

HILLTOP NEWS

Week Five, Term Two, Tuesday, May 22nd, 2016 Edition One Hundred and Seventy-five

Debating

Congratulations to our Grade Five team, after they had a comfortable win against New Lambton Public School on Friday. The topic was “That cows are better than sheep”, and with Elizabeth Wood as mentor, our team argued that it was not possible to compare the two in any fair way. This team line won the debate, along with some very strong speaking by Ruby P, Romeo A-M, Ruby C, and Amberly M. Well done team, and best of luck to our Premiers Challenge team for their first debate, this week, against Hamilton North.

Maths Olympiad

We certainly have some very talented students in Maths, and last week two events stretched their abilities even further. On Wednesday we ran an extension workshop for these students who opted to sit for the very challenging Maths Olympiad tests, and on Thursday, they did their first Olympiad test paper. Here are some examples from the paper, to test your mathematical ability:

I am thinking of a number. When I subtract 150 from it, I get the same answer as when I divide it by 7. What is the number?

A man decides to divide his fortune, \$100, between his five daughters, so that each child gets \$5 more than the preceding daughter. How much does the youngest child get?

Working Bee

As part of our preparation for our school drama/musical production, I am planning a working bee on the morning of Sunday June 10th. Tasks will be in the school's gardens - weeding, mulching, and cleaning up fallen branches. Morning tea will be provided, and children are very welcome to help as well. Working bees are a great way to meet other families and chat in an informal setting, as well as demonstrating to your children that you hold the school in high regard. Bring some gloves and tools too!



Playground Closed for Repairs

Sadly, due to soil erosion and weathering, I have had to close off a section of our lower playground, to give grass time to regenerate. Following our asbestos management plan, this is a mandatory safety requirement.

Sculpture Display



Year Six students have created these organic sculptural forms, and they are on display in our School Foyer. At Primary Assembly we had a demonstration of how to create them, using just a block of wood, a coat hanger, and an old stocking. They make sensational sinewy shapes!

University of Newcastle - GRIP Leadership

Last Thursday, several year six students went to Newcastle University to attend GRIP Leadership Conference. GRIP Leadership is a program for year six students who would like to learn more about leadership and how to continually grow as a leader and role model, and this course is held all over the country. At the conference, we learnt about core values, constant input, adding to what is around you and how to combine with others. We covered several topics, including “Bye Bye Bullying”, “People to Influence” and “Traffic Light Leadership”. In “*Bye Bye Bullying*” we learnt about looking for signs of bullying and what to do when we do see bullying. If you do, make sure to tell a teacher! As leaders have influence on younger students we should make sure the influence is positive. In “*traffic light leadership*” we learnt about cataloguing our ideas. If you have any ideas talk to a student leader!



All the School Gossip

- All primary children went to the Athletics Field today to practise their athletics skills, including high jump, long jump, and shotput.
- Rehearsals are well underway for our school musical production, and you would have received a costume advice note last week, from your child's teacher.
- School photos were taken today, under a beautiful sunny sky, and are expected back in around one month.
- Just one week of after-school sailing to go, and our kids are loving it, and learning!

The Quiz

Lots of people got last week's question correct, giving the age range of our first class in 1816 as from three to thirteen years. More history this week, and again the answer can be found in To Climb The Hill, our official school history.

In 1966 we celebrated our 150th anniversary. Who was the Headmaster then?

Remember, double prizes for the correct answer this term.

Band

The School Band will be performing at our whole school assembly this week.

Assembly starts at 12.20pm Wednesday, 25th May.

Parents welcome to come along ...



Canteen

The School Canteen is organised and run each week by parents who generously volunteer their time. Volunteering for the canteen is a fun way to be involved in your child's school life. You only need to give us one school day a term (9am until 2pm). It's easy and you will be trained before you're put into the canteen on your own.

For those who are working parents, most of our canteen volunteers work in paid jobs too!

Please text Cherry on 0409927006 if you can help out this term.



23 May		27 May
		Cecilia, Felicia & Lou P
30 May		3 Jun
Volunteer needed		Volunteers x2 needed
6 Jun		10 Jun
Volunteer needed		Willow Fensom
		Volunteer needed
13 Jun		17 Jun
Queens Birthday		Volunteers x2 needed
20 Jun		24 Jun
Liz Walker		Kelly Wyman
Jenny Sutton		Naomi
27 Jun		1 Jul
Susan Crawford		Michelle Crawford
		Volunteer needed












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	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 Working Bee 
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

Too sick for school?

