

HILLTOP NEWS

Week Six, Term Two, Tuesday, May 31st, 2016 Edition One Hundred and Seventy-six

Working Bee Sunday 12th June

Please mark in your diary this Sunday morning event, to get our gardens ready for winter, and to see them in their best shape for our school drama production. Tasks include raking, mulching, weeding, watering, and fertilising plants and trees. Kids are welcome too, and a working bee is a great way to meet other parents and families.

Musica Viva – Makukuhan Brings Indonesian Percussion to NEPS



Yesterday we were treated to some exciting rhythms and music by this clever group of Indonesian musicians, who had us clapping along and singing to some pretty exotic beats. We all attended, and some parents too! A great show!

Bicentennial Fair Meeting Friday

The Fair is our biggest and most important fund-raising event, and our P and C hopes to make lots of money to go toward school projects, such as re-turfing our playground with a durable, all-weather surface. It will be held in October, on the 22nd, but crucial planning is starting now, and we need your help. Our next meeting is this Friday, at 8.45 in the Staff Room, and if you can make it, it's a chance to catch up on progress, and to contribute your own ideas. We really need everyone to pitch in if the Fair is to be as successful as some in the past which have raised around \$30000. It's fine to bring your pre-schooler along too!

Rugby Holiday Camp – Grass Roots Rugby Academy

Wanderers Rugby Club is hosting a two day camp for children aged from nine to fourteen, on July 4th and 5th. Cost is \$160, and this covers expert coaching, healthy snacks, and accessories. For enquiries, www.grra8.com.au, or email GM@wanderersrugby.com.au

Sailing finishes under A Wintery Sun

We completed our Term Two Sailing Program yesterday, in ideal weather conditions, with some very close racing around the harbour, and some strong competition between crews. My thanks to the teachers who made this program possible. With regulations requiring one teacher on each boat, this was a labour-intensive exercise, and without staff generous with their time, no sailing could have taken place. I hope that sailing might become a life-long interest for our students, and it does pay off in terms of team-work, strategic thinking, and problem-solving, as well as the sailing skills of steering, trimming sails, and rigging and packing away the boats.



Black White and Restive



A group of creative NEPS students will be involved in the Black White & Restive exhibition that is opening at the Newcastle Art Gallery this weekend. The students of the Art Project classes have created a group installation to demonstrate the collaboration of indigenous and non-indigenous artists in conjunction with Saretta Fielding. The work will be exhibited in the interactive space of the gallery from this Saturday.

For more details about this fantastic exhibition and its available times, visit:

http://www.nag.org.au/exhibitions/future/artist/black_white_and_restive

For more details on classes at the Art Project, both after-school and holiday, email andrew@andrewdennis.com.au or call 0403 303 366

ICAS Science

Forty-one students sat for this test today, and they had to deal with some challenging questions. With so much media attention given to promoting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths) it is gratifying to see this level of enthusiasm, and reflects the strong interest in Science lessons delivered by Mrs Hadfield.

Science Lesson Produces Hot Air

These excited students produced carbon dioxide gas by mixing baking soda and vinegar, to produce an endothermic reaction. That is, the chemicals become very cold to the touch, as they released the CO₂ gas into the balloon.



Poetry Workshop Report

Last week on Thursday, a certain group of students went to a poetry workshop, hosted by Mrs Bugbird. The group learned all about 'MARSHOP' which is an easy way to remember the tools used in poetry, Metaphors, Alliteration, Rhyme, Simile, Hyperbole, Onomatopoeia, and Personification. It may sound complicated, but they got the hang of it in the end. The group then wrote some poems of their own using these tools. They were all amazing and powerful, and many of them are going to be entered into the Dorathea Mackellar Poetry Competition. Remember, anybody can enter, but entries must in by June thirtieth. Mrs.Bugbird enjoyed teaching us, but would love for more people to be interested in the subject. Remember, everyone has a poet inside them, but it's your own choice to wake it up.

Report by Alara Guner



Bicentennial Fair Poster Competition

Our P and C are asking children to enter a competition to publicise our Fair. Some children are working on this in class and some at home. These essential details **must** be included:-

- Newcastle East Public School
- Bicentennial Fair
- 22 October 2016, from 10am – 3pm

The competition will be broken up into 3 categories, with \$10 prizes for each:

- Infants (K-2)
- Stage 2 (3 – 4)
- Senior (5-6)

Entries must be submitted by Thursday 23 June (week 9)

Late to School?

If you're bringing your child school after the school day has begun at 8.45, you must sign in at the Office before sending your child to class. Children must present their teacher with their late slip and they cannot sign themselves in, just as they cannot legally sign their own absence note!



Reminders:

Final payment for the Canberra Excursion is now due.

Sushi orders need to be in by 2pm Thursday afternoons.



Mother's Day

Mother's Day cards being delivered to residents at the Amaroo Lodge by the Kiwanis that our students made. The cards were very well received at the nursing home. The women enjoyed getting such personalised and heartfelt cards. They enjoyed reading the messages and poems that the students wrote. We delivered to roughly 70 women.

