

HILLTOP NEWS

Week Ten, Term Two, Tuesday, 22 June 2021 - Edition Three Hundred and Sixty-Four



From
the
Principal

Today, we presented our External Validation (EV) to an external panel for review.

The EV process is a self-reflection on the classroom teaching and learning, well-being programs, extra curriculum activities and the general 'vibe' of the school.

We are assessed against the School Excellence Framework (SEF) <https://bit.ly/3wJjcGD> across all three domains and 14 elements. It is not a pass / fail but an overall assessment about what makes NEPS the wonderful place it is. We submitted 5 evidence sets to tell the story of NEPS.

We have been validated at sustaining and growing for ten elements and delivering for remaining four elements.

This reflection and validation processes are important as we move into the new school plan. This EV has enabled all staff to have a very clear line of sight to what we currently achieving and where we can go next in what we do at NEPS.

The EV team (and the whole) staff have worked together to create a road map to move NEPS forward over the next 4 years.

Mick McCann

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Thought for the Week

Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home.

— Edith Sitwell —

Awards

KH – Leylim K and Finlay T

K1G – Jiaming S and Claudia B

1H – Dylan M and Isabel S

1/2T – Justin D and Sam N

1/2P – Mia D and Charlie H

2/3R – Manav N and Martha C

3/4KM – Connor L and Thomas Y

4D – Rylie M and Dylan G

4/5C – Georgia N and Simon S

5/6P – Archie A and Anna W

5/6B – Justin N and Alec K

Casual teachers and split classes

As we have entered the winter months, and following the Department of Education Guidelines that staff must remain at home if they are unwell, even with the mildest of symptoms, there will be occasions where staff are not able to come to school.

Additionally, staff may be attending professional learning sessions to improve their practice, or executive staff may be away from their own classroom to observe and support other teachers in their team. These experiences are designed to enhance the teaching and learning opportunities for our students here at NEPS.

In these instances, a qualified casual teacher will be employed to take the class and class teachers provide a detailed day plan for casuals to follow to maintain continuity of class programs. In the event that we are unable to engage a casual teacher for the day the class will be split across their Stage classes where they will follow the same teaching and learning programs as they would normally.

P&C Information

The NEPS P&C is hosting their community engagement breakfast for the end of Term 3 so don't forget to bring a gold coin in exchange for an egg & bacon roll this Wednesday from 7.30-9.00am.

We're calling on a few parents to volunteer for half an hour to help cook on the BBQ and serve out the rolls.

If you'd like to help please email your interest to pcneps@gmail.com Look forward to seeing you all there! If you haven't please follow them on Facebook for updates.

<https://www.facebook.com/nepschool/>

Canteen Volunteer Sign Up

Those parents who are wishing to help out in the canteen will need to use this link to do so. Thank you for the support and patience shown as we re-establish this important part of the NEPS community.

<https://bit.ly/3xZbr09>

Office 365 Education – Free Subscription

Parents, you don't need to buy Office 365 Education for your child's device. It's free for our

school students. Your child will be able to use Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote, Teams and more on up to 5 devices. To activate your child's free subscription, enter their school email address and password at [Aka.ms/AUFreeOffice365](https://aka.ms/AUFreeOffice365)

Minecraft: Education Edition Licence

The Department of Education provides schools with access to Minecraft: Education Edition. Minecraft Education Edition is a highly engaging, virtual educational platform that provides an opportunity for students and teachers to collaborate and create in an immersive environment. It also a platform where students can safely demonstrate their learning and competence in a scaffolded, simulated real world experience.

In order to use Minecraft: Education Edition, students need a current licence which is set up by the school. If you would like your child to have access to Minecraft at home or school, please fill out the form on the following link.

<https://forms.office.com/r/WSDZF1Z1cS>

Sentral Parent Portal

We are currently transitioning to the Sentral Parent portal for communications, reports, interviews time etc. As some will know, this is proving more difficult than first thought. Two major things we have discovered;

1. We need a family email account to link the system. This needs to be one that you have access to on a regular basis.
2. If you have children at high schools, and they use Sentral, you cannot use the same email address for access here at NEPS. This is a security feature of Sentral.

You may have received an email asking to link into Sentral. If you have successfully created an account and have access, please delete these emails.

All families with a registered email address have been sent the link to access the parent's portal. Skoolbag will be turned off at the start of term 4. All notices will go out on Skoolbag and Sentral Parents portal this term.

Creative Writing Club

The students involved in the creative writing club this term have had a wonderful time with Ed and Jess. They have invented fantastic characters with wild plots and have had lots of fun along the way. We are going to continue these classes here at NEPS next term for anyone interested in joining. Classes will run Wednesday mornings from 7:45-8:45 in the library for students from years 2-6. The themes change each term so if you were already involved in the classes you can absolutely attend again and new students are warmly accepted. Flyer is attached and all booking go directly through Ed Wright at The Creative Word Shop.



