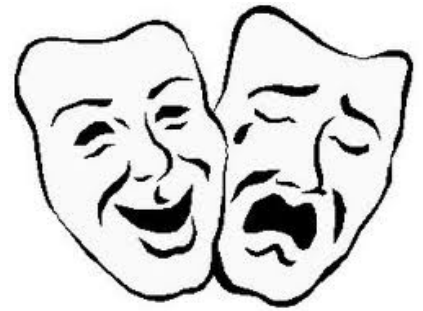


HILLTOP NEWS

Week Seven, Term One, Tuesday, March 8th, 2016 - Edition One Hundred and Sixty-six

Drama Week

Two plays in four days! *Hansel and Gretel* in the open air, by OzOpera, followed by *Return of the Bully*, gave us the chance to compare and contrast two different approaches to drama. The general opinion of our students was that *Hansel and Gretel* was a little too long, and difficult to understand, while “*the Bully*” was funnier, shorter and punchier.



Here's what the Year Six critics said about “*the Bully*”:-

Its intended age range was 5 - 8 years, but its message was one for all ages - Elizabeth Wood

A wonderful and exhilarating production, an educational experience for everyone! Emily Miles

It was funny and helpful for people being bullied inside and out of school, and was also a bit educational - Daniel Barnes

Although it had some parts that were a bit surreal - like the karate teacher scene - it was fun, and an ideal play for kids-Sadie Ferguson

Off to State Swimming

Our super senior girls' relay team has done it again, this time at the Hunter Central Coast Regional Carnival, where they were convincing winners by several seconds. Next big swim is at Homebush, Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre, on April 11th. Go girls!



Clean Up Australia

Congratulations to our students on their strong effort last Friday as they participated in the schools version of this national day. All classes pitched in to help, and much of what we picked up was our own rubbish, often products sold by our own canteen. We collected seven bags of rubbish just from our own playground and gardens!

Disco Coming Up Soon - Thursday 31st March

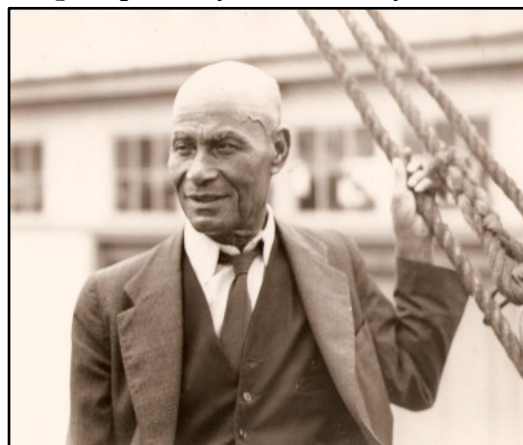
Can you help? We need parent volunteers from KM and 6E to staff the barbeque and drink sales. Each class is asked just once per year, so please try to support our kids by volunteering. Email the school if you are able to help, or just drop into or phone the office.

Newsletter Quiz

Congratulations to Toby Burman, who knew the identity of Black Harris, who lived opposite our school, and earned a living “kidnapping” sailors for the sailing ships early last century.

This weeks' quiz is below. Win a draw from the lucky dip bag, if you are the first to answer this question, by email to john.beach@det.nsw.edu.au

Before our school moved to its present site, what Newcastle street was it on?



Basketball Success



Logan Dubé just recently trialled for the Regional Primary School Basketball as a representative of the City Zone. Here he is, pictured with his team of skilled basketballers. Unfortunately, he was a younger age than most, so just missed out this year. Next year will be his turn! However, he was selected early this year for Division 1 U12 boys Hunter Representative Basketball which is the highest and most competitive level for the Hunter Region.

Survey of Children With Special Needs

I have been asked by DET planners to compile a list of students who may be coming to NEPS over the next few years, in Kindergarten, but who might need additional support. It may be that you know neighbours or friends with little ones with disabilities which require extra help to make school a success for them. Could you spread the word that parents of these children are asked to email me on john.beach@det.nsw.edu.au with some contact details, so that we might be well-prepared for their arrival.

For Your Diary

- Thursday 10th March - Selective Schools Test
- Thursday 17th March - School Cross-country Carnival - Foreshore Park, Grade 3 - 6
 - Early Warning - Easter Hat Parade - Thursday 24th March, at 2 pm.



