



Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
12 Labour Day Holiday	13 3/4 LG Commence Swimming	14 Out Of uniform day Donate towards Easter Raffle	15	16 Last day for Hot Cross bun orders Last day for Book club orders
19 THRASS Parent Info Evening 7.00-8.00pm	20	21	22 Hot Cross Bun morning tea	23 Last day to return Easter raffle tickets
26 Athletics Day	27 Respectful Relationships Information Evening Last day for payment 3/4 JH swimming	28 Easter raffle Drawn SCHOOL Photo Day	29 End Term 1 1.15 Finish No buses	30 Good Friday Holidays

Thanks to Volunteers

This week our Prep grades welcomed the baby wombats, who were very positive guests to NEPS. The wombats were a very cute but timely reminder to us of how lucky we are at NEPS to have so many volunteers who do marvellous things to help our students engage in their learning. Thanks to all of our volunteers, especially Sue and Derek.



Mr Gray's Garden Group

If you get a chance please have a look at the Garden near the bike shed and see the beautiful sunflowers. Well done to Mr Gray and his group for enjoying the garden and making NEPS look beautiful.

Enjoy the sunflowers
Matt McKittrick Principal

Easter Raffle

Thank you to everyone who brought along a donation for the out of uniform day yesterday. If you forgot to bring something you can leave a donation at the office. Raffle books and money are due back on Friday the 23rd of March and the Easter Raffle will be drawn on Wednesday March 28th. Our major fundraising goal for 2018 is to purchase a new piece of playground equipment for the junior playground. Special thanks to Cooper Hanson and Brodie Nash-Burns for collecting and sorting the donations.

THRASS EVENING

We will be having a Parent Information evening on Monday 19^h March between 7.00pm-8.00pm in the library.

An explanation of THRASS (Teaching Handwriting Reading and Spelling Skills) together with some hands-on activities with the teachers should prove to be an invaluable way of improving parent understanding of this wonderful teaching tool.

Thanks to parent support

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to the Parent Teacher Interviews last week. It was an excellent turn out, with a very high percentage of students represented. It was very positive to see so many adults make the effort and successful education is a team effort.



**School Photos
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are coming soon.
Wednesday 28th March.**

Parents please make sure your children are at school on time and are in full school uniform so we are able to start on time. Children will be in a class photo and have their individual photo's also taken.

Students took home their individual envelope yesterday.

Family photos will also be taken on the same day but you need a **Yellow family envelope**, which you can collect from the school office. You need to put your name on a family photo list so that we can make sure that we get all those families that would like a family photo done. (The family photos are for students at school only).

Complete the payment order form. Include your cash (correct money no change can be given), cheque or credit card payment in the envelope and have your **child hand it to the photographer on photo day.**

Please do not send the envelope back to school before photo day.

BREAKFAST CLUB – DONATIONS NEEDED!!!

Thank you to all those who have donated something towards the Breakfast Club program. We have had lots of donations of Apple Juice which is great. These donations ensure students are able to attend breakfast club and have an enjoyable breakfast. At present we are in urgent need of MARGARINE, LARGE CLEANING SPONGES and MILO. Any donations towards these items would be greatly appreciated. Thank you

WOOLWORTHS BBQ

On Friday 23rd March from 10am to 2pm we will be holding a NEPS fundraising BBQ at Woolworths in Moe. Profits on the day will go towards future welfare projects and our chaplaincy program. We can always do with an extra pair of hands with these events. If you are interested in helping out on this day or at any of our BBQ's (even just for a short time) please speak with Paul or Julie Bruce. All BBQ's will be held on a Friday. Any helpers would be greatly appreciated.

