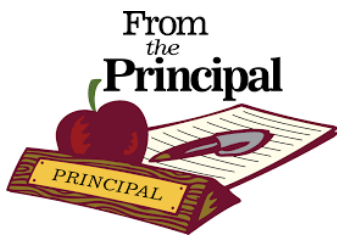


# HILLTOP NEWS

Week Ten, Term Four, Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017 Edition Two Hundred and Thirty Eight.



From  
the  
**Principal**

## Congratulations

Thanks to all the parents who attended our 2017 Presentation day. It was wonderful

watching all the students realising that their hard work had paid off and was recognised. My thanks to John Beach, who was able to return as a representative of the Old Boys Association,

Thanks also to *Tim Crackenthorpe* and *Sharon Claydon* for presenting their citizenship and social justice awards. Congratulation to Darcy and Caitlin, captains for 2018 and Ela and Marshall as our school vice captains for 2018.



Year Six enjoy the last week of your primary education. You will be missed and please make sure that you pop in next year to let everyone know about your successes.

School will start back on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January**. 2018 Kinder parents would have received their Best Start times and dates.

Have a safe and wonderful break. Looking forward to 2018 and beyond.

Mick McCann

[michael.mccann@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:michael.mccann@det.nsw.edu.au)

## FAREWELL YEAR 6

Although the excitement of High School is just around the corner, it is with sadness we will bid a fond farewell to our 2017 Year 6 cohort of students. I have enjoyed working alongside our Year 6 students and teachers and have thoroughly

enjoyed getting to know each of them better over the past year as principal of NEPS. As high school approaches, I encourage our Year 6 students to remember the wonderful lessons they have learnt in their primary school years. Lessons about the importance of getting along with others, being resilient and persistent, having the confidence to give new things a go and ensuring they are organised for learning and life so that they can not only achieve but exceed their potential. I know that each of our Year 6 students have a lifetime of memories ahead but for now I encourage them all to look back on their growth and achievements during their time at NEPS with pride. Well done and congratulations to our graduating Year 6 students! Have a great last week of school.

Parents, don't forget to come and say goodbye to our graduating Year 6 students this Friday afternoon at the "Bell Ceremony" starting at 2.20 under the COLA.

## 2018 Class Structure

2018 will again see 10 classes at NEPS with over 240 students in attendance. The class structure will see similar to what we had this year. The classes are as follows – *Kinder, Kinder/Year 1, three 1-2 classes, 2-3, two 3-4 classes, 4-5 and two 5-6 classes*. While allocation of teachers to these classes is almost complete, final placements are still waiting on confirmation for some positions.

## 2018-2020 SCHOOL PLANNING

It is exciting to see so many families supporting our local school. We are proud of our teaching and learning programs including the extra curricula activities that we offer at NEPS. Our 2018-2020 plan is to make high quality, differentiated teaching and learning our major focus

As part of our 2018-2020 School Plan we also look forward to ongoing consultation with our community to embed all of our students 21st century skills of creativity, communication, collaboration & critical thinking. We are finalising the drafting and this will be presented at our next P&C and School Council meetings in 2018.

Our Secretary of the NSW Department of Education Mark Scott, talks about how you can help your kids to be ready for a digital future. With your support we are preparing all of our Fern Bay Public School students and staff for this ever changing world. To quote our NSW Education Secretary Mark Scott. *"The future is not a place that is found. It is a place we are making. #DoELeaders"*

We look forward to creating this with our current students as well as our future families.

## Great Work – Class of 2016

Great news from Hunter Valley Grammar School: Three of our past students have achieved outstanding results in their first year of high school.

**Emily** - First in English and French, Gold Academic Commendation, Excellence Awards, Best Allrounder and *Dux of Year 7*

**Asha** - First in Japanese, Gold Academic Commendation, Excellence Awards

**Benjamin** - First in Mathematics, Mathematics Medallion, Gold Academic Commendation, Excellence Awards



## New Australian Curriculum and NESA Syllabuses - update

Planning for the implementation of the new syllabus documents will continue into 2018 with full implementation of the NSW Science Syllabus. A draft PDHPE syllabus will be available for school consultation and trial delivery in 2018 for full implementation into all NSW schools the following year. Next year will also see the implementation of Learning Progressions. The learning progressions are a teaching and learning resource. They describe common pathways of literacy and numeracy development from Kindergarten to Year 10. The learning progressions map to the NSW syllabuses and the Australian curriculum in English and Maths, demonstrating the development needed by students to meet stage outcomes. They will be used by our teachers to determine what students know already, and what they need to learn next. The large majority of our professional learning in the next few years will, therefore, focus on an understanding of the new curriculum along with meeting strategic directions of our 2018-2020

school plan. If you would like more information about the new Australian Curriculum and the NSW syllabuses developed by NESA for implementation in all NSW government schools, go to:  
<http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/about/news/all-news>

In NSW, teaching and learning in classes will follow the NESA Syllabuses that are based on the Australian Curriculum.

