



# Newsletter

May 24<sup>th</sup> 2018 Volume 30 Issue 15

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER				
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
21 Musical Rehearsal Everyone 2.15-4.15	22	23 Musical Rehearsal Principals 3.30-5.30 Notes home 1/2 PF Swimming Room 8	24	25 Report Writing day <b>NO STUDENTS</b>
28 Musical Rehearsal Everyone 2.15-4.15	29	30 Musical Rehearsal Principals 3.30-5.30	31	<b>JUNE 1</b> Last day for Book Club Return Dental Forms
4 Musical Rehearsal Everyone 2.15-4.15	5	6 Last day for Pie Orders Last day for 1/2 PF swimming Musical Rehearsal Principals 3.30-5.30	7	8

### Celebrating excellent student work

Last week I welcomed three Prep students (see pictured) at the door of my office who came to show me their excellent writing. Well done girls and thanks for showing me your excellent skills.

### Students Attitude to School Survey

This week our Grade 4-6 students participated in an on-line survey conducted by the Department of Education (DET) asking them about their attitude to school. I asked the students to be honest as we use these results to guide the work that we do to keep making NEPS an outstanding school.

### DET Improvement Cycle Review

Back in 2015, DET conducted a Priority Review of NEPS with the view of improving the school in terms of student learning, staff's ability to work together and leadership. Since that Review, NEPS has made some significant improvement and therefore DET now want to visit NEPS and find out what we are doing to make such improvement. DET officials will be visiting us next Thursday, talking with school leadership and visiting our classrooms, so hopefully we will be able to explain the "NEPS way" as well as showing it to our visitors.

### Encouraging Excellent Listening

Yesterday Mrs Cruickshank organised the whole school to listen to a story as part of the National Simultaneous Story time program. Students were very well behaved and



Emerson Ward and Jake Dennison demonstrated excellent behavior and therefore were the recipients of \$5 Canteen Vouchers. Thankyou to Maddie for reading the story.



Payton, Milla and Ruby, showing me their excellent writing.

### Report Writing Day

Please note that tomorrow **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May** is a student free day for Report Writing and the school office will only be open from 8.30 – 12.30pm.

Enjoy the week  
Matthew McKittrick



## FUNDRAISING

### PIE DRIVE

Extra forms are available from the office. Don't forget the last day for orders is **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June is the last day for orders and money.**

**Sorry NO LATE ORDERS can be accepted.**

Pies are from the Bakery 'Out of Dough' in Morwell.

**Delivery:** Pie orders can be picked up from the Gym on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June** from 3.15pm from the gym.

*Please make sure you arrange for someone to pick up your order as we are unable to store them.*



### Dental 4 Kids

Our school has been given the opportunity to participate in this program. You are under no obligation to take up the offer.

Please fill in the forms and

return them to school by **Friday June 1<sup>st</sup>.**

The dental work will be carried out at school.

Prep JC	Jamison Frendo	Cooperating when playing a Maths game.
Prep DR	Ashton Borg	Listening carefully to show a great understanding of what we are learning together in writing
Prep JF	Amelia Maselli	Always being an encouraging class member and helping others
1/2 JH	Lochlan Garven	Being considerate by helping without being asked, and doing acts of kindness to others
1/2 RJ	Emma Lee Almond	Showing cooperation by doing her reading at home
1/2 PF	Cianna Fennel	Having the courage to about how another child was treating you and for asking for them to stop in a respectful way
3/4 LG	Blake Goode	Being inclusive
5/6 JK	Izabelle Williams	Encouraging other's learning and always being helpful.
5/6 EA	Katie Wilson	For always being cooperative in a group
5/6 KB	Nic Xuereb	Encouraging and supporting others in their learning.
SCIENCE	Tate Musgrove	For being a friendly kid

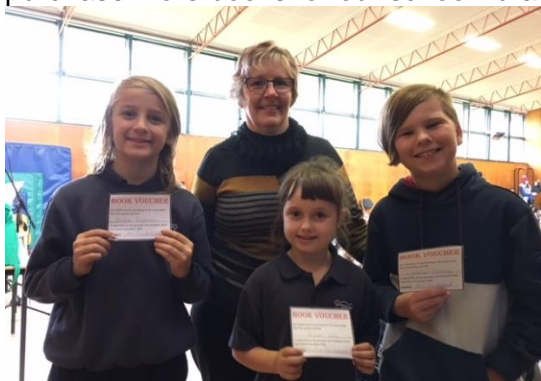


### Students reporting on litter



### Book Fair voucher winners

Thankyou to everyone for supporting the recent Book Fair. Thursday night was amazing! This has given the school a commission of \$700 to purchase more books for our school library.



