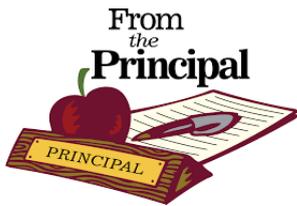


HILLTOP NEWS

Week Three, Term One, Tuesday, 12th February 2019 - Edition Two Hundred and Eighty One



From
the
Principal

School Community Charter

In December 2018, the NSW Department of Education introduced a [School Community Charter \(PDF 1.4 MB\)](#) for all members of NSW Public School communities. It has been developed in consultation with a wide range of stakeholders to reinforce the importance of collaborative and respectful learning environments.

Schools work best when all members of a school community work in partnership and where everyone is treated fairly. It is important that our relationships are built on honesty, mutual respect and on timely, polite communication.

The Charter provides a clear focus on communication, highlighting:

- School staff will take the time to speak to parents and carers when they can give their full attention;
- Schools will ensure written communication is appropriate, fair and easy to read;
- Parents' appropriate use of email and social media to connect with their school.

The Charter also provides a clear statement of the types of behaviours that should not be part of school communities to ensure respectful and collaborative communication. I know that members of our school community agree that we all have the right to feel respected and be treated fairly, whether as parents/caregivers, teachers or students.

Student Welfare and Behaviour

Just a reminder if you have any concerns around

students and issues that may have arisen can you speak to your class teacher first and then if needed, the stage supervisor. This could include any concerns of wellbeing, behaviour or bullying. The stage supervisor will most of the time be aware and speak to you about what may have happened. If the behaviour is severe and warrants further action I will work with the supervisor and parents for the best outcome. If you have a concern in regards to a teacher please speak to myself so we can discuss this. We will continue to review our Wellbeing Plan to ensure we are working with all stakeholders for the interests of all students.

Mick McCann

michael.mccann@det.nsw.edu.au

Meet the Teacher Night

We will be holding our 'meet the teacher night' on **Wednesday 13th of February**.

Kinder – 5.30-6.00 in KM,

1T - 5.30-6.00 in 1T,

1/2P - 5.30-6.00 in 1/2P,

2V - 5.30-6.00 in 2V,

3/4RK - 6.00-6.30 in 3/4RK,

3/4R - 6.00-6.30 in 3/4R,

4/5T - 6.00-6.30 in 4/5T and

5/6P & 5/6D together 6.00-6.30.

Major Capital Work Update

The sewer realignment has been completed. The footings are starting to take shape and we are expecting a major concrete pour late next week. There may be some minor traffic delays with street closures to enable the truck to access the site.

Thought of the Day

SUCCESS IS
THE SUM OF
SMALL
EFFORTS,
REPEATED DAY
IN AND DAY
OUT.
Robert Collier

Zone Trials

This year, we have decided that we would endeavour to provide more opportunities for our students to trial for zone representative sporting teams. The dates are outlined in the parents' planner. The trials are for students already playing this sport at high level – A's or Newcastle Reps and usually years 5 & 6. **They are not come a try days.**

The next round of trials are for **Basketball** (Girls & Boys) and **Hockey** (Girls & Boys)

Please see Mr McCann or Mrs Kirkman for details.

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Digital Citizenship

Last week, students in Years 1 to 6, completed lessons about *Digital Citizenship* and *Cyberbullying* with Miss Hicks.

More information and resources for parents can be found on the following sites:

<https://bit.ly/2GnxaHw>

<https://bit.ly/2g9RVbA>

Office Housekeeping

Lisa and I would like to welcome both returning and new families for Term 1 2019. This year we also welcome Kellie De Vitis to the front office staff for term 1.

Our front **office hours** are: 0815 – 1500 Monday to Friday.

We strongly encourage parents to take advantage of the **Parent Online Payment** (POP) facility available through the school website

<https://newcastle-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

The POP system allows for secure transactions that can be made at a time that is convenient to you and are directly processed via the Departments finance team.

