How Do We Use iPads at NEPS? Find Out Wednesday at 5.30

You’re invited to a casual introduction to our class set of iPads, purchased by our P and C, to see the imaginative and educational ways that we use them. The various “apps” in use by our students help their learning in many ways, beyond merely surfing the internet, and our staff IT Committee will be delighted to show you. The evening might give you some new ideas about ways to use tablets at home too! And you can still be home by 6.30!

Mother’s Day Stall

NEPS Mother’s Day stall will be held on Friday, 9th May, 2014 from 9:00am until all classes have been served. Each class will be given an allocated time. There are gifts ranging from $2 to $5. Children will be able to buy a gift and if any are left over, then a second gift may be purchased. Money for gifts must come to school with your child (if you would like your child to purchase a gift).

Happy Mother’s Day to our mums!

French Film Festival

This Festival begins on Friday 23rd, but for children there is an excellent movie on Saturday May 24, at 11 am. It’s rated PG, and is Belle and Sebastien, a beautiful story about the love between a young boy and a “wild” and very shaggy dog named Belle, set against the background of the German occupation during World War Two. You can view the trailer here:- http://newcastlefrenchfilmfestival.weebly.com/belle-and-sebastien.html The film has subtitles, but is equally suitable for children studying French at NEPS, and general public.

Fresh Fruit For Free

As part of a fresh food promotion, Woolworths at Market Town has offered to provide each of our children with a piece of fruit on Friday 16th, at Recess time. None of our children will be used as promotion for the store, nor will any photographs of our children be used, but some classes will produce an art work on the “fresh is best” theme, to be displayed only in the lunch Room of the store.

Still No Lower Playground Access

Contractors have yet to remove our trees in danger of falling, so our lower playground remains out of bounds during school time, and out of hours. If your family uses the school facilities at the weekend, please ensure that the safety ribbons are not pulled down, as they have been recently.
Writer of the Week – Callum Beattie from KM

Callum wrote about his holiday snorkelling in Vanuatu. Beautiful writing and great picture!

ANZAC Writing – Works from Mrs Edge’s Class

Isla Fensom wrote: - ANZAC Day makes me remember my great pop, because he got sent to war and came back when I was just born. He brought back a special army hat and I always wear it when I see my pop. The bad bit is that my great pop died three years after he came back.

India Matson wrote: - ANZAC Day is a time to remember all the ANZACs who went to war and were killed and a time to remember what they did for Australia. The First World War went from 1914 to 1919. Lest we forget.

Darcy M wrote: - When I think of ANZAC Day I think of my Poppy when he died in war. If he was alive he would be 101 years old. He was a bomber in a plane who dropped bombs out of a plane, to hit a different bomber.

The Quiz

Last week’s quiz asked about Clarence Jeffries VC, who attended our school then fought in World War One. Where did he fight? Ben Dennis correctly worked out that it was Passchendaele, in Belgium. This week: -

We’ve heard the phonetic alphabet used by radio operators when communications are difficult, to stop confusion between letters like “b” and “d”, or “p” and “t”. “A” is “alpha”, “b” is “bravo”, and so on. Can you write the word “young” using this phonetic alphabet?

Canteen

Warm Milo is now available every recess for $1

Volunteers

Our school canteen provides a healthy, convenient and affordable option for student lunches three times per week. To ensure that this remains the case, we desperately need volunteers and donations. The Term 2 2014 Canteen Roster is coming home today and is also available in full on the school website. As you will notice there are quite a few dates this term marked ‘Volunteer Needed’ please consider volunteering on these dates so that we can keep our Canteen open.

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Donations – Cheese Slices

Families on the donation roster this week are: Browning, Cabalzar-Lampert, Carr, Chamberlain, Clack, Clews, Coakes, Russ, Gossner, Corcoran, Cossato, Cupitt and Dederer.
Entertainment Books
The 2014-2015 Entertainment book and subscriptions are now available to purchase from the school office. Order forms and further information will be coming home today so jump online check out the great offers and order your copy or see Claire in the office.
Buy a NEW 2014 | 2015 Newcastle, Central Coast and The Hunter Entertainment™ Membership for your Mum this Mother's Day, and for only $60, she'll receive over $20,000 worth of valuable offers that can be used from now until 1 June 2015.
Choose from the traditional Entertainment™ Book or the NEW Entertainment™ Digital Membership, which puts the value of the Book into Mum's smartphone.
Plus, 20% from every Entertainment™ Membership we sell contributes towards our fundraising! The more Entertainment™ Memberships we sell, the more we raise – so please tell your family and friends!

Stewart House
The Annual Stewart House Donation Drive is on now and entry envelopes will go home today. These envelopes are due back this Friday to be eligible to go in the draw for a family holiday valued at $4000. For more info visit www.stewarthouse.org.au

Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea
Thank you to Ms Van Dam we have two gorgeous tea cosies to raffle to raise money for cancer research and awareness as part of our staff Biggest Morning Tea on 22nd May. Parents and friends of the school are welcome to enter the draw and tickets are available for $2 at the front office.

Colonial Fair
It’s that time again when we call for volunteers to help in the preparation of the Colonial Fair Saturday October 18th 2014. Individual class notes will go home this week, however if you are interested in getting up to date on proceedings or to offer any suggestions and support you are welcome to attend our meetings on Thursdays at 2:45pm and join the email list. To register you interest contact Claire on claire.m.fitzgerald@det.nsw.edu.au.

The Term Ahead
The Planner attached to this Newsletter contains details of key events during this very short term, which include: –
- Week Two – Mothers’ Day Stall
- Week Three – NAPLAN testing for Grades Three and Five
- Week Five – School photos and Athletics Carnival
- Week Eight – Senior School Canberra/Government Excursion
- Week Nine – Recital Night
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Have you seen Leprechaun?

Last seen next to Miss V’s laptop on Thursday 1st May

Description

Height: 10cm
Age: 9 years old
Hair: Orange
Beard: Orange
Leprechaun has a large green hat and a green jacket. He is wearing green and white striped tights and black shoes.
He also has a cheeky grin.

Leprechaun’s magical powers will be lost if he is not found

If found, please return to Miss V’s classroom

REWARD FOR SAFE RETURN