



NEWSLETTER February 6th 2020 Volume 1 Issue 2

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
3 FEB Canteen open over counter sales	4	5 Preps Not required Swimming Trials Grades 3-6 10.40-1.00pm	6 Lunch Orders Commence	7 Lunch Orders Commence Assembly 2.40pm
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	20	21
24	25	26 Preps Not required	27	28
March 2	3	4 Preps Not required	5	6
9 Labour Day Public holiday	10	11 Preps fulltime	12	13

set in place. We are aiming to have a grand unveil of the new library space in the next couple of weeks. I would like to say a HUGE thank-you to Ms Boyes, Mrs Cruickshank, Mr Pullar, Mr Pace, Mr Morris, Mrs Siinmaa and Mr Walsh for all the work they have undertaken to get the library ready – WATCH THIS SPACE!

NEPS garage sale – On Friday the 7th of February we will be holding a garage sale of ex school furniture and resources. This will be run from 12.15 to 2.15 near our school shed area. No reasonable offer will be refused and all money raised will continue to go towards new furniture for our school. CASH only sales on the day – with all purchases needing to be taken on the day of sale. We ask that you share this event with ALL of your friends as the more money we raise the more new furniture we can buy!

CUPS FOR SALE – Continuing on the fundraising theme we have brand new boxes of disposable cups for sale. These are \$10 for a box of 1000. Please contact Mr Walsh if you are interested.

Moe Racing Club Family day – I hope to see as many families who are available at the Moe racing Club Family day on **Sunday the 9th of February from 11am**. We will be selling fairy floss and cans of soft drink. All money raised will go towards library furniture.

A word from Mrs Skee...

NEW playground mulch - WOW! Week 2 has almost come and gone, there is always something exciting happening at NEPS! Last Friday Mr Morris, Mr Pace, Mr Pullar, Pete Bantock and Sam Cook helped to lay a new delivery of playground safe mulch around our equipment. They were joined by an army of keen and hardworking students who assisted.

Library upgrade - The Library continues to undertake its makeover, with new shelves, new signage and new displays all being delivered and

Meeting with teachers : Just a friendly reminder to all of our families that whilst we welcome your feedback and questions, it is appreciated that you make a time to meet with staff that is mutually suitable for both parties. 8.30am is often the time that teachers are welcoming their students and making last minute preparations for the day. Whilst we also have the school facebook page, class Dojo and in the case of some staff school email, please appreciate that we cannot always respond to these messages immediately.

Reminders:

- Prep parents: return School nurse envelopes to the school office.
- Blue swimming forms return to classroom teacher.



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 IN NEED OF HELPERS ON THE DAY.
If you are able to help please see Mr Pullar, we need helpers to help set up and pack up as well as throughout the day, as we cannot run the sports without them.

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 your 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.**

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.

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

WELLBEING HUB

Paul Fry and the Wellbeing team have been busy revamping Paul's office "**THE WELLBEING HUB**"

You may have noticed the external entrance to Paul's office has been painted and the very talented Darcie White has created a NEPS Wellbeing Hub sign to guide people to the correct location.

The Wellbeing Hub will continue to be a go to spot for students. In addition to this Paul has put together a small resource library to offer parent/carer support. Paul is extending on this resource library and will continue to do so throughout the year. Paul is happy to take appointments to assist parents/carers with referrals for their children or even themselves. Paul has numerous books for parents/carers to borrow and tip sheets to offer lots of information. The idea of the Wellbeing Hub is to offer a one stop shop opportunity to support all members of families within the NEPS community. Paul has extensive training and experience in the areas of Mental Health, Trauma, Family Violence and supporting students in Out of Home Care.

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

We have hit the ground running in 2020 with a great deal of work happening in the Respectful Relationships space. Paul Fry and Lara Gibbons will be leading the work that will happen in our role as a Lead School for this initiative. We are very excited to be planning/attending different events throughout the year and working alongside & supporting our partner schools (Lowanna College, Yallourn North Primary School, Elizabeth Street Primary School, Albert Street Primary School, Newborough Primary School & Baringa Special School). Our implementation team (Julie Skee, Nick Walsh, Paul Fry, Lara Gibbons, Matthew Dubois, Mike Pullar, Karen Salienko and Jude Bergmann) will be meeting regularly throughout the year while your children will participate in this initiative as a part of their curriculum. We also look forward to a continued working partnership with Claire Watts from LCHS supporting us in this work. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask one of our implementation team members. More information, tips sheets, events etc will be included in future newsletters.

ENGAGING FATHERS

At NEPS we encourage our dads, step dads and male carers to be a part of our school community also. There has been lots of research done and many conversations held over the benefits of engaging male role models in the lives of our children. Attached to this newsletter is a tip sheet that talks about the benefits of engaging fathers, stepfathers and other male carers.

Later this year Paul will be holding an information evening "**Blokes who Emotion Coach.**" This session will be about emotional regulation and learning the skills to help children express and regulate their emotions.

A date will be advised closer to the time but if you are a dad, stepdad, grandad or male carer and you're interested please let Paul Fry or the office know.

CANTEEN

The Canteen will be open next week on Mondays- Wednesdays 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. Students are also advised they cannot buy for friends.

Canteen Helpers needed: We are in need of canteen helpers, so if you can spare an hour it can be as little as once a month, weekly or fortnightly. Full training is provided, so if you are interested and would like more information please call Jen Hutton our canteen manager. 0414 897685



Book Club

Book Club forms were sent home this week.

This occurs twice a term.

Your child will only receive one catalogue.

Look in the date column of the newsletter to see when book club orders are due. There is also a function that parents can use. You can go online in LOOP and order and pay for the books your child wishes to order. There is a video to watch to help you with ordering. You can still send in the paper order form with the money and I will order the books. Scholastic has some terrific books to purchase for \$2 and the specials are always good books. Money needs to be put in an envelope and with your child's name and room number and can be put in the drop box at the office.