

HILLTOP NEWS

Week Eight, Term Four, Tuesday 29th November 2016 Edition One Hundred and Ninety Seven.

Instructional Learner @ NEPS

Effective school leadership today must combine the traditional school leadership duties such as teacher evaluation, budgeting, scheduling, and facilities maintenance with a deep involvement with specific aspects of teaching and learning. Effective instructional leaders are intensely involved in curricular and instructional issues that directly affect student achievement. Many research studies confirm that this important role extends beyond the scope of the school principal to involve other leaders as well. The key players in instructional leadership include the following: *Central office personnel, Principals and Assistant Principals and Instructional Leaders.*

Some key elements of Instructional Leadership include the following: **Prioritisation:** *Teaching and learning must be at the top of the priority list on a consistent basis. Leadership is a balance of management and vision.* **Scientifically based reading research (SBRR):** *Leaders' participation in professional development sessions will help them remain informed and will provide a focus for monitoring.* **Focus on alignment of curriculum, instruction, assessment, and standards:** *If student achievement is the goal and that goal is measured by standards-based assessments, the curriculum, instruction, and assessments all must be aligned with the standards.* **Data analysis:** *In their focus on improving achievement, effective leaders use multiple sources of information to assess performance. Decisions at all levels must be based on pertinent data.* **Culture of continuous learning for adults:** *Effective instruction is a skill that can never be perfected. All teachers can benefit from additional time and support to improve their instruction. Research indicates that effective principals have "a view of instructional improvement as an ongoing process"*

In 2017, Newcastle East will be embarking on the journey of having an Instructional Leader on staff. Our plan is to release one of our experience teachers to lead and develop teaching skills, increase student engagement in key learning areas and explore how we can use data to drive directions and continue to set high expectations across all our classes. We feel that this exciting direction will elevate NEPS' success in many areas.

If you wanted more information, please have a look through these links.

<http://www.growthcoaching.com.au/articles-new/really-what-is-instructional-leadership-in-the-21st-century>

<https://www.teachermagazine.com.au/article/teachers-bookshelf-educational-leadership>

<https://rd.acer.edu.au/article/effective-principals-are-instructional-leaders>

Enrolment Newcastle East Public

We are at the time of the year when we are trying to finalise class numbers for next year – which is always an interesting challenge. If you know of any families residing in our zone who intend to come to our school next year and have not made contact with the school – please ask them to do so fairly quickly, thank you. There will be no additional non-local enrolments for our school for next year or the foreseeable future as we are over our 'enrolment ceiling' for the permanent accommodation we have on site. We expect to have the same number of classes for next year as we do this year. Staffing will be determined according to our enrolment – but we do not know the exact personnel we will have next year either – so we are unable to discuss this aspect with parents in regard to class placements.

Parking Issues around Our School

Thank you to the majority of our school community who manage to obey the road safety rules and park safely around our school. It is always going to be busy around drop off and pick up times but we need to be very careful to ensure our precious children are protected. I have noticed many instances of people parking in 'No Stopping' zones, which attracts a fine of \$304 and 2 demerit points from your licence. Please respect parking rules around our school and help to keep our children safe.

Mick McCann

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Year Six Farewell

At the moment, ten Year Six families have not yet indicated whether they will be attending the Farewell on Wednesday 14th December. Please return your reply slip with payment to the school office by **this Thursday**, as the venue needs to confirm numbers and dietary requirements this Friday.

I also still require a kindergarten photo from the following children, to be used on the night:

Angus C, Logan C, Patrick GM, Matilda G, Ella H, Hunter P, Drew R, Daniel S, Jack W, Ryan M,

Paola J

Digital photos can be emailed to megan.thompson@det.nsw.edu.au or printed copies can be given to Mrs Thompson by this Friday.

Notes home this week. – *All notes will also be sent via the SkoolBag App*

CANTEEN NEWS

Starting today, at lunch time ONLY on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, snacks and ice blocks will be available to buy from the Canteen until the end of term. Lunch orders will continue to be available on Mondays and Fridays ONLY when we run a full canteen service. Please don't forget Sushi Orders cost \$3.50 and must be in by 12.00pm on Thursdays.

