

Primary entry #36: St John's Primary Lambton



# The Lambton Light



Sophie Austin and Jessica Milevski being cyber smart on their Macs. *Picture: Laura Young*

## Think cyber smart before you start up

By **BEN HARBORNE, KANE BENNETT** and **HARRY HORE**

THE internet gives you a lot of freedom, maybe too much freedom, which can be unsafe. People often act differently on social media and the internet – they think they are safer on the internet as they are hidden behind a screen.

For children, it is very important to be aware of the risks of the internet. Using the internet is an everyday activity in children's lives. The internet has been around since the late '80s and was very limited, but these days the possibilities are endless.

Cyber safety covers a lot of areas from chatting online to simply shopping online. People have had their houses broken into from social media websites.

Protect personal information when surfing the web because there are people that can steal your money and identity online.

Statistics show that about 15 per cent of children receive insulting content or unwanted messages from cyber bullies. You don't need a black eye to be bullied. Cyber bullying isn't just being mean to someone but also posting rumours about someone.

To learn more about cyber safety, head to the cyber safety website for kids and have a go at the BUDD:E activity. Harry Hore, year 6, said "BUDD:E is a fun activity that has challenges that are educational and fun for kids."

By **GRACE HOGG**

CONSTRUCTION works for the Bathers Way commenced in August 2014, involving the construction of a shared path and one-way traffic movement in Shortland Esplanade. It will have a dedicated road and cycle path, as well as cliff stabilisation works and new shade seating.

The path allows room for running, cycling and viewing the beaches.

Stage one of the Bathers Way is going to go right past Merewether Baths.

Work on the Bathers Way from Kilgour Avenue to Cooks Hill Surf Club commenced late January and is expected to be completed by spring 2015. The upgrade is not going to be easy given that it will take a long time (even more so if there is wet weather). The task includes creating a path that is a minimum of four metres wide.

There will be pedestrian lighting, furniture, trees and structures, landscaping, pedestrian access upgrades, road and streetscaping improvements. The existing footpath will be closed throughout construction.

The council aims for a "parking neutral" approach wherever possible and increase in parking.

Despite the loss of some parking spaces at the Cliff car park, there is onstreet parking proposed along



The finished path will combine a relaxing walk with a beautiful view.

*Picture: Jasmine Evans*

Kilgour Avenue and Bar Beach Avenue. There will be a shared path at Bar Beach from Cooks Hill surf club to the car park.

There will be a viewing platform at Bar Beach plus a temporary shared pathway through Bar Beach in front of the car park.

Surfer Mark Richards believes the Bathers Way will become an

important part of Newcastle's history: "The Bathers Way is an iconic part of Newcastle lifestyle, giving access to our beautiful beaches, and providing an important venue for both exercise and relaxation."

The Bathers Way will weave memories and tales of Newcastle's Indigenous culture and convict heritage, plus nature history. It is

going to be something that many people will enjoy plus families can have the opportunity to have a break or catch up with friends.

The community strongly supported the Bathers Way public domain plan during the public exhibition. The outcome will make a sustainable improvement for all to enjoy.



Saxon Grubb, Callum Brazzill and Thomas Licata ready to practice. *Picture: Lauren Amy*

## Learn the skills and do the drills

By **FINN LOWE, THOMAS LICATA** and **BILLY MURPHY**

BACKYARD League is a rugby league program designed to increase the skill level and participation of kids throughout Australia in school and holiday sessions.

Within two years, programs like Backyard League reached 1.25 million students over Australia as it is an

exciting introduction for students to rugby league in a safe, non-competitive and fun environment.

It is sponsored by Coles, who provide footballs for the students after they participate for four to five weeks.

Lyndon Shepherd from the Newcastle Knights trains junior league athletes and prepares classes. Students from kindergarten to year 6 at St John's Lambton parti-

cipate each year. They are provided with opportunities to learn the skills and drills necessary for rugby league.

Taj Richardson a student at St John's said, "It's great having senior and junior pros come and teach you the skills so you can have a fun time playing the sport".

Students have been lucky enough to meet Newcastle Knights players like Jarrod Mullen through the program.



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