Calendar for Week 4 Term 1

Monday – 18 February

Tuesday – 19 February

Wednesday – 20 February

Interrelate Commences for Year 6 Students

Thursday – 21 February

Koori Play & Chat Yalingen Allawah 9:15am

Friday – 22 February

Thank You!

The response by staff, students and parents to the lockdown incident that occurred last week due to an incident near Hebersham shops was commendable. When “stuff” happens it is good to know that there are wise heads and calm people to follow instructions from Mt Druitt Police and the staff to ensure everyone is safe. Well done HPS!

I visited each class last Friday and debriefed with the children. Their understanding of the rule about how to be safe was amazing. The Pride Guide rules at HPS!

Sorry Anniversary

Wednesday 13 February – Anniversary of the Apology to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People

“...we need to include Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders in our communities so that we can all learn from one another and develop a real awareness, understanding, appreciation and respect for the culture and history of Indigenous Australia...Its basis is the inclusion of the Indigenous peoples of Australia, not their exclusion. And that is healing for all of us.”

Flora MacDonald, from the ACT Branch of Australians for Reconciliation

Yesterday was the 5th Anniversary of Kevin Rudd’s historic apology to the stolen generations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Hebersham Public School is built on the land of the Dharug People. At the entrances to the school there are signs that welcome the staff, students, parents, carers and visitors to Dharug Land. At all our assemblies and special occasions the Aboriginal students acknowledge elders past and present and all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to the school. On very special occasions when an Aboriginal Elder is present there is a Welcome to Country.

The student leaders raise the Australian National flag; the Aboriginal flag; and the Torres Strait Islander flags at the central flag pole each day.

Be a learner, be respectful, be safe
Use of Students’ Toilets by Adults in the School

The toilets in the school are for the children. It is not appropriate for any parents, carers or other adults to use these toilets while waiting for children. There are Child Protection issues so I would appreciate that under no circumstances should these toilets be used by adults.

The First Peace Awards for 2013

The Peace Awards have become an important part of our school being a happy, safe, caring and culturally inclusive place for everyone. This year the Peace Awards are presented to students on Fridays in their classrooms – except in weeks 3, 6 and 9 when the K-6 Assemblies take place.

The children’s names are published in the weekly newsletter and House points are awarded. These points are significant in determining the winning House for the shield at the end of the year.

Peace Award Criteria
- Making friends with new children to our school
- Saying sorry and shaking hands
- Putting our heads together to solve problems
- Forgiving others
- Making agreements
- Initiating activities to make our school a happy place
- Making peaceful compromises
- Helping and co-operating with one another
- Helping children to follow the school rules
- Helping younger children in the playground
- Doing a good turn for someone else
- Watching out for each other
- Apologising to others
- Giving someone a smile if the person is feeling down
- Encouraging others to do their best
- Making agreements
- Making someone smile
- Imagining how other people feel
- Appreciating differences
- Accepting other points of view graciously
- Teaching each other
- Getting over it and moving on – GOMO
- Caring for our environment
- Helping the community
- Showing pride in our school
- Promoting peace throughout the school
- Dreaming, imagining, dancing, singing and celebrating
- Following the Golden Rule: do unto others as you would have them do unto you

Congratulations to the following students who received the first Peace Awards for the year and earned points for their Houses.

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Don't Forget

Picking Up Your Children after School
School ends at 3pm each day. The office is not an after-hours child minding centre.

Staff members have regular meetings after school ends at 3pm. Office staff members are not responsible for the supervision of the students hence our children need to be picked up as soon as school ends.

Your co-operation in this matter would be appreciated.

Jargon buster
Wondering why your kids talk about playing under the school COLA? Baffled at parent-teacher discussions about KLA’s? This list of common abbreviations or terms will help you to become familiar with the world inside school.

Find out more:

Avoiding injuries
Have you ever wondered if your child may be suffering physically from using a computer for schoolwork? Or if carrying their school bag may be causing them pain?

Find out more:

Maths questions
Are you in search of an educational game to sharpen your child's maths skills and recall? Maths Monkey's Quest features maths questions on topics ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. It’s aimed at children from Years 3 to 8.


Canteen News

Due to an error on the canteen menu slushies are not available.
Sorry for any inconvenience caused.
Canteen Staff

Nepean Creative & Performing Arts High School
Are you interested in Dance, Drama, Music or the Visual Arts? then Nepean Creative and Performing Arts High School may be the school for you.

Talented students with a strong interest in Dance, Circus, Drama, Music or Visual Arts are encouraged to apply for audition.

Local, in area, students wanting to be part of the selective Creative and Performing Arts Program must also audition or present a portfolio of work.

To be part of the 2014 Year 7 cohort of Creative and Performing Arts students, check the website for an Audition Application at www.nepean-h.schools.nsw.edu.au under the CAPA Tab.

For further information contact the school on 4728 7200.

Closing date for applications for Years 7 and 8 2014 Thursday 4 April 2013 and Auditions will commence Monday 6 May 2013.

Kids Craft Club
All are welcome to join a 3 Day After School Kids Craft Club at-

Location: Emmanuel Christian Family Church Hall
(280 Jersey Road Plumpton)
When: Wednesday 20 February
Thursday 21 February
Friday 22 February
Cost: $5-00 per child per day

Any enquiries please ring Pastor Barbara Taylor 9625 0841 or Akilulu Gebremrdhin 9625 0247.
If you would like a leaflet please come into the School Front Office.