




### 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"*

Dates to remember:		Final Newsletter for 2022		
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
12 3/4 Apex Park walk  5/6 Battle of the classroom competition	13 State-wide Transition Kinder Prep Transition 9-10.30am  Grade 1/2 Class parties  Grade 3/4 Scavenger Hunt	14  Grade 3/4 Class Parties  Xmas Raffle Drawn	15  Canteen closed  Grade 6 Graduation  Grade 3/4 Scavenger Hunt	16  Canteen closed Grade 3/4 movies Final Assembly For 2022 Farewell to our Grade 6 Students
19 2023 Planning Day NO STUDENTS	20 End Term 4 1.15pm No formal classes No buses on this day.			
School Holidays 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2022 – January 29 <sup>th</sup> 2023 Term 1 2023 begins Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> January  Merry Christmas 				

## 2022 Graduating Grade 6's



**Grade 6 Room 12 Miss Gibson**  
Brodie Bartley  
Cameron Fuller  
Blayde McMahon  
Chayce Petkovic  
Addison Siddle

Virginia Daley  
Taylah Mangion  
Olivia Ouchirenko  
Indyanna Reid  
Marah Xerri

**Grade 6 Room 15 Mr Holt**  
Dean Baldwin  
Ashten Brooks  
Kohen De bono  
Nicole Dyer  
River Fuhrmeister  
Xander Lindsay  
Declan Smith

Tyler Bennett  
Zavier Coulson Seear  
Jake Dennison  
Kaiden Feil  
Carly Hecker  
Ryder Love Hume

**Grade 6 Room 13 Mrs Burnett**  
Jayden Blanche  
Owen Hall  
Angus Murdoch  
Cohen Naumann  
Aurora Snowdon  
Emmerson Ward

Valen Brooks  
Alysha Millar  
Tyler Nash Byrne  
Kayla Pearless  
Max Somerville

**Grade 6 Room 16 Miss Jeffrey**  
Charlotte Bird  
Bryce Dabb  
Angus Edwards  
Lexi Heels  
Sophie Murray  
  
Charlotte Rowney  
Madalyn Valasek

Sophie Booth  
Yasmine Dickson  
Emmah Fraser  
Dakota Heron  
Sienna Radford  
Hallinan  
Ellie Smith  
Nicholas Xerri

## A word from Mrs Skee...

As this is our final newsletter for the year, it would be remiss of me not to acknowledge those staff members who will be leaving us at the end of the year. These staff members are Lyn Jones and Bianca Poxon. Lyn has been an extremely valuable team member to the NEPS learning community and has definitely made a positive impact on the learning and education of so many of our NEPS students. Amongst Lyn's many educational passions and strengths is literacy support and intervention. As a trained (and highly regarded) Reading Recovery Teacher, Lyn has had been a major part in many students learning how to read at NEPS. Lyn has also had many leadership roles within the school over her time at NEPS (which has seen her teach over 2 different NEPS school sites) and has been a mentor to so many of those who have taught with her (including myself). Lyn will be on leave for the first part of 2023, after which time she will be retiring. We wish Lyn all the very best in her future endeavours, and hope that she will continue to stay in touch.

We will also be saying farewell to Bianca Poxon, who has secured employment as a Learning Tutor at Liddiard Road Primary School. Bianca has been a valued Education Support Staff member during her time at NEPS and has supported across all grade levels. Bianca is a passionate vocalist and utilised this talent to inspire others to sing and perform. Whilst we are sad to see Bianca leave us in her role as a staff member, we are extremely grateful that she will still be a valued parent of NEPS.

Whilst some other staff members will be changing in their roles and time fractions, we look forward to welcoming them all back in 2023 in some capacity.

I would also like to say goodbye and good luck to all of our graduating grade 6 students and wish them all the very best in their future endeavours. We will be having our final assembly for 2022 on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> December from 2.15pm, which will include our final roll call for our grade 6 students. ALL members of the school community are most welcome.

