### HILTOPNEWS

Week Eight, Term Four, Tuesday, 28th November 2017 Edition Two Hundred and Thirty Six.



#### How to Flip the Switch on Stress

Take a moment to try a quick experiment. Say the following out loud if

possible, or to yourself if you prefer: "This is awful. I can't believe this is happening. I can't handle this." When you do that, what do you notice happening in your body? Does your breathing change? What happens to your posture? What muscles contract or tighten? How do you feel?

Now say the following to yourself: "This is difficult, but I can handle it. I will find the strength to cope with this and move forward." Ask yourself the same questions as above, and notice what your answers are.

If you are like most people, the first set of statements evokes feelings of tension in the body, perhaps shallow breathing, feelings of irritability, or other signs of stress. In the second example, when I have tried this with my classes, they report being aware of sitting more upright, having less clenching of muscles, feeling a greater sense of openness in their bodies, and feeling more empowered. This is the power of words. The words we say to ourselves are not simply mental events, but affect our emotions and our bodies, which in turn can impact our health. For example, tense muscles, if chronically held, can lead to pain, and stress chemicals flooding our body on a chronic basis can contribute to dis-ease and disease.

It has been estimated that our minds can produce 50,000 or more thoughts per day. If we really begin to pay attention to the things that we say to ourselves, which most of us don't naturally do, we would notice that many of these thoughts are

negative, and even at times self-deprecating. Many of these thoughts make unhelpful predictions about the future without us even realizing this (as in the example above, predicting that we can't handle something before giving ourselves a chance). Our minds can also focus on unhelpful stories about the past and can pull us in and spiral us downward, ensnaring us in a web of negativity and stress.

So how do we step out of this downward spiral? There are many ways to do this, but I would like to share a two-step process with you here.

- 1. One of the most important first steps toward changing any behaviour is increasing our awareness of it. I like to think of awareness as a flashlight in a dark room, helping us shine the light on what is there so that we can see where we are going and step more carefully around the obstacles. Take a moment to reflect on some of your typical negative thought patterns throughout the day. Begin to notice them as they come naturally. Take one day and record what these negative thoughts sound like. Be particularly mindful of what you say to yourself whenever you start to feel stress building.
- 2. Use the awareness of stress itself as a trigger that allows you the opportunity to pause and be mindful, in order to interrupt the stress response. More specifically, every time you notice stressful thoughts entering your mind, rather than getting caught up in an automatic reaction to them, use the word "stress" itself, and the following acronym, to engage in this brief mindful exercise. As you spell out the word stress in your mind, think of this acronym, saying each phrase to yourself slowly as you breathe in and out (taking a minute or two for this exercise).

Safe to relax

Trust in my own inner resources

Rest in this moment (bringing myself back to the present)

Embrace all of my emotions (even the difficult ones)

Slow down to see the big picture Send compassion to myself

After doing this, bring your attention back to your day and chances are you will be able to proceed more mindfully and with more choice about how you react to the stress at hand. Practicing this can help flip the switch on stress and turn each stressful moment into an opportunity to wire in more helpful words, and a more thoughtful response when you face day to day stressors in your life.

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#### Class Structure 2018

Over the past few weeks, our teachers and staff stayed back after school to construct the draft class lists for 2018. Much consideration and "juggling" took place before students were placed in the groupings that we feel will maximise their learning and happiness. When we place students into classes the following elements are considered in this **PRIORITY** order:

- 1. Students with high support needs Some students have high support needs we place them in their classes first. School Learning Support Officers (SLSO) are timetabled around providing scaffolding for these students.
- 2. Students with medium support students on Individual Learning plans, we have many students in this section.
- 3. Behaviour Students with high behaviour needs are shared amongst classes, a concentration of students in one class with high behaviour needs is never a good idea!

