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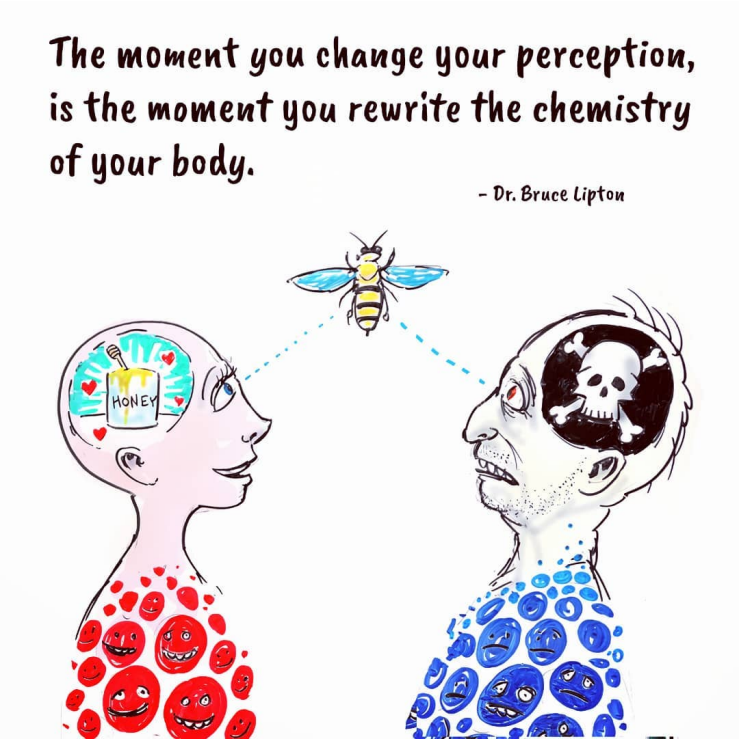
Week Seven, Term Four, Tuesday, 24 November 2020 - Edition Three Hundred and Forty Three

Thought for the Week



Food Issue

Please talk to your children about sharing food. We have quite a few children with allergies. If they don't eat all you pack, encourage them to save it, take it home and not give it to a friend.

Assessment and Reporting

As the year is beginning to wind down, teachers are undertaking assessment tasks in preparation for the end of year reports. Classrooms have been busy places with all students currently being assessed on the outcomes that they have been expected to achieve throughout the year.

Assessments will take the form of class tests, standardised tests, ongoing work samples and informal and formal observations. Reports are due to go home to parents on Thursday 10th December.

Information for Parents

Don't forget to keep up with the latest advice from the Department of Education about COVID-19 and schools. The department has released the latest COVID guidelines, effective from Thursday 12 November. They can be accessed from the link below. https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families

Here is a summary of the key points.

What has Changed

- Presentation Day can proceed with a limited parent audience providing COVID Guidelines are followed.
- Year 6 students can have their graduation bear or ball signed but must provide their own pen.
- Year 6 Farewell can proceed with dancing but COVID Guidelines must be followed.
- P&C Meetings will be able to be held on site, after school hours but is to be capped at 20 attendees. COVID Guidelines must be in place.

What remains the same

- Non-essential adults are not to come onto school grounds, with the exception of late arrival and early pick up and may only enter as outlined in a point below.
- All contact with the school should be done via email or phone. Where face to face contact is necessary you must go via the office.
- No student, staff member or parent is to come onto school grounds if they are feeling unwell.
- Physical distancing of 1.5 metres must be practiced by all adults at all times.

Award Winners

KH Saxon W & William T

K1H Jaxon S & Neve L

23B Max M & Manav N

34T Gabby W & Sebastian S

34R Odin L & Christian R

56P Atticus K & Annabelle R

Change to Staff Development Days 2021

Recently we were informed of a change to the 2021 school calendar. Staff Development Days are pupil free days at school for staff to plan and undertake professional learning. The number of allocated days will remain the same but it has been decided to move one of them from the end to the beginning of the year.

Commencing at the start of 2021, the changes include an increase from one to two Staff Development Days at the commencement of Term 1 with only one Staff Development Day at the end of 2021. Therefore, the School Development Days are scheduled for 27 and 28 January next year, with students in Years 1-6 returning on Friday, 29 January, 2021. Kindergarten students will begin the following week on Wednesday, 3rd February. We hope this information helps with your planning for next year.

There are no changes to school term dates this year with students finishing on Wednesday, 16 December.

Building Work

Playground Upgrade

Between **Monday 9 November and Sunday 29th November 2020** work will include:

- Complete the new boundary fencing
- Installing new play areas and equipment, including the new cricket pitch
- Installing the new astroturf
- Landscaping

Works will typically take place from 7:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday and from 8:00am to 5:00pm Saturdays, unless otherwise notified.

Refurbishment of block A (heritage building)

Work is underway on the additional refurbishment to block A. During the upcoming week, the contractor will continue internal painting, installing new carpets, carpentry and electrical work.

