

HILLTOP NEWS

Week Three, Term Two, Tuesday May 10th , 2016 - Edition One Hundred and Seventy-three

Choral Fest A NEPS Success

Last week our three choirs represented NEPS at Lake Macquarie Performing Arts Centre, and each group sang beautifully. Our Senior Choir, the Neptunes, won the overall competition, bringing home a beautiful trophy for best overall choir in Newcastle. A huge achievement, thanks to Mrs Edge's inspiring leadership, and almost matched by our Infants Choir, ably led by Miss Dickinson, who won Highly Commended, and our Boys' Choir, which finished runners-up in that section. It was such a strong school performance that we are very proud of our singers, at all ages in our school. My sincere thanks go to the teachers who made this possible.



National Trust Awards Ceremony

Last Friday our 200th anniversary book committee travelled to Sydney for these awards, which represented many categories of heritage works, including building restoration, tourism, and our category, heritage publications, which had attracted hundreds of entries. The standard was exceptional - the winner was journalist Stan Grant's book on aboriginal history - but we did just miss out, scoring a Highly Commended award. For a volunteer committee, this was a great result. A reminder that we still have copies of the book for sale. They make an excellent present for relatives living here, or overseas. They have been particularly popular with grand-parents too! Our office staff can even arrange postage.

Vaccinations for Kids?

Sorry! It's on the Planner for tomorrow, Wednesday 11th. It's for the flu and whooping cough, and it's for teachers and office staff only.

Keep our Library Books Safe!

New durable, waterproof and functional library bags available from the school office ... \$10 each



Costume Design Help Needed

Our drama workshops have begun for the big performance in week nine. We have a name for our play - Once Up On A Hill. Pretty catchy I think! Students have been working with Mrs Lyndal Edge and Ms Megan West to create a little story about the history of the school. We are super-impressed with the work so far and can't wait to see more. This is also a big call-out for some helpers. We really need a costume coordinator at this stage. Some sewing ability is desirable. Many of the costumes could easily be made up of second hand Salvos or Vinnies clothing but there are some costumes that may need making. If you can help, please contact Mrs Edge! We will also post up-dates this term of our progress. It's getting exciting!



P and C / School Council

Both these groups meet next Monday night, with p and C looking at fund-raising and school projects, and School Council looking at school planning. You're welcome!

Glass-free Zone

This term, just three weeks old, we have had several serious incidents with broken glass. Please do not send drinks or food to school in glass containers. If they are dropped and smashed, small children can either step on the shards, or try to pick the broken glass, cutting their fingers. Glass in schools - a big "no-no".



Payments

As we are approaching our LMBR rollover, we ask that if you have any outstanding fees or excursion money, could you please have it finalised by Friday, 3rd June. We will not be receipting between Monday 6th and Friday 17th June.

Online payments cannot be accepted during this time as we will have a new bank account and it will be extremely difficult to retrieve any money that goes into the old bank account.

Thank you for your understanding and patience during this time.

After-school Sports – Full list

All our activities are up and running this week, and thanks to parents and teachers.

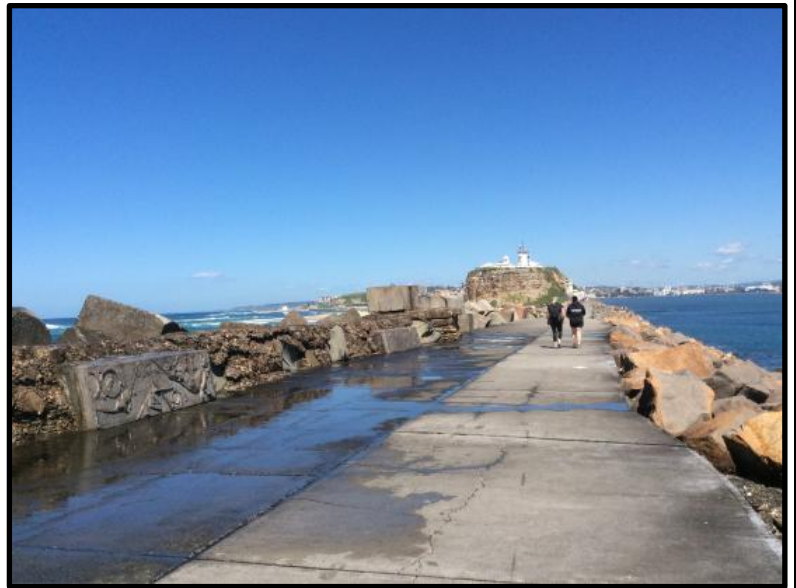
- Monday – sailing at Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club / Netball at school
- Wednesday – cricket in the school nets and under the COLA
- Thursday – touch rugby