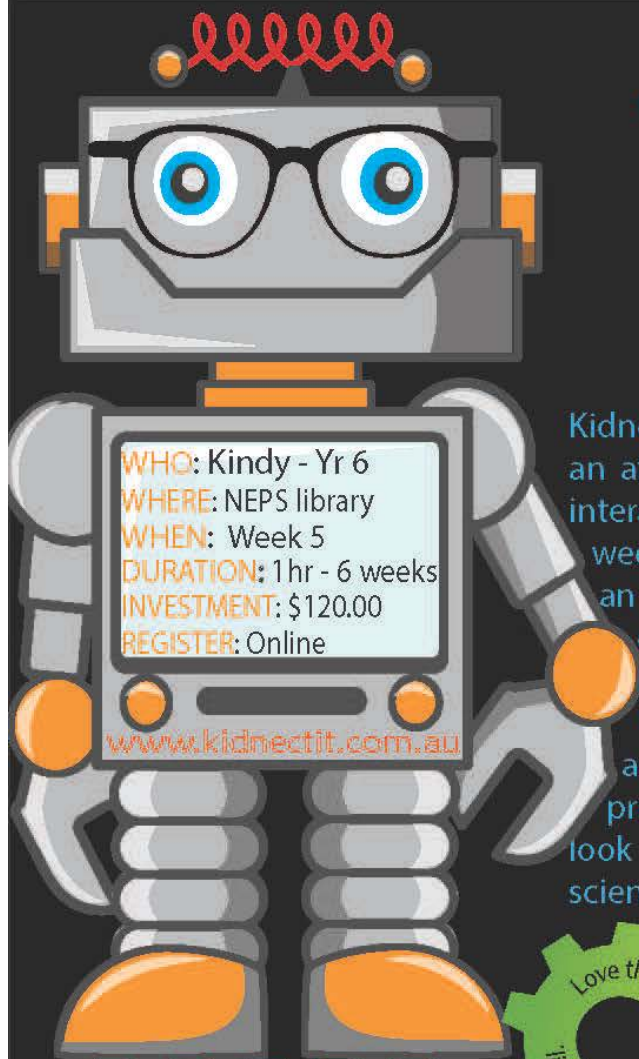


Generally if your child feels unwell, keep them home from school and consult your doctor. This chart and the information it contains is not intended to take the place of a consultation with your doctor.

Bronchitis	Symptoms are coughing, a runny nose, sore throat and mild fever. The cough is often dry at first, becoming moist after a couple of days. There may be a slight wheeze and shortness of breath. A higher fever (typically above 39°C) may indicate pneumonia.	 ... until they are feeling better. Antibiotics may be needed.
Chickenpox (Varicella)	Slight fever, runny nose, and a rash that begins as raised pink spots that blister and scab.	 ... for 5 days from the onset of the rash and the blisters have dried.
Conjunctivitis	The eye feels 'scratchy', is red and may water. Lids may stick together on waking.	 ... while there is discharge from the eye unless a doctor has diagnosed a non-infectious cause.
Diarrhoea (no organism identified)	Two or more consecutive bowel motions that are looser and more frequent than normal and possibly stomach cramps.	 ... for at least 24 hours after diarrhoea stops.
Fever	A temperature of 38.5°C or more in older infants and children.	 ... until temperature is normal.
Gastroenteritis	A combination of frequent loose or watery stools (diarrhoea), vomiting, fever, stomach cramps, headaches.	 ... for at least 24 hours after diarrhoea and/or vomiting stops.
German measles (Rubella)	Often mild or no symptoms: mild fever, runny nose, swollen nodes, pink blotchy rash that lasts a short time.	 ... for at least 4 days after the rash appears.
Glandular Fever (Mononucleosis, EBV infection)	Symptoms include fever, headache, sore throat, tiredness, swollen nodes.	 ... unless they're feeling unwell.
Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)	Generally a mild illness caused by a virus, perhaps with a fever, blisters around the mouth, on the hands and feet, and perhaps the nappy area in babies.	 ... until all blisters have dried.
Hayfever (Allergic rhinitis) caused by allergy to pollen (from grasses, flowers and trees), dust mites, animal fur or hair, mould spores, cigarette smoke	Sneezing, a blocked or runny nose (rhinitis), itchy eyes, nose and throat, headaches.	 ... unless they feel unwell or are taking a medication which makes them sleepy.
Head lice or nits* (Pediculosis)	Itchy scalp, white specks stuck near the base of the hairs; lice may be found on the scalp.	 ... while continuing to treat head lice each night. Tell the school.

