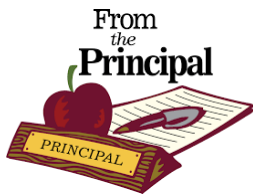


# HILLTOP NEWS

Week Seven, Term Four, Tuesday, 26 November 2019 - Edition Three Hundred and Fifteen



## Placement of students into 2020 classes

This week NEPS creates its class structure based on the professional judgement of staff taking into account the students' academic, social and emotional needs.

### Factors influencing class structure are:

- The educational needs of the students;
- The projected number of students in each year level;
- The ratio of girls to boys;
- Projected enrolments during the year based on past trends;
- The number of teachers employed at the school; and
- The constraints of resources and facilities.

### Factors which are considered in the placement of students include:

- Academic performance
- Work habits e.g. ability to work independently
- Behaviour
- Gender
- Social network
- Social maturity
- Special needs
- Family situations e.g. twins, siblings

Staff meet during fourth term to establish the classes for the following school year. Teachers of the current and past year levels make the decision about where to place those students for the following year.

### Teachers ensure each new class has:

- A balance of academic ability
- Gender balance
- Socially balanced groups (students are not always put with best friends so new friendships can be formed).
- Class placements are then approved by the principal

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## Thought for the week



## 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.

The top level of the building has been cleaned and is almost ready for final checking, data analysis and completing the handover process.

Staff have been having 'excursions' during the week to see the progress and we are planning on holding a parent afternoon to showcase the new building before the end of term. We are hoping to have this afternoon on Thursday 12 December 3.00 – 4.30pm (TBC)

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

## Yr. 5 Captain Speeches Date Change

Year 5 captain speeches will now be held at Week 8 Monday morning assembly (2 Dec 2019). All Y r 5 students wishing to present a speech are to fill in their expression of interest form and hand it back to their class teacher.

## Industrial Action

There is planned industrial action by NSW Teacher Federation for Thursday 5 December. We are still waiting on further information around times and location. When this is available, we will put out an app notice to explain the level of supervision available at school during this time.

## 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>

## Notes home this week

Amended 3-6 Party Note

Year 6 Farewell Dinner Invites

## Engineers Without Borders Visit

On the 20th of November, a number of students from Engineers Without Borders (EWB) visited our school. The EWB is a not for profit organisation that helps people in need. They came to our school with 3 engineering challenges that were undertaken by 5/6D, 5/6P and 4/5T. They consisted of a prosthetic limb challenge, a windmill challenge and a floating house challenge. The prosthetic limb building challenge was set in war torn countries where undetonated land mines are everywhere, which claim limbs and lives every day. The floating house challenge was set in Lake Cities in Cambodia. In monsoon season, the lake cities flood and water levels rise up to 5 additional meters and they need to stay above water. Finally the windmill building

challenge was set all over the world where our ice caps are melting, fires are burning and temperatures are rising all due to fossil fuels burning away to make energy. We need a new source of energy and that's why we made windmills. We had to first plan our designs then use miscellaneous materials to create it. Finally, we tested, modified and re-tested what we had made.

By Louis L





## Debating Recount

On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, I went to the Premiers State Debating Tournament, NSW for 2019. I went down the Collaroy Centre, Collaroy on Sunday afternoon where my adventure began. When I arrived, I settled into our rooms and waited for the rest of the Hunter/Central Coast team to arrive. When everyone had arrived, we went up to the main conference hall for a team training session with all the other teams that we would be going up against the next 3 days and the adjudicators that would be adjudicating our debates that week. They answered any questions that we had, taught us some of their favourite debating tips and finally broke us off into small groups to have a small workshop. After we finished the small workshop, we went to the dining hall and had dinner and supper.

The next day we had three extremely tough debates. We lost our first two debates but won our last one, feeling tremendously tired and ready for bed by the time we had dinner, a movie and supper.

The morning of the third day, we got ready and went up for breakfast. That day we had two full-on debates that would determine whether or not we would get into the semi-finals. Unfortunately we lost both of them and did not qualify for the semis. By this time we had free time as we waited for the four teams that qualified for the semi-finals in lock-down. A couple of teams played "touch footy" with the adjudicators until it was time to watch them semis.

That night we had another movie, dinner and supper before making sure that the two final qualifying teams had a good night sleep. The final morning was the morning of the Grand Final and while the two teams were in lock-down. The other unlucky teams had a mock-debate.

At the end of the debate the reigning champs that came out on top was the Northern Sydney team.

This was a great opportunity and amazing experience that I loved and if your child ever gets an opportunity like this, should definitely grab at it.

*Written by Laria C*



## Canteen

Dear Parents

The canteen will be making some changes to the menu for 2020. Chicken salad wraps or sandwiches, a Caesar salad, variety of spreads and hopefully a chicken pesto pasta are a few of the ideas we that are contemplating. We would love to have your input and advice on the type of healthy choices you would like available to your children.

## NEPSOOSH PUPILFREE DAY

28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2020

DOLPHIN CRUISE NELSONS BAY

If you need care for this day please book in asap as we have only 25 spots left and are filling quickly

It will be an awesome experience



## 2019 Term Parent Planner

This will be updated on a regular basis.

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

# N.E.P.S Parkrun Take-Over



On *Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PROGRAM

**\$189 FOR A THREE DAY PROGRAM, RUN EVERY WEEK OF THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS. 9AM - 12PM EACH DAY.**

### DATES:

**THURSDAY 2ND - SAT 4TH JAN**

**WEDNESDAY 8TH - 10TH JAN**

**WEDNESDAY 15TH - 17TH JAN**

**WEDNESDAY 22ND - 24TH JAN**

**WEDNESDAY 29TH - 31ST JAN**

### HOW TO BOOK:

CALL **0410 840 155** OR BOOK ONLINE  
AT **[WWW.SURFESTSURFSCHOOL.COM.AU](http://WWW.SURFESTSURFSCHOOL.COM.AU)**

### MORE INFORMATION:

OUR SCHOOL HOLIDAY'S KIDS PROGRAM IS SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO MAKE LEARNING ABOUT BEACH SAFETY AND HOW TO SURF FUN AND EASY. THIS PROGRAM IS TAUGHT BY A NSW ACCREDITED SURF SCHOOL AND IS RUN THROUGHOUT THE THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

THE PROGRAM RUNS EACH WEEK OF THE HOLIDAYS AND GOES FOR THREE DAYS 9AM - 12PM WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY (9HRS TOTAL) EXCEPT THE FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY 2020 WHICH WILL BE RUN ON THURSDAY 2ND, FRIDAY 3RD AND SATURDAY 4TH JAN.

ALL KIDS ARE PROVIDED WITH THE RIGHT WETSUIT, SURFBOARD, SUNBLOCK AND PLACED IN THE RIGHT AGE GROUP STARTING FROM FIVE YEARS OLD.

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# 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.