

HILLTOP NEWS

Week Two, Term One, Tuesday, January 2nd, 2016 Edition One Hundred and Sixty-one

Welcome Back Everyone

We hope that you had a relaxing break over the summer, and that you've returned refreshed and energised for this big school year. Our new Kindergarten students have settled in well, and we have many new students in other grades as well. A very warm welcome is extended to all!

While our actual numbers in Kindy did not quite meet our expectations, our overall school enrolment now sits at 250 students. In terms of staffing, that means that we will be advertising for an additional Assistant Principal position this term, to take over the class currently taught by Mrs Bell.

I've attached the Term Planner for your information, and you might note these important dates coming up soon: -

- Swimming Carnival February 17
- Two drama productions
- Easter - Good Friday March 25 / Easter Monday March 28
- Last two weeks of Term One – parent/teacher interviews



Getting Ready for Our 200th Birthday

This table sets out all the facts you need this week, to keep in touch, get there on time, know where to go, and know what to wear.

Friday 5th	2 pm	Sculpture Plaque Unveiling @ school	Normal school uniform
Friday 5th	5.30pm	Disco / Bush dance @school	Colonial-era costumes
Saturday 6th	3 pm	Launch of schol history book, <i>To Climb The Hill</i> @ school	Casual clothes
Saturday 6th	6.30 / 7pm	Bicentennial Dinner @ City Hall	Cocktail dress, not black tie
Sunday 7th	11.30 am	Service @Christ Church Cathedral	School uniform (not Neptunes uniform)
Sunday 7th	12.30	Procession, lunch and history display @school	Normal school uniform

Some more important things you need to know: -



Brown Street, in front of the school, will be closed on Saturday and Sunday between 1 pm and 4 pm - **STREET CLOSED!!**

Everyone is welcome to all events, with the Dinner the only one needing booking

Our book will be on sale both Saturday and Sunday

Click this link to see an ABC story about our school

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-01-30/newcastle-school-to-celebrate-bicentenary/7125802>

Still Looking for These Items – Can You Help?



Canteen News

The canteen will remain open Mondays and Fridays only.

Sushi will now be available for lunch orders on Fridays only.

Sushi orders must be in to the canteen by 12pm Thursday so that we can place our order with our supplier, Sushikoo.

Please write lunch order on paper bag and include payment details for class/name as usual, and place in the slot on the canteen door.

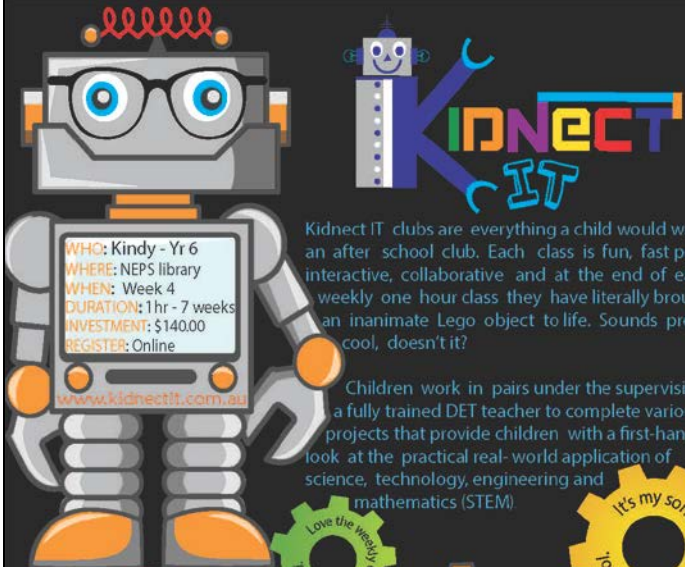
The cost for all sushi rolls is \$3 each.

Varieties available -

- Teriyaki chicken (contains gluten)
- Katsu chicken (contains gluten)
- Poached chicken and avocado
- Poached chicken, lettuce and mayo
- Smoked salmon and lettuce
- Tuna, lettuce and mayo
- Prawn California
- Vegetarian roll – carrot, capsicum, avocado & cucumber (each comes with a soy sauce)

Term One Planner

Week	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
1.		26 Australia Day	27	28 Kindergarten Best Start testing	29 Kindergarten Best Start testing	30	31
2.	Feb 1 First day for K K photos	2 Dance practice	3 Full Assembly	4	5 Sculpture Launch/ Bush Dance	6 Book Launch / Dinner	7 Cathedral Service / Open School
3.	8	9	10 School Band practice Stage Assembly	11	12 LMBR training JA	13	14
4.	15	16 Debating Workshop	17 Swimming Carnival	18	19	20	21
5.	22	23 School photos	24 Zone Swimming Stage Assembly	25	26	27	28
6.	29	1	2 Full Assembly	3 Hansel and Gretel	4	5	6
7.	7 Return of the Bully	8	9 Stage Assembly	10	11	12	13
8.	14	15 LMBR training JA	16 Full Assembly	17	18	19	20
9.	21 Harmony Day	22 LMBR training LA	23 Stage Assembly	24	25 Good Friday	26	27
10.	28 Easter Monday	29 Parent/teacher interviews	30 LMBR training Full Assembly	31	1 LMBR training John	2	3
11.	4 Parent/teacher interviews	5	6 Stage Assembly	7 LMBR training LA	8 LMBR training LA		



