

EDUCATION WEEK

SPECIAL FEATURE

#EdWeek23 is here!

Education Week 2023 will be held from July 31 to August 4 2023 (Week 3, Term 3).

This year's theme is 175 years of public education in New South Wales and focuses on learning from our past, celebrating our achievements and embracing the future with confidence.

This year marks 175 years since the establishment of public schools in New South Wales.

Founded in 1848, the Board of National Education was formed and tasked with establishing a public education system in New South Wales.

Prior to 1848, schools operated under a denominational system and were the responsibility of churches.

Save the date and join the Ed Week live stream launch happening this Monday, July 31 at 10am.

The live stream launch will run for approximately 30 minutes and celebrate public education in New South Wales over the past 175 years.

You can view it on the Education Department website by visiting www.education.nsw.gov.au.

One of the easiest ways to share the success of New South Wales Education with your local community is through social media, like Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Use the hashtag #EdWeek23 in all your social media posts, share your photos and videos and show the community how you are

celebrating Ed Week this year.

Education Week is a great time to celebrate your achievements and share in success with the wider community.

Plan a face-to-face or virtual event or activity at your school, early childhood education and care provider or workplace during Ed Week and invite others to join.

Education Week is officially held during Week 3, Term 3 but schools and communities have the flexibility to celebrate the week before or after the official Ed Week dates.

Schools are encouraged to not only watch the Education Week launch live stream on Monday, July 31 at 10am, but also to plan a school assembly and showcase the talent and achievements of the school community.

Schools can also host an alumni event and invite former students to share their story with current students to show how education changes lives and creates futures.

Or they can create a visual art display, exhibition or showcase of student work for the school community to view.

Consider virtual options if you're unable to have people attend in-person.

For more information about Education Week and how your school can be involved, visit education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/education-week.

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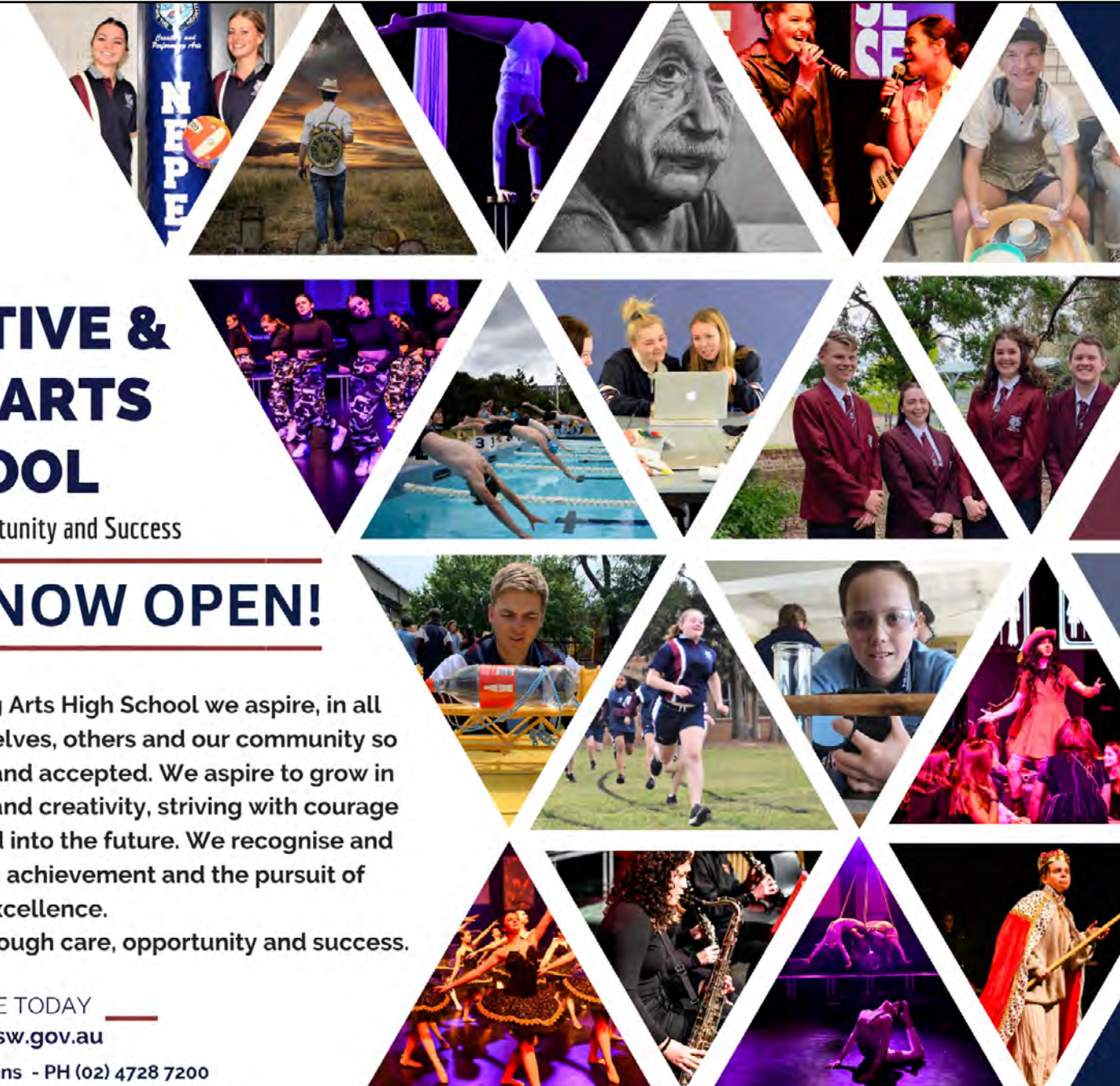
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Sustainability is a priority at York