Waste Free Wednesdays

One of the many plans we had for this year was to reduce the amount of waste we have here at school. Class teachers have done this by reducing the amount of paper used in room and we are hoping to reduce the amount of waste students have in their lunch boxes with extra wrappers. We are continuing to ask families to think about the products being placed into lunch boxes. *What can you do to reduce any of the packaging in my child's lunchbox?* In time, we are hoping to run this across all days of the week.

Uniform

Great News the new skorts have arrived. I will be keeping a supply of all uniforms in the office until next year when our uniform shop will be open and operate form the school canteen. The only Item I will be ordering on demand will be the Hoodies. I want to thank everyone for your patience especially those who had to wait extra long time for the skorts.

Jenelle

Debating Wrap-up

This year the year six Premier's debating team made it to the top 16 teams in the whole of the state, this is the furthest a NEPS debating team has made it in many years. The competition started with 666 teams across New South Wales. Unfortunately, the debating team got knocked out just before the quarterfinals. The first team we debated was Merewether Heights Public School, we then went on to defeat Merewether Public School, Hamilton North Public School and Wilberforce Public School. After that we were in the top 64 teams in the state and we overcame Blaxland Public School and then Spring Ridge Public School. Unfortunately we were knocked out by Maroubra Bay Public School from Sydney. It's been a particularly successful debating season, especially given the current circumstances and not being able to hold our debates in person. Running the debates on Zoom has been a learning curve for all involved but overall a great experience.

Congratulations to Callum, Mathilda, Bella, Niamh, Luca and Sophie.

Article by Callum, Luca and Bella

CHRISTMAS

POP UP SHOP

28-29TH NOVEMBER 8AM-2PM

3 COWPER STREET CARRINGTON

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING STARTS HERE

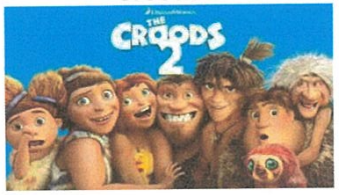
JOIN US FOR A ONE STOP, CHRISTMAS POP UP SHOP BROUGHT TO YOU BY NEWCASTLE'S FAVOURITE BUSINESSES.

ENJOY DELICIOUS FOOD & COLD BEVERAGES WHILST SHOPPING HOMEWARES, PLANTS, JEWELLERY, CLOTHING, RECORDS, FLOWERS AND PERSONAL GROOMING PRODUCTS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Wk1						
Wk2	School Photos Book Week					AFL / NRL Grand Finals
Wk3 26/10/2020 – 30/10/2020		P&C – SC Meeting		#1 Kinder Orientation Day		
Wk4 02/11/2020 – 06/11/2020	Book Fair	Book Fair	Book Fair	#2 Kinder Orientation Day		
Wk5 09/11/2020 – 13/11/2020				#3 Kinder Orientation Day		
Wk6 16/11/2020 – 20/11/2020	Yr2 Swim School	Yr2 Swim School	Yr2 Swim School	Yr2 Swim School	Yr2 Swim School	
Wk7 23/11/2020 – 27/11/2020	Yr2 Swim School	Yr2 Swim School	Yr2 Swim School	Yr2 Swim School	Yr2 Swim School	
Wk8 30/11/2020 – 04/12/2020		P&C – SC Meeting in Library Y6 /7 High School Orientation Day				
Wk9 07/12/2020 – 11/12/2020		Presentation Day – At School	Yr6 Farewell	Reports Home		
Wk10 14/12/2020 – 18/12/2020			Clap out	Staff Development Day No Students	Staff Development Day No Students	Summer Holidays – **Students return Friday 29 Jan**

NEWCASTLE EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL OOSH – VACATION CARE PROGRAM – DECMEMBER 2020/ JANUARY 2021 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Thursday 17th December	Friday 18th December			
Excursion Revolution Closed in Shoes, Hats and Water are a Priority Leaving centre at 9.30am	Excursion Movies TBA Followed by Xmas party Christmas Lunch at 1pm	NEPSOOSH will return on the 11th January 2021 Please always send your child wearing closed in shoes, with a drink bottle, hat and a towel for water play		
Arts and Craft Colour your own Xmas Stocking	Arts and Craft Rocky Road Christmas Tree			
Monday 11th January	**Tuesday 12th January**	**Wednesday 13th January**	**Thursday 14th January**	**Friday 15th January**
Excursion Stockton pool Swimmers, Rashies, Closed in Shoes, Hats and Drinking Water are a Priority Leaving centre at 9.15am	Excursion Ninja Park Closed in Shoes, Hats and Water are a Priority Leaving centre at 9.30am	Excursion The Base Make, create, perform Closed in Shoes, Hats and Water are a Priority Leaving centre at 9.30am	Incursion Teddy Bears Picnic King Edward Park Prizes Galore Closed in Shoes, Hats and Water are a Priority Leaving centre at 10am	Excursion Newcastle Baths Swimmers, Rashies, Closed in Shoes, Hats and Drinking Water are a Priority Leaving centre at 9.30am
Arts and Craft Floating fish in slime	Arts and Craft Acrobat man	Arts and Craft Unicorn dream catcher	Arts and Craft Paint your own Sun Hut	Arts and Craft Pool noodle sea monsters

