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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

"I'd like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land upon which we meet today, the Gunai Kurnai land and pay my respects to elders past, present and emerging as well as any Aboriginal people here with us today"

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
10	11	12 Preps Not required	13	14 Last day for book club orders
17 Swimming Sports Moe outdoor Pool All students	18	19 Preps Not required LV Division swimming Selected students	20 3/4 EA Room 2 swimming note home	21 3/4 LG room 1 Commence swimming
24	25	26 Preps Not required Next Level Division Swimming Selected students	27	28
March 2	3	4 Preps Not required	5 Last day to pay for 3/4 EA swimming Out of uniform day Donate towards Easter raffle	6
9 Labour Day	10 3/4 EA commence swimming	11 Life Ed Preps fulltime	12 Life Ed	13 Life Ed
16 Life Ed	17 Life Ed	18	19	20

Richardson, Mrs Lara Gibbons and Mr Paul Fry to discuss matters that relate to our whole school Strategic plan. Most recently, Mr Nick Walsh and I have also begun to participate in Professional Learning team meetings. These meetings are held each Tuesday (Numeracy focus) and Thursday (Literacy focus) and focus on developing teacher's professional learning. These meetings are very student data driven and allow teachers to provide learning that is tailored to each student's point of need. On Friday the 21st of February I will be attending a PLT professional development session with the school's numeracy leaders (Mrs Elizabeth Acreman, Mrs Paige Frendo, Ms Emily Gibson) and Matthew Dubois (our Numeracy Learning Specialist) to further develop my learning in this area. Mr Nick Walsh will be attending a similar session with our Literacy Leaders (Ms Jessie Foster, Ms Jess Hurley and Mr James Kuchel). I hope to start featuring profiles on our amazingly talented staff in future newsletters.

Friday the 14th of February – This Friday we will be holding a very special assembly starting at 2.15pm in our school assembly area. This assembly will formally present our School Captains, Vice School Captains and House Captains to the school. We will be joined for this presentation by our 2014 school leaders. This assembly will also see the launch of our new Respectful Roo postcards which were printed due to the generous support of Energy Australia. At the culmination of this assembly we will be holding two very special pop up shops; a fairy floss (\$2 a bag) and cans of drink (\$1 a can) stall and a stall by student Elissa Mayes featuring scrunchies (\$5 each or 5 for \$20), pet bandanas (\$7-\$9) and heated rice bags (\$6) for sale. The sale of the fairy floss and cans of drink will go to support our ongoing library refurbishment and a percentage of the sales from Elissa's stall will go to Challenge (Supporting children with cancer) and Grounded Paws Animal rescue. Please see our school facebook page for more information.

A word from Mrs Skee...

As you may be aware attending meetings is an important part of a teacher's role. For me I not only attend meetings with parents, students and members of the local community, but I also attend a number of meetings with my colleagues. Each Thursday at 12.15 I meet with the school leadership team, which is made up of; Mr Nick Walsh, Mr Matthew Dubois, Mrs Debbie

Improvements around NEPS – it is always exciting when I see all of the ongoing improvements that are being made around NEPS. In recent weeks we have seen; measurements taken for new classroom reading spaces in various classrooms, new storage purchased for the BER building, garden work occurring as well as the continued upgrade to our school library. Mr Walsh, Ms Jenni Boyes and I have almost finished relocating our library books from our old shelving to the new and on Friday we will have new display areas put up as well as a 75 inch screen that will be utilised in student lessons, staff professional development and parent information nights. I can't wait to be able to announce the official opening of our new library in a few weeks. **PS – also keep an eye out for some exciting changes to our front office area which are coming soon!!!!**

School fundraising – In order to make things happen around our school we often rely on our fundraising efforts. Art Specialist teacher, Ms Kathy Mewett leads our fundraising team. Over the years money raised from fundraising has allowed us to purchase new technology for our students, new playground equipment, new library signage as well as a new BBQ. If you would like to know more about how to support our fundraising efforts please make a time to chat to Kathy or leave a message for her at the school office. This year you will be able to track how much money our various fundraising activities raise, as well as when we hit our targets for how our money will be spent via a special fundraising display kindly made for us by Mrs Siinmaa's husband (Greg Siinmaa).

