



NEWSLETTER February 24th 2023 Volume 1 Issue 4
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				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
27 Berry Street PD No students required	28 Census Day Out of Uniform Day Donate towards Easter raffle Last day to order 2022 Year Book	1st March Preps NOT required Hot Cross Buns forms sent home to families	2 Canteen CLOSED Easter Raffle tickets sent home	3 Canteen CLOSED
6 Grade 3/4 Excursion to Melbourne Vixens Netball	7 3/4 KR Swimming	8 3/4 KR Swimming Preps Full time at school	9 3/4 KR Swimming	10 3/4 KR Swimming
13 Labour Day Public holiday	14 3/4 KR Swimming	15 3/4 KR Swimming	16 3/4 KR Swimming Indigenous Artist	17 3/4 KR Swimming
20	21 Harmony Day Wear Orange	22 Last day to order Hot Cross Buns	23	24 NEPS Colour Spectacular 2.00pm-3.00pm
27	28	29 NEPS Athletic Sports	30 HOT CROSS BUN Morning Tea	31 Last day to return Raffle tickets
April 3	4 Easter raffle Drawn	5	6 End Term 1 1.15 Dismissal No buses for afternoon pickup	7 Good Friday
24 April Students NOT required a school	25 April ANZAC DAY Public Holiday	26 April School resumes Term 2	27 April	28 April

A word from Mrs Skee...

At NEPS there are a few key values that are imperative that we **ALL** adhere to in order to ensure that we have a safe, inclusive and engaging place to work, learn and grow. These are;

RESPECT : Each and every one of our school rules are underpinned by the incredibly important word **“RESPECT”**. Respect is demonstrated in how we treat, speak and interact with one another. This relates to **ALL** students, staff, parents and carers as well as members of the community who work alongside NEPS. With NEPS being a Respectful Relationship Lead school, important messages and lessons that align with this core value are taught each week in our classrooms. Our AMAZING RR team is led by; Mr Nick Walsh, Ms Darcie White and Nurse Kelly Hopkins. Throughout the year we will also be conducting extra curricular sessions which also convey this very strong message. Our Student Representative Committee (JSC) under the support and direction of Mrs Fiona Dunne, will also help to support and strengthen this work.

TEAM WORK : NEPS is a strong learning community, made up of many different people from all walks of life, backgrounds and skill sets. The success of our community is determined by the way in which we all work together as a team. It is important that our students see positive role modelling regarding the benefits of team work, and that even when we disagree, there is a way to work together to resolve issues. At NEPS we value EVERY voice, and I ask that ALL members of the NEPS learning community communicate with us on an ongoing basis regarding not only the things that are working well, but also those things that need to be addressed and improved. If you need to discuss a matter, please do not hesitate to contact the school office to make a time to meet with me on 0351261399 or email me directly at Julie.skee@education.vic.gov.au

Reminder : Next **Monday the 27th of February** is a **STUDENT FREE DAY**. ALL NEPS staff will be undertaking the 2nd sessions of their Berry Street training which will focus strongly on “relationships”. I have already seen so many benefits in our whole school practices, following our initial Berry Street Training last year, which has included; soft landings in our classrooms from 8.30am, circle time and a strong focus on co and self regulation of emotions. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mr Nick Walsh and the Wellbeing Team (Mrs Karen Prestidge, Ms Darcie White, Nurse Kelly Hopkins and Mrs Lisa Robinson) for their coordination and support of this very important work.

DON'T FORGET : That next Tuesday the 28th of February is not only our out of uniform day for students where we ask them to bring along something “EASTER RELATED” for our Easter raffle, but also **CENSUS DAY**. **CENSUS DAY** is a very important day in the life of ALL state schools, as it is how we are funded. It is **IMPERATIVE** that all students are present on this day as this funding relates to our current enrolments. If your child is going to be away on this day, we will need you to indicate this in writing, so that your child can still be included in our census numbers. We **THANK YOU** for your cooperation in this process.

Have an awesome weekend everyone and we will see you next Tuesday the 28th of February!