Canteen News!

Want to help in the canteen but can't make it in for a whole day? We would love a couple of volunteers who can come to canteen for an hour or two on a Tuesday or a Thursday to restock the freezer and fridge.

Text Cherry on 0409 927 006 if you can help.

School Voluntary Contribution and Text Book Levy

School fees are now able to be paid online through the NEPS website. Not all sports or excursions can be paid online. Please check your permission note as to whether online payment is available.

Detailed instruction on how to make online payment in the following link:

https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/finance/schools/banking/Parent_Instructions.pdf

NEPS OOSH NEWS

Before school care breakfast club is a great option for the busy parent. Our menu consists of cereals (weetbix, rice bubbles, cornflakes, cheerios and cocoa bombs), toast and toppings, pancakes, egg wraps and fruit with a refreshing milk drink afterwards. We do a craft of the children's choosing and self-directed play. We can also do hair (I have become an expert at pony tails and plaits).

Just a reminder that if you are not attending OOSH could you please notify me before 10am on 49291550 or email nepsoosh16@gmail.com

Vacation Care Survey

We are looking for expressions of interest if you would utilise vacation care. Could you please fill in and hand into the school office.

Please circle

Would you use vacation care **YES** **NO**

What days would you most likely use?

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Thank you for your time

Cheers Tracey

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 Stage Assembly	11	12 LMBR training JA	13	14
4.	15	16 Debating Workshop	17 Swimming Carnival	18	19	20	21
5.	22	23	24 Zone Swimming Stage Assembly	25	26	27	28
6.	29	1	2 Full Assembly	3 Regional Swim Carn Hansel and Gretel	4 Clean-up Australia	5	6
7.	7 Return of the Bully	8	9 Stage Assembly	10 Selective Schools Test	11	12	13
8.	14	15 LMBR training JA	16 Full Assembly	17 Cross Country Carnival	18	19	20
9.	21 Harmony Day	22 LMBR training LA	23 Stage Assembly	24 Easter Hat Parade	25 Good Friday	26	27
10.	28 Easter Monday	29 Writers' Festival Parent/teacher interviews	30 LMBR training	31 Lessons of a LAC	1 LMBR training John	2	3
			Full Assembly				
11.	4 Parent/teacher interviews	5	6 Stage	7 LMBR training LA	8 LMBR training LA		
			Assembly				

Gifted and Talented Students (GATS)

The Hunter Primary GATS Committee will be holding 2 Parent Information Sessions to accommodate the Newcastle and Maitland regions.

Maitland session

When: Wednesday 9th March at 6pm

Where: **School library**

Rutherford Public School

Weblands Street, Rutherford

NSW 2320

Newcastle session

When: Wednesday 16th March at 6pm

Where: **School hall**

The Junction Public School

Union Street, Merewether

NSW 2291

Guest Speakers:

Mrs Christine Rippon

Principal of

Merewether High School

Mrs Lee Saurins

Principal of

Wiripaang Public School

Agenda

- What is a Gifted and Talented Student?
- Myths around 'Gifted Students'
- Respect, Rights and Responsibilities
- Geniuses in the Making

Tea, coffee and light supper will be provided from 5:30pm.



**Hunter Primary GATS
Committee**



CANTEEN MENU

NEWCASTLE EAST
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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 hommus 50c extra	3.50
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GARDEN SALAD BOX Salad with ham off the bone or chicken breast extras 50c: cheese, pineapple, beetroot	3.50
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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: cheese, vegemite, tomato, ham, jam, honey (extra toppings .50)	2.00
CHICKEN RUN chicken, lettuce, mayo	3.50
WALLACE & GROMMET cheese & tomato	3.00
BABE ham off the bone, cheese, tomato	3.50
RAINBOW SALAD lettuce, tomato, carrot, cucumber (extra items .50)	3.00
SHARK BITE tuna, lettuce & mayo	3.50

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





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LOCATION: Howzat Indoor
Centre, Cooks Hill

TIME: 9.00-3.00pm

(FREE before camp care
from 8.00am)

AGE GROUPS: 6-13 years



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