Outside of office hours we can be contacted via email

newcastle-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Change of student and family details can be submitted via the Skoolbag app as can absence notifications.

Please note that a **statement of account** for your family will be mailed home this week and will include the following charges:

General Contributions are voluntary contributions which greatly assist in maintaining and increasing the quality of education for your child. Contributions are used for the purchase of library books, student recognition programs, sports equipment and teaching resources. The contribution is capped by departmental guidelines and in 2019 is set at \$49. In addition to ongoing school initiatives in 2019 contributions will help fund Astroturf and a safe practical outdoor play area on the bottom playground.

Textbook Levy is requested to cover the cost of stage appropriate texts. Due to the ongoing increases in the costs of textbooks and an increased access to digital technologies we have made a decision to limit the purchase of hard copy textbooks in 2019. To reflect this we have set the Textbook Fee at \$15 per child Kinder, \$30 per child 1-2 and \$35 per child 3-6.

It is important to note that students will not be discriminated against or disadvantaged in relation to non-payment of fees. We do however ask that if families are experiencing financial difficulties that they approach the school for support. Please speak to Principal Mick McCann or me if you require financial assistance. All financial assistance will remain confidential.

Claire Tynan

Notes home and on website

Term 1 Skating

Term 1 Surfing

Term 1 Beach / KEP

WIRES fundraising

By Alice White from 1/2P

Last year Stage One went on an excursion to the Wetlands. There we looked at different animals that you find in the wetlands. One of them was the freckled duck and when we were there we found out that they were endangered.

A group of us from Mrs Hadfield's 1/2 class, Isabel, Monica, Alexander, Amaya, Gabby, Mali, Sebastian and me wanted to help the freckled ducks, but when we started to talk about fundraising for them they weren't endangered any more.

We then decided to speak to Mrs Hadfield about fundraising for other animals and found WIRES (NSW Wildlife Information, Rescue and Education Service Inc.). It is Australia's largest wildlife rescue organisation.

To raise money we made artworks and asked our Mums and Dads to cook brownies, cakes, cupcakes and jelly cups to sell. We raised \$140 for WIRES to help every Australian animal.

Thank you to everyone who helped and bought something from our stall.

Healthy School Canteen

Our canteen has been recognised as a **Great Choice – Healthy School Canteen** by the Department of Premier and Cabinet. Thanks to

Tracey and all others who work to have this great facility available to our community.



P&C and School Council AGM

The P&C will hold its AGM on Tuesday 12th February at 5.30pm in the Staff Room.

All Welcome

Nominations for executive and other roles are now open. Please contact Emma (P&C) on pcneps@gmail.com or Lisa (School Council) on nepsschoolcouncil@gmail.com

We are also looking for a volunteer from each class to be the Class Representative to liaise between the P&C (and the School Council) and each class. This will not require attendance at all meetings.

If you are interested in the class rep role or any other role please email pcneps@gmail.com or just come to the meeting on 12th.

Choir

Choir starts this Friday in Mr Ringis' Classroom

Senior Choir starts at 8am

Junior Choir starts at 1.05pm

Canteen

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 299611 or use you can sign up at the following sign up link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044cabac23a1fc1-canteen1>

Playing Rugby Union

Registrations to play Rugby Union with Merewether Carlton Junior Rugby Club are now open for players from 7 to 17 years.

More detail can be found on our club website <https://www.merewethercarltonjuniorrugbyclub.com.au/>

Or Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MerewetherCarltonJuniorRugbyClub/>

A Registration day will be held at Gibbs Brothers Park, Rowan Crescent, Merewether on Sunday 10th February 4:30 – 6:00 PM.