Trivia Quiz

It's double prizes this week, as I try to clear out my "treasure trove" of prizes before I finish at NEPS in eight weeks. This week's question: -

What is the **proper title** of this famous Newcastle landmark?

Please email your answers to: - john.beach@det.nsw.edu.au



Zane Shaw's Maths Puzzle

Have a try of this very clever maths puzzle worked out by Zane, from Mrs Thompson's class. Zane designed and programmed the entire puzzle himself! Smart! Click this link to try it.

<https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/86580893/>

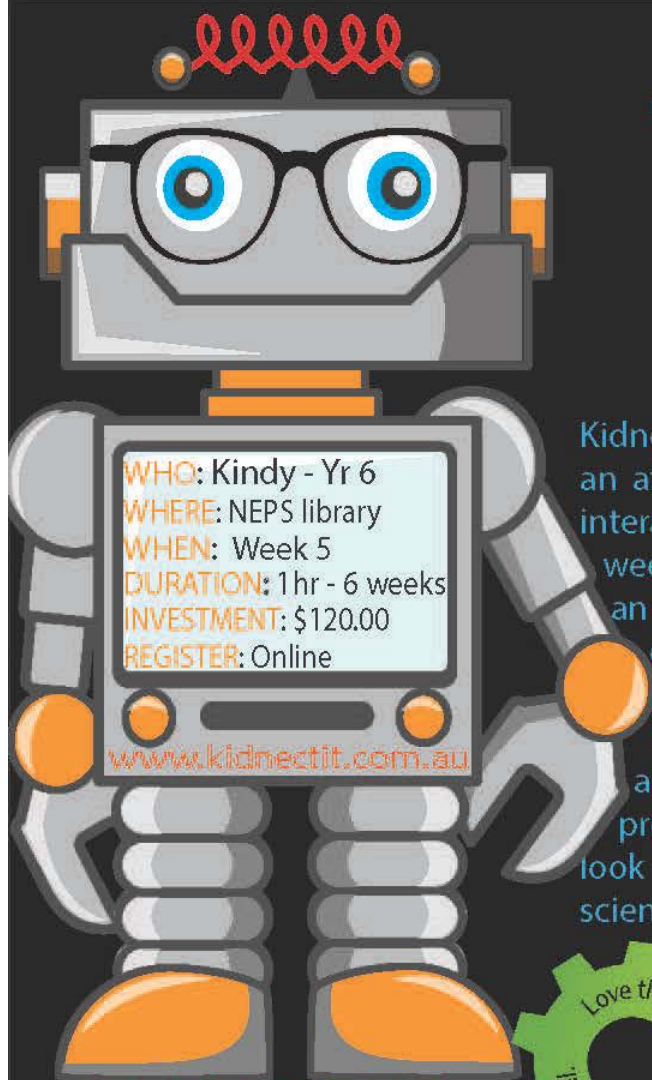
Mothers' Day Classic and NEPS Running Club



Our Tuesday Running Club is really catching on, with most of our students spending part of their lunchtime doing enthusiastic laps of our school grounds, with Mrs Thompson organising the event each week. No special gear is needed, and you can just run in your normal school uniform. Meanwhile, the running effect is spreading! Noah Handley and Mrs Thompson both took part in the Mothers' Day Classic yesterday, which is a 7km run along the foreshore, part of the breakwall, past Nobbys and Newcastle Beach and half way up Watt Street.