NEPS canteen relies completely on volunteers and all proceeds go to our kids. All of our Monday/Friday volunteers who have given up their time have been so very appreciated and have done such an amazing job, particularly as it is a tiny space and a busy canteen. There are lots of unseen jobs-ranging from making hummus, to bagging pineapple rings, bringing in the milk, counting sushi orders, chopping veggies & more that help the service to run and for this, special thanks goes to Kellie Bohlsen, Jess, Cecilia, Wayne, Tracey & Kelly Wyman. Your time has been invaluable this year.

NEPS canteen is now stocking three artisan products from Bacco's Bakeries – Flatbread, Breadsticks and Cookies. The flatbread and breadsticks are made with certified organic wheat flour, extra virgin olive oil and have all natural flavourings with no preservatives. Cookies (triple chocolate and date & ginger) are made using organic flour, local fresh eggs and real butter.

Prices are:

Flatbread (pk 2) - \$3.00

Breadsticks (pk 4) - \$2.00

Cookie - \$1.50

Canteen Roster Term 4 2016

Attention: If you are able to help out on any of the following dates where volunteers are needed please call Cherry on 0409927006

Week	Monday		Friday
8	28 Nov		2 Dec
	Steph Clews Penny Coakes		Robyn Hetherington Volunteer needed
	5 Dec		9 Dec
9	Volunteer needed		2x volunteers needed
10	12 Dec		16 Dec
	Liz Walker		Lou Porter Felicia



OOSH Update

Newcastle East Public School P&C Association runs and manages the OOSH facilities at the school. Debbie Griffiths did a great job running it for us for several years and with her leaving Tracey Hutchins joined as our Coordinator at the beginning of the year. We have been delighted with how the OOSH has developed with Tracey and her wonderful team, Emily, Billy, Lizelle, Kellie, Andy (Pep C), James and Chris, who all work to make our OOSH a fun place for the children.

Vacation care has been a successful addition to our OOSH services this year with fantastic programs being offered in each of the school holidays.

The Christmas holiday program is out now so don't forget to book your children!

Due to an increase in rent payable to the Department of Education for using the school premises for OOSH we need to introduce a small increase to the afternoon cost of OOSH. The cost will increase by \$1 to \$18 per afternoon session with effect from 30 January 2017.

If you have any questions about OOSH, one of the P&C Vice Presidents, Kelly Wyman, is primarily responsible for overseeing the OOSH service for the P&C. Kelly works closely with Tracey and you will often see her around OOSH. Alternatively, you can contact her through the OOSH email address or the P&C email. You can also speak to any of the other P&C Executive Members about OOSH or any P&C related matter.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our NEPS families a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and to thank you for your ongoing support.

Emma Boylan
P&C President

Kelly Wyman
P&C Vice President

28 November 2016

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Good Luck to the NEPS Protectors

This Thursday 1st Dec, our very first Goalball Team, 'The NEPS Protectors', will compete in the NSW Goalball Knockout Shield to be held at Sydney Olympic Park.

Goalball is a Paralympic and a Pacific School Games Sport played in over 120 countries around the world. NSW Goalball is inviting our school to participate in the 2016 NSW Goalball Knockout Shield. Goalball is a team sport developed for blind or visually impaired players, in which a ball containing bells which make a sound when in motion is thrown at a goal at the opposing team's end of the court.

Team Captain Darcy B will lead his squad down to Sydney this Thursday. The NEPS Protectors are; Darcy B (C) Claudia B, Hugo B, Sarah W, Marshall R and Toby B.

They have had expert coaching from Matthew Boyle, the USA Goalball coach, who led his team to a silver medal at the recent Paralympic Games in Rio earlier this year. Matthew visited NEPS last week to provide some much valued tips and coaching for our team.

Best of luck for Thursday!