If you have any questions please contact our Club Registrar, Darrell Sherry Mob: 0427 047 110 or

[e-mail: darrell.sherry1@bigpond.com](mailto:darrell.sherry1@bigpond.com) or Matt Jackson President 0402 085 683

CANTEEN ROSTER Term 1 2018	
Monday	Friday
11 Feb Michelle Lott	15 Feb Elizabeth Saunders-Walker Steph Clews
18 Feb Jodie McGuire	22 Feb Chris Gooch Felicia Hartford-Leach
25 Feb Cassandra Connell	1 March Kylie Scarfe Karen Mongey First half 8.45-11.15am Amelie Girard Second half 11.15-2pm
4 March Kylie Scarfe	8 March Volunteers needed please
11 March Kylie Scarfe	15 March Amy King Kate Skehan First half 8.45-11.15am Kate Drew Second half 11.15-2pm
18 March Volunteer needed please	22 March Volunteers needed please
25 March Volunteer needed please	29 March Volunteers needed please
1 April Volunteer needed please	5 April Volunteers needed please
8 April Volunteer needed please	12 April Volunteers needed please

2019 - Term One Parent Planner

This will be updated on a regular basis

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week One 28.01.17	Australia Day Holiday	Staff Development Day	Best Start - Kinder	Best Start - Kinder	Best Start - Kinder	
Week Two 04.02.19	Kinder 1 st Day	Kinder Photo				
Week Three 11.02.19		P&C Meeting – 5.30 School Council Meeting – 7.00		New Families / Kinder BBQ – 5.30pm	PSSA Zone Tennis Trials	
Week Four 18.02.19		Zone Swimming Carnival – Lambton Pool				
Week Five 25.02.19				Zone Basketball Trials	Zone AFL Trials	Newy Park Run
Week Six 4.03.19	Bully No more performance – K-2 The Cyber Bully performance – 3-6			Zone Netball Trials	Zone Hockey Trials	
Week Seven 11.03.19			Zone U11 / Open rugby League Trials	Zone Soccer Trials		
Week Eight 18.03.19		P&C Meeting – 5.30 School Council Meeting – 7.00		Zone Touch Trial	Harmony Day Assembly – 1.45	
Week Nine 25.03.19						
Week Ten 01.04.19						Newy Park Run
Week Eleven 08.04.19					Easter Hat Parade – 1.45 Last Day of Term	




CANTEEN MENU
NEWCASTLE EAST
PUBLIC SCHOOL




Snacks

Fruit	0.50
Cheese & biscuits	0.50
Popcom	1.00
Muffins	1.50
Red Rock Chips	1.50
Slinky Apple	0.50
Yoghurt Cup with Blueberries	1.00
Fruit salad cup	1.00
Fruit salad cup with yoghurt	1.20
Finger Bun (Fridays)	1.50

Drinks

Plain milk	1.00
Plain milk with flavoured straws	1.50
Juice Bomb	2.00

From the oven

Chicken Strips	.50
Garlic Bread	1.00
Mini Meat Pie	1.50
Homemade Pizza - Hawaiian or Margarita	2.50
Sausage Roll	2.50
Spinach & Ricotta roll	2.50
Chicken Burger	4.00

Pasta with tomato-based sauce & cheese	2.50
Chicken fried rice	2.50
Vegetarian fried rice	2.50
Butter Chicken with pappadums	3.00

From the deli (sandwiches & wraps)

HAN SOLO - choice of: cheese, ham vegemite, tomato, jam, honey (extra toppings .50)	2.00
WALLACE & GROMMET cheese & Tomato OR ham & cheese	2.50
BABE ham off the bone, cheese, tomato	3.00
RAINBOW SALAD lettuce, tomato, carrot, cucumber (extra items .50)	3.00
Tomato sauce	20c

Boxes

Surf's Up Munch Box boiled egg, corn chips, vegie sticks, seasonal fruit (hummus 50c extra)	4.00
Garden Salad Box Salad with ham off the bone (extras 50c: cheese)	4.00

Frozen

Frozen Pineapple	0.50
Quelch Fruit Sticks	0.50
½ Quelch Fruit Stick	0.25
Moosie – chocolate or bubblegum	1.00
Juicie	1.00
TNT	1.00