For those families that are leaving NEPS (due to transferring to other locations or schools) or are leaving due their grade 6 child being the last to go through the Primary School system, I also wish you all the very best, and thank you sincerely for your contributions and support made during your time at NEPS.

Can I please take this opportunity to thank all of our Staff, families, students and wider school community for their ongoing support this year. Being our first full year returning back to onsite learning, it has not been without its challenges, but together we have made the year a positive one. I ask that you all continue to keep an eye out for COMPASS and School Facebook updates in the new year, as we provide important information for the new year. Amongst this information will be details of our voluntary parent payments. Whilst voluntary in title, these payments provide much needed funding to the amazing programs, facilities and resources that we continue to provide to our students. More information regarding this was included in the white envelopes that were provided to your children on Tuesday.

Please have a very safe, happy and festive Christmas period, and we look forward to our continued positive work together in 2023.



### Students with a Medical Condition 2023

Just a reminder that if your child has **asthma** could you please provide the Office with an in-date asthma action plan signed by a medical practitioner on your child's first day of school, Term 1 2023. Asthma medication and any other device (i.e. spacer device) must also be sent along with your child to their classroom on the first day of school in 2023.

If your child has a severe **allergy/anaphylaxis** could you please provide the Office with an in-date anaphylaxis plan signed by a medical practitioner on your child's first day of school, Term 1 2023. Your child's EpiPen and/or medication must also be sent along with your child to their classroom on the first day of school in 2023.

If your child has any other medical condition or requires medication whilst at school could you please notify the Office and complete a medical authorisation form.

**Christmas Hamper Raffle winners**

1st	Bodie Wendt C/O Finn Wendt
2nd	River Fuhrmeister
3rd	Garry Archer
4th	Xander Lindsay
5th	Ivy Williams
6th	Mila Paulet
7th	Taylor Hams
8th	Joe Hester
9th	Makayla St John
10th	Edward Vincent
11th	Cheryl Noy
12th	Harley Devlin
13th	Mrs Goodwin
14th	Stephen Lyons
15th	Jan Darrington
16th	Bryce Dabb
17th	Jet Ason
18th	Macy Simpson
19th	Kaz Staley
20th	Allan Sultana

**Congratulations to the Wendt family**



**Grade 1/2 Excursion**

Last Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December the Grade 1/2's were lucky enough to have a picnic lunch and play at the Moe Botanical Gardens, walking via the Rail trail, we were lucky with the weather.



**Newborough East has Zero Tolerance of Child Abuse**

## 10 cent Challenge

The JSC have ran the fantastic 10 cent challenge again and grades have raised a total of \$623.55  
With the highest-grade Prep DR raising a total of \$77.95



Prep DR will enjoy some hot chips to have with their lunch on Friday as an extra bonus for being the highest fundraiser.

Other Rooms raised the following amounts:

Room 1 \$43.60 Room 2 \$64.15 Room 3 \$57.50 Room 4 \$29.45 Room 5 \$24.70 Room 6 \$68.85  
Room 7 \$30.80 Room 8 \$13.55 Room 9 \$26.65 Room 10 \$22.45 Room 12 \$70.15 Room 13 \$16.00  
Room 15 \$53.30 Room 16 \$24.65

Thankyou to everyone that donated their coins, we hope to run the challenge again next year.



## Free Junior Ranger Activities: January 12<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>

All Junior Ranger activities are free and suitable for children aged 6-12 years.

**Bookings are essential.** Please visit [www.juniorrangers.com.au](http://www.juniorrangers.com.au) or call Gabrielle Browne: 0475440352.

**The Junior Ranger program provides fun activities for children and their families during the school holiday period.**

Activities will be held at multiple locations from the Alps to the coast, with a variety of online and park-based options available.

For bookings and further details please visit: <https://juniorrangers.com.au/events/>



### Upcoming Events – Junior Rangers

Australia has amazing native plants and many are found nowhere else in the world. Discover some of the special plants species found in the Dandenong Ranges National Park and learn how to identify plants.

[juniorrangers.com.au](http://juniorrangers.com.au)