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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 Calendar dates				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1st March Preps full time Breakfast Club 8.00-8.30am	2 Breakfast Club 8.00-8.30am	3 Breakfast Club 8.00-8.30am	4 Breakfast Club 8.00-8.30am	5 Assembly
8 Labour Day PUBLIC Holiday	9 Breakfast Club 8.00-8.30am	10 Breakfast Club 8.00-8.30am	11 Breakfast Club 8.00-8.30am Last day for Hot Cross bun orders Out of Uniform Day	12 Assembly Last Day for Bookclub orders
15 Breakfast Club 8.00-8.30am School Council 5.00pm	16 Breakfast Club 8.00-8.30am	17 Breakfast Club 8.00-8.30am 3/4 JK Start swimming	18 Breakfast Club 8.00-8.30am Hot Cross Bun morning tea	19 Assembly
22	23	24 Last day to return Easter raffle tickets	25 Athletic Sports	26 Last day for Grade 6 Printing
29	30 Easter Raffle drawn	31	1st April End Term 1 1.15pm dismissal	

In this garden there are 11 Sheoak trees planted to commemorate the 11 lives lost in the Black Saturday fires, together with a selection of native plants and shrubs specifically selected for this area.



During the visit Sophie Murray and myself presented Josie Ruyg (one of the school's students and the daughter of John Ruyg - whom the award the school was recently awarded was

named after) with a Banksia shrub to be planted in their school garden. We hope to organise a visit from Traralgon South PS to Neps to see our gardens in the future. A big thankyou to Mr Bill



Pace and Mr Collin Morris for driving us there.



NEPS Office Hours.

Parents and families please note the office hours are from 8.30am to 3.45pm daily.

On Tuesday the 2nd of March, I had the privilege of accompanying 7 of our gardening students, Mr Bill Pace and Mr Steve Gray to Traralgon South PS. During this visit we observed the Black Saturday commemorative garden that is a prominent feature at the front of the school.

Students who visited Traralgon south PS were; Edward Vincent Xander Lindsay Billy Schessel Chelsea Webb Sophie Murray Emmah Fraser Sophie Booth.

Focusing on the positive!

It is no secret that I **LOVE** my role of Principal of NEPS and being surrounded by the wonderful students, staff, families and wider community. At last Friday's assembly, after reminding students about being mindful of their yard behaviour and the importance of following the school rules, I was able to acknowledge the positive behaviour that I have observed out in our yard. This included;

Emily Shaw : For doing a great job bringing in the bins each night after school as well as collecting up the sandpit equipment and placing it safely in the breezeway until the next day. Emily does this without complaint and is demonstrating the school value of **“Being respectful, friendly, helpful and cooperative”**.



Ivy Frendo and Lara Disisto : Lara has stepped up in order to support our prep student Ivy out in the yard as she navigates her way into primary school life. Lara has been a supportive and friendly buddy to Ivy and is also demonstrating the school value of; **“Being respectful, friendly, helpful and cooperative”**.



I encourage **ALL** students, staff and families to email or come and see me with any observations they make of positives they notice around our school. My email is; Julie.skee@education.vic.gov.au

Fundraising news!

As mentioned in previous emails, there are a number of fundraising activities being run at NEPS at present. Whilst the majority of these

activities are coordinated by the wonderful Kathy Mewett and the fundraising team, a small number of these have been coordinated or planned by other staff members.

Fairy Floss : Last Thursday and Friday, Mrs Karen Prestidge and Mrs Fiona Dunne sold fairy floss to students for \$3 a bag. Due to the overwhelming support of this activity \$454.50 was raised which will go towards assorted student Welfare programs and activities.

Bike raffle : This raffle raised an additional \$54.50 for the Art Therapy program. Darcie will be purchasing art supplies to support this program in the near future. The raffle will be drawn this Friday at Assembly. Darcie has also submitted a grant application to the Latrobe City that she hopes will provide further funds for this extremely valued program. Thank-you to Mr Paul Fry and NEPS families for providing additional letters of support for this application.

Easter raffle : Next **Thursday the 11th of March** is our **out of uniform day**. In exchange for coming out of uniform, students are required to bring an Easter item to go into our Easter raffle (this can include Easter eggs, new Easter plush toys etc). Tickets for this raffle are on sale now and this will be drawn prior to the end of term. There are 21 prizes to be won – **THANKYOU** to all those who have already bought tickets for this raffle, as well as those who have requested additional books to sell. A huge acknowledgement also needs to be given to Ms Kathy Mewett and her team for all of their coordination of our fundraising activities this year.

Sophia & Sophie Respectful Roo



Grade visits

This week Mr Nick Walsh and I started our classroom visits. The focus of our visits this week was to talk to our 3/4 students about how they are settling in to a new school year. These visits were extremely positive with the students very willing to share their experiences. Mr Walsh and I also looked at how classrooms were organised to cater for the variety of learning styles and abilities in these classrooms. We were extremely impressed how these classrooms were organised and well as how teachers and educational support staff work together to support all students.



