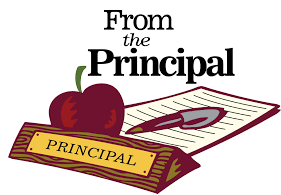


HILLTOP NEWS

Week Five, Term Seven, Tuesday, 20th November 2017 Edition Two Hundred and Thirty Five.



HOW CREATIVE SKILLS CAN ENHANCE ACADEMIC RESULTS

Sir Kenneth Robinson, British author, speaker and international advisor on education in the arts, made a powerful point that many students in school today will get jobs that haven't even been created yet. Although he made this point over ten years ago, it is as valid today as it was then.

Learning a specific skill set doesn't have the value in today's world that it once did. However, learning to be more creative, and thus adaptable, is what prepares students for life during and after school.

Many of the biggest and most successful businesses in the world adopt the 20 percent rule – the commitment to allowing employees to devote 20 percent of their work time to thinking creatively and exploring new ideas.

Creativity is no longer seen as just being for artists and musicians, but a crucial skill for everybody to master. Here are five ways that creative skills can enhance academic results:

Communication

Creativity is all about communication, be it aural, visual, verbal or physical, and strong communication skills are key to succeeding academically, in the workplace and in personal interactions.

Realising unique potential

In the creative space, students try to constantly

and consistently hone, improve, and create, which naturally spreads to their academic, sporting and social performance. In fact, studies regularly show that students who participate in the Creative Arts achieve greater results in other key learning areas, whilst realising their unique potential.

Team work

Like in any sport, collaborating to create art develops emotional and social maturity, as well as friendships, empathy, confidence and tolerance.

Perseverance

To perfect any skill it must be practised, reviewed and refined, which occurs regularly in the Creative Arts and can be readily transferred to sport or academia.

Problem solving

To be an effective problem solver, you need to be able to look at a problem from several perspectives. Creativity promotes this type of thinking, which helps boys to make on the spot decisions and think critically – skills which can impact academic results.

Time management

The saying "if you want something done ask a busy person" springs to mind. Research proves that students who manage a busy schedule are more efficient and accomplish more with their time, as well as being more adaptable and creative, making their study time more effective.

Mick McCann

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November 2017

Thanks to the parents and families who have sponsored our teachers during Movember. Please click on the link below if you can help out.



This year Mr Ringis, Mr Daniels and myself have joined with Kurt Fearnley's team to raise funds for Men's Health issues. You are welcome to join in as well as making a donation at <https://moteam.co/fearnley-s-fine-friends-furry-faces?mc=1>

NEPS School Council Parent Survey

We know what you're saying, 'Not another survey!'

But this one is your big chance to have a say on NEPS specific issues and provide feedback and ideas for the future. The School Council conducts a Parent Survey every year, which also allows us to compare responses from past years. Please take the time to click on or paste the link and complete the survey. We just need one survey per family.

We will also have computers set up at the library on the evening of the Disco on 7 December for parents to do the survey then.

Follow the link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9R9KFDB>

Thank you for taking time to do the survey and we look forward to the responses.

Building Information booths/Update

Information booths are scheduled to encourage ongoing school and community engagement and

feedback. To find out more about the upgrade, please visit the information booths at either of the following locations:

Newcastle East Public School information booths (located at the school entry):

- Thursday 23rd November 2.15-3.15
- Monday 11th December 10.30-12.30

The latest information on the new building has been added to the school's website. If you would like a hard copy please contact the school.

2018 Captain's Speeches

We will be holding the 2018 Captains speeches on Wednesday 29th of November. It will be held under the COLA from 8.45. Parents are welcome to attend.

Teachers for 3/4H

As you are aware, Ms Hicks has been away from school receiving some medical treatment. Three weeks ago, she received clearance from her doctor and returned to school on limited duties. Ms Hicks was on class on Monday and Tuesday during week five. Our hope was that this would be the arrangement for the rest of the year.

However, Ms Hicks, her family and the school have made the decision that her health and recovery needs to be the priority. As such, Ms Hicks will be on leave for the remainder of the year. I would like to thank all parents and students for their understanding during this time and join with me in wishing Ms Hicks a quick and successful recovery. It is anticipated that Ms Hicks will be back to start the new school year in 2018.

Lock Down Drill

Today we successfully ran a lock down drill for the whole school. This helps meet some of our WHS compliance.

END OF YEAR DISCO!

