

HILLTOP NEWS

Week Four, Term One, Tuesday, February 16th, 2016. Edition One Hundred and Sixty-three

Parent Information Night Tonight 6 pm

A reminder that our Information Night for parents is on tonight, at 6pm in the Benson Library. The evening falls into two parts, the first a discussion of general school matters, including planning for the 2016 academic year, our co-curricular programs, and our after-school sports programs, then in the second half-hour, each teacher will meet with you, in her room, to outline specific class priorities, equipment needs, homework expectations. Teachers will be certainly ready to answer your general questions about the class, but please note that parent/teacher interviews are scheduled for later this term. Times for the evening are kept rigid, so that child-care arrangements for you, and for our staff, are kept clear – the evening will finish promptly at 7 pm.

New P and C Executive Elected

Congratulations to our new leadership team for our P and C. My personal thanks to those finishing their term with P and C Executive, who have put in countless hours of their own time and expertise to make P and C such a successful organisation. Our departing President Chris Baker has been involved with every facet of our school over a period of many years. With others on Executive, Chris has worked tirelessly for our students. Of course, he hasn't been alone, and my thanks, on behalf of our children, to all those who have helped make our school all the better, cooking at countless sausage sizzles, planning breakfasts for Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day, setting out the seating plan for our Bicentennial Dinner, organising our Colonial Fairs, etc etc. Our new senior Executive: - President Emma Boylan; Vice-presidents Ado Thompson and Rennie Ferguson; Secretary Reena Bilin; Treasurer Jodie McGuire. Thank you to many others who have taken on important P and C roles for 2016.



Oliver Tries His Hand

In our school foyer we have an old school desk set up, complete with a pen and ink-well, just as our students might have had one hundred years ago. Oliver C tried working on his own distinctive signature, with some very good results. Come in and try it with the kids!

Swimming Carnival Wednesday

Don't forget to dress up in your house colours tomorrow for our Mayfield Olympic Pool visit. Parents are very welcome too, and we all need to dress for hot, sunny weather, with a broad hat and lots of sun-screen. This will be the first outing for our new house captains, who have been wearing their badges with great pride this last week. Children from the primary years, and some 8 year-old students, are attending the carnival.

After-school Sports - Getting Things Going

Junior Soccer starts this week, for Grades Two and Three, on Thursday after school.

Sailing and cricket are starting next week, sailing on Monday, and cricket on Wednesday. Our sailing quota is full, with 20 students signed up. Thank you to parents who have offered to assist with transport to the Cruising Yacht Club on Mondays – I'll be in touch this week.

Updating Our Records

During this term we are updating all our student records, as we prepare to change over to a new computer system, LMBR. It is important that we receive from you, the following documents: -

- Any health care plan for your child, issued by your doctor
- Any Court Orders from Family Court, or any other legal documents affecting access to your child, so that the school has the *latest* document

Badly Bound Books?

Some copies of our school history, To Climb The Hill, had some minor binding problems, and as a sign of good faith, the printers are happy to replace these with new blemish-free copies, if you produce the faulty book. Should your copy have this problem, please return it to the School Office on Friday this week for an exchange.

Buying Bicentenary Photos

Many pictures from our weekend of celebrations are available on our Facebook site, <https://www.facebook.com/NewcastleEastBicentenary/> and the same site has the links needed to order pictures taken by Newcastle School portraits, complete with the log-in code needed.

At school, staff members, led by talented Miss Hicks, are working on securing a permanent archive space on the Cloud, where we can keep all documents, pictures, TV and radio records, in one secure space, accessible into the future. Knowing how heavily we drew on the book published for the school's 150th anniversary, we have a sense that we are also writing the history of the school, with our everyday activities, and that all these records need to be stored permanently.



Canteen News!

As some may be aware, there have been canteen changes afoot.

Here is what you need to know.

- 1) There is a brand new menu with some of the old favourites and some new items, all in line with the healthy schools guidelines. You can access this in the newsletter, the skoolbag app, and on our very own new Facebook page. There will also be some hard copies at the office. The NEPS canteen Facebook page will keep you up to date with specials, trials of new items and show photos of what's on offer to help your kids order.
- 2) For those who are new to our school: please write your name, class and what you would like to order on a paper bag. Place your money in the bag and put the bag in the slot in the canteen door when you arrive at school in the morning. Your order will be brought to your classroom by designated lunch helpers. If you have change, it will be in the bag also. Hot food (including corn cobs which are a snack item), sandwiches/wraps and boxes must be ordered in the morning. Sushi (for Friday lunch) must be ordered on Thursday by 1200. The canteen is open on Monday and Friday only at this stage.
- 3) Volunteering in the canteen is a great way to get to know our fantastic school community, is enjoyable, and is hugely appreciated! The best bit is that your kids/grandkids etc. will get a total kick out of it! There is no pressure to come often and you will be supported by an experienced person until you feel comfortable. For those who have volunteered in the past, things have been kept as easy as ever and Cherry and Donna are only a phone call away if there are any problems. If you can help please message Cherry on 0409 927 006 or leave a message at the office.

