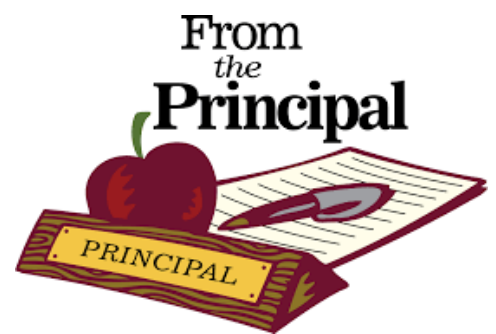


HILLTOP NEWS

Week Two, Term Three, Tuesday, 26th 2016 Edition One Hundred and Eighty Two

It takes a village to raise a child." – African Proverb

The sentiment of this proverb is far-reaching. It represents a core belief that, as we help our children grow into young adults, we as a community all share the responsibility to ensure this process succeeds. Its implication for a school community is particularly poignant. We rely on our teachers to deal with the day-to-day educational needs of our students. However, the success of this is determined by the wider school culture that all stakeholders contribute to. The contribution, particularly of our parent community, takes many forms. Whether it is participation through such forums as School Council, through providing feedback via surveys and interviews, or volunteering to assist with whole school events, every effort counts towards building a culture where our students' development is paramount. Often a lot of work is left to a willing few and I have seen the incredible amount of effort that many of these helpers have contributed to ensure the ongoing support of our students' learning. I implore you to seek out how you can also help, particularly if you haven't had the opportunity before. Your contribution to our "village" will be long-standing and of benefit to us all.



Emergency Contact Details

As the winter months take hold it's important that parents make sure their contact details are up to date. If you're unsure please contact our school office and our office staff will check our computer system. This is a very important issue and it is a parent's responsibility to keep the school informed of any changes.

Spelling in the Classroom

A number of classes have been trialling 'new' ways of teaching spelling this year. This term, parents will receive an information note about these new approaches. Spelling will remain part of the English syllabus but may be taught differently to the way that was taught when parents were at school.

What words will our students be learning to spell?

The Australian Curriculum English will continue to inform our planning and teaching of spelling. Word patterns and rules are introduced based upon students' growing understanding of the English language. Students will also study spelling attempts from their own writing, words from books they are reading in class and vocabulary that is being introduced through our units of inquiry. Rather than a static list of words each week, students will brainstorm groups of words to study based upon a spelling rule or pattern, along their own spelling attempts.

What can I do to support my child's spelling development at home?

- Encourage your child to attempt to spell words. Ask questions such as: "What sound can you hear at the beginning, middle and end of the word?" "What are the ways we can spell that sound?"
- Discourage your child's rubbing out of spelling mistakes. Instead, encourage them to put a bracket around the word they are unsure of and support them in thinking about what strategies they can use to figure out the sounds and spelling choices needed.

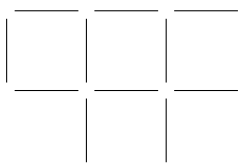


World News

Unfortunately, over the last few months events around the world have been quite disturbing. This can involve acts of terrorism and civil unrest as well as political leaders or aspiring leaders voicing opinions. It is very difficult to shelter our young students from what is being covered on the media, sometimes quite graphically. These events and opinions have recently come to school and where we as a staff wish to support our students in all ways, it is felt that these topics are best discussed at home in the privacy and care of parents/carers. Your support in this delicate area is greatly appreciated.

The answer to last week's quiz was **Manly**. (*I know that it should be the Knights now I'm living in the Hunter*). An easy one to start. Have fun with it.

Remove one toothpick to leave only three squares.



Attached in this newsletter is the most up to date term planner. I encourage all parents to print it off and put on the fridge for quick reference. The school will continue to use the **SkoolBag** app for communications and if you haven't already downloaded it, please do so.

Thanks

Mick McCann michael.mccann@det.nsw.edu.au

Notes home this week. – All notes will also be sent via the SkoolBag App

Term 3 Information note – 3D, 1D, K/1B – Double check with teachers

Dance Performance – Check with Lyndal

Public Speaking Results

Congratulations to all of the talented children who spoke at our public speaking finals last week. The standard was outstanding, making it very difficult for our judges, Mr McCann, Mrs Thomas and Mrs Miller. The following students were selected to represent Newcastle East at the zone level of the competition in Week 4. We wish them luck and look forward to hearing of their success.

Early Stage 1 – Imogen Bone, Heath Bailey-Hepburn

Stage 1 – Charlie Drew, Nick Egerton

Stage 2 – Markus Drew, Lola Crane

Stage 3 – Heidi Schneider, Georgia Fleming

Premier's Reading Challenge Update

How are you progressing with this year's challenge? Time to complete the challenge this year is rapidly running out. Online reading records need to be complete by 19th August. To find out more, go to the Premier's Reading Challenge website and use your school log on details to record books read. Your class teacher or our librarian, Mrs Mason, can direct you to books from the Premier's Reading Challenge booklists. Congratulations to the following children who have already completed the challenge for 2016.