- 4. Family groupings Cousins/twins and siblings in each stage group.
- 5. Language groups To make the best use of the support teacher's time we will often group these students together so the teacher can work within that particular class.
- 6. Students in equity groups As some funding is used to employ SLSO's to scaffold the learning for these children, to have a small group in one class means we can use the SLSO time more effectively.
- 7. Teacher compatibilities All teachers have different teaching styles, some styles are better suited to different needs. While one teacher may be quite strict and structured, another may be a little more flexible.
- 8. Gender Where possible we try to ensure that there is a gender balance in each class.
- 9. Ability Our classes are mixed abilities. Mixed ability classes are ideal in the primary classroom.
- 10. High Potential Learner Pods (HPL) While we have mixed ability classes we try to put small Pods of High Potential Learners together as a group.
- 11. Separations Teacher requested first, sometimes a great friendship is not a great mix in the classroom.
- 12. Separations Parent requests. Sometimes one child with a request to be with a friend and that friend requests not to be with them this information is highly confidential, but it does happen!
- 13. Composites When we build a composite class we look at all the above plus students who have a level of independence. We still have gender/mixed ability and so on. We also try to put students in small numbered composites from the same previous class together.

*14. School Counsellor* – Confidential reasons communicated to the school counsellor.

It's not an easy process and with limited opportunities because of Newcastle East only being a one and a half stream school. Classes will be announced during the first week of 2018.

#### Movember 2017

#### IT"S THE FINAL WEEK!

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 ahave 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 <a href="https://moteam.co/fearnley-s-fine-friends-furry-faces?mc=1">https://moteam.co/fearnley-s-fine-friends-furry-faces?mc=1</a>

#### **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):

 Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 10.30-12.30 (Presentation Day)

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 29<sup>th</sup> of November. It will be held under the COLA from 8.45. Parents are welcome to attend.

#### **Supercar Friday**

Last Friday, our school was able to successfully run our regular sport programs and in class activities. About half our school was away. If you were away, please bring in a note / phone the school explaining the absent. The noise and parking had a very limited impact upon the school. For your planning the 2018 dates are Friday  $23^{rd}$  – Sunday  $25^{th}$  of November.

#### **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:

<u>www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0A4DAEAB29AA</u> <u>F94-bbqroster3</u>

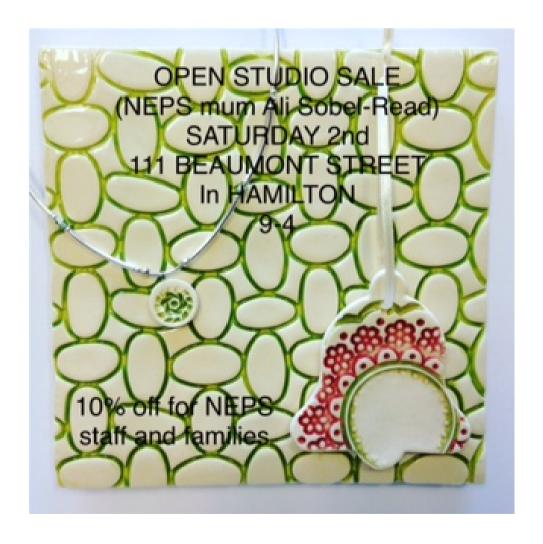
#### Canteen – Urgent Volunteers Needed

We are going great for volunteers for this term. We only need **2 volunteers please for Friday 1**st **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. <a href="http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a4daeab29">http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a4daeab29</a> <a href="mailto:aaf94-canteen3">aaf94-canteen3</a>

#### **Canteen Roster Term 4**

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



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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	Reports home	13 Year 6 Farewell – Souths Leagues	14	Year 6 Clap Out Last day of year Summer Holidays

#### **OOSH Charity Drive**

#### **Dear Parents**

The children from OOSH were asked to consider what they could do to make the lives of others better at Christmas.

The decision was made to support a food and gift charity drive for Ronald McDonald House.

We discussed how hard it must be for the children and families at this time of year that are in hospital.

We are asking for your support and help by making a donation to our charity of either small gifts or Christmas food goods.

All donations can be brought into the OOSH centre anytime.

We greatly appreciate your help in teaching the children to care for others in our community

Thankyou OOSH

#### Year 6 Fete

Thank you to all the students who supported the Year 6 fete last Thursday so overwhelmingly. Approximately \$1300 was raised. Together with the sausage sizzle, and school newspaper sales, Year 6 raised a total of \$1889.05, which will be used to buy an outdoor ping pong table for future NEPS students to enjoy during play time. Thanks also to the teachers who agreed to have cream pies thrown at their face. A special thanks is extended to Mrs Miller who was a great sport when she had a bucket of water tipped over her.

The Year 6 students worked very hard to have their stalls ready for fete day, and displayed immense initiative and organisational skills in the weeks leading up to the event. It was a great team effort. Here are some photos from the day.