Thank you for supporting our canteen. This is run entirely by volunteers and is a source of fundraising for our school.





CANTEEN MENU

NEWCASTLE EAST
PUBLIC SCHOOL



SNACKS

Amazeballs	1.00
Cake of the week	3.00
Corn Cob with or without butter	1.00
Fruit	0.50
Finger Bun (1st Fri of month)	1.20
Popcorn	1.00
Slinky Apple	0.50
Yoghurt Cup With Blueberries	1.00

FROM THE OVEN

Chicken Strips	0.50
Chicken Burger (Monday)	4.00
Garlic Bread Roll	1.00
Mini Meat Pie	1.50
Pizza - Hawaiian or Margarita	3.00
Sausage Roll	2.50
Spinach & Ricotta Roll	2.50

BOXES

SURF'S UP MUNCH BOX	
boiled egg, corn chips, vegie sticks, seasonal fruit, cheese cubes	3.50
hommus 50c extra	

GARDEN SALAD BOX	
Salad with ham off the bone or chicken breast	3.50
extras 50c: cheese, pineapple, beetroot	

DRINKS

Plain milk	1.00
Plain milk with flavoured straws	1.50

FROM THE DELI (SANDWICH & WRAPS)

Deli items toasted for 50c extra

HAN SOLO - choice of:	2.00
cheese, vegemite, tomato, ham, jam, honey (extra toppings .50)	
CHICKEN RUN	3.50
chicken, lettuce, mayo	
WALLACE & GROMMET	3.00
cheese & tomato	
BABE	3.50
ham off the bone, cheese, tomato	
RAINBOW SALAD	3.00
lettuce, tomato, carrot, cucumber (extra items .50)	
SHARK BITE	3.50
tuna, lettuce & mayo	

SUSHI

SUSHI ROLLS (Friday)	
Teriyaki Chicken	
Chicken & Avo (gf)	
Tuna/Chicken + Lettuce & Mayo (gf)	3.00
Vegetarian - carrot, capsicum, avo & cucumber	

Prawn California
Smoked Salmon & Lettuce

Sushi orders must be in by 12pm Thursday

FROZEN

Hula Hoops (frozen pineapple)	0.20
Frosty Fruit (frozen seasonal fruit)	0.50
Quech Fruit Sticks	0.50
Smooze	1.20

Term One Planner

Week	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
1.		26 Australia Day	27	28 Kindergarte n Best Start testing	29 Kindergarte n Best Start testing	30	31
2.	Feb 1 First day for K K photos	2 Dance practic e	3 Full Assembly	4	5 Sculpture Launch/ Bush Dance	6 Book Launch / Dinner	7 Cathedral Service / Open School
3.	8	9	10 Stage Assembly	11	12 LMBR training JA	13	14
4.	15	16 Debating Workshop Parent Info Night	17 Swimmin g Carnival	18	19	20	21
5.	22	23 School photos	24 Zone Swimmin g 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 Monda	29 Parent/teach er interviews	30 LMBR training Full Assembly	31	1 LMBR training John	2	3
11.	4 Parent/teach er interviews	5	6 Stage Assembly	7 LMBR training LA	8 LMBR training LA		

The simplest way

...to bake a healthy lunch box treat.

Homemade muffins are a great way to add a fruit or veg-filled treat to lunch boxes.

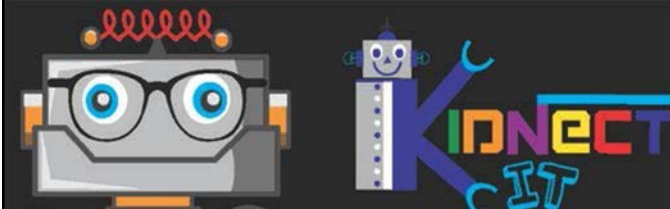


Apple and date muffins

Ingredients: 3 apples, chopped; 1 cup boiling water; 200g dates, chopped; 50g butter; 2/3 cup brown sugar; 2 tsp mixed spice; 1 egg; 1 tsp baking soda; 1 tsp baking powder; 2 cups wholemeal flour.

Method: Preheat oven (180°C). Chop apples and dates. Add boiling water, butter and sugar. Mix until butter melts and sugar dissolves. Add spice and allow to cool. When fruit mixture is warm, not hot, add spice and egg. Mix well. Add baking soda, baking powder and flour. Mix, but do not overbeat. If mixture is too dry, add a little milk. Spoon into the prepared muffin tin. Bake for about 15 minutes.

For more information visit
www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit



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 build self-confidence and independence in your child?

Do you want your child to be academically challenged?

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

Do you want your child to learn 21st century skills?

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

Love the weekly challenge
 It's so fun! (Max, Sam, Thomas etc.)
 Great value for money and educational
 It's my son's favourite part of school
 Wish I could do this everyday Harry, 8

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 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



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Every Wednesday in the school Library from 3.20pm to 4.20pm!

Callum from year 2 says: "It is fun to learn Mandarin because I got to say stuff when I went to Singapore"

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