Hepatitis A	Often none in young children; sudden onset of fever, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, jaundice (yellowing of skin and eyes), dark urine, pale stools.	 ... for 2 weeks after first symptoms (or 1 week after onset of jaundice). Contact your doctor before returning to school.
Hepatitis B	Often no symptoms in young children. When they do occur, they can include fever, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, jaundice (yellowing of skin and eyes), dark urine.	 ... if they have symptoms. Contact your doctor before returning to school.  ... if they have a chronic infection (not the first outbreak) and no symptoms.
Impetigo (School sores)	Small red spots change into blisters that fill up with pus and become crusted; usually on the face, hands or scalp.	 ... until antibiotic treatment starts. Sores should be covered with watertight dressings.
Influenza	Sudden onset fever, runny nose, sore throat, cough, muscle aches and headaches.	 ... until well.
Measles	Fever, tiredness, runny nose, cough and sore red eyes for a few days followed by a red blotchy rash that starts on the face and spreads down the body and lasts 4 to 7 days.	 ... for at least 4 days after the rash appears.
Meningococcal Disease	Sudden onset of fever and a combination of headache, neck, stiffness, nausea, vomiting, drowsiness or rash.	Seek medical attention immediately. Patient will need hospital treatment. Close contacts receive antibiotics.
Molluscum Contagiosum	Multiple small lumps (2–5mm) on the skin that are smooth, firm and round, with dimples in the middle. In children, occur mostly on the face, trunk, upper arms and legs. Symptoms can last 6 months to 2 years.	
Mumps	Fever, swollen and tender glands around the jaw.	 ... for 9 days after onset of swelling.
Ringworm* (tinea corporis)	Small scaly patch on the skin surrounded by a pink ring.	 ... for 24 hours after fungal treatment has begun.
Runny nose or common cold		 ... unless there are other symptoms such as fever, sore throat, cough, rash or headache. Check with school.
Scabies*	Itchy skin, worse at night. Worse around wrists, armpits, buttocks, groin and between fingers and toes.	 ... until 24 hours after treatment has begun.
Shigella	Diarrhoea (which may contain blood, mucus and pus), fever, stomach cramps, nausea and vomiting.	 ... until there has not been a loose bowel motion for 24 hours. Antibiotics may be needed.
Slapped Cheek Syndrome (Parvovirus B19 infection, fifth disease, erythema infectiosum)	Mild fever, red cheeks, itchy lace-like rash, and possibly cough, sore throat or runny nose.	 ... as it is most infectious before the rash appears.
Whooping Cough (Pertussis)	Starts with a running nose, followed by persistent cough that comes in bouts. Bouts maybe followed by vomiting and a whooping sound as the child gasps for air.	 ... until the first 5 days of an antibiotic course has been completed. Unimmunised siblings may need to stay home too until treated with an antibiotic.
Worms (Threadworms, pinworms)	The main sign of threadworms is an itchy bottom. Sometimes children feel 'out of sorts' and do not want to eat much. They may also have trouble sleeping, due to itching at night.	 ... and tell the school as other parents will need to know to check their kids.

***It is important that the rest of the family is checked for head lice, scabies and ringworm**



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 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?

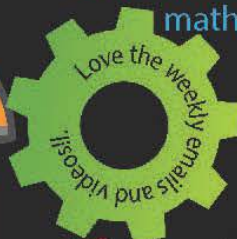
Do you want to awaken your child's imagination?

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

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?



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Which club best suits your child?

Robot Builder (K - 2)

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 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 (Yrs 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.

Video game programming (Yr 4)

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	Monday	Thursday	Friday
2.50pm -3.50pm	Video Programming K/1	Robot builder K-2	Programming Yr 2/3
3.50 pm - 4.50pm	Video programming Yr 4		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.**