The Sea is a Fickle Goddess

The sea is a fickle goddess
 Punching, kicking, and crashing on the shore
 Rising up and sinking boats
 With her silvery face and shimmering blue dress
 She will woo sailors and lead them to a watery death

The moon god is her partner
 Attracting and neglecting her
 Lower Earth, she is the conqueror
 The skies her nemesis

Beaching her weak children
 Sheltering her strong
 Under her surface
 This ancient goddess holds a wonderland in her hand

Flowing gracefully
 Swirling around happy children
 The mother below
 The revealer of treasure

The sea is a fickle goddess

Logan Crawford

Newcastle East Public School Out Of School Hours Vacation Care Program

NEPS OOSH VACATION CARE AIM: To promote a friendly community based vacation care option for parents

Current proposed Vacation Care Program July 4th to July 15th plus Monday 18th pupil free day!

Vacation Care Booking Form July 2016

****PLEASE NOTE:** Vacation care availability & daily options will be subject to the number of children booked

Bookings are essential and will close on the 24th June 2016

An email confirmation will be sent to you on booking

Booking Vacation Care: Please tick in the box the day/days you require below

Parent Name _____ Contact number _____

Email contact _____

Child/ Children's names _____

Please note any special dietary requirements _____

Please tick the box on the appropriate day/days you wish your child/children to attend

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| Week 1 | Monday 4 th | Tuesday 5 th | Wednesday 6 th | Thursday 7 th | Friday 8 th |
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| Week 2 | Monday 11 th | Tuesday 12 th | Wednesday 13 th | Thursday 14 th | Friday 15 th |
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| Pupil Free Day | Monday 18 th | | | | |
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Points to Remember

- **Cost for the day is \$60. A 50% deposit of fees will need to paid before vacation care**
- All lunches and afternoon teas are supplied by NEPS OOSH. A menu will be advertised on 4th July at the centre. Special dietary needs will be catered for so please inform staff a few days before attendance
- Bring in a piece of fruit each day attended. It will be pooled and shared with fruit platters for morning tea
- **There will be no cancellation of days after the 24th of June.** Where possible we will replace your day for another day or if able to give your day to another family and cancel your fee.

NEPS OOSH Vacation Care

Family Information

Operating Hours: 7.30am to 6pm Monday to Friday

Please contact Tracey with any questions on:

Phone: 49291550 or email:

nepsoosh16@gmail.com

Daily Program

7.30am: Breakfast till 8.30am

Free time period

Games and craft

Electronic games and board games are available for the children's enjoyment during free time.

9.30am: Morning program includes excursion start time

10.30am Morning tea

11.00am Program continues

12.30pm Lunch and free time period includes movie

2.00pm Afternoon program

3.30pm Afternoon tea

5.00pm Pack away and tidy up and free play

6.00pm Centre close

MENU

All Lunches and afternoon teas will be catered for by

NEPS OOSH.

Lunch menu will consist of salad wraps, toasted sandwiches, sausage sizzle, pasta bake, spaghetti Bolognese, tacos and more

gluten free, vegetarian and eggless options.

Morning tea

Please bring in 1 piece of fruit so we can share in fruit platters

Afternoon tea

The children will have the opportunity to create the afternoon teas in the morning. Cooking will be a part of the morning program when at the centre

TERM TWO PLANNER

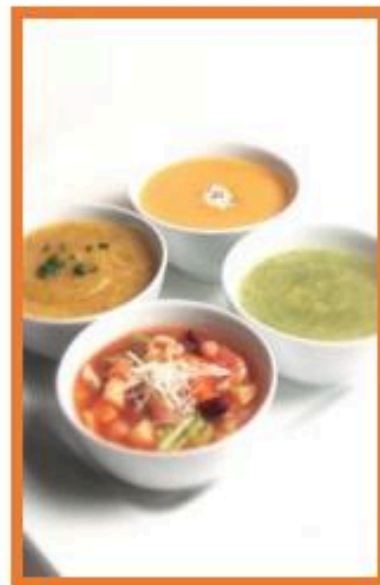
| Week | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 1. | April 25 ANZAC DAY | 26 SDD | 27 LMBR L/A | 28 | 29 |
| 2. | May 2 GATS Debating Workshop Sailing | 3 | 4 Cricket training | 5 LMBR L/A History Course 4-6 | 6 LMBR John |
| 3. | 9 Sailing | 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 |

The simplest way

...to whip up winter warmers.

Cold weather comfort food. What better way to get through winter than with some of these veg-filled favourites:

Soup: a great way to mix or blend extra veg in to the family diet. Try pumpkin; lamb and barley with carrot, celery, potato and onion; or Asian noodle packed with Chinese cabbage and bok choy. Go to eatittobeatit.com.au for the recipes.



Curry or stew: cheap cuts of lean meat become deliciously tender when cooked for several hours in a slow cooker, stovetop pot or oven dish. Remember to add plenty of veg (such as legumes, carrots, onions, beans, celery, peas or mushrooms).

Toasted sandwiches or stuffed potatoes: filled with cheese plus baked beans and/or corn, peas and chopped capsicum.

For more information visit
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