

**NEWSLETTER 8<sup>th</sup> September 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"*

<b>Dates to Remember</b>				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<b>4 Sept</b> Last day to return Dental forms	<b>5 Sept</b> 1/2 DE Swimming <b>Krispy Kreme</b> Delivery 3.15pm To Library	<b>6 Sep</b> 1/2 DE Swimming	<b>7 Sep</b> 1/2 DE Swimming	<b>8 Sep</b> 1/2 DE Swimming <b>PJ Day</b> <b>Gold coin</b> <b>donation</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 1/2 RB Swimming	<b>13</b> Prep Melbourne Zoo Excursion	<b>14</b> 1/2 RB Swimming <b>R U OK DAY</b> <b>Wear Yellow</b>  Canteen last day for term 3	<b>15</b> End Term 3 1.15pm Dismissal No buses Out of uniform  NO canteen
<b>Term 3 Holidays</b> 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				
<b>October 2</b> Term 4 begins HATS HATS HATS !	<b>3 Oct</b> 1/2 RB swimming	<b>4 Oct</b> 1/2 RB Swimming	<b>5 Oct</b> 1/2 RB swimming	<b>6 Oct</b> 1/2 RB swimming
<b>9 Oct</b> Life ED <b>Van</b>	<b>10 Oct</b> Life ED <b>Van</b>	<b>11 Oct</b> Life ED <b>Van</b>  Prep PF swimming	<b>12 Oct</b>  Prep PF swimming	<b>13 Oct</b>  Prep PF swimming
<b>16 Oct</b> Life ED <b>Van</b>	<b>17 Oct</b> Life ED <b>Van</b> Prep PF swimming	<b>18 Oct</b> Prep PF swimming	<b>19 Oct</b> Prep PF swimming	<b>20 Oct</b> Prep PF swimming
<b>23 Oct</b>	<b>24 Oct</b> Prep DR swimming	<b>25 Oct</b> Prep DR swimming	<b>26 Oct</b> Prep DR swimming	<b>27 Oct</b> Prep DR swimming
<b>30 Oct</b>	<b>31 Oct</b> Prep DR swimming	<b>1 Nov</b> Prep DR swimming	<b>2 Nov</b> Prep DR swimming	<b>3 Nov</b> Prep DR swimming
<b>6 Nov</b> Pupil Free Day NO students required	<b>7 Nov</b> Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	<b>8 Nov</b>	<b>9 Nov</b>	<b>10 Nov</b>

## A word from Mrs Skee...

In these fast and often crazy times, when life can be so busy and often chaotic **KINDNESS** goes a long way! At **NEPS** our school rules and values are all connected by **RESPECT – RESPECT for SELF, RESPECT for OTHERS, RESPECT for LEARNING and RESPECT for the COMMUNITY**. I strongly believe that **KINDNESS** and the way we demonstrate **RESPECT** to one another goes hand in hand. It is inevitable that we will have differences of opinion along the way, and sometimes even agree to disagree, but the way in which we interact and communicate this with one another is extremely important. I would like to remind **ALL** members of our **AMAZING** school community of our codes of conduct (not only for our students but for the adults in our learning community). As adults we model expected behaviour to our children. We should never underestimate how important our choice of behaviour is when establishing these expectations. **AT NO TIME IS SWEARING, YELLING OR AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOUR ACCEPTABLE WHEN WE ARE COMMUNICATING**. Unfortunately we have had a spike in such behaviour by adults in our school, and I would like to send a very clear message to **ALL** that this is totally unacceptable. Conversations that are deemed as aggressive (either verbal or physical) will be ended, with the aim to reconvene when expected behaviours can be adhered to. Fortunately, we have a much larger number of parents and carers demonstrating more productive behaviours which of course makes our collective work supporting our children much easier. If you do have an issue, please make a time to discuss this that is mutually suitable for those it involves. It is important that we **ALL** work together, in a proactive (as opposed to a reactive) way to ensure that **OUR** children's time at NEPS is a **POSITIVE** one.

**Lockdowns** : From time to time, lockdowns are required in a school environment. These lockdowns can be for a number of reasons; a safety drill and practice of required processes, minimising danger or threat that may have been assessed or in some cases when we need to manage a behaviour with the least duress and/or effect on school operations and others. This latter reason is the most common for when a lockdown is called – and the reason for our most recent lockdown on Wednesday. It is extremely important to reiterate that if any student or adult is directly at risk by school operations (such as lockdowns) the parents/carers etc will be directly notified. If your child comes home and reports that there was a lockdown, please reiterate the message that they are safe and well cared for when they are at school. I would like to thank those who contacted the school regarding this most recent lockdown and respected that aside from the administration staff reassuring them that everyone was safe, that the other details were confidential.