Term Planner

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
24 Yr2 Swim School Kinder orientation Parent Information 6pm Library	26 Yr2 Swim School	26 Yr2 Swim School Yr. Five Taster Lessons – NHS (Morning session) K-2 Sport 9.45-10.45	27 Yr2 Swim School	28 Yr2 Swim School 3-6 Sport - Mornings
31 Kinder orientation Morning- Library 10-10.45	1 NOVEMBER Stage One Transport Excursion	2 K-2 Sport 9.45-10.45	3	4 3-6 Sport - Mornings Let's build Our Hunter Art Installation Workshop- Civic Park-10.45am 4/5T, 5/6T, 6E
7 Kinder orientation Morning- Library 10-10.45	8	9 K-2 Sport 9.45-10.45	10	11 Remembrance Day Civic Park – School Choir Performance 11.00am Remembrance Day Assembly at school 3-6 Sport – Mornings
14 8:45am 2017 school captain candidate speeches Kinder orientation Morning- Library 10-10.45	15	16 K-2 Sport 9.45-10.45	17	18 3-6 Sport - Mornings
21 Kinder orientation Morning- Library 10-10.45	22	23 K-2 Sport 9.45-10.45	24 NHS Year 5 Gala Day at National Park	25 3-6 Sport - Mornings
28	29	30 K-2 Sport 9.45-10.45	1 DECEMBER	2 3-6 Sport – Mornings Welcome Kinder BBQ 5.30
5	6	7 K-2 Sport 9.45-10.45	8	9 3-6 Sport - Mornings
12 Presentation Day Assembly	13	14 Yr6 Farewell Dinner – South Leagues	15	16 Last Day for Students
19 Staff Development Day	20 Staff Development Day			



Become NEPS Primary Ethics Coordinator

Our current Ethics coordinator is leaving the position at the end of this term.

Ethics coordinators play a critical role in establishing and maintaining a successful ethics program in a school. Could you be one?

Primary Ethics coordinators become a vital part of the school community, liaising with school staff, parents and volunteers. Managing a school ethics program is a great opportunity for personal and professional development as well as for expanding your local network.

Ethics coordinators also recruit, manage and organise ethics teachers, ensuring that there are sufficient teachers to meet the needs of the school. Primary Ethics provide plenty of support to coordinators, offering assistance with recruitment and in communicating with schools as well as ongoing training and updates.

If you are interested in becoming NEPS ethics coordinator in 2017 please go to the following website <http://vms.primaryethics.com.au/jobs.php>



Auditions for New Junior Vocal Group

Vocalists up to the age of 12 are needed to form a new Glee Club style contemporary ensemble. Students will benefit from tuition in vocal technique, harmony, movement, microphone technique and performance.

Classes will be held from 4:30pm – 5:30pm on Wednesday afternoons in the Community Music Conservatorium Term 2017. Please email Lisa Kinna to organise an audition Lisa.Kinna@newcastle.edu.au

Auditions will take place on **Saturday 3rd December from 10:00am** at the Conservatorium of Music.

CONTACT

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DATES

December Holidays (4 Days)	19/12/2016 - 22/12/2016	\$249
December Holidays (4 Days)	27/12/2016 - 30/12/2016	\$249
January Holidays (4 Days)	03/01/2017 - 06/01/2017	\$249
January Holidays (3 Days)	11/01/2017 - 13/01/2017	\$199
January Holidays (3 Days)	18/01/2017 - 20/01/2017	\$199
Mondays After School Term 1	13/02/2017 - 20/03/2017	\$199
Thursdays After School Term 1	14/02/2017 - 21/03/2017	\$199
Fridays After School Term 1	17/02/2017 - 24/03/2017	\$199

\$199 - 9 hour program
\$249 - 12 hour program

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**Transport
for NSW**

School Student Transport Scheme Applications open 10 October 2016

From Monday 10 October 2016 parents, guardians and students over 16 years, will be able to apply for 2017 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel pass by visiting www.transportnsw.info/school-students

Information for parents and students

School travel passes only need to be updated when a student:

- changes address, or
- changes school or campus.

A new application is required when:

- applying for an SSTS pass for the first time,
- enrolling in Kindergarten,
- progressing from Year 2 to Year 3,
- progressing from Year 6 to Year 7, or
- requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation.

For more information on planning your school travel, visit www.transportnsw.info or contact your local operator.

Passes for 2017 travel

Opal network: Please remind ALL your students to keep their School Opal cards for travel in 2017. These cards will be automatically deactivated for school holidays and then reactivated for school travel in term one. Current School Opal card can be updated with changes of school, home address or operator.

Rural and regional travel: Student's travelling with operator issued passes will receive a new pass in the new school year.