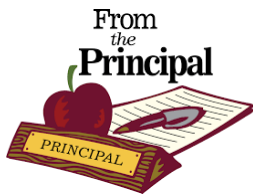


HILLTOP NEWS

Week Five, Term Four, Tuesday, 12 November 2019 - Edition Three Hundred and Thirteen



Busy End of Term

We are almost half way through term 4 and the Christmas holidays are just around the corner.

As you have seen, learning, assessments and different activities are continuing at a fast pace in all our rooms. Our choir were amazing at the Newcastle Remembrance Day ceremony yesterday and from all reports they represented our school to the highest level.

Please keep an eye out in the newsletter and via the app for end of year activities. At this stage, we can confirm –

Presentation Day – 10 December at Newcastle Grammar Hall – 9.30am

Year Six farewell – 11 December at Nobby's Surf Club

K-2 Party Day – 12 December at Kotara Cinema

Reports home – 17 December

Bell Ceremony (for year 6 and other students who are leaving NEPS) – 18 December

Last Day of School – 18 December

2020 Staff Development Day – Tuesday 28 January

2020 Students return – 29 January (yr1-y6)

2020 best Start – 29/30/31 January (kinder)

All classes will continue to be doing amazing learning in their classrooms and developing new ways of thinking, collaborating and being creative in everything they do.

Thought for the week

HAPPINESS IS



...being in a team.

Bush fires

As you are aware, many places in NSW are being affected by bushfires, including many schools along the North Coast. We have reviewed our bushfire management plan and if needed app notices will be sent out to all families and we will evacuate down to Civic Park. We would also encourage all families to download the NSW RFS – **FiresNearMe** app.



2040 Screening - Newcastle

This is a free film screening for the critically acclaimed **2040**, a film which encourages positive and effective change through green initiatives. Join other for this inspiring film and hear about how you can take climate action with others in Newcastle.

This Friday 15 November at Croatian Wickham Sports Club, Albert St, Wickham. Tickets available at <http://bit.ly/36Tkrq8> You can watch the youtube trailer for the screening here <http://bit.ly/36ROZZj>



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Learning Support Team (LST)

Our LST meets regularly. Members of our LST include executive staff, learning and support staff, as well as the School Counsellor.

The prime function of our LST is to ensure that the needs of all students in our school are being met. Our team employs a strong focus on systems (what we can do to support our teachers) and practices (what we can do to support our students).

At any point in time, a student may experience difficulties with learning or face challenges with their emotional or social wellbeing. These difficulties may vary in cause, nature, intensity and duration.

In their daily contact with students, classroom teachers are usually the first to identify students who require additional support and will often engage the services of the LST. When this occurs, the classroom teacher would also consult with you about their observations or concerns.

Similarly, should you ever have concerns about your child's learning or wellbeing needs, it is important that you make a time to discuss these with your child's teacher. In following up, the teacher may refer on to the LST for advice or request provision for additional support.

An LST meeting is routinely held with parents when significant intervention from the LST occurs. For example, when School Counsellor assessment occurs after parent permission is given. Such meetings can occur at any time throughout the year.

Home School Liaison Officers

Home School Liaison Officers (HSLO) are employed by the Department of Education (DoE) to monitor school attendance and to provide a supportive resource for students, parents and schools.

Their role is to encourage regular school attendance of all students at school. When there is attendance difficulties, they work with the school in an attempt to resolve them.

Our HSLO meets with an executive member up to three times per term, to discuss students who are falling below the DoE 90% attendance benchmark.

They generally monitor poor or unexplained attendance patterns.

A reminder that it is a legal requirement to explain all student absences promptly. Partial absences (arriving late or leaving early) also require an explanation. An explanation is easiest given by replying to the SMS message sent out on the morning of absence, or in writing upon your child's return to school.

The school is legally required to follow up on any unexplained full or part days leave after 2 days of continuous absence. In this instance, your child's teacher will often phone to make sure that all is well and offer assistance, if required.