## Some exciting news...

We are so extremely well supported by members and organisations within our school community. Most recently we have received 2 considerable donations to go towards student resources and programs. These are;

\$500 from The Uniting church of Australia

\$716 from Beleza uniforms

**MARRUNG REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP FORUM** : Next Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of September, NEPS has been invited to host the Marrung Regional Partnership Forum in our school library. This forum involves approximately 15-20 attendees on site from our Aboriginal community as well as regional staff and dignitaries. Our school captains will be leading our acknowledgement to country at the start of this day, as well as sharing with the forum group what NEPS does to ensure that it is culturally inclusive. This will then be followed by a school tour. We are very excited about this opportunity and look forward to showcasing the work that is occurring in this space at NEPS.

Mrs Skee continued

### School holidays...

I know that I am not alone when I articulate how much I look forward to the school holidays. They provide an opportunity for me to recalibrate, reenergise and reconnect with friends and loved ones. My school holidays are coming a little bit early this term, as I take the second part of my long service leave next Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> of September. Mr Nick Walsh will be Acting Principal in my absence. Please be reminded that school finishes early at 1.15pm next Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of September. There will be NO buses running on this day, so families will need to make alternative arrangements to collect their children on this day. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every member of our NEPS learning community for their ongoing support of NEPS and our students, and I look forward to working with you all again in term 4. Please stay safe during the school holidays and take every opportunity to enjoy your family time and do those things that bring you joy

With warm regards

Mrs Julie Skee

Principal

**Upcoming dates**

Friday 25th August: Book Week Dress up & Parade  
Thursday 31st August: Footy Day Special Lunch (last day for orders 22.8.23)  
& come dressed in team colours  
Tuesday 5th September: Krispy Kreme pick up from Library at 3:15pm  
(last day for orders 21.8.23)  
Friday 8th September: PJ Day (gold coin donation)  
Wednesday 13th September: Prep Excursion - Melbourne Zoo (please see  
compass event)  
Thursday 14th September: R U OK Day - Wear Yellow Day  
**Friday 15th September: End of Term 3, 1:15pm Dismissal, No Buses & out of  
uniform**

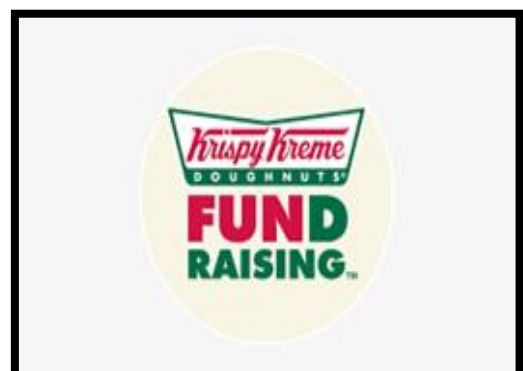
RESPECT SELF | OTHERS | LEARNING | COMMUNITY

### END TERM 3

Just a reminder to parents and families as we approach the end of **Term 3 finish time is 1.15pm and no buses will run for pick up** 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.

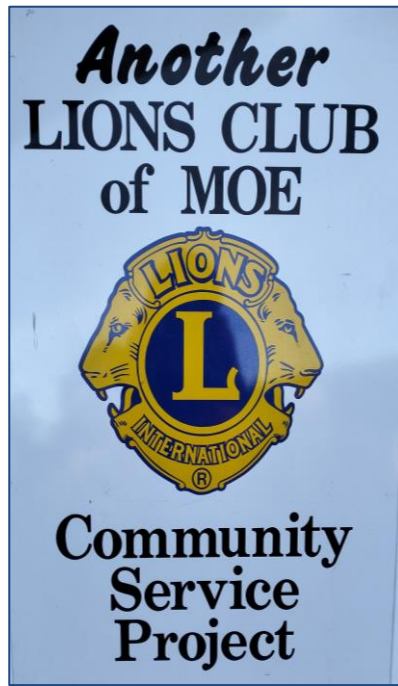
### Volunteers

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



### Krispy Kreme Fundraiser

A huge thank you to our school community for supporting this fundraising drive. We made just over \$1000 and got to eat some donuts as well. Big thanks to the staff involved on making this fundraiser a huge success.



A huge thankyou to Rob our crossing specialist for organizing the "Free books" in book week. With over 1600 books being gifted to our students the free book unitive was a huge success run by the Moe Lions Club. Thanks for working tirelessly to set this up each day over book week as well as keeping us safe on the roads.

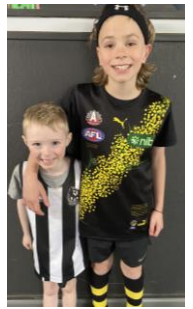
**Congratulations to our Students of the Week Great job !!!!!**



**abc tv plus (22)**  
 6am Children's Programs. 5.50pm Circle Squ...  
 5.55 Ben And Holly. 6.10 Interstellar Ella. 6.20  
 Bluey. 6.30 Pffirates. 6.45 The Adventures  
 Of Paddington. 6.55 Shaun The Sheep. 7.05  
 Gardening Australia Junior. (Premiere) 7.20  
 Bluey. 7.30 Spicks And Specks. 8.00 Hard Qu  
 8.30 MOVIE: Judy. (2019, M) 10.25 Noughts-  
 Crosses. 11.20 Killing Eve. 12.05am Unprotect  
 Sets. 1.00 Late Programs.