AWARD WINNERS



STUDENT AWARD WINNERS		
Prep JC Room 10	Kaidan Black	Making a great start to school and being a fantastic listener
Prep DR Room 11	Talia McArthur Aurora Brooks	Being respectful and listening when the teacher is talking. Being thoughtful and caring with her classmates
Grade 1 PF Room 8	Cruz Stellini	For having a positive start to the school year and contributing to whole class discussions. Keep up the great work!
Grade 1 JF Room 9	Layla Mutke	Settling into classroom routine well and for giving 100% in all tasks.
Grade 2 KS Room 5	Jet Ason	For taking responsibility for your learning by moving away from distractions.
Grade 2 HV Room 6	Kane Wickham	Taking responsibility of his learning by staying focused and ignoring distractions.
Grade 2 RJ Room 7	Lahni Xerri	For showing respectful and responsible behaviour by following your teachers' instructions straight away
Grade 3/4 LG Room 1	Tara Elkin	Being motivated to learn in Maths
Grade 3/4 EA Room 2	Sophie Booth	Being organized so that she is ready to learn
Grade 3/4 JH Room 3	Thalia Rogers	For taking responsibility of your learning by staying focused during learning time.
Grade 3/4 SM Room 4	Maddy Valasek	Completing her work to the best of her ability despite distractions.
Grade 5/6 EG Room 12	Matilda Higginbottom	For having a positive attitude and giving 100% on all tasks.
Grade 5/6 MD Room 13	Dustin Pearlless	for having a positive attitude towards your learning and staying focused
Grade 5/6 JK Room 15	Jackson Hilditch Peter Starkey	Being a great representative for our school and class by showing the new students around. Presenting an excellent JSC speech and pushing himself to try new things.
Grade 5/6 LD Room 16	Tali Coppock.	Showing you are a responsible student by staying on task and completing work to your best ability.

YELLOW HOUSE WINS HOUSE CUP



Respectful Roo – Dean Baldwin, Maddie Valasek and Mia Miller



HARVEY NORMAN MOE SUPPORT NEPS BREAKFAST CLUB

NEPS were lucky enough to receive a very kind donation from Harvey Norman in Moe this month when they donated a brand new chest freezer for our breakfast club. As we depend heavily on donations to keep our breakfast club running it was very thoughtful of Harvey Norman to help us update our freezer from the very old one we've had for a long time.

Thanks to Arnold (Harvey Norman Moe store manager) and his team for their very kind donation. Pictured is the new freezer we have gratefully accepted.



BREAKFAST CLUB INCREASING DAYS!!!

This year we have increased the days of Breakfast Club available to all students. Breakfast Club will now be running Monday through to Thursday (that's right 4 days a week). Breakfast Club will commence Monday 10th February.

HELPERS AND DONATIONS GREATLY APPRECIATED With the news that Breakfast Club days are increasing this means we appreciate more than ever any helpers (even if it's just one day) and in particular any donations to keep the program running. NEPS receive the basics in donations from Foodbank for Breakfast Club but there are some items not supplied. We are always in need of – **MILO, MARGARINE, APPLE JUICE, LATEX FREE SIZE LARGE FOOD HANDLING GLOVES and PAPER TOWEL.** If you are happy to make a donation but prefer to just offer a monetary donation, we would be very appreciative of this also. If you would prefer to offer a monetary donation please put this in an envelope and hand in to the office. Please put for breakfast club on the envelope so we know which budget to put it into. You can choose to or not to put your name on the envelope J

CHANGES OF CLOTHES GOING HOME

At times your child may need to have a change of clothes for any number of reasons. The school do have a small amount of spare clothes to enable students to change when needed. Could we please ask all families to check your child's bag each day not only for the important letters that are often sent home but to see if your child has had a change of clothes through the day, and to return the NEPS clothes as soon as you have had a chance to wash them. We are slowly running out of our spare clothes and unfortunately do not have the funds to purchase new ones.

If any students are growing out of their uniforms and you are looking for a home for their smaller ones, we would love to take them off your hands to support us in increasing our availability of spare clothes.

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

As families would now be aware we have become a lead school for the Respectful Relationships Initiative. NEPS are now supporting a cluster of schools in the area who

are new to Respectful Relationships or may have been involved for a while but taken on a different role at their school.

As we are beginning 2020 as a lead school we thought it might be good to go back to some of the early learnings of the initiative particularly for our new families.

This initiative came about as a result into the findings of the Royal Commission into Family Violence. The initiative involves telling the story of Family Violence and how we in our role will support to CHANGE THE STORY of Family Violence.

Attached to this newsletter is a fact sheet that talks about what Family Violence is, Gender based violence and the effects of violence.

**** If you are experiencing any form of violence please access appropriate supports including but not limited to 1800 RESPECT on 1800 737 732, The Orange Door on 1800 319 354, Lifeline on 13 11 14, Beyond Blue on 1300 224 636, Mens 24 hour referral line on 1300 766 491 or a trusted friend/colleague or family member. If you need emergency assistance please call 000 ****

BLENDED FAMILIES

More and more we are coming across families who are made up of lots of differences. Families are not all made up of biologically related, we often have separate families who come together to form a new family. Blended families cannot be described in any one particular way.