CREATIVE WRITING CLUB @ NEWCASTLE EAST PS

Invent fantastic characters and wild plots.

Pretend to be other people, animals, maybe even trees or machines.

New themes each term.

With Ed Wright and Jess Black

Wednesdays 7.45-8.45am
From 21 July, In the Library
Cost \$140 (8 weeks)
Eligible for Creative Kids Voucher
For more info and enrolments
www.creativewordshop.com.au
info@creativewordshop.com.au
or phone Ed 0408788765

High Potential and Gifted Poetry Workshops

In Week 8 we welcomed Mrs Thomas back to NEPS to teach a poetry writing workshop for students demonstrating high potential in the area of English. Teachers selected ten students from each stage to attend the workshops, which were designed to nurture and develop student talent. All classes are very busy working on their poetry writing skills in preparation for this year's Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Competition. Next term, another High Potential and Gifted workshop will focus on a different area of the curriculum.



Junior Choir Performance

On Saturday, the junior choir braved the wild weather to perform at Newcastle's Unity in Diversity festival. The festival was held in Foreshore Park as part of Refugee Week. It was a wonderful way to celebrate the many different cultures that make up our great city. Our school performed along with other groups such as African drummers, belly dancers and a Tibetan throat singer.

With huge smiles on their faces, the choir sang their little hearts out and did a fantastic job of representing the school. To choir members, thank you for all the time and effort you have put into rehearsals and performances; you have made me very proud. To parents, thank you for taking the time on the weekend to bring your little singer(s) along.

Miss Partridge

Star Struck

Over the weekend our Star Struck dancers represented NEPS wonderfully! Star Struck is a performing Arts show case which displays the abundant talent of the public-school student body, primary and high school, from Gosford to Muswellbrook. Over 2000 performers came together to create a professional and entertaining show, including ex-NEPS students such as Amy De Malmanche who was a member of the Star Struck orchestra. Our students were exemplary! Their mature and dedicated approach was appreciated not only by Mrs Powell and Mrs

Haynes, but was also complimented by the organisers. The girls danced beautifully and were able to quickly make changes due to the wet weather. Each girl should be so proud of themselves! They worked together to create a

cohesive and happy team of excellent performers. Well done girls, I can't wait for next year!

Mrs Powell – organising teacher



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Wk1	Staff Development Day – No students				Zone Cross Country – Stevenson Park
Wk2				Lift repair	Lift repair
Wk3	Starstruck practice GRIP Leadership Day – Stage 3	P&C Meeting – 5.30		Boys Soccer Gala Day	Newy Rugby League Trials Netball Knock Out Day – National Park
Wk4 10.05.2021 – 14.05.2021	School Photos	NAPLAN – Language / Writing	NAPLAN – Reading	NAPLAN – Numeracy	NAPLAN – Back up day National Walk to School Day
Wk5 17.05.2021 – 21.05.2021	Band / Choir Performance	NHS Yr6 visit	NEPS Athletics Carnival – Blue Track	Art Gallery – Kinder Excursion	
Wk6 24.05.2021 – 28.05.2021			Netball Gala Day – National Park	Oakvale Farm – Kinder Excursion	
Wk7 31.05.2021 – 04.06.2021				Life Ed Van Starstruck practice	Life Ed Van
Wk8 07.06.2021 – 11.06.2021	Life Ed Van	Life Ed Van P&C Meeting – 5.30			Newy Girls Rugby Trials
Wk9 14.06.2021 – 18.06.2021	Queen's Birthday Long Weekend	Stage 1 – Newcastle Museum excursion Starstruck Performance	Stage 1 – Miss Potter House excursion Year 5 NHS taster lessons Starstruck Performance	Starstruck Performance	Starstruck Performance
Wk10 21.06.2021 – 25.06.2021				Reports Home Speaking in Colour - Incursion	

DRAFT - TERM 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Wk1 12.7.2021 – 16.07.2021	Staff Development Day – No Students				
Wk2 19.07.2021 – 23.07.2021					
Wk3 26.07.2021 – 30.07.2021		P&C / SC Meetings – 5.30pm Library			
Wk4 02.08.2021 – 06.08.2021		Basketball Gala Day			Zone Athletics Carnival
Wk5 09.07.2021 – 13.08.2021	ICAS Writing	ICAS Digital Tech			
Wk6 16.08.2021 – 20.08.2021	ICAS English	Yr6 Taser lessons NHS	Science Open Day	Sticky beak Tours No1	St 3 Touch Day
Wk7 23.08.2021 – 27.08.2021				Sticky Beak Tour No2	
Wk8 30.08.2021 – 03.09.2021	ICAS Math	P&C / SC meeting – Library – 5.30pm		Sticky Beak Tour No3	
Wk9 06.09.2021 – 10.09.2021	NHS Yr6 Day	St2 Sydney trip		Sticky Beak Tour No 4	
Wk10 13.09.2021 – 17.09.2021	St3 Canberra Trip	St3 Canberra Trip	St3 Canberra Trip		