Thursday 7th December 5.30-7.30pm with PEP C and DJ Perry. **Christmas Theme.**

5/6D and 1/2V are on the BBQ. We need parents to help for the night to be a success. Please sign up below to volunteer:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0A4DAEAB29AAF94-bbqroster3

Special Bus Run – Supercar Weekend

During the Supercar event, we have organised a special school bus run for our students. The bus will leave the **Family Law Courts on Bolton St at 8.15 on Friday 24th**, dropping our students at the Tyrrell St bus stop. The afternoon bus run will leave the **Tyrrell St bus stop at 3.00 and drop back at the Family Law Courts**. The school will have a teacher on the trips and parents are welcome to organise a walking school bus to cross back inside the track.

Workshops for Adults and Children at Little Sticks Vintage Tea & Coffee House

Gather with a group of friends or come along and meet people while you learn something new.

Adults - macramé, crochet, drawing, watercolour painting, tile mosaics

Children – painting, collage, sewing, craft all during the school holidays

Little Sticks is the perfect venue for children's birthday parties. Wonderful old fashioned party food, games and craft activities are provided in the fairy room and the beautiful fairy woodland. Parties are available for up to ten guests, with adult platters available for parents and families who wish to stay.

For older girls and ladies, a High Tea is a lovely way to share a special occasion. Home-made sweets and savouries with a variety of flavoursome teas are served on antique lace cloths and fine old English china.

Christmas is a time for gathering family and friends. At Little Sticks you can book a Christmas lunch or High Tea for up to 20 people and enjoy a

fuss-free festive feast.

Little Sticks is situated at 5 Belford Street, Hamilton, across from Gregson Park and next to the old Hamilton Fire Station. Please contact Lyndal if you would like to make a booking or join a workshop.

Facebook – Little Sticks Vintage Tea and Coffee House

Email – lyndal@littlesticksvintage.com.au

Phone – 0416017959

Canteen – Urgent Volunteers Needed

We are going great for volunteers for this term. We only need **2 volunteers please for Friday 1st December**. Please help otherwise we will have to close the canteen which we absolutely don't want to do!

Sign up either through the sign-up app on the link below or text Kelly Wyman on 0421 299611.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a4daeab29aaf94-canteen3>

Canteen Roster Term 4

Monday	Friday
20 November Michelle Lott	24 November CLOSED
27 November Pip Strachan	1 December 2 Volunteers needed Louise Moya – First half
4 December Emily Brown (OOSH)	8 December Kellie Bohlson 1 st half Helena Hoi
11 December Tracey Hutchins	15 December Chris Gooch 1 st half Sheridan Rhodes 2 nd half Kelly Wyman/Tracey Hutchins

YEAR 6 FETE

Come and enjoy all your favourite things
from cupcake decorating to slime
making

FUN!

GAMES!

PRIZES!

Thursday the 23rd of November
NEPS COLA, between lunch and recess



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
20 Week 7 Kinder Orientation 10-10.45 Swim School Yr 2	21 Swim School Yr 2	22 Swim School Yr 2	23 Swim School Yr 2 Year 6 Fundraiser – Mini Fete Building Information booth 2.15pm	24 Swim School Yr 2 Primary Sport 8.45
27 Week 8 Kinder Orientation 10-10.45	28	29 Captains Speeches 8.45 – Cola Building Information Booth	30	1 December 2 December Parkrun
4 Week 9 P&C Meeting 5.30pm School Council Meeting 7pm	5	6	7 School Disco	8 Kinder BBQ 5.30pm
11 Week 10 Presentation Day 8.45 for 9am start – COLA Building Information Booth 10.30am	12 Reports home	13 Year 6 Farewell – Souths Leagues	14	15 Year 6 Clap Out Last day of year Summer Holidays







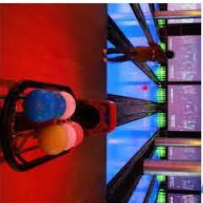
P&C Meeting 4 December 2017 Agenda

5.30-7.00pm Staff Room











- 1. Minutes from last meeting**
- 2. Principal's report, including 25 mins**
 - a. Update on Building Works & Roof
 - b. School uniform
 - c. Class numbers/teachers for 2018
 - d. Supercars (impact and lessons for next year)
 - e. School plan - update
- 3. P&C President's report, including 15 mins**
 - a. P&C questions for school survey
 - b. P&C roles & meeting dates for 2018
 - c. P&C goals for 2018
- 4. Treasurer's report 5 min**
- 5. T4 Disco – Thursday 7 December 10 min**
- 6. OOSH (incl Vacation Care) & Canteen 15 min**
- 7. Fundraising (2018) 5 mins**
- 8. Grants 5 mins**
- 9. Other Business/Round the Table 10 mins**

