

Thursday 15th August 2019

Term 3 Week 4

A message from Mrs Hughes

Next week is celebration week at NLHIS! On Monday we are celebrating NAIDOC Week and on Wednesday, we are celebrating Education Week and Book Week. I love Book Week. It has always been one of my personal favourites. Firstly, because I love books! Secondly, because I have the best memories of Book Week parades at school and the costumes that I wore.

This year's theme is 'Reading is my Secret Power'. I love that reading is being promoted as something that empowers children. Here are 10 reasons why reading is a secret power:

- 1. Reading is mindful.
- 2. Reading reduces stress.
- 3. Reading improves your ability to wield words.
- 4. Reading is free.
- 5. Reading improves writing.
- 6. Reading increases empathy and social awareness.
- 7. Reading is knowledge.
- 8. Reading improves your problem solving.
- Reading offers an escape form the daily grind.
- 10. Reading exercises the imagination.

In K-2, there is so much emphasis on children learning to read and doing their 'home reading'. We always encourage parents to continue reading to their kids as well. This allows them exposure to rich texts full of language they can use in their conversations and their writing.

We are so looking forward to next week's celebrations. Please come along if you can.

Lisa Hughes

Principal



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.

What's happening at The Heights?

Term 3 Events	Date
Dance2BFit	Each Friday
NAIDOC activities	Thursday 15 th and Monday 19 th August \$5
Book Week Parade/Education Week	Wednesday 21 st August
Fathers' Day BBQ	Tuesday 27 th August
P&C Movie Fundraiser	Sunday 15 th September
Athletics Carnival	Wednesday 18 th September
P&C Colour Run	Friday 27 th September

NAIDOC Activities

Thursday August 15: David Newham will be visiting each class and delivering a lesson.

Monday August 19: David and Yarn will be returning to the school for follow up activities. We will be rotating around the activities. **Students are to wear coloured clothing on this day** – as outlined in the note.

The school is contributing to the cost, but we ask for \$5.00 per student to assist with this.





BOOK WEEK/EDUCTION WEEK

On Wednesday 21 August (Week 5), we will celebrate Book Week and Education Week.

9:30am – 10:00am: Book Parade (wear book character costume)

10:00am – 10:30am – Teddy bear's picnic in the playground. Bring a snack, rug, teddy and a favourite book to share.

10:30am – 11:00am: Students will work in grade groups and continue working on Project Based Learning activities. All welcome.

Kindergarten in KBP room

Year 1 in K/1L room

Year 2 in resource room



Who are our awesome award winners this week?

Congratulations to our Term 3 Week 3 award recipients.

4 Merit Awards = 1 Gold Award

4 Gold Awards = 1 Blue Principal's Award (High Tea with Hughsey)

1 Blue Principal's Award and a Citizenship Award = 1 Gold Principal's Award (High Tea with Hughsey)

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









Little Lifelong Learners

On Tuesday Mrs Hughes and Mrs Dowman worked with Year 2 to complete a rubbish audit, so we could determine the type of rubbish we have in our school. This is part of our Project Based Learning (PBL). Year 2 have their 'black and white' cap on and are finding out facts about rubbish in our school, so they can design a system for reducing the amount rubbish we are sending to landfill.

This is what we found out:

Lillian: We use lots of paper towel.

Sofia: Paper towel was double to size of everything else.

Alex: We use too much paper towel.



Nicholas: Lots of soft plastic from our school is going into landfill.

Lachie: We should stop bringing so much plastic.

Rory: We are using too much soft plastic. We should use plastics that we can use again.



Andrew: There are lots of food scraps.

Glen: We should use the food scraps for compost.

Layla: There were pieces of whole food that people should take home and not throw away.





P&C News

We are working hard to reach our fundraising goal of \$12,000 this year with majority going towards to our Imaginative Play Area. We are working with the students to finalise our plan and hope to start bringing in elements this term!

To keep up to date with P&C activities and news, please follow our Facebook page; 'New Lambton Heights Infants P & C'.