TERM TWO PLANNER

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1.	April 25 ANZAC DAY	26 SDD	27 LMBR L/A	28	29
2.	May 2 GATS Debating Workshop Sailing	3	4 Cricket training	5 LMBR L/A History Course 4-6	6 LMBR John
3.	9 Sailing	10 NAPLAN	11 NAPLAN Flu Vax 2.30/3.30	12 NAPLAN	13 LMBR L/A
4.	16 Sailing	17 ICAS Digital Tech LMBR John	18 GATS Maths	19 LMBR L/A	20 LMBR L/A
5.	23 School Photos Sailing	24 Primary Athletics Skills Workshop	25 LMBR L/A	26 GATS Poetry LMBR L/A	27
6.	30 Sailing	31 ICAS Science	June 1	2 LMBR L/A	3 LMBR L/A
7.	6	7	8 LMBR L/A	9	10
8.	13 Queen's Birthday Holiday	14 ICAS Writing LMBR Live	15 ICAS Spelling	16 Whole School Athletics Carnival	17
9.	20	21	22	23	24 LMBR John
10.	27	28 Canberra 5/6	29 Canberra	30 Canberra	July 1 Canberra
		BandLink	Bandlink		Mr Beach's last day at NEPS



WHO: Kindy - Yr 6
WHERE: NEPS library
WHEN: Week 5
DURATION: 1 hr - 6 weeks
INVESTMENT: \$120.00
REGISTER: Online

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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 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?

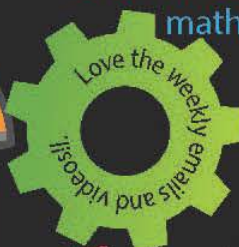
Do you want to awaken your child's imagination?

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

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

Do you want your child to be academically challenged?

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



If you answered YES book now!
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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 Adventures (K - 2)

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 Extreme (Grades 5 and 6)

Students will have an awesome time building advanced Lego Mindstorm robots that can respond to a multitude of sensors. This term students will program a robot to compete in a sumo challenge at the end of the term. Each week students will program and build on extra elements to their robot that will be required during the battle round in the final week of term.

NEW PROGRAMS - For those students who are interested in programming in video games

Video game programming (k & 1)

Even our youngest students can enjoy video game programming with Scratch Jr., a special version of Scratch. We start each class with a kinetic exercise to help kids learn about programming blocks – then we grab our devices and start writing! (Yes, as always we provide all necessary equipment for use during class).

Video game programming (2 & 3)

Does your child dream of writing his or her own video games? We've found a great way to get started: Scratch, the super-simple drag-and-drop multimedia programming language.

	Monday	Friday
2.50 pm -3.50 pm		Robot Adventures
3.10 pm - 4.10 pm		Robot Extreme
4.10 pm - 5.10 pm	Video Game Programming K-1	Video Game Programming Grades 2 & 3

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**

The simplest way

...to shop in season and save.

Buying fruit and veg when it is in season is much cheaper than at other times of year. It's better quality and tastes better too.

Autumn heralds a host of new season produce. Here is a guide for March, April and May:

FRUIT

Apple (Red Delicious, Granny Smith), Avocado, Banana, Custard Apple, Fig, Grapes, Grapefruit, Kiwifruit, Mandarin (Imperial), Melon, Nashi, Orange (Valencia), Passionfruit, Pear, Plum, Persimmon.



VEGETABLES

Asian Greens, Beans (Green), Beetroot, Broccoli, Cabbage, Capsicum, Carrot, Cauliflower, Celery, Cucumber, Eggplant, Leek, Lettuce/Salad Mix, Mushroom, Onion, Peas (Snow), Potato, Pumpkin, Shallots, Spinach, Sweetcorn, Tomato, Turnip, Zucchini.



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