If you have concerns about your child's attendance at school, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Building Update

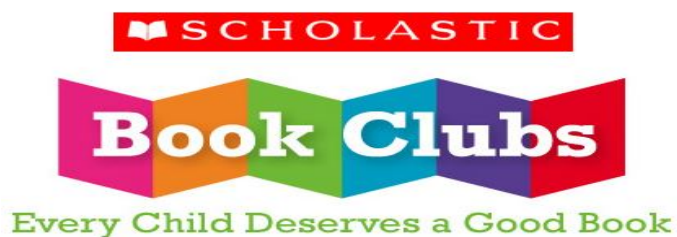
Work continues on our new build. At this stage, we are hoping to get the keys towards the end of this term and we are planning on moving all classes during week 10 ready for the 2020 school year.

Painting is being finalised and the lino and carpet is being laid this week. The new stadium seats have been poured and the final trim and electrical work continues.

Staff have been having 'excursions' during the week to see the progress and we are planning on holding several parent afternoons to showcase the new building before the end of term. Keep an eye out for more information.

We will endeavour to continue to send app notices out to parents with important daily notices of changes to drop off / pick up.





The last book club magazine for the year will be handed out this week (issue 8) and orders for these close on the 2nd December. Keep in mind that you can select 'Gift' when checking out your order. This means that we will not hand your order out to your child but you can come and collect it from the office instead. Could be a good way to get some Christmas shopping done!

Canteen Update

NEPS canteen runs on a Monday and a Friday for our school. With the menu options designed to be healthy and fun for our kids.

Canteen is a fun way to be involved at school for your kids and we offer the option on Fridays of doing a half the time as well! All new volunteers are trained by an experienced volunteer and it's a great way for your kids to see you involved with school.

A big thank you to all of those people who have volunteered to help with canteen!

If you can volunteer or have any questions please contact Kelly Wyman on 0421 or sign up on following link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044CABAC23A1FC1-term2>

Year 6 Talent Quest Fundraiser

Next Friday, 15 November, our wonderful year 5 and 6 students are organising a talent show for the school to enjoy. The students have been working hard on their acts and looking forward to showcasing them to the school. The talent show will run during lunch time in the library and will require a gold coin donation for students to attend. Lunch time will commence a little earlier on this day to allow for plenty of time for the acts to be completed. This is to help raise much needed funds for the year 6 farewell this year. Parents are also welcome to attend.

Popcorn, drinks and treats will be on sale upon entry, freshly prepared by our year 5 caterers.

Notes Home this week

Supercar – yrs4-6

Remembrance Day

Newcastle East Public School Choir had the privilege of performing for the 2019 Civic Park Remembrance Day Commemoration Service. An articulate speech was delivered by both Jye Kelly and Laria Crawford, who spoke about Australia's historical wartime efforts for part of the service. An expansive audience of over 300 people attended the service and our students were thanked by many members of the military and the public. We send thanks to the honourable Stephen Finney, the chief organiser of the event, and the service people past and present, who helped make this occasion one to remember for young and old



Celebrating Culture Together

I was very fortunate to join some of our year 3-6 students for an excursion to Hamilton Public School on Tuesday the 5th of November. The day was spent, creating emu callers, playing the Didgeridoo and partaking in sport activities all with an enriched Aboriginal perspective. Many of the local primary schools attended the cultural day and many friendships were formed. The cultural day will become an annual event with next years' celebrations already under preparation.



2019 Term Parent Planner

This will be updated on a regular basis.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week One 14.10.2019	1 st Day back for all	Roof Replacement Parent Meeting – 6.00pm				
Week Two 21.10.2019				St1 Awabakal Excursion St3 Drama Day		
Week Three 28.10.2019	Roof Replacement Parent Meeting – 5.00pm	Calm Mind Day – In class Calm Mind Parent Session 6.30-7.30		Kinder Orientation Evening – 6pm		
Week Four 04.11.2019				Kinder Orientation Day 1 9.30-10.30		Newy Park Run
Week Five 11.11.2019				Kinder Orientation Day 2 9.30-10.30		
Week Six 18.11.2019	Swim School - Year 2	Swim School - Year 2	Swim School - Year 2	Kinder Orientation Moring Tea 9.30-11.05 Swim School - Year 2	Swim School - Year 2	
Week Seven 25.11.2019	Swim School - Year 2	Swim School - Year 2	Swim School - Year 2	Swim School - Year 2	Swim School - Year 2	
Week Eight 02.12.2019		P&C - SC Meetings				NEPS Takeover - Newy Park Run
Week Nine 09.12.2019		Presentation Day	Yr. 6 Farwell			
Week Ten 16.12.2019		Reports home	Bell Ceremony – 2.15 Last Day for Students	Staff Development Day	Staff Development Day	Christmas Break Back Wednesday 29 th Jan 2020

N.E.P.S Parkrun Take-Over



On *Saturday 7th December* we aim to fill ALL volunteer roles at Newy parkrun by Newcastle East PS families.