Next meeting & AGM:

5:30-7pm Monday 12 February 2017

Monday 15 th January	Tuesday 16 th January	Wednesday 17 th January	Thursday 18 th January	Friday 19 th January
Excursion Ice Skating  Closed in Shoes ,Hats and Drinking Water are a Priority Leaving centre at 10.15am	Excursion Sommersby Falls Picnic Area  Swimmers, Rashies, Closed in Shoes ,Hats and Drinking Water are a Priority Leaving centre at 9am	Excursion Stockton Pool Via Ferry  Swimmers, Rashies, Closed in Shoes ,Hats and Drinking Water are a Priority Leaving centre at 9.15am	IncurSION Musical Theatre and Street Dance  Come along and join a crew and maybe learn a song or two Starts at 10am to 12pm	Excursion Newcastle Baths  Swimmers, Rashies, Closed in Shoes ,Hats and Drinking Water are a Priority Leaving centre at 9.30am
Arts and Craft Cooking Ice cream cake Monday 22nd January Excursion Dolphin Cruise  Ultimate Dolphin Experience Closed in Shoes ,Hats and Water are a Priority Leaving centre at 9am	Arts and Craft Painting Landscapes Tuesday 23rd January Excursion Ice Cream Day  Closed in Shoes and Hats are a Priority Leaving centre at 10am	Arts and Craft Boat Building Wednesday 24th January Excursion Oakvale Farm Splash Bay  Closed in Shoes ,Hats and Water are a Priority Leaving centre at 9am	Arts and Craft Make a Marionette Thursday 25th January Excursion Movies  Closed in Shoes and Water are a Priority Leaving centre at 9am	Arts and Craft Floating bath toys Friday 26th January PUBLIC HOLIDAY - CLOSED MONDAY 29TH JANUARY Pupil free day Excursion Ten Pin Bowling  Closed in Shoes and Water are a Priority Leaving centre at 9.15am
Arts and Craft Decorating Calico Bags	Arts and Craft Cooking Lamingtons	Arts and Craft Felt Kangaroos	Arts and Craft Sun Visors	Arts and Craft Chinese Dragons

NEWCASTLE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL OOSH – VACATION CARE PROGRAM – DECEMBER 2017/ JANUARY 2018 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Monday 18 th December	Tuesday 19 th December	Wednesday 20 th December	Thursday 21 st December	Friday 22 nd December
Inursion XMAS PARTY  <p>Come and join the fun Jumping Castles and Water slides, games and surprises Swimmers and Rashies are a MUST</p>	Excursion Speers Point Park  <p>Join us on the giant slide, flying fox or play on all the equipment Closed in Shoes, Hats and Drinking Water are a Priority</p>	Excursion Lambton Pool  <p>Water play and more water play. Try out the slide and giant water bucket Swimmers, Rashies and Drinking Water are a MUST</p>	Excursion Revolution  <p>If you have revolution socks please bring them along with lots of Drinking Water</p>	Excursion Movies  <p>Followed by Xmas Lunch With Bon Bons and Good Cheer Leaving centre at 9am</p>
Arts and Craft Xmas Wind chimes	Arts and Craft Xmas Stockings	Arts and Craft Stained Glass Windows	Arts and Craft Xmas Mugs	Arts and Craft Cooking Rocky Road
Monday 8th January Excursion Newcastle Baths  <p>Swimmers, Rashies, Closed in Shoes, Hats and Drinking Water are a Priority Leaving centre at 9.30am</p>	Excursion Ninja Park  <p>Closed in Shoes, Hats and Drinking Water are a Priority Leaving centre at 11.30am</p>	Excursion Little pelican Beach  <p>Swimmers, Rashies, Closed in Shoes, Hats and Drinking Water are a Priority Leaving centre at 9.15am</p>	Excursion Shark and Ray Centre  <p>Swimmers, Closed in Shoes ,Hats and Drinking Water are a Priority Leaving centre at 9am</p>	Excursion Hogs Breath Café  <p>Closed in Shoes and Hats are a Priority Leaving centre at 11.40am</p>
Arts and Craft Candles making	Arts and Craft Cooking Cookies all sorts	Arts and Craft Puppet making	Arts and Craft Foam Stingrays	Arts and Craft Making Side Walk Chalk

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5:30-7:30 pm
\$150 (for 2 classes)

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Ceramic Tile Workshop: Make Your Own Holiday Gifts
17/11 and 1/12
@ Newcastle Region Library
With NEPS mum Ali Sobel-Read
5:30-7:30 pm
\$150 (for 2 sessions)

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









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