Warm regards

Julie Skee Principal

Tuesday 28th Census Day

If your child is absent or you are away on holidays you will need to call or email the school notifying us of the absence.

Last of the Fairy Floss because sugar is good on a Friday 😊

Thanks to all for
their support



Class of 2023 Printing

“Class of 2023”, screen printing is now open. This is the only opportunity available for Year 6 students to have an item/items screen printed. Printing is done on the back of your child’s cotton polo shirt. The printing consists of the names of all grade 6 students and their teachers. Forms were handed out on Monday to all year 6 students. Spare copies are available from the stand in the office.

Cost is \$5.00 per polo shirt.

Label all cotton polo shirts clearly with your child’s name, on the collar or garment tag. Do not pin names to shirts.

Please note that all items that are not new or clean cannot be accepted.



Orders (polo shirts, forms and money) can be handed in to the office until **Friday the 31st of March.** Unfortunately late orders will not be accepted. Students will receive their screen printed polo shirt/s early next term.

NEWSLETTER

Each **FRIDAY** our school newsletter is produced and is available on the school website. www.neps.vic.education.au and via Compass.

All prep grades receive a hard copy of the newsletter weekly until the end of Term 1.

A limited number of hard copies are available on the stand at the office.

COMPASS EVENTS/NOTES & INFORMATION

If you haven’t already please make sure you sign into Compass to ensure you don’t miss out on any important information. **Compass Events** need to be consented/permission granted so please make sure you read & consent as soon as possible



Tuesday was our **school swimming carnival** and what a wonderful day it was. It was fantastic to watch our students challenge themselves in a variety of races, whether it was a 50m race or just trying not to fall off the dolphins in our team races. Thankyou to all our students for their cheering, enthusiasm and excellent behaviour. Also a massive Thankyou to our parents and teachers who helped to run the day.



Congratulations to Yellow House who were our winning house on the day



Out of Uniform Day NEXT Tuesday 28th February.



Next Tuesday 28th February 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.

All donations need to be taken to your child's classroom.

All donations must be new and with a use by date after March 2023.

Canteen Special Morning tea



Thursday 30th March.

The Canteen are holding a

"Hot Cross Bun morning tea". Students may choose from either, Traditional, NO Fruit **OR** Chocolate hot cross buns and **GLUTEN FREE** is available in all flavours but you must clearly circle **GF** in the flavour you want.

As with any 'special day' **pre-ordering is essential for catering purposes.**

LAST DAY FOR ORDERS is Wednesday 22nd March

Hot Cross Buns will be served at morning recess.

Please return your completed order form with payment **NO later than Wednesday 22nd March.**

One form per student.