No experience is necessary
Children are most welcome

Roles include marshalling, barcode scanning, timing, photography, handing out finish tokens, tail walker.

This is a great opportunity to give back to our community and experience the family friendly atmosphere of parkrun. Both regular park-runners and first timers are welcome.

Don't be scared. The running community is welcoming and encouraging.

Please email Mrs Thompson if you are interested in helping.

megan.thompson@det.nsw.edu.au

Newcastle East Public School

Project update

September 2019

A project is underway to upgrade Newcastle East Public School. Works include the construction of four new flexible learning spaces, a new covered outdoor learning area, refurbishment of the staff administration area, and replacing the roof of the existing heritage building.

Temporary relocation of administration area

During the October school holidays, the existing administration area will be temporarily relocated to the north-west corner of the school near the OOSH, to allow for the refurbishment of the existing administration area to commence (please refer to site map overleaf).

The temporary admin location can be easily accessed via the existing entry to the school off Tyrell Street and will be operational from day 1, Term 4 2019 until the refurbishment works are completed in 2020.

Replacing the roof of the existing heritage building

Newcastle East Public School is a site of historical significance in Australian education and with the age of the site and the buildings come some unique challenges. The roof of the main building (Block A) needs to be replaced and bonded (non-friable) asbestos has been identified in the existing roof tiles. This is not unusual for a building of this age as asbestos containing material was a commonly used building material between the 1940s and the 1980s.

The existing roof tiles will be removed by a licensed asbestos removal contractor during the Christmas school holidays. The works will be conducted in accordance with the Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan, Asbestos Removal Code of Practice and Safe Work NSW requirements.

The health, safety and well-being of students, staff and our neighbours is of highest priority, and all necessary measures have been and will continue to be carried out to ensure that the material is removed safely.

Upcoming community meetings

Two community meetings will be held at the school in Term 4 to further inform the community on the scope of these works and timing. A specialist hygienist will also be available to respond to any questions from the school community.

The meetings will be held at Newcastle East Public School Library on:

- Tuesday 15 October 6.00-7.00pm
- Monday 28 October 5.00-6.00pm

Keeping you updated

We are committed to working together with our school communities and other stakeholders to deliver the best possible learning facilities for students.

If you have any queries relating to the Newcastle East Public School upgrade works, please contact School Infrastructure NSW using the contact information below.

Good for Kids good for life

WAYS TO BE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE

Why not try these ideas?

There are many ways for children to be physically active and to limit sedentary behaviour every day.



ACTIVE AND FUN

- Encourage children to play active games like obstacle courses, tag, skipping or throwing a ball or frisbee.
- Visit playgrounds, parks, nature reserves, ovals or beaches.
- Get children involved in a variety of different sports and activities.



ACTIVE TRAVEL

- For short trips, walk or ride safely.
- For longer trips, park the car some distance away and walk with children for the rest of the trip.



ACTIVE AT HOME

- Limit time for watching TV and using electronic games.
- Store portable electronic devices out of sight.
- Enjoy a walk with children around your local area.
- Children can help with gardening activities like digging, sweeping or raking.



ACTIVE AND SAFE

- Start slowly and build up the amount and intensity of physical activity.
- Protect children from the sun – ensure children wear sun-protective clothing, including a hat, and apply sunscreen regularly.
- Always supervise children appropriately when in and around water.
- Speak with your doctor or other health professional if your child has a medical condition.

Image source: Department of Health



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<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>

NEWCASTLE INTERNATIONAL ANIMATION FESTIVAL

KIDS SCREENING

SAT 16 NOV

10:30 - NOON

TICKETS & INFO NEWCASTLEIAF.COM.AU



FESTIVAL

Guts.
CREATIVE



Thank you from Tracey and OOSH

A huge thank you to the students, teachers and parents who were involved with the cake stall last week.

The proceeds were put to good use, and allowed us to purchase all these for our cooking club at OOSH

Thank you Thank you Thank you