### House Cup winners RED again



### Respectful Roo winners



### BREAKFAST CLUB

We are in urgent need of donations of **APPLE JUICE, MARGARINE, CREAM CHEESE SPREAD & SIZE LARGE LATEX FREE FOOD HANDLING GLOVES**. Any donations of these items would be gratefully accepted.

### RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

As you would all be aware, NEPS are a partner school for the Respectful Relationships Initiative. We held an information night last term and will be holding another one later in the year. Included in this newsletter is an information sheet for parents that explains the areas of the initiative that we teach your children in class. Please take the time to have a look. If you have any questions there are staff within the Respectful Relationships implementation team who can assist you with any questions you may have.

### WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Last Friday we held the Walk Safely To School Day. It was great to see so many students making the effort to demonstrate a healthy option by using physical activity as a way to get to school. NEPS pride themselves on promoting good health and wellbeing for all students and their families. We encourage you all to use opportunities for exercise as often as you can (it's a great way to spend time together also). Students were met by our PALS leaders who were celebrating all efforts and handing out stickers at the gates on arrival. Well done to all and thanks to Alex and Sarah for their efforts in setting up and welcoming our students as they arrived.

### *Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships.*

Our school has been lucky enough have become part of this new initiative usually referred to as RRRR and yes the funding came about because the government recognises the impact of family violence on our children and communities. The reason the initiative was developed should not overshadow what it has to offer to all children in all schools.

Teachers have always acknowledged that happy confident kids make for great learners and this initiative is based in building confidence and resilience in our children.

The lessons are set out in 8 topics taught in age appropriate activities across the whole school. Each topic addresses positive skills and behaviours to help your child as they progress through school and life.

- **Emotional Literacy** which develops the ability to understand, express and manage our own emotions. How often do children lose the plot and let their emotions boil over just because they can't talk about their feelings. This unit also helps children understand others. The activities in this unit can be as simple as understanding what "fair play" is.
- **Personal Strengths** helps children recognise and understand strengths and positive qualities in themselves and others. This can be very powerful in how your child sees themselves as a learner and is already part of the Victorian curriculum.
- **Positive Coping** which supports students in developing a range of coping skills, again an important life skill. Activities introduce children to positive self-talk and how to use it in challenging situations.
- **Problem Solving** focuses on developing thinking skills that can be used in decision making as another coping strategy.
- **Stress Management** something that is relevant to us all in everyday life. Activities in this topic focus on teaching positive approaches to stress management such as self-calming strategies.

- **Help-seeking** has activities designed to help children understand the importance of seeking help and providing support to friends when dealing with problems that are too big to solve alone. They learn to identify trusted sources and practice seeking help.
- **Gender and identity** where they will learn about human rights and gender identity focusing on the importance of respect within respectful relationships. Not long ago Science and Maths were thought of as boys subjects in years 11 and 12 now more and more girls are successfully completing them to go on to exciting careers. Respecting the skills and talents of others helps children understand and develop their own.
- **Positive Gender relations** has age appropriate activities focusing on the skills children need to solve problems and set boundaries within relationships. How often do our children come home and say their "best friend" has told them who they can play with or something similar. They develop peer support and help seeking skills that can be applied to many situations later in life.

Some of our staff have already had the chance to have a closer look at the activities and resources and found them to be user friendly, age appropriate and Australian based so as to be relevant to our culture and way of life. Lots of fun games are included and the emphasis is on building confidence and resilience in our kids.

## Lightning Premiership

Well done to our Volley Stars who placed second.



## Our Footballers



## N.E.P.S FETE

The date has been set for our 2018 fete –

### **Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> of October!**

At the end of term 3 and early term 4 we will be seeking donations of craft items, plants, trash and treasure and baked goods for our cake stall. If you have an ideas or a question regarding donating items please see Ms Mewett in the Artroom. If your family has a business and you are keen to donate goods or services they would be greatly appreciated.



### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Parents please note the canteen is closed for over the counter sales and re-open again Term 4.

#### **TERM 2**

**NO SCHOOL**

**AM**

**PM Julie S**

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**PM Jude B**

Friday May 25<sup>th</sup>

Thursday May 31<sup>st</sup>

Friday June 1<sup>st</sup>

*Lunch Order days are Thursday and Fridays only.*