P&C Meeting & AGM

Tuesday 12 February 2019 5.30-7.00pm Staff Room

Agenda

1. Declaration of any conflict of interest
2. Minutes from last meeting
3. Election of officers: President, Vice President (x2),
Secretary, Treasurer 10 mins
3. P&C President's report, including 15 mins
 - a. Update on activities since last meeting
 - b. P&C activities for 2019
4. Principal's report, including 20 mins
 - a. Update on Building Works & Roof
 - b. Class numbers/teachers for 2019
 - c. Update on school plan
5. Treasurer's report 5 min
6. OOSH (incl Vacation Care)
& Canteen 15 min
7. Fundraising (2019) 10 mins
8. Grants update 5 mins
9. Other Business/Round the Table 15 mins

Next meeting : 5:30-7pm Tuesday 19 March 2017 (Week 8)

GRINDHOUSE

SKATEPARK

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

3:30pm - 5pm 8 sessions - Term 1 - \$199

- Beginner to intermediate - Suitable for ages from 6 - 12 yrs old
- Coaching by level 2 instructors
- Hire equipment available
- MONDAY to FRIDAY - Choose a day!
Commencing Monday 11th February

GREAT FOR BEGINNERS
TO INTERMEDIATE



(Minimum numbers required)

12 seater mini-bus for \$50 per term per child •

VALUED AT \$280

After school pick-up available •

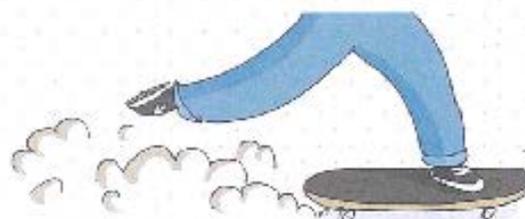
Get a group together! - Perfect for busy/working parents •

BOOKINGS

- WEB - www.sanbahgrindhouse.com

ENQUIRIES

- PHONE - 0409604029
- EMAIL - info@sanbahgrindhouse.com



**SUPER
CONVENIENT!**

After-School Sport held at NEPS...

Attention ALL Newcastle East Parents

*Registration for the newly offered 'TODS Sports Movement Program' held at the school grounds 3.00pm Thursdays is now open to **all NEPS** students.*

TODS: Sports Movement Training for Primary Kids

**** Super convenient for parents****

****Super fun for kids****

- Class held onsite at Newcastle East lower play ground
- Straight after school **3.00pm Thursdays**—pick up 4.00pm
- Maximum 10 x student session—personalised attention
- To enhance balance, agility, speed, flexibility, coordination and overall fitness
- Focus on fun—gamed based program
- \$15 per session
- Experienced, passionate coach: Bevan Fleming
- **REGISTER ONLINE:** www.todsmovement.training/book-online/

More details: www.todsmovement.training

" TODS: Time Off Devices & Screens "

Any questions feel free to contact Coach Bevan Fleming on 0416 171 128



AFTER SCHOOL SURF PROGRAMS



Starting the 3rd week of term 1 from 4-5:30pm

- Monday afternoons commence 11/2/19 (Every Monday for 6 weeks)
- Wednesday afternoons commence 13/2/19 (Every Wednesday for 6 weeks)

\$199 for a 6 week after school program with Newcastle Surfest Surf School.

Call 0410 840 155 or book online at www.surfestsurfschool.com.au

Our after school surf lessons cater for all kids and all levels of fitness and ability! We will be running a beginner 6 week program for children (6yrs - 12yrs old) on every Monday or Wednesday afternoons after school from 4pm to 5:30pm at Nobbys Beach. We will be focusing on improving surfing ability and teaching ocean and beach awareness. All while having fun! \$199 for the 6 week program. We look forward to another

after school summer with the grommies!

MEETING POINT - SURFEST SURF SCHOOL TRAILER PARKED ON SHORTLAND ESPLANADE ROAD NOBBYS BEACH, JUST PAST CAPE.

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