STUDENT AWARD WINNERS		
Grade Prep PF Room 5	Skylah Kidd	For always displaying a positive attitude towards your learning. Keep up the fantastic work.
Grade Prep JC Room 10	Elina Rodwell	For always trying her best
Grade Prep DR Room 11	Taylor Hams Gracie Martin	For a fantastic effort with her home reading and remembering her reading satchel each day. For using her imagination to create wonderful nature collage
Grade 1/2 HV Room 6	Alexis Arcipow	For having a positive attitude and always giving 100% on all tasks Congratulations Lexi!
Grade 1/2 RJ Room 7	Oscar Murdoch	For being motivated with your learning and always trying your best. Well done Oscar!
Grade 1/2 GR Room 9	Chloe Weir	For taking responsibility for your actions, even when it was uncomfortable.
Grade 3/4 EA Room 2	Asha Falls	For having a positive attitude towards your learning, and participating in class discussions.
Grade 3/4 KB Room 3	Olivia Deveney & Daniel Heily	For showing confidence in yourself when making a speech to the whole class.
Grade 3/4 SM Room 4	Klohe Sena	For showing you are a responsible student by staying on task and completing work to the best of your ability.
Grade 5/6 EG Room 12	Silas Fink	For building your confidence and stepping outside your comfort zone. Keep being brilliant!
Grade 5/6 JH Room 13	Lily Cox	For being motivated with your learning and always trying your best
Grade 5/6 TH Room 15	Jake Dennison	For having a positive attitude and giving 100% in all learning tasks

AWARD WINNERS



Swimming Age Group Champions



Western Valley Shield



What happens in the Shed !

This is some of the amazing work that is created. This is Xander's work, a wooden turtle just brilliant Xander !!



School Council –

School councils are groups who make decisions that set the direction of the school. They:

- help create and check the school's budget
- contribute to the school strategic plan
- make decisions on policies like investments, payments by parents, dress code.

Councils usually have between six and 15 members and include:

- the principal, who is the executive officer
- parents who are chosen through an election
- a school or Department staff member

Some councils also have community members who are chosen by the council. These members have special knowledge or experience in the local community.

At Newborough East Primary School our current school council consists of;

Julie Skee (Principal - DET)
Nick Walsh (Assistant Principal - DET)
Jude Bergmann (President – Parent 2020)
Debbie Nay (Vice President – Parent)
Julie Shields (Community member)
Jen Hutton (Community member)
Matthew Dubois (DET)
James Kuchel (DET)
Belinda Bannister (Parent)
Geoff Herben (Parent)
Melissa Stephens (Parent)

Our first School Council meeting for the year is scheduled for Monday the 15th of March at 5pm.

The first part of the meeting will be our AGM (which will sign off the work of 2020 as well as farewell any outgoing school council

members) and will then be followed by our first official meeting of the year that will predominately be to elect our new office bearers. Could all existing school council members please contact the school prior to close of business on **Friday the 26th of February** to indicate if they will be in attendance as well as if they will be continuing on School Council. From here we will be able to communicate how many additional school council representatives we will require. At this stage we will need at least one more parent representative. If you are interested in being part of the school council please email me directly at julie.skee@education.vic.gov.au

NEWSLETTER

Each Thursday our school newsletter is produced and is available on the school website. www.neps.vic.education.au and via our facebook page and Compass. All prep grades receive a hard copy of the newsletter weekly. A limited number of hard copies are available on the stand at the office.

EASTER RAFFLE

Out of Uniform Day Thursday 11th March.



On Thursday 11th March students have the opportunity to come Out of Uniform and donate towards our Easter Raffle.

If you chose to come out of uniform you need to bring along something for Easter. It can be an

Easter egg, chocolate or Easter bunnies, just something Easter.

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.

Raffle tickets were sent home one per family on Thursday 25th February .Tickets are \$1.00 each, books of 10 tickets. Tickets and money must be returned to the office **by Wednesday 24th March** and winners will be drawn Tuesday 30th March

Grade 3/4 JK Room 1 Swimming dates.

Dear Parents,

The Swimming and Water Safety Program for students in Room 1 will commence on Tuesday 16th March and will continue for 8 60 minute sessions.

Students will be involved in a variety of activities to develop their water safety skills and stroke development and work with two Australian trained teachers and assisting parents towards standards at the revised Life Saving Victorian Swim and Survive Active levels. *It is preferred that students bring their own goggles.*

1.	Tuesday 16 th	March	2.00pm – 2.45pm
2.	Wednesday 17 th	March	2.00pm – 2.45pm
3.	Thursday 18 th	March	2.00pm – 2.45pm
4.	Friday 19 th	March	2.00pm – 2.45pm
5.	Tuesday 23 rd	March	2.00pm – 2.45pm
6.	Wednesday 24 th	March	2.00pm – 2.45pm
7.	Friday 26 th	March	2.00pm – 2.45pm
8.	Tuesday 30 th	March	2.00pm – 2.45pm

The cost of the program is \$45.00, which includes all entry fees and other related costs, including the cost of an additional instructor. The Swimming & Water Safety Program is not covered by the excursion surcharge.

Parents that have successfully claimed CSEF can use it to cover the cost of swimming.

No refunds will be given unless a child misses half of the sessions due to medical reasons and a medical certificate will need to be provided.

Please complete the permission form below and return with payment to the office by

Thursday 11th March