**A Word from Mr Gray**

Just for your information on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 7.05 pm on ABC TV Plus (channel 22) Gardening Australia Junior program is premiering, for all our budding young green thumbs out there.



# SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

Latrobe Leisure has got you covered this school holidays

## WEEK 1 \$2 Basketball Shots - All Leisure Centres

### MON 18 - FRI 22 SEPTEMBER

**Intensive Learn to Swim Program**  
Moe/Newborough, Morwell and Churchill Leisure  
5 days for \$60  
Mondays to Fridays

### MON 18 SEPTEMBER

**1pm (45mins)**  
(0 to 3 years)  
**Parents and Bubs Aqua**  
Moe/Newborough Leisure  
\$5 Non-members  
(Bookings required)

### TUE 19 SEPTEMBER

**10.30am - 11.30am**  
(6 to 12 years)  
**Kids Move and Splash**  
Moe/Newborough Leisure  
\$5 per person  
Sneakers/runners are required for the land activities.

### THU 21 SEPTEMBER

**Fun Day**  
Churchill Leisure  
Day Deal: \$5 per person | \$10 family (incl. free sausage sizzle)  
10.15am **Kids Jiggle and Jive (4-6 yrs)**  
\$5 Sneakers/runners required  
11.15am **Parents and Bubs Aqua (0-3 yrs)** \$5 Non-members  
Bookings required  
12noon **FREE Sausage Sizzle**  
1pm **Inflatable Duck** \$2  
LTS students FREE entry

### 10.30am - 11.30am

(5 to 8 years)

### 11.45am - 12.45pm

(9 to 12 years)

### Ninja Warriors

Gippsland Regional Indoor Sports Stadium  
\$10 per person  
Bookings required.  
Book through Eventbrite.

### FRI 22 SEPTEMBER

**Open Day**  
Morwell Leisure  
\$5 per person | \$10 family (incl. entry to pool all day)  
Cafe open on the day, FREE fruit  
10am **Indoor Soccer games and activities**  
Court 2 and 3  
11.30am **FREE Sausage Sizzle**  
12noon **Basketball games and activities**  
Court 2 and 3  
12-3pm **Arts and Crafts**  
1-3pm **Otto Inflatable**  
LTS students FREE entry

### 11.15am (45mins)

(4 to 6 years)

### Kids Jiggle and Jive

Moe/Newborough Leisure  
\$5 per person  
Sneakers/runners are required

### 12noon (45mins)

(7 to 11 years)

### Kids Move and Groove

Moe/Newborough Leisure  
\$5 per person  
Sneakers/runners are required



View more information about the Latrobe Leisure School Holiday Program and register for activities using the QR code.

Enjoy these school holidays at Latrobe Leisure!

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# Blue Light

## Latrobe BLUE LIGHT DISCO

GLOW WEAR & COLD FOOD AVAILABLE

### FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPT 6-8PM

@MORWELL CENTRAL PS  
ENTER VIA HOYLE STREET

YEARS 4 TO 6 | \$8 ENTRY

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT KELLY.HICKS@POLICE.VIC.GOV.AU

LATROBE BLUE LIGHT DISCO  
PLEASE ASK YOUR PARENTS TO LIKE THE PAGE IF YOU ARE UNDER 13

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## WEEK 2 \$2 Basketball Shots - All Leisure Centres

### GRAND FINAL WEEK

**Sport/AFL footy colours for \$2 swim and stadium shots**  
Churchill Leisure

Activities include - basketball, spikeball, frame running and many more  
Bookings required.  
Book through Eventbrite.

### TUE 26 SEPTEMBER

**9.30am - 11.30am**

### Inclusive Community Sports Day

Churchill Leisure

Activities include - basketball, spikeball, frame running and many more  
Bookings required.  
Book through Eventbrite.

### WED 27 SEPTEMBER

**11am - 4pm**

### Sport and Rec Expo

Gippsland Regional Indoor Sports Stadium

Are you interested in being part of a sport or recreation club? If you would like to see what clubs are on offer in Latrobe, then why not come and check out the Latrobe Sport & Recreation expo!

The expo will consist of stalls, activities, come and try sessions, skill development sessions, mini competitions, showbags, music and free food.  
All community members welcome!

### THU 28 SEPTEMBER

**10.30am - 11.30am**

(5 to 8 years)

**11.45am - 12.45pm**

(9 to 12 years)

### Ninja Warriors

Gippsland Regional Indoor Sports Stadium  
\$10 per person  
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Book through Eventbrite.

### 1pm - 3pm

### Otto Inflatable

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**Cafe open on the day, FREE fruit**

- 10am **Indoor Soccer, games and activities**  
Court 2 and 3
- 11.30am **FREE Sausage Sizzle**
- 12noon **Basketball games, and activities**  
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- 12-3pm **Arts and Crafts**
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LTS students FREE entry



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