Arts and Craft  Decorating Calico Bags  Cookin			Ultimate Dolphin Experience	Excursion Ex Dolphin Cruise Ice C	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January Tuesday	Cooking Ice cream cake Pai	Arts and Craft	Leaving centre at 10.15am Leaving	Closed in Shoes ,Hats and Swimm Drinking Water are a Priority Closed in : Drinkin		Ice Skating Somm	lualy
Arts and Craft Cooking Lamingtons	Leaving centre at 10am	Closed in Shoes and Hats are a Priority		Excursion Ice Cream Day	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Painting Landscapes	Arts and Craft	Leaving centre at 9am	Swimmers, Rashies, Closed in Shoes ,Hats and Drinking Water are a Priority		Excursion Sommersby Falls Picnic Area	luesday io Jailualy
Arts and Craft Felt Kangaroos	Leaving centre at 9am	Closed in Shoes ,Hats and Water are a Priority	Splash Bay	Excursion Oakvale Farm	Wednesday 24th January	Boat Building	Arts and Craft	Leaving centre at 9.15am	Swimmers, Rashies, Closed in Shoes ,Hats and Drinking Water are a Priority		Stockton Pool Via Ferry	wednesday it sailualy
<b>Arts and Craft</b> Sun visors	Leaving centre at 9am	Closed in Shoes and Water are a Priority	o constant of the constant of	Excursion  Movies	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Marionette	Arts and Craft Make a	Starts at 10am to 12pm	Come along and join a crew and maybe learn a song or two	本	Musical Theatre and Street Dance	illuisuay io ballualy
Arts and Craft Chinese Dragons	Closed in Shoes and Water are a Priority  Leaving centre at 9.15am		Pupil free day  Excursion  Ten Pin Bowling	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - CLOSED	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Floating bath toys	Arts and Craft	Leaving centre at 9.30am	Swimmers, Rashies, Closed in Shoes ,Hats and Drinking Water are a Priority		Newcastle Baths	Filiday 18 Gailliai y

# NEWCASTLE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL OOSH - VACATION CARE PROGRAM - DECMEMBER 2017/ JANUARY 2018 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Arts and Craft Candles making	Leaving centre at 9.30am		Excursion Newcastle Baths	Monday 8th January	Xmas Wind chimes	Arts and Craft		a MUST	Swimmers and Rashies are	Water slides, games and	Come and join the fun	70		XMAS PARTY	Incursion	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December
Arts and Craft Cooking Cookies all sorts	Leaving centre at 11.30am	Closed in Shoes ,Hats and Drinking Water are a Priority	Excursion Ninia Park	Tuesday 9th January	Xmas Stockings	Arts and Craft	Leaving centre at 9.15am	Priority	Closed in Shoes ,Hats and	equipment	Join us on the giant slide,			Speers Point Park	Excursion	Tuesday 19th December
Arts and Craft Puppet making	Leaving centre at 9.15am	Swimmers, Rashies, Closed in Shoes ,Hats and Drinking Water are a Priority	Excursion	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Stained Glass Windows	Arts and Craft	Leaving centre at 9.15am	Swimmers, Rashies and Drinking Water are a MUST	bucket	Water play and more water play. Try out the slide and giant water			,	Lambton Pool	Excursion	Wednesday 20th December
Arts and Craft Foam Stingrays	Leaving centre at 9am	Hats and Drinking Water are a	Excursion Shark and Bay Centre	Thursday 11th January	Xmas Mugs	Arts and Craft	Leaving centre at 9.15am			Drinking Water	If you have revolution socks please bring them along with lots of			Revolution	Excursion	Thursday 21st December
Arts and Craft Making Side Walk Chalk	Leaving centre at 11.40am	Closed in Shoes and Hats are a Priority	Excursion  Hogs Breath Café	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Cooking Rocky Road	Arts and Craft	Good Cheer Leaving centre at 9am	With Bon Bons and	Xmas Lunch				CERDINAND	Movies	Excursion	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December

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Meeting point at the Surfest Surf School bus/trailer at Nobbys Beach.





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#### EVERYDAY FOODS IN THE CANTEEN

- Our canteen is working towards aligning with the new
- NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy! Instead of
- Green, Amber and Red categories, there are now
- Everyday and Occasional foods and drinks. We are
  - aiming to provide a large range of delicious and
- nutritious Everyday foods and drinks for your children.

