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Thursday 13 th December	Friday 14 th December	Monday 17 th December	Tuesday 18 th December	Wednesday 19 th December
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Snack Canteen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Concert 6pm start. Finish at 7:30pm. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Library Day – returning only. Closed for stocktake. Presentation Day Assembly – starts 9:20am. Conclude approx.. 10am. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Banking Day – NO SCHOOL BANKING DUE TO PARTY DAY Party day – movies and water play day. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uniform Shop open at morning drop off Final day Term 4. Talent Quest.

This will be our final newsletter for 2019. Personally, I would like to thank the NLHIS community for your support and making me feel so welcome in my first six months as principal here. On behalf of the students and staff, I would also like to express my gratitude for all you do as parents and carers. I feel this school has great open lines of communication and a community who are resilient to change and support each other in many ways.

Last week at the P&C meeting, we reflected on some of the ways the P&C has been able to support the school in 2018. This has included the purchase of the beautiful play mats we use each day, contributions to Hunter Dance costs, organising and supplying materials for Mothers’ Day and Fathers’ Day crafts and gifts, providing morning tea for transitions and Grandparents Day, the purchase of 2018 Year 2 medallions and contribution to the cost of books for Presentation Day, World Vision sponsorships, Teacher Appreciation Week, principal’s compassion fund and Rainbow Food Day. Thank you also to the volunteers, who run our uniform shop, snack canteen and weekly banking. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated P&C and a community who supports the initiatives. In 2019, the P&C and DoE will be looking at jointly funding playground upgrades. The feedback from the *Tell Them From Me* Parent Survey will be used to make some fundraising targets in 2019. An extra special thank you to the executive of the P&C – Kate B, Melinda, Kate D, Kate M and Andrew, who co-ordinate, lead and make sure our P&C operates smoothly and within the guidelines.

I hope you all have a very special Christmas with your families and stay safe over the holiday period. Staff return on Tuesday 29th January and we will see you back on Wednesday 30th January 2019.

Best Wishes
Lisa Hughes
Principal

2019 PLANNING & CLASS STRUCTURES

We are continuing to plan for 2019. At this point, we are planning for four classes in 2019.

Please be aware that, because of where numbers are currently sitting, that this may change. This is always the case with many public schools and class formations may not be definite until we have submitted our numbers for 2019, which is the last week of February. We still have vacancies for 2019 classes, so are in a position where we can accept more enrolments.

As mentioned, at this point in time we plan on having the following classes:

- Kindergarten
- K/1
- 1/2 (Stage 1)
- 1/2 (Stage 1)

Our teachers are experienced in teaching across all of these Stages and work hard to cater for the needs of children, regardless of their grade.

At the moment, we are looking a timetabling across the school and ways that we can provide opportunities for students to work within their own grade for certain parts of the week.

Please, if you have any concerns please see Mrs Hughes or any of the teachers.



At New Lambton Heights Infants School we acknowledge that we teach, learn and play together on the traditional country of the Awabakal people, who are the custodians of this land. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



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CHRISTMAS CONCERT – Friday 14th December

Please join us on Friday night for our Christmas concert. We will start around 6pm and then have a picnic in the school grounds – concluding around 7:30pm. Bring a picnic, mozzie spray and your best Christmas carols singing voice! Please note that alcohol is not permitted at this event.

2018 PRESENTATION DAY – Monday 17th December

Don't forget Monday 17th is our Presentation Day and it will start straight after drop off and should finish at approximately 10am.

All children will receive a book award and we will be revealing our new school mascot.

END OF YEAR PARTY DAY – Tuesday 18th December

We will be leaving the school at approximately 9:30am to watch *The Grinch* at 10:30am at Charlestown Hoyts. We will then return to school at approx. 12:30pm for our party food and water play. 1/2LH students have organised fun, water saving activities for students to rotate around and then have a free play.

Please see the note attached with further information.

SEMESTER 2 REPORTS

Semester 2 reports will go home tomorrow. If you have any questions or concerns, please see make an appointment to see your class teacher before the end of the year.

TERM 4 WEEK 9 MERITS

MERIT SYSTEM

4 Merit Awards = 1 Gold Award

4 Gold Awards = 1 Blue Principal's Award

1 Blue Principal's Award and a Citizenship Award = 1 Gold Principal's Award

Please have all awards in by the Friday before assembly on Monday.





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Look at all of our Principal's awards ... High Tea with Hughsey ... Wednesday 19th December.

P&C News

XMAS DECORATIONS

Each year the school community decorates the stage with Xmas decorations for the Xmas Concert and final week of school. We are planning on putting up decorations this coming Friday 14th December at 2pm. If you could come and give an hour of your time prior to pickup it would be great. Many hands make light work!

XMAS CONCERT

As you know this coming Friday at 6pm we are joining together as a school community to celebrate the end of the year with our Annual Xmas Concert. Please remember to bring a picnic and picnic chairs/blanket (and mozzie spray!) The P&C will also be putting on a snack canteen, selling icecreams and the usual goodies. We are looking for volunteers to help serve during this time. If we could get lots of people doing 10 minutes each we will all get to spend time with our families. If you can donate 10 mins of your time please let the P&C know via email nlhipandc@gmail.com.

BUNNINGS BBQ

We still need 6 more volunteers for the school Bunnings BBQ coming up on **Sunday, 13th January 2019**.

Thanks to all those who have volunteered so far :)

The BBQ runs from 8:30am–4pm, which is split into 4 x 2hr shifts. If you can spare 2 hours to help please email the BBQ co-ordinator, Dylan Gavin, on dylan.gavin14@gmail.com or the P&C via email nlhipandc@gmail.com.