P&C ACTIVITIES

A REMINDER TO VOTE FOR OUR HARMONY PLAYGROUND IN MY COMMUNITY PROJECT GRANTS!

Voting is now open for My Community Project. It's your chance to pick your favourite project and New Lambton Heights Infants School would like your support in getting funding for our Harmony Playground!

You will need a MyServiceNSW account and Medicare card to vote. Our project can be found in the Wallsend electorate on mycommunityproject.service.nsw.gov.au

A big thank you to everyone who has delivered flyers to surrounding areas to drum up votes! If you are able to share our Facebook post it would be greatly appreciated!

UGLY DOLLS MOVIE MATINEE – SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER, 10am

Come along to our Movie Event Fundraiser! Tickets will go on sale 23 August 2019. Bring along friends for a fun morning out while raising money for our school!

This event will be at Event Cinemas Kotara, we are working with the cinema to reduce the sound levels and keep the lights dimmed (not off) during the session for a gentle introduction for first time cinema goers!

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

The P&C are hoping to get volunteers to bake cupcakes in the house colours of red, green, blue and yellow! We are also looking to offer a hot lunch option on the day! More to information to come in the following weeks.

SCHOOL RUN 4 FUN COLOUR EXPLOSION – FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER, 1pm

We are excited to host a School Run 4 Fun Colour Explosion on the last day of Term 3! We are sure there will be lots of questions, we will be sending out more information in the coming weeks.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Thank you to all of those members of our school community who have already purchased a Digital Membership! We have exceeded our fundraising goal and achieved \$325 in profit, all of which will go towards our imaginative play area. Each digital membership costs \$65, with \$13 going directly back to our school.

https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbook s/342j57

Please feel free to share with family and friends.

SAVE THE DATES

Saturday 19 October – Bunnings Fundraiser BBQ. If you are able assist on this day, please let Katie Draper know.

P&C SERVICES

HEALTHY CANTEEN STRATEGY

We are very close to submitting our menu check application for the NSW Healthy Canteen Strategy. We will be looking to change a remove the Red Rock Chip options from our menu items to ensure that we meet the criteria of three quarters everyday food and drinks and swapping



any occasional foods to a similar food with a Healthy Star Rating of 3.5 stars or more.

ENGAGEMENT WITH THE STUDENTS – FRUIT SALAD CUPS!

Our first 'Fruit Cup Friday' was a great success with the second being Friday 6 September. If you are able to come and help cut up fruit, please let the P&C know nlhipandc@gmail.com

FRIDAY SNACK CANTEEN ROSTER

This week's volunteers are Katie Draper and Kate Murphy. Canteen is held between 12.45pm and 1.10pm. Please make sure you can set up at 12.30pm ready for the rush!

Also, at the conclusion of canteen, please ensure that you restock ready for next week to make it easier for next week's volunteers.

If you can't make your rostered day please arrange a swap with someone and notify <u>nlhipandc@gmail.com</u>. If you are unable to find a replacement, please advise Kate via the P&C so that a substitute can be organised. If you have any queries, you can contact the P&C on <u>nlhipand@gmail.com</u>

Term 3 Roster

Friday 16	Katie Draper & Kate Murphy
August	-
Friday 23	Marion Brennan & Emily
August	Marjomovic
Friday 30	Leah Coghlan & lan
August	McCracken
Friday 6	Kelly McDowell & Allon Silvoe
September	-
Friday 13	Chris McNamara & Kate
September	Ringland
Friday 20	Kate Bone & Jenny Zhu
September	
Friday 27	Megan Collins & Katie Draper
September	

UNIFORM SHOP

We have had a large number of uniforms delivered and we should have more arrive in the next few weeks which should make ordering uniforms much easier for families.

We are also in the process of setting our P&C up with Square which will allow families to order uniforms online and also pay either in person or remotely with a credit card. We will keep you updated of progress but expect this to be up and running this term.

There are a wide range of second hand uniforms for the sale in the uniform shop – please feel free to drop in on a Monday morning to see what's available.

If you have any uniforms which no longer fit your children and are still in good condition, please drop them off to the uniform shop where we can give them a new home.