Monday 18th January	Tuesday 19th January	Wednesday 20th January	Thursday 21st January	Friday 22nd January
Incursion Bop till you Drop Disco Disco 10am to 12pm Make your own pizza	Excursion Oak Vale Farm Closed in Shoes, Hats and Water are a Priority Leaving centre at 9am	Excursion Tree Tops Networld Closed in Shoes, Hats and Water are a Priority Leaving centre at 9am	Super Camps Outdoors Wet and Wild SUPERCAMPS OUTDOOR ADVENTURES 10am to 12pm Closed in Shoes and Hats are a Priority	Excursion Movies Croods 2  Leaving centre at 9am
Arts and Craft Glowing firefly	Arts and Craft Dancing Emu's	Arts and Craft Ball creatures	Arts and Craft Bubbles makers	Arts and Craft Clay stone tooth necklace
Monday 25th January	**Tuesday 26th January**	**Wednesday 27th January**	**Thursday 28th January**	**Friday 29th January**
Excursion Black Smiths Granny pool Swimmers, Rashies, Closed in Shoes, Hat and Drinking Water are a Priority Leaving centre at 9am	Public Holiday	Excursion Dolphin Cruise Swimmers, Rashies, Closed in Shoes, Hat and Drinking Water are a Priority Leaving centre at 9am	Excursion Wetlands Closed in Shoes, Hats and Water are a Priority Leaving centre at 9.15am	Back to School
Arts and Craft Mermaid hair clips		Arts and Craft Dolphin money boxes	Arts and Craft Felt frog toy	

Vacation Care Booking Form – December 2020/January 2021 Holidays

NEPS OOSH VACATION CARE AIM: To promote a friendly community based vacation care option for parents

Proposed Vacation Care Program for December 2020/January 2021 School Holidays:

- **First week of the school holidays: Thursday 17th and Friday 18th Dec**
- **January - Weeks January 11th – January 28th**

Bookings are essential & close on 11th December 2020 for December /January holidays

Please complete the following details for your booking, an email will be sent to you on booking as a confirmation of your booking/s

Parent Name_____**Contact number**_____

Email contact_____

Child/ Children's names _____

Please note any special dietary requirements & tick the box on the appropriate day/s you wish your child/children to attend

Week 1 December	Thursday 17th	Friday 18th	**January 27th Pupil Free Day**	**January 27th Pupil Free Day**	
Week 2 January	Monday 11th	Tuesday 12th	Wednesday 13th	Thursday 14th	Friday 15th
Week 3 January	Monday 18th	Tuesday 19th	Wednesday 20th	Thursday 21st	Friday 22nd
Week 4 January	Monday 25th	Tuesday 26th	Wednesday 27th	Thursday 28th	Friday 29th
		Public Holiday			School Returns

Points to Remember

- **Cost for the day is $65. All fees will need to paid before vacation care**
- All lunches and afternoon teas are supplied by NEPS OOSH. A menu will be advertised on 11th December at the centre. Special dietary needs will be catered for so please inform staff prior to attending.
- Bring in a piece of fruit each day attended.

IMPORTANT TO PLEASE NOTE:

- **There will be no cancellation of days after the 11th of December.**
- **Activity availability & daily options are subject to the number of children booked & may change BUT we will notify of any changes and make every attempt to follow the program that has been set down.**

NEPS OOSH Vacation Care Family Information

Operating Hours: 7.30am to 6pm Monday to Friday

Please contract Tracey with any questions on:

Phone: 49291550 or email:

nepsoosh16@gmail.com

Daily Program

7.30am: Centre Opens
Free time
Games and craft
9 am: Morning program includes excursion start time
10.30am Morning tea
11.00am Program continues
12.30pm Lunch and free time may include movies or games
2.00pm Afternoon program
3.30pm Afternoon tea
5.00pm Pack away and tidy up and free play
6.00pm Centre close

Electronic games are available for the children's enjoyment during restricted times. Children can bring their own devices but they will need to be responsible for their own devices.

MENU

All morning teas, lunches and afternoon teas will be catered for by NEPS OOSH.

Lunch menu include, salad wraps, toasted sandwiches, sausage sizzle, pasta bake, tacos & much more.

Gluten free, vegetarian and eggless options available.

Morning tea

Please bring in 1 piece of fruit so we can share in fruit Platters

Afternoon tea

The children will have the opportunity to create the afternoon teas in the morning. Cooking will be a part of the morning program when at the centre

NEPS Uniform Order Form

Student: _____

Class: _____

Email: _____

Parent: _____

Phone: _____

POP Receipt: _____

Description	Size							Total Quantity	Unit Price	Amount
	4	6	8	10	12	14	16			
Skorts									$20.00	
Unisex Shorts									$20.00	
Unisex Polo									$25.00	
Unisex Hoodie									$50.00	
Tunic									$50.00	
Hat	S-M				L-XL				$15.00	
Backpack									$50.00	
Library Bag									$10.00	
									Inc. GST	