

#### NEWSLETTER 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023 Issue 20

#### 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
28 Aug 1/2 RB swimming note home	29 Aug 1/2 DE Swimming	30 Aug 1/2 DE Swimming	31 Aug 1/2 DE Swimming Footy Day Come dressed in favourite footy colours	1 Sep 1/2 DE Swimming
4 Sept	5 Sept 1/2 RB Swimming	6 Sep 1/2 RB Swimming	7 Sep 1/2 RB Swimming	8 Sep 1/2 RB Swimming
Dental forms last day	Krispy Kreme Delivery 3.15pm To Library	<b>,</b>	3	PJ Day Gold coin donation
11	12 1/2 RB Swimming	<sup>13</sup> Prep Melbourne Zoo Excursion	14 1/2 RB Swimming <b>R U OK DAY</b> Wear Yellow	15 End Term 3 1.15pm Dismissal No buses Out of uniform
Term 3 Holidays Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September – Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> October. Term 4 begins Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October. HATS are required for Term 4				
October 2 Term 4 begins HATS HATS HATS !	3 Oct Prep PF swimming	4 Oct Prep PF swimming	5 Oct Prep PF swimming	6 Oct Prep PF swimming
9 Oct Life ED <mark>Van</mark>	10 Oct Life ED <mark>Van</mark>	11 Oct Life ED Van Prep PF swimming	12 Oct Prep PF swimming	13 Oct Prep PF swimming
16 Oct Life ED <mark>Van</mark>	17 Oct Life ED <mark>Van</mark> Prep PF swimming	18 Oct	19 Oct	20 Oct

#### A word from Mrs Skee

This week I truly felt the love from the staff and students of NEPS as I celebrated both my 50<sup>th</sup> birthday on Monday and NEPS Principal Day (with Mr Walsh) on Tuesday. I had staff dressed as Mrs Skee clones, special morning teas and most wonderfully lots and lots of visits from our AMAZING NEPS students. I would like to thank everyone who made these days so truly special.

As well as celebrating special events, this week we also hosted our annual **BOOK WEEK PARADE**. A HUGE thanks to Mrs Kristy Burnett and Ms Darcie White for all of their help and coordination with this

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A thank you must also be extended to all of our families who went to so much effort with student costumes.

On Wednesday this week I took a phone call from Crystal Burgess-Hogg, the Koorie Education Coordinator for Inner Gippsland to ask if NEPS would host the upcoming Marrung Regional Partnership forum – of course I jumped at this privileged opportunity. During this forum they will highlight the amazing work our school has been doing to embed Koorie perspectives and culture. This forum will be held in our school library on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of September, and will also feature a tour of our school and classrooms. The day will finish with our Koorie students joining the distinguished guests and Koorie elders in a special lunch provided by the group.

Please be advised that from Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of August to Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> of September and from Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of September to Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of September I will be on long service leave. This leave is in 2 parts so that I can be present for some significant school events and staff professional learning. During my periods of leave Nick Walsh will be the Acting Principal. My out of office reply will be turned on during my leave as I will be unable to respond to emails whilst I am on leave.

### Special Footy Day Lunch & Parade Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August.

Please note: Normal lunch orders can be made on this day also. Pre: ordering was necessary for Footy day lunches.



On **Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup> August NEPS** it will be "Footy day" at NEPS. Students will have their pre ordered Footy day lunch on the day and students and staff will be invited to dress in their favourite footy colours Students will be able to show off their colours at a special whole school footy parade.



#### END TERM 3

Just a reminder to parents and families as we approach the end of <u>Term 3 finish time</u> is 1.15pm and no buses will run for pick <u>up</u> on the last day of term at the earlier dismissal time so alternative arrangements need to be made. Students may also come out of uniform if they wish on this day.

#### **Volunteers**

If you (or someone you know) would like to volunteer at NEPS please contact your child's teacher or me <u>Julie.skee@education.vic.gov.au</u>. ALL volunteers will need a current working with children's check.