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS INFORMATION EVENING

On Tuesday 27th March NEPS will hold an information session about the Respectful Relationships Initiative. The session will run from 7pm until approximately 8.15pm. NEPS are a partner school to this initiative and are committed to promoting and educating students about the importance of respectful relationships and equality. Respectful Relationships is one of the initiatives that has come from recommendations into the Royal Commission's findings about Family Violence. We plan to have staff members from our Respectful Relationships implementation team and other guest speakers. If you are interested in attending this session please fill out the slip on this newsletter and return to the office asap. We need to have as close to accurate numbers as possible to allow for space so numbers will only be counted from slips returned. **PLEASE NOTE THIS SESSION IS FOR PARENTS ONLY, NOT FOR STUDENTS TO ATTEND.**

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RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIP INFORMATION EVENING REPLY SLIP
NAME of Parent/s
Name of child/ren.....
Number of Adults attending.....
Please RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER (Put them in your diary/calendar now!!!)

Mother/Grandmother and Student night – Thursday 10th May from 5pm-7pm (Save your pennies because we will have plenty of raffles on the night as well as the book fair opening in the library with the opportunity to buy books)

Father/Grandfather and Student night – Thursday 20th September from 5pm-7pm

TUNING INTO KIDS

It's been a very busy start to the year and being such a short term the Tuning Into Kids Program will not run this term. Paul has kept the list of names of people who are interested and will make contact about providing this on a Thursday night in term 2.

BRIDGES TRAINING

Bridges is a Literacy Program that is undertaken at NEPS usually with Grade 1 and 2 students to assist them with their reading and writing. It is a very valuable and effective program where or helpers work with one student over the course of 30 lessons. Ideally, the student is seen 3 times a week by the same helper, thereby developing a stable and rewarding environment. If you can spare 30-40 minutes, 3 times a week to assist a student chosen by their teacher, we would be extremely grateful. Training for volunteers will be run early in Term 2 over 2 days, 1 hour each day but dates are yet to be decided.

In addition to helping the student, volunteering as a Literacy assistant can be registered on your c.v and support an application for work.

If you are able to attend the training and help our students, please see either

Anne Jennings (Literacy Support)

Julie Bruce (Chaplain)

Or your child's classroom teacher and they can pass on your name and contact number.

Thank you
Anne Jennings

HOLIDAY CAMP

SUVIC is running another 3 day Easter break MAD (Make a Difference) Farm Camp at Coolamatong on the Banksia Peninsula from

Wed 11th -Fri 13th April for students from Grade 3-6.

In the past we have had students attend this camp during the holidays and all have enjoyed the experience. The camp has the theme "Out of this World" with space-themed activities and games to match. Our School Chaplain (Mrs Julie Bruce) is one of the leaders and all staff are trained in Childsafe and have a current Working With Children certification. The cost is \$150 per student. If you would like further details, please call Scripture Union on 9842 5700, visit www.suvic.org.au or contact Julie, our Chaplain at the school on Mondays and Tuesdays.



CANTEEN ROSTER

The Canteen is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for over the counter sales of icypoles and snacks. **Parents please note: Lunch Order days are Thursday and Fridays only**, and no more than \$5.00 can be brought to school for over the counter sales **(Note; this does not include lunch orders)** Students are also advised they cannot buy for friends.

Friday 16th March	AM Jude Bergmann PM Julie Shields
Monday 19th March	Kate McDonald
Tuesday 20th March	Julie Shields
Wednesday 21st March	Michelle Milovanovic
Thursday 22nd March	AM
	PM Mel Mayle
Friday 23rd March	AM Julie Shields PM Jude Bergmann

Class of 2018 Printing

"Class of 2018", screen printing is now available. Printing is done on the back of your child's polo shirt. The printing consists of the names of all grade 6 students and their teachers.

Forms were handed out on Monday to all year 6 students. Spare copies are available from the stand in the office.

Cost is \$5.00 per polo shirt

Label all polo shirts clearly with your child's name, on the collar or garment tag.

Do not pin names to shirts. Please note that all items that are not new or clean cannot be accepted.

Orders (polo shirts and money) can be handed in to the office until Friday the 23rd of March. Unfortunately NO late orders will not be accepted. Students will receive their screen printed polo shirt/s early next term.