Debating Workshop
Last Tuesday (16/2/16), eight lucky students from Year 5 and 6, went to a debating workshop on a mini bus driven by Mrs Burrows.

The debating workshop was held at Adamstown Public School. The eight students got to meet children from schools all over Newcastle.

Even though we didn’t win any prizes we sure did learn a lot about debating. Here are a few main rules that we learnt about debating.

To speak up, always look at the audience and have fun. Remember don’t be shy!

STEM Conference
Mr Bradley, Mr Lumley, Mrs Neil & Miss Wagstaff will be presenting at the State Conference in Sydney next Tuesday and Wednesday.

They will present their approach to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) and how the associated programs are implemented in our school.

Miss A – on leave
Miss Sharon Alusiola will be on leave from her 3-4A class next week.
Unfortunately Miss A has had a death in her family and has returned to Kenya to be with her family.
Condolences Miss A for your loss from staff, students and the community.

P & C News
Canteen Helpers are needed urgently if the canteen is to continue to open on Friday.

Please leave your name & phone number with the office.
A couple of hours on a Friday (not the whole time the canteen is open) or a Friday once a month or work a Friday twice a term. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated on the canteen roster.
Thank you to the parent have put their names on the roster.

Library Helpers
The Library will need helpers on a Thursday to cover new books. (Mr Bradley keeps buying new books)

Please leave your name at the office if you can spare an hour or two on a Thursday.

School Crossing
Please ensure all students use the school crossing in Hubbard Street. Parents should follow all parking signs, as the RTA are issuing large fines. Keep children safe by crossing correctly.
The Song Room
Islington Public School is very lucky to have Brooke Lindbury working with all classes on a Wednesday for a period of six months.

Brooke who has graduated from NIDA will be working with students in Drama, Dance & Music.

Thank you to The Song Room & their supporters for making this program possible in our school.

After School Basketball
After School Basketball started this week. Years 3-6 will participate Wednesday. Years K-2 will participate Thursday from 3.15 to 4.15pm. Please do not be late picking Students up.

Thank you Mr Lumley for all your work in organising Basketball.

Art Class
The very popular Art Class run by Mr Bell in the Library started this week on Thursday. All places filled very quickly. Students who missed out for Term 1 will go to the top of the list For Term 2.

Come & Try – Junior Rugby League
South Newcastle Junior Rugby League will be holding an information session for interested children and their parents on Tuesday 23 February 2016 at Learmonth Park, Hamilton South; Time: 4.30pm – 6.30pm.

Sausage sizzle & drink for all children. Come and see how much fun you can have playing rugby league. Past and present Newcastle Knights players will be attending the session.

Enquiries: Please contact Scott Hallett at scotthlitt@yahoo.com.au or Graeme Fitzgerald on 0407 093 662.

Parent Helpers
All parent helpers must have a Working With Children’s Check before helping in the classroom. A copy of this certificate must be given to the office for verification.


Above is the link for the online application. Please see the office if you need help to apply.

All PARENT HELPERS and VISITORS must sign in at the school office and receive a badge to wear while on site.

WHS rules apply. The only way to keep everyone safe is to know who is on site.

PICNIC IN THE PARK

On Sunday, 28th February the Islington Baptist Church will be holding a picnic in Islington Park from 11.30 am to 1.30 pm. There will be a free sausage sizzle. Face painting and games will be organised for the children. Come and enjoy the time with us.

Congratulations to Tahlia Sharp and Abbey Gould who were inducted as School Captains for 2016 at a special assembly on Thursday 11th February.