COME AND JOIN THE FUN



NEPS parkrun

THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY
MONTH

8AM, ARNOLD ST, CARRINGTON

2021 HUNTER Primary

High Potential & Gifted Mini Camps



We are happy to announce that the Hunter GATS Camp is going ahead this year... just in a mini version!

Students in Years 5 and 6 can attend day workshops in their chosen elective led by professional teachers and tutors.

Students attending will need to wear comfortable clothing, bring their own morning tea and lunch, plus a water bottle and a spirit of fun.

Cost: \$50 per student (including a camp beanie)

Venues:

Thursday 19th August - ENGLISH @ Floraville Public School

Tuesday 24th August - SPORTS SCIENCE @ Hunter Sports High

Friday 3rd September - SCIENCE @ Swansea High School

Thursday 9th September - MATHEMATICS @ Blacksmiths Public School

Wednesday 13th October – VISUAL ARTS @ The Junction Public School

Tuesday 26th October - ICT @ Valentine Public School

[Click on this link to Register](#)

Registration closes on Thursday July 22nd 2021

Students can attend more than one day in different electives. Information regarding payment, attendance, times and student requirements will be emailed to parents by Term 3, Week 3 to confirm your child's elective, venue and workshop day.

The Hunter HPGE Committee

For further details please contact Jane Pankhurst at jane.pankhurst@det.nsw.edu.au



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28 JUNE - 9TH JULY 2021

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Promo Code: NEPS

13/37 Shortland Esplanade, Newcastle East, 2300



NEPS P&C is joining forces with Tulloch Wines and The Beer Drop AU to provide an amazing fundraising opportunity for all our parents and friends of Newcastle East Public School.



Until the end of the year, any online order using **discount code NEPS21** gives 20% of all sales directly to the NEPS P&C 2021 fund raising target, *you even get free delivery!*

- Raise money to transform our school library and special programs room furniture
- Craft beer and local wine delivered direct to your door
- Support your school and local businesses from the comfort of your couch

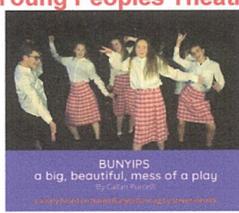
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Monday 28th June Excursion Make a Kite walk to Foreshore to fly in the park and visit the ice-cream parlour  Leaving centre at 10am Art Kites	Tuesday 29th June Excursion Hunter Valley Garden Snow and Rides  Leaving centre at 9am Art Snowman Pom Pom Popper	Wednesday 30th June Excursion Young Peoples Theatre  Leaving centre at 9.50am Art Movie Star Photo Shoot	Thursday 1st July Incursion Bop till you Drop Pirate Disco  Starts at 10am Art Parrots, Cutlass, Treasure box	Friday 2nd July Excursion Movies Spirit Untamed  Leaving centre at 9am Art Hobby Horse
Monday 5th July Excursion Ninja Park  Leaving centre at 9.30am Art Ninja's on a Stick	Tuesday 6th July Incursion Jumping Castle  10am to 4pm Art Cooking, Science and Slime	Wednesday 7th July Excursion Sand Boarding  Leaving Centre 9.30am Art Coloured Sand Paintings	Thursday 8th July Incursion Basket Ball Coach  Street Dance Starts at 10am Art Basket Ball Game	Friday 9th July Excursion Revolution  Leaving Centre 9.30am Art Miniature Trampolines
Monday 12th July Excursion Stockton Park and Skate park via Ferry  Leaving centre at 9.30am				

Family Information

Operating Hours: 7.30am to 6pm Monday to Friday

Please contact Tracey with any questions on:

Phone: 49291550 or email:

nepsoosh16@gmail.com

Daily Program

7.30am Open

Free time period

Games and craft

Electronic games and board games are available for the children's enjoyment during free time.

9.00am: Morning program includes excursion start time

10.30am Morning tea

11.00am Program continues

12.30pm Lunch and free time period includes movie

2.00pm Afternoon program

3.30pm Afternoon tea

5.00pm Pack away and tidy up and free play

6.00pm Centre close

MENU

All Morning teas, Lunches and afternoon teas will be catered for by NEPSOOSH.