Alexa de Malmanche, Charlie Drew, Markus Drew, Abbi McMaster, Albi Newell, Eleanor Mowatt, Hamish McMaster and Eliza Mowatt.

Canteen News



Sushi orders need to be in on Thursday at the latest.

Price increase – Sushi prices have increased to \$3.50 each

Dance Festival Reminders

- Performance begins at 6.30pm – finishes at 8.30pm
- Don't forget your \$6 for pizza
- Bring something to do (book to read, colouring in or a deck of cards)
- Make sure you have a warm jacket
- Tickets available for purchase from Panthers
- Don't forget your makeup

BandLink

Six of our budding musicians had the opportunity to attend the annual band link program held on the 28th and 29th of June at Broadmeadow Race Track. The program brings together 100's of aspiring musicians from around the Newcastle, Lake Macquarie and Hunter region with the common goal of learning and expanding their musical repertoire.

Students were organised into groups for a full band rehearsal, then split into smaller tutorial groups and brought back together for a concert performance on the final day.

Our NEPS students played with gusto and look forward to bringing the skills they learnt at BandLink back to the NEPS concert band.



Reminders

- Dance to be fit notes and payment now due.
- DEC Policy requires late students to be required to be signed in by a parent/guardian

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
July 25 – Week 2	26	27 Dance Festival Dance to Be Fit	28	29 Zone Athletics – Glendale Sydney Deposit due \$50
August 1 – Week 3	2 Zone Athletics – Glendale ICAS English	3 Jump Rope for Heart Assembly – 10.15 COLA Dance to Be Fit	4	5 Snr Sport @ KEP Jnr Sport @ School
August 8 – Week 4	9	10 Science Day @ NHS	11	12 Snr Sport @ KEP Jnr Sport @ School
August 15 – Week 5 Book Fair – Library	16 Book Fair – Library	17 Book Fair – Library Dance to Be Fit	18	19 Water Safety Talk
August 22 – Week 6 Book Week – all week Book Fair – Library Illustrator Visit	23 Book Fair – Library Book Parade – 9.00 - COLA	24 Book Fair – Library Aunty Peach Incursion Dance to Be Fit	25	26 Snr Sport @ KEP Jnr Sport @ School
August 29 – Week 7 3-4 Sydney Excursion payment due - \$250	30	31 Dance to Be Fit	September 1	2
September 5 – Week 8	6 Yr6 Science / English Challenge	7 Dance to Be Fit	8	9 Dance to Be Fit
September 12 – Week 9	13 3-4 Sydney Excursion	14 3-4 Sydney Excursion	15 Jump Rope K-2 Gala Day	16 Jump Rope 3-6 Gala Day
September 19 – Week 10	20	21 Dance to Be Fit	22	23



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Run Newcastle

What is Run Newcastle?

Run Australia is an annual event, people run to make a difference to Aussie kids in need



where difference throughout

regional centres around Australia. Run Australia guarantees that 100% of every registration fee will go straight to a local cause in our community. Run Newcastle facilitates an event full of festival fun, where people can run, walk or roll the streets of their local community, while raising much needed funds for a local children's health-related project in our town.

Why should you and your family participate in Run Newcastle this year?

1. The more people who enter and nominate Newcastle East Public School as their team, the more sporting vouchers we can win for our school.
2. ALL of your entry fee goes to the redevelopment of the Adolescent ward at the John Hunter Children's hospital
3. Its great exercise. It's lots of fun and it's a social event for N.E.P.S students and their families
4. There's an event for everyone – 1km kids run, 6km run, 6km walk and a 12km run.
5. Everyone who registers receives a free t-shirt

How to register

- Go to the [Run Newcastle](#) website
- Click on the 'register' tab
- Follow the prompts to register either as a family, or individual
- Ensure you nominate *Newcastle East Public School* as your team, so our school receives the benefits of sporting vouchers

When?

Sunday 7th August, 2016

Where?

Newcastle Foreshore

The simplest way

...to DIY dumplings.

Easy to make, fun to eat!
Kids will love this do-it-yourself cooking task.

Serves 4.



- Prepare your favourite combination of vegetables for the filling: grated carrot, corn kernels, and finely chopped spinach works well; finely chopped mushrooms, cabbage and capsicum is tasty too.
- Place 16 wonton wrappers (available in packs in supermarkets) on a dry work surface.
- Place a few teaspoons of vegetable filling inside.
- Drizzle with salt-reduced soy sauce.
- Brush the edge of each wonton with water.
- Pull edges together and pinch to secure.
- Steam for about 10 minutes or until cooked.

For more information visit
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Term 3 - Amazing Animals



Each week we discuss fascinating facts about the animals we build. Kids build moving models and celebrate the wonders of the animal kingdom!

Week 1 - Seal

Week 2 - Monkey

Week 3 - Butterfly

Week 4 - Frog

Week 5 - Spider

Week 6 - Snake

Week 7 - Alligator

Week 8 - Fish



The Place: Charlestown - From Tue 26th July
New Lambton Community Centre - From Wed 27th July
8 Week Course - \$15 per week
From 3:30pm to 4:45pm each day

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