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### 2023 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey:

WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK! The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from <u>Monday 7 August to Friday 8</u> <u>September 2023.</u> Parent / Caregiver / Guardian's who have been randomly selected will be sent out a survey link.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

Please contact the school office if you would like more information.



### Krispy Kreme Fundraiser

Orders have been placed, Delivery will be **Tuesday 5th September** orders can be collected from the library at 3.15pm.



### Western Valley Basketball

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August our school basketball teams participated in the Western Valley School Basketball Tournament at the Moe Newborough Leisure Centre. We had a fun day and all games were played in great spirits. The girls finished 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 6 teams and the boys finished 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 6 teams.

## NAIDOC WEEK







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This year's NAIDOC theme is "For our Elders".

Across every generation, Elders have played, and continue to play, an important role and hold a prominent place in our communities and families. They are cultural knowledge holders, trailblazers, nurturers, advocates, teachers, survivors, leaders, hard workers and our loved one. This year each class incorporated an indigenous themed activity from Monday the 14 until Friday the 18 of August. Each class was given a canvas and special paint markers that were donated through a Latrobe city trust funds grant. On this canvas each class completed a canvas which tells their song line/story. Using the symbols students had be introduced to in our indigenous artist workshop in term one with Nannette Channing. Throughout the week students reflected on the 4 new paintings Nannette has created for NEPS, listening to the stories, learning of indigenous themed activities this week.

Some student classes had the opportunity to have a visit from our KESO's BillyJack Smith and Anthony Young.

At our Naidoc assembly on Friday Michelle Hood preformed a Welcome to country and a traditional smoking ceremony. Followed by two cultural dances performed by Noah Bartley, his Auntie Tina, cousins and students Cianna Devlin and Susie Austin. With Warwick Austin and Noah Bartlet also playing the digeridoo.

All classes then presented their classroom canvas and spoke about their storylines/stories. It was a fantastic turn out given the wet day, thank you to Emily Young and Kristy Burnett in your help in bringing this day together. For all the teachers who embraced this week we thank you.

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## 3/4 Camp Woorabinda

Woorabinda

By Mia Miller

Wildlife everywhere

Orange group was one of the groups

Open space around us

Ropes course was hard

Amazing night walk

Busy people we were

I was in Blue group

Nature everywhere

Delightful food

Amazing sleep

Zipline

By Savannah Lyons Zipline was 100% the best Interesting activity to do Please can I go on? Learning and excitement I liked the zipline Nervous but amazing Excited and amazed by how long it was Acrostic PoemBy Isla Benbow

Water dragons on the rocks

Open space all around us

Once in a lifetime opportunity

Ropes course was amazing

Archery was so much fun

Biting and munching on food

Intense ropes course

Night walk was amazing

Delightful weather all round

Amazing sleep every night



Zipline				
Noah Stephens				
Zipline is so fun				
Intensified a lot				
People zipping				
Let's get zipping				
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Night walking				
Exciting for me				

Fun Camp Lochie St John Fun with friends Uncomfortable beds Nice people at camp Cookout was fun Amazing zip line Massive day People everywhere

On 34 cam Mp favourite things was H on the walk his is because mo friend Cruz got hers eg Stuck in a wombat hole and i tripped her fun actillety was the zin line its meters long I did celebration's like t soccer when I score a goal re second activety i did was high ronel wasing Scared becouse my legs were chakeing when I Walked and had nothing to have on to accept for the harness. Wasanot scared to do high ropes course but When i saw its I was a bit unswer of the obstacles. When we went cameing ocars and me got Stuck in the Subamp area. We also moved around circles, coars nearly the carpe over. And the state of the server is the server in the server is the server of the server is the server is



Camp Reflection By Edward Vincent

On Monday morning I was waiting with excitement to go in the library so we could leave for camp, finally the doors opened and I got to go in.

On camp, my favourite activity was the zipline because I went so fast, I saw in a split second and it was super fun.

The food was like a chefs kiss because I tasted it and it was delicious.

The high ropes course I found challenging because it was too high to handle but still put a harness on.

Trying to go to sleep was tiring because the bed was uncomfortable but I did eventually close my eyes.





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