Attached to this newsletter is a fact sheet that explains what a blended family is, the positives & challenges that come with blended families, what to do & how to respond when there are complex emotions and having conversations.

This topic very much supports our work in the Respectful Relationships space. NEPS are a school who pride themselves on respect and encourage all of our school community to get on board and support us in our work to provide a respectful community.

ASTHMA PLANS

Parents just a reminder to bring in your child's asthma plan prior to swimming sports on Monday February 17th 2020.

There are still a number of asthma plans that we

haven't yet received this year.

Individual letters were sent home in December requesting plans and asthma medication should have been brought to the Office on the first day back.

If you have not yet returned your Asthma plan please do so asap and remember to bring your child medication in with their name clearly written on them.

Swimming Sports



Monday 17th February

the whole school will go over to the Moe outdoor pool for our swimming sports. Leaving and returning from school by bus.

Parents: **please make sure that you return the selected BLUE swimming permission and medical forms to your child's/children's classroom teacher asap.**

WE ARE DESPAREATE FOR TIME KEEPERS FOR THE DAY.

If you are able to help please see Mr Pullar asap as we cannot run the sports without them.

Thankyou also to those parents who have offered to help out through the day.

Please make sure that your child is wearing sunscreen on the day and has covered up between events, as we don't want anyone getting burnt. If you child needs goggles please make sure they have these already adjusted and ready to go.

- **Thongs or sandals should be packed for footwear at the pool as the ground is very hard.**
- **Hats are a must!!**
- **Students need to sit in the shade as much as possible.**
- **Students need to bring a refillable water bottle so they remain well hydrated.**
- **Students in grade P-2 will return to school around 12.30-1.00pm**
- **Students in Grades 3-6 will be at the pool all day returning around 2.30-3.00pm.**

This year all students who participate in the carnival will receive a participation ribbon. Only students in senior races will receive place ribbons.

Students competing in races need to use the correct stroke technique to the best of their ability and not push off from the bottom of the pool or grab lane ropes. Students who compete in breaststroke and butterfly will only be put through to the next level if their strokes are deemed acceptable by stroke judges.

CANTEEN HELPERS NEEDED



The canteen is in need of helpers if you are free to help on a Thursday or Friday lunch order days for a couple of hours either in the morning or afternoon, please contact Jen Hutton on 0414 897 685.

The Canteen will not open Monday 17th Feb for over the counter sales of icypoles and snacks due to the swimming sports.

Lunch order days are **Thursday and Fridays**
Parents please note: Lunch Order days are Thursday and Fridays only, and no more than \$5.00 can be brought to school. Students are also advised they cannot buy for friends.

N.E.P.S Fundraising News

Term 1 news....

This term we have our Easter Raffle. The details for our Easter Raffle are:

13th February: Raffle Books will go out to the youngest in the family. Extra books are available from the office if required.



Out of Uniform Day Thursday 5th March

On Thursday 5th March students have the opportunity to come Out of Uniform and donate towards our Easter Raffle.

Students can come to school in casual clothes and bring along an Easter themed donation – donations can be Easter bunnies, Easter eggs, soft toys etc.... All donations must be new and with a use by date after April 2020.

If you chose not to donate then you will be required to be in school uniform.

We will have a MEGA 1st Prize and 20 wonderful other prizes to be won.

18th March: Easter Raffle Books and money are due back to the NEPS office dropbox

25th March: Easter Raffle will be drawn Fundraising Committee Vacancies

We are small but dedicated bunch of parents and staff who oversee the various fundraising activities at NEPS. Last year we had a few of members retire as their children now attend local high schools and we are seeking to replace them. We meet a couple of times a term on a Monday afternoon, which becomes more frequent later in the year while we are organising our annual school fete. If you would like more information, have some questions or would like to help out please see Ms Mewett in the Artroom Monday-Thursday or leave a message at the office.

Artroom Update

Art Smocks

Just a reminder that as part of the NEPS school uniform policy students are expected to wear an Art smock while participating in Art activities. When purchasing or making your own Artsmocks heavier fabrics like drill or curtain material will offer student's uniform better protection than lightweight fabric ones. There are a limited stock of Artsmocks available through the office if your child requires one.

Artist Study: Keith Haring.

Year 1-6 students have started the year off in the Artroom by looking at some of the awesome pieces of Art created by the artist Keith Haring. Haring was an extremely successful and generous "graffiti/pop" artist during his short life (1958-1990), who created lots of amazing public works as well as countless other pieces. His sister Kay said "he loved to draw on anything, anywhere and anytime." Mrs Dawson and I were fortunate to visit his exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria in Melbourne over the holidays and were amazed at how talented he was. His exhibition is on until the 13th of April.