#### Everyday foods and drinks can include:

- Fruit and vegetables
- Sandwiches/wraps/rolls, sushi and salads
- Toasties, soup, pasta, jacket potatoes and lean burgers
- Reduced fat dairy, cheese and wholegrain crackers, air popped popcorn and pikelets
- Water, 99% fruit juice and reduced fat milk.





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#### MEETING/ PICK UP POINT

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#### TIME

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15 / 01 KIDS PAPER MAKING - PART 1 9:30 - 12 NOON PIMP YOUR GARDEN - SUCCULENT GARDEN BALL 1 - 3:30PM

16 / 01 KIDS PAPER MAKING - PART 2 9:30 - 12 NOON DARING DECOUPAGE 10 - 3PM

17 / 01 KIDS ILLUMINATING INKS 1 - 3:30PM KIDS PRINT & PRESS 9:30 - 12 NOON

18 / 01 KIDS NATURE ART 1 - 3:30PM

19 / 01 KIDS CREATIVE CLAY 9:30 - 12 NOON

20 / 01 TRIPLE TREAT WEEKEND - LUNCH INCLUDED! POTTERY WHEEL THROWING 10 - 3PM MACRAME & BAMBOO 9:30 - 2PM

PIMP YOUR GARDEN - SUCCULENT SCULPTURE 10 - 3PM

21 / 01 TRIPLE TREAT WEEKEND - LUNCH INCLUDED! PIMP YOUR GARDEN - CONCRETE QUICKSET SCULPTURE 10 - 1PM

> MACRAME MANDALA FLOOR RUG 9:30 - 2PM HARMONY GLASS LANTERN 10 - 3PM

KIDS CLEVER COLLAGE 1 - 3:30PM 22 / 01

KIDS PICASSO POPCAN PORTRAITS 9:30-12NOON

KIDS FAIRY & KNOME HOMES 9:30 - 12NOON 23 / 01 KIDS MAKING MANDALAS 1 - 3:30PM

24 / 01 KIDS FUNKY ART JOURNALS 9:30 - 12PM KIDS REPURPOSING RECORD ART 1 - 3:30PM

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JAN - APR 2018, TERM 1 SCHEDULE

#### WORKSHOPS

#### **TWILIGHT RESIN**

SAT, 3rd Feb 4:30-8:30pm

#### **SOAP MAKING**

SAT, 10th Feb 10-12:30pm

#### **BATH BOMBS & BODY SCRUB**

SAT, 10th Feb 1:30-4:30pm

#### **BEGINNERS MACRAME**

SAT, 17th Feb 10-12:30pm

#### **BEGINNERS RESIN**

SAT, 24th Feb 10am-3pm

PIMP YOUR GARDEN - Succulent Hebel sculpture

SAT, 3rd Mar 10am-3pm

#### **GLASS FUSING IN ONE DAY**

SAT, 10th Mar 10am-3pm

PIMP YOUR GARDEN - Concrete sculpture

SUN, 11th Mar 10am-3pm

#### **MAMMOTH MACRAME**

WED, 14th Mar 6-8:30pm

#### HARMONY GLASS LATERN

SAT, 17th Mar 10am-3pm

#### **FEATURE PIECE RESIN**

SAT, 24th Mar 11am-3pm

#### WEEKLY CLASSES

#### **MOSAICS & BLING**

WED 10am-12:30pm starts 31st Jan

#### PAINTING

FRI 9:30am - 12pm starts 12th Jan

#### **BLOCK COURSES**

#### **GLASS LEAD LIGHTING**

MON 6-8:30pm starts 8th Jan

#### **GLASS FUSING**

WED 10am-1pm starts 31st Jan

#### MIX GLASS

THU 10am-lpm & 6-8:30pm starts 11th Jan

#### POTTERY

WED 6-8:30pm starts 31st Jan

#### **UPHOLSTERY**

SUN 2-4:30pm starts 11th Feb

#### KIDS & TEENS

#### AFTER SCHOOL

KIDS TUES & THU 4-5:30pm starts 6th & 8th Feb

TEENS THU 6-7:30pm starts 8th Feb

#### SATURDAY KIDS ART

SAT 10am-12pm starts 17th Feb

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