Lunch menu will consist of salad wraps, toasted sandwiches, sausage sizzle, pasta bake, spaghetti Bolognese, tacos and more. Gluten free, vegetarian and eggless options.

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

Newcastle East Public School Out Of School Hours Vacation Care Program Booking Form

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

Vacation Care Program 28th June to 12th July 2021

****PLEASE NOTE:** Vacation care availability & daily options will be subject to the number of children booked

Bookings are essential and will close on Friday 18th June 2020

An email confirmation will be sent to you on booking

Booking Vacation Care: Please tick in the box the day/days you require below

Parent Name _____ Contact number _____

Email contact _____

Child/ Children's names _____

Please note any special dietary requirements

Please tick the box on the appropriate day/days you wish your child/children to attend

Week 1	Monday 28 th	Tuesday 29 th	Wednesday 30 th	Thursday 1 st	Friday 2 nd
Week 2	Monday 5 th	Tuesday 6 th	Wednesday 7 th	Thursday 8 th	Friday 9 th
Pupil Free Day	Monday 12th				

Points to Remember

- **Cost for the day is \$65**
- **A 50% deposit of fees will need to be paid before vacation care**
- All morning teas, lunches and afternoon teas are supplied by NEPSOOSH. A menu will be advertised on 18th June at the centre. Special dietary needs will be catered for so please inform staff a few days before attendance
- Bring in a piece of fruit each day attended. It will be pooled and shared with fruit platters for morning/afternoon teas
- **There will be no cancellation of days after Friday 18th June.** Where possible we will replace your day for another day or if able to give your day to another family and cancel your fee.



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	
Unisex Trackpants									\$28.00	
Tunic									\$50.00	
Hat	S-M			L-XL					\$15.00	
Backpack									\$50.00	
Library Bag									\$10.00	
									Inc. GST	



CANTEEN MENU

Newcastle East Public School



Snacks

Seasonal Fruit	\$1.50
Cheese & biscuits	\$0.50
Popcorn	\$1.00
Choc Muffin Low Fat	\$1.50
Sea Salt Chips	\$1.50
Grain Waves	\$1.50
Yoghurt Cup with Fruit	\$1.00

Everyday Hot Lunch

Chicken Fingers	\$0.50
Gluten Free Chicken Nuggets	\$0.50
Garlic Bread Roll	\$1.00
Mini Meat Pie	\$1.50
Sausage Roll	\$2.50
Spinach & ricotta rolls	\$2.50

Sauce

Tomato	\$0.20
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Sandwiches and Wraps

White bread or a wrap (both have GF option) – indicate on order.
*Ham or Chicken with lettuce, tomato and cheese \$3.00
extras \$0.50
carrot, beetroot or cucumber Mayo (optional)
* Spreads – Vegemite, Strawberry Jam, Honey \$2.00

Salad Boxes

* <u>Garden Salad Box</u>	\$3.50
- lettuce, carrot, cucumber, cheese, tomato, beetroot Hummus (optional)	
- add ham or chicken.	\$4.00
* <u>Munch Box</u>	\$4.00
- egg, carrot sticks, cucumber sticks, celery sticks, cherry tomatoes, grapes, cheese and flat bread chips Hummus (optional)	

Toasties

Cheese and Tomato	\$2.50
Just Cheese	\$2.50
Ham and Cheese	\$2.50
Ham, Cheese and Tomato	\$3.00

Drinks

Plain Milk	\$1.00
Plain Milk with Flavoured Straw	\$1.50
- chocolate, strawberry, banana, choc mint, caramel, marshmallow, cookies and cream	
Juice Bomb	\$2.00
- raspberry, watermelon, coola, orange/passio, grape, lemon/lime, blackcurrant	

Ice Blocks

Frozen Pineapple Rings	\$0.50
Nice 'n' Juicy Quelch Sticks	\$0.50
- lime, orange, raspberry, blackcurrant	\$1.00
Ice Money	
- chocolate, sour blue, watermelon	\$1.00
Snap Sticks	
- Sour or Sweet.	\$1.00
Moosie's	
- Chocolate, Strawberry, Bubble-gum	

Special Menu Days

MONDAY	\$3.00
Chicken Fried Rice (GF)	\$2.50
Vegetarian Fried Rice (GF)	
WEDNESDAY	\$3.00
Butter Chicken with 2 papadums (GF)	
FRIDAY	\$4.00
* <u>Cheeseburger</u>	
- bun, lean beef patty, cheese, tomato sauce. (GF Buns available)	
* <u>Chickenburger</u>	\$4.00
- lettuce, cheese and mayo (GF Buns available)	
* <u>Pizza</u>	\$3.00
- Ham and Pineapple, Margarita, Pepperoni	



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