WHO: Kindy - Yr 6
WHERE: NEPS library
WHEN: Week 4
DURATION: 1hr - 7 weeks
INVESTMENT: \$140.00
REGISTER: Online

www.kidnectit.com.au

Kidnect IT clubs are everything a child would want in an after school club. Each class is fun, fast paced, interactive, collaborative and at the end of each weekly one hour class they have literally brought an inanimate Lego object to life. Sounds pretty cool, doesn't it?

Children work in pairs under the supervision of a fully trained DET teacher to complete various projects that provide children with a first-hand look at the practical real-world application of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Do you want your child to learn in a fun and engaging environment?

Do you want your child to use logic and reasoning to generate ideas?

Do you want to improve how your child critically thinks and problem solves?

Do you want to awaken your child's imagination?

Do you want improve how your child interacts and communicates ideas with others?

Love the weekly challenge

It's so fun! (My son, Thomas etc)

Great value for money, fun and educational

Wish I could do this everyday! (Harry, 8)

It's my son's favourite part of school!

Do you want to build self-confidence and independence in your child?

Do you want your child to be academically challenged?

If you answered YES book now!
 Online: www.kidnectit.com.au
 Email: kidnectit@gmail.com
 Phone: 0491 147 560

Discounts
 Refer a friend and you receive a \$20 discount. They receive a \$10 discount. * \$10 return discount.

Which club best suits your child?

Robot Builder (Grades 1-4)
 Robot Builder is our core club, where students follow step-by-step on-screen instructions to build their robots, and then write suggested programs to get their robot working. After that, those who are ready write more complicated programs involving motion or tilt sensors, or improvise to make their robots achieve certain challenge. Students also have the chance to be creative by experimenting different ways to re-engineer robots or make aesthetic modifications.

Robot Explorer (Kindy)
 Students learn about engineering concepts behind robots. They will learn how axles, pulleys and gears work, etc. As well as elementary concepts of computer programming. All in a super fun learning environment.

Robot Adventures (Grades 1 and 2)
Pre requisite: Robot Builder or Robot Explorer
 Students build on skills introduced in Robot Builder, but with all new projects! This is a great club for students who loved robot builder and would like to further their programming skills.


Robot Challenge (Grades 3 and 4)
Pre requisite: Robot Builder if in year 3
 This club is great for children who have attended our Robot Builder club and now want more of a challenge. Or for fourth grade students ready to launch into robotics with no previous club experience. In Robot Challenge students are set weekly challenges where they will have tothink! What piece could be used as a replacement? Is that piece aesthetic or mechanical? What kind of sensor would be best added? How should they build a sensor into the design? Students love this club as it gets their creative juices flowing.

Robot Extreme (Grades 5 and 6)
 Students will have an awesome time building advanced Lego Mindstorm robots that can respond to a multitude of sensors. Students begin work with a rover robot which they must adapt design and programs to complete weekly task. Each weekly tasks has 3 levels that students progress through, this ensure no one gets bored and no one gets left behind.

	Monday	Thursday	Friday
2.50pm -3.50pm	Robot Adventures		Robot Challenger
3.50 pm - 4.50pm	Robot Explorer	Robot Builder	Robot Extreme

Our promise to you. If your child does not love our club after the first week we will refund your registration fee back no questions asked.

*Refer a friend discount only applies if the friend is new to Kidnect IT.



COOKS HILL PRE-SCHOOL

Cooks Hill Preschool currently has limited spots available for a child who will turn at least 4 before the 31st July, 2016. The available positions are in our Senior Group (which attends on Wednesday/Thursday & Fridays during the school term). For further information please phone Tash on 49264464 or email cookhillpreschool@live.com.au

The simplest way

...to protect your skin.

Did you know?

Sun exposure during the first 15 years of life significantly increases your chance of getting skin cancer later in life.

Be SunSmart

Always protect your skin when UV levels are 3 and above.



Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer

- *Slip* on clothing that covers your shoulders, arms and legs.
- *Slop* on SPF30+ or higher broad spectrum water-resistant sunscreen.
- *Slap* on a broad brimmed, bucket or legionnaire hat that protects your face, ears and neck.
- *Seek* shade however you can, especially in the middle of the day.
- *Slide* on sunglasses that meet Australian Standard (AS1067).

To help keep your kids safe in the sun, check your schools SunSmart status by heading to www.sunsmartnsw.com.au