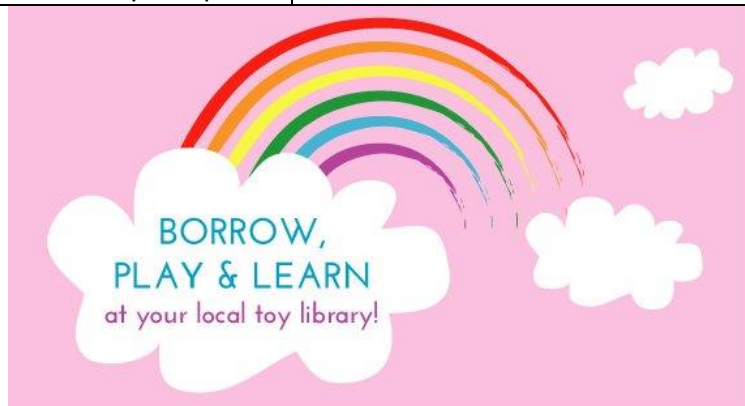
Our Students of the Week



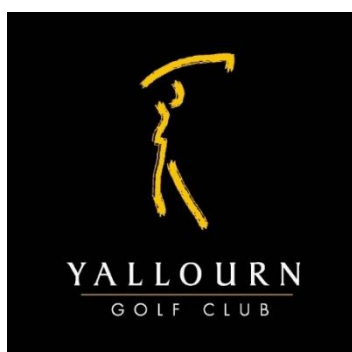
House Cup winner Yellow House



NEPS TERM Events		
Friday 24 th February	.Socks will be on sale at the office as we only have xsmall sizes only.	Socks on sale at the office.
Friday 24 th February	Pop up Fairy Floss stall at assembly \$3.00 First in best dressed	Pop up Fairy Floss stall at assembly \$3.00 First in best dressed
Tuesday 28 th February	Out of Uniform Day donate towards Easter Raffle	Send to your donation to your child's classroom
Tuesday 28 th February	Last day to Order 2022 Year Book	Place orders in drop box at office in envelope.
Thursday 2 nd March	Easter raffle tickets sent home	Sent home with youngest in the family. More books available from the office
Thursday 2 nd March	CANTEEN CLOSED	
Friday 3 rd March	CANTEEN CLOSED	
Monday 6 th March	Grade 3/4 Excursion to see Melbourne Vixens Netball clinic	Grade 3/4's FREE clinic with the Melbourne Vixens
Monday 13 th	Labour Day Public Holiday	
Monday 13 th - Friday 17 th March	Book Fair in the library	In the Library before and afterschool
Tuesday 21 st March	Harmony Day	Wear Orange
Friday 24 th March	NEPS Colour Spectacular	NEPS Undercover area and oval 2.00pm -3.00pm
Wednesday 29 th March	NEPS Athletic Sports	Joe Carmody Track
Thursday 30 th March	HOT CROSS BUN Morning Tea	Pre order essential
Friday 31 st March	Grade 6 screen printing	Polos to be sent with order form and money to the office
Tuesday 4 th April	Easter Raffle Drawn	Winners announced via Compass



MOE P.L.A.C.E, 37 Vale Street Moe - See Facebook Page for scheduled opening days/times.



If your child may be interested in learning golf, pop down to the club Yalourn Golf Club from 12pm- 1pm Sunday and one of the friendly staff will introduce you to the professional golf coach, Paul who will settle you in and get you some clubs if needed. \$10 per session, book directly through the club on 5127 6962 or through the 'MyGolf' platform. FEBRUARY 26/02, MARCH 5/3, 12/3, 19/3



Calm Kids Central Free Webinar Series - for parents/caregivers with children with big feelings or life challenges

(Clinical Child Psychologist Kirrilie Smout)

Learn to support your primary school aged child with worry, managing frustration, feeling more co-operative and managing tricky issues.

Webinar 1: **"Calm and Confident Kids"** - learn to help children with a tendency towards worry, stress or anxiety. **Monday 6th of March 2023 at 7pm (ACDT), or 7.30pm (AEDT)**

Webinar 2: **"Calm and Co-operative Kids"** - learn to support children with big feelings - to manage frustration and feel more co-operative. **Monday 20th of March 2023 at 7pm (ACDT), or 7.30pm (AEDT)**

Webinar 3: **"Calm and Connected Kids"** - learn to help children to develop positive friendships and manage peer difficulties **Monday 27th of March 2023 at 7pm (ACDT), or 7.30pm (AEDT)**

To register (you can attend 1 or all 3) please go to: <https://developingminds.net.au/webinars>

Are you a **child mental health professional or educator**? Please join us and STAY for 15 minutes at the end of the parent/caregiver webinar for 15 minutes for a few essential ideas for working as a professional with children with these concerns.



Presented by clinical child psychologist Kirrilie Smout. Kirrilie has had 25 years experience in working with children and families, is the author of two books about children and mental health and regularly consults with national bodies about child mental health concerns. She is the Director of Developing Minds Psychology and Education Services and Calm Kid Central programs. CKC is an online program of courses and games for children to help them manage emotional health challenges.

www.calmkidcentral.com

Any questions please contact Sandra on: sandra@developingminds.net.au

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-  Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment*
-  Be studying yourself OR have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
-  Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
-  Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible



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