music. We are all very proud of you and you will be very proud of you.
- Take a bow after your performance to acknowledge your listeners and their applause – don't just run off the stage. This is your moment!

With encouragement.

*Miss J Parkes
Music Teacher*