These BBQs are a great way to meet other parents and are generally great fun.

THURSDAY SNACK CANTEEN – *Updated* Term Roster

*Our canteen volunteers for this Thursday are **Marion Brennan & Patrice Wallace-Smith**. This will be the last Thursday canteen for the year. Canteen is held from 12:45pm and 1:10pm. Please make sure you can setup at 12:30pm ready for this time. Thank you.*

If you find yourself unable to make your rostered day please arrange a swap with someone and notify Melinda Holme at melindaholmedesign@gmail.com via email and copy P&C nlhipandc@gmail.com. If you are unable to find a replacement, please advise



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Melinda and copy P&C so that a substitute can be organised.

If you have any queries you can contact the P&C via email nlhipandc@gmail.com

Dates for your Diary 2018

<i>Term 4 Events</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>Uniform Shop</i>	<i>Every Wednesday am</i>
<i>Snack Canteen</i>	<i>Every Thursday</i>
<i>End Week 9</i>	<i>Semester 2 reports home</i>
<i>Christmas Concert</i>	<i>Friday 14th December Starts 6pm</i>
<i>Presentation Day</i>	<i>Monday 17th December Starts 9:20am</i>
<i>Party Day</i>	<i>Tuesday 18th December</i>
<i>Final Day of Term 4 (Staff and Students)</i>	
<i>Year 2 farewell (Year 2 parents and students) 2:30pm</i>	<i>Wednesday 19th December</i>
<i>Year 2 clap out (whole school community) at 3pm</i>	
<i>School non –operational</i>	<i>Thursday 20th and Friday 21st December</i>
<i>Share Our Space</i>	<i>Playground open over the summer break.</i>

Dates for your diary 2019

<i>Term 4 Events</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>Bunnings BBQ</i>	<i>Sunday 13th January</i>
<i>Term 1 Commences SDD – Staff Only</i>	<i>Tuesday 29th January</i>
<i>Year 1 and Year 2 students return to school</i>	<i>Wednesday 30th January</i>
<i>Kinder transition – selected students over 3 days – Wednesday, Thursday and Friday</i>	<i>Wednesday 30th January – Friday 1st February</i>
<i>First day for all 2019 Kindergarten students.</i>	<i>Monday 4th February</i>
<i>Final day for 2:45pm finish for Kindergarten.</i>	<i>Friday 22nd February</i>



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Choose one image from the Home Dignity Justice or Nikon-Walkley Award exhibitions to spark your imagination, THEN use your awesome storytelling skills to create a 500-word short story.

Your story should demonstrate that you have thought about what life might be like for the person in the photograph.

Categories: 8 - 10 years 11 - 13 years 14 - 16 years

Prizes: Winners in each category will receive a \$50 gift voucher kindly donated by MacLean's Booksellers, Hamilton. Runners-up will receive a \$25 voucher.

Entries: Open 10 December 2018 and close 30 January 2019
Exhibitions on display Newcastle Library and Wallsend Library.

Visit: newcastle.nsw.gov.au/library for competition information

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DO YOU KNOW A DAD?

- Who wants to spend **quality time** with their preschool aged child?
- Who wants to improve their kids' **sport skills** whilst having a ball of **fun**?
- Who wants to help their kids eat more **veggies** and **fruit**?
- Who wants to play fun, **active games** with their child and enhance their **fitness**?

RESEARCH STUDY

www.newcastle.edu.au

THE WORLD FIRST Healthy Youngsters, Healthy Dads program is coming to Newcastle in Term 1 2019.

Register your interest:

www.healthyyoungsters.com

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This project has been approved by the University's Human Research Ethics Committee, Approval No. H-2017-0381.



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End of Year 'Party Day' 2018

Tuesday 18th December

Dear Parents and Caregivers.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! We have an exciting party day planned for the children. This year it falls on **Tuesday the 18th December**.

Due to positive feedback from the children, we will again take the children to see a G rated movie at Hoyts Charlestown called the Grinch. The students will receive popcorn and water to enjoy whilst watching the movie.

This will be followed by the New Lambton Heights Infants 'Party Day' tradition of water fun in the playground. After all the excitement, we will have a quiet activity time back in our rooms.

Planning for Party Day

Children are to wear regular sport uniform, hat and shoes. When returning to school the students will change into swimmers. Please apply sunscreen and insect repellent at home as usual before they come to school for the day. If your child has long hair, a plait or ponytail would be advisable to avoid knots.

What to bring for our Party Day

- A towel and plastic bag for wet clothes
- Swimmers **and Rash-shirt**
- Extra sunscreen and insect repellent
- School hat
- Shoes that can wet. (to avoid bindis)
- A Party Lunch – a celebration lunch for your child to eat. This can be as simple as a regular lunch with a party treat packed in.
- Recess – as usual

As you can see this will be an exciting day for all, please fill in the permission form below and return it **before Friday 30th November**. A payment of \$20.00 will be required to cover the movie, snacks and bus ride. You can pay online via school website, or cash payment and the permission slip placed in the BLACK dropbox near the office.

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End of Year Party Day 2018

I give permission for my child _____ of class _____ to participate in Party Day 2018 on *Tuesday the 18th December*. I understand they will be participating in water activities at school and traveling by bus to the movies at Hoyts Charlestown.

Additional information you should know about my child regarding this day is _____

Signed _____ (Parent or Guardian)