## Brown Street Council Works

The project has been delayed due to unforeseen circumstances. The new footpath is expected to be poured by the end of November 2017, weather permitting. Landscaping will start in early December, the road and path should be open before Christmas and the new steel stairs are expected to be installed in January 2018.

This project page on our website has been updated:

<http://www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/Council/News/Projects-Works/Brown-Street,-The-Hill,-Retaining-Wall-Remediation>

## OOSH

Vacation Care bookings for 18th Dec to 22nd Dec closed on the 8th December.

Vacation care bookings for the January period close the 22nd January.

Bookings cannot be cancelled after the 9th December however if I can find a replacement for your booking we will cancel then.

Thanks Tracey

## Canteen










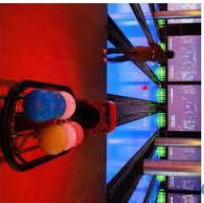
Sign up either through the sign-up app on the link below or text Kelly Wyman on 0421 299611.

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











## Canteen Roster Term 4

Monday	Friday
<b>11 December</b> Tracey Hutchins	<b>15 December</b> Chris Gooch 1 <sup>st</sup> half Sheridan Rhodes 2 <sup>nd</sup> half Kelly Wyman/Tracey Hutchins

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11 <b>Week 10</b> 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

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

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

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



# THE UNIFORM SHOP

Year 7 2018



It is recommended that all students attending Newcastle High School in year 7 2018, contact the Uniform Shop to make a fitting appointment.

We suggest making your appointment before the end of term 4 to avoid busy january periods.

To make a booking, please phone or text the Uniform Shop on 0434 626 009.

Thank You

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Uniform Shop

[www.alintaapparel.com.au](http://www.alintaapparel.com.au)

## School Holiday Kids Clay Classes with NEPS Mum Ali Sobel-Read

21/12/2017 Whimsical Windchimes  
1:30-3

24/1/2018 Dish It Up! 10-11:30

24/1/2018 Ceramic Jewellery for Kids  
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See Eventbrite for listings  
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### **Availability**

Wednesday the **3rd** till Friday the **5th** of January **2018**

Wednesday the **10th** till Friday the **12th** of January **2018**

Wednesday the **17th** till Friday the **19th** of January **2018**

Wednesday the **24th** till Friday the **26th** of January **2018**

**Saturday and Sunday program each weekend of the holidays - \$150**

This summer holiday's grom program is specially designed to make learning about beach safety and how to surf fun and easy. This program is taught by an ASI accredited surf school and is run throughout the summer school holidays.

The program runs for three days a week starting from the 3rd of January, every Wednesday Thursday and Friday at Nobbys Beach. All kids are provided with the right wetsuit, surfboard, sunblock and placed in the right age group.

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

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*Activate your sporty self*

### **WHEN**

**January 17<sup>th</sup>—19<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**8:30am - 3:00pm**

### **WHERE**

**The Junction Public School**

**Union St, Merewether**

### **WHAT**

**A 3-day summer camp where children play a variety of modified sports with the guidance of expert coaches in a safe, positive and supportive environment**

**BOYS AND GIRLS  
WELCOME FROM  
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### **PRICES**

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**2 days: \$130pp**

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**See website for details**

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








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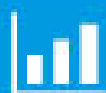
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MEETING/  
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### TIME

8:30am - 3:00pm  
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***With Patricia Athena and Jenn Le Fair***

Suitable For 6 years to 14 years (younger may be considered depending of the child's focus and attention). Please enquire!

Sessions: 3 x sessions per week for 3 weeks in January 2018 at Ashtanga Yoga Studio in Newcastle

The aim of this program is for children to learn and participate in intuitive sound and performance in fun and active sessions.

Activities will include a mini sound bath, active Kids Jungle Yoga, instrument intuition and jam sessions and finish with relaxing sound meditation. A Kids Sound Performance is planned at the end of the program. In the ambience of the yoga studio.

Sessions: (1 hour 30mins)

***Program:***

- *Welcome to children and families*
- *10 minutes Sound Meditation Bath with Patricia and Jenn*
- *20 minutes Kids Jungle Yoga poses and movement and Sound with Jenn and Patricia*
- *40 minutes learn about the instruments and guided play with children*
- *10 minutes Jam Session with instruments with children*
- *10 minute relaxation and sound meditation quiet time*

*There are educational components in the program including movement, sound integration, and intuitive sound and relaxation techniques. Parents are welcome to join in and/or allow the children to experience the components in their own space.*

Starts Tuesday 9th January – sessions each week Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of weeks of 8th, 15th and 22nd January, 2018 from 10am to 11.30am (1 hour 30 mins)

See our web page: <http://www.patriciaathena.com.au/sacred-sound-workshops.html>

Or call Patricia Athena on 0411559188