York Public School has unveiled two banners to be displayed in celebration of their journey into sustainability.

According to teacher Yvonne Foster, the school delved into sustainable initiatives after receiving an almost \$15,000 grant to create an outdoor learning space.

"The area is just outside my room in the support unit, because it was a really messy area," she said.

"We've purchased wicking garden beds, because they're great for saving water, and we've got some seating that's made from recycled plastic, so it's all sustainable."

Now that the garden itself has been launched, Foster thought it was important to let the community know by displaying it at the front of the school.

Rather than designing it herself, she put it to the student body, giving students as individuals, pairs or class groups six weeks to design and hand in their artworks for consideration.

Ultimately, it was Claire Lorraine and Sophia Gauci who took out the top prize.

"I got the kids to design a poster, and we ended up with two that we really liked to turn into the banners," she said.

"The girls are so excited, I would be excited if I saw my name on a poster out the front of the school!"

Now that their efforts have become apparent, Foster said she isn't stopping, saying that the students have already started doing Return and Earn to fundraise for the garden, and have a worm farm to give it an extra boost, with even more additions on the way.

"Our principal is buying us a gazebo for over our seating, and then we're going to get barrels as well to collect the water off the roof," she said.

"I know it won't be much, but it's just to show them that you can do that and have the water for the garden."

Foster said that her goal is to help her students implement sustainable doings into their everyday lives, and thinks it should be the norm in the modern day classroom.

"I think that if you start with things like this, and get the kids thinking that way, it'll just be second nature," she said.



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The world's largest variety show set to showcase incredible talent in NSW

It may be turning 40 but there's no hint of a midlife crisis for the Schools Spectacular, which returns this year to celebrate a special milestone.

'Fabulous', to be held on November 24 and 25 at Sydney's Qudos Bank Arena, promises to be a spectacular addition to an event that was seeded back in 1983 when performed as a humble acoustic sound-check for the new (and now long gone) Sydney Entertainment Centre.

The following year marked its first fully-fledged performance, with Schools Spec growing to the point where it is now considered the world's largest variety show – it holds a Guinness World Record for 5,322 participants for the November 25 2016 show.

This year some 5,500 students, 600 teachers and school staff and 387 public schools are involved.

There will be a 2,100-person choir, 2,200 dancers, a 100-piece symphony orchestra, as well as 34 featured artists, nine

backing vocalists and six featured instrumentalists.

NSW Department of Education Secretary Murat Dizdar said the event sends a powerful message about the power of the public school system.

"We are taken aback by the enormity of the talent, the enormity of the ability of our young people who perform so amazingly," Dizdar said.

"Our teachers and support staff often go as the unsung heroes who drive this opportunity.

"Doesn't it put a smile on

everyone's faces when we see the breadth of schools that are represented? Don't we all get a little bit prouder when we see our rural and remote colleagues represented, our small schools out there?"

"That's what I love about Schools Spectacular. It puts public education on the map front and centre, showcasing the true diversity of the state."

Visit www.schoolsspectacular.com.au.

Source: Glenn Cullen, NSW Education website.



Murat Dizdar (NSW Department of Education Secretary), Mary Lopez (Founding producer and director of Schools Spectacular) and Sylvia Corish (Executive Director Arts Unit).

PRUE CAR MP

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Happy Education Week!

We celebrate the achievements and contributions of the public education system over the past 175 years. Congratulations to our teachers and support staff in developing and shaping the next generation.



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