



NEWSLETTER February 23rd 2024 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				
Term 1 2024 Remember your Hats !				
26 3/4 DR Room 1 Commence Swimming	27 3/4 DR Room 1 Swimming	28 Preps not Required 3/4 DR Room 1 Swimming	29 3/4 DR Room 1 Swimming	March 1 st 3/4 DR Room 1 Swimming
4 3/4 EJ Room 2 Commence Swimming	5 3/4 EJ Room 2 Swimming	6 Preps Fulltime OUT OF UNIFORM DAY- DONATION FOR EASTER RAFFLE PLEASE 3/4 EJ Room 2 Swimming	7 3/4 EJ Room 2 Swimming	8 3/4 EJ Room 2 Swimming
11 Labour Day Public holiday	12 3/4 HT Room 3 Commencing Swimming	13 3/4 HT Room 3 Swimming	14 3/4 HT Room 3 Swimming	15 3/4 HT Room 3 Swimming
18 3/4 KM Room 4 Commencing Swimming	19 Whole School Athletic Sports Joe Carmody Track	20 3/4 KM Room 4 Swimming	21 3/4 KM Room 4 Swimming Hot Cross Buns	22 3/4 KM Room 4 Swimming Raffle Tickets & monies due back
25	26 Easter raffle drawn	27	28 End Term 1 1.15 finish	29 Good Friday School holidays until 14th April Have a great break
April 15th Term 2 Begins 5/6 Camp	16 April 5/6 Camp	17 April 5/6 Camp	18 April	19 April Splat-tacular

A word from Mrs Skee...

We have definitely had another busy week at NEPS! Classrooms have been buzzing with teaching and learning, as our students and staff have gotten into the full swing of their programs. Whilst we have had a number of staff absent due to illness, we have been able to continue with business as usual with our **AMAZING** casual relief teachers and part time staff taking grades. I have even had the opportunity to work with students this week in the PE space. In previous newsletters I have been able to share with you some of our staff professional learning. In the last fortnight two of our Learning Specialists (Ms Debbie Richardson and Mr Matthew Dubois) have attended **NAPLAN** preparation professional learning. The members of the **School Improvement Team** have also been engaging with **Senior Education Improvement Leader Laura Sanchez**, to develop our 2024 NAPLAN preparation plan for grades 3 and 5, with the aim to develop a whole school preparation plan for 2025 and beyond. The SIT meets every Thursday at 12.15 to 1.15 in our Learning Hub to review, discuss and action whole school improvement strategies. Keep an eye out in future newsletters for more information re this.

WELCOME TO 2024 BBQ I was wrapt to see how many families attended the “**Welcome to 2024**” BBQ. Those attending got to go into our engaging classrooms, meet staff, enjoy a **FREE** sausage or two as well as participate in our scavenger hunt. It is special events such as these that reaffirm what a wonderfully supportive NEPS community we have! Please enjoy these photos from this special afternoon (you might even see a familiar face or two)

Easter Raffle Tickets: Have been sent home this week. We are holding an “Out Of Uniform Day” on **Wednesday March 6th** with students asked to bring something **Easter Themed** to donate for the raffle. Items can be taken directly to the classroom on the day. Anyone requiring extra raffle tickets can grab them from the office

Canteen News

The Canteen is open for lunch orders. Lunch Order days are **Thursday and Fridays only** and no more than \$5.00 can be brought to school for over the counter items. Students are also advised they cannot buy for friends. Daily Icy pole sales on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays will be available when the temperature is over **25 degrees**.

We are currently seeking volunteers to help out Thursday or Friday. If you have a current Working With Children Card & can do a quick induction & would like to help our school community by giving some of your valuable time Please call the office

NEWSLETTER

Each Friday our school newsletter is produced and is posted on Compass. A limited number of hard copies are available from the office.

2024 Parent Payment Arrangements

Parents/Guardians please be advised that 2024 Parent Payment Arrangements have been approved by School Council and posted on the schools website <https://neps.vic.edu.au/> Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students.

The school's voluntary financial contribution for 2024 is a total of **\$163.00** per student, please refer to 2024 Parent Payment Arrangements – All Year Levels, posted on the schools website and on Compass for how contributions will be spent. As an additional thank you to families for paying their voluntary contribution payment by **Friday 29th March 2024** we will be issuing all paying families with a “**raffle ticket**” that will put them in the draw for a fantastic prize. We appreciate your contribution, and we would like to thank you for your ongoing support.

AWARD WINNERS



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On Thursday our students were treated to a “free” STEM science extravaganza. Students enjoyed a science circus and some were lucky enough to help with the demonstrations. This free event is going to be in Morwell on the weekend so please get out & support the free initiative “We learnt about flow & forces & the guy was really funny” said April.

“The guy I forgot his name told jokes” “Were they funny?” I asked
“No, more like dad jokes” said Ruby

The Science Circus is a fantastic opportunity for the students to learn through fun science experiences – see flyer below for more details



Welcome to 2024 BBQ snap shots





Get your Colour on, NEPS is hosting a Colour Splat-tacular Run 4 Fun!

Friday 19th April from 1.15pm to 3.00pm.

Students will receive a sponsorship book with instructions on setting up their cybersafe, online fundraising profile at www.australianfundraising.com.au. This is primarily an online fundraiser; all cash collected can be converted to online donation. We are happy at the office to collect cash donations OR help you through the process.

Not only are we hosting an awesome Colour Splat-tacular Run 4 Fun, students can order up to a total of 5 prizes based on their donations received. They can even mix and match!

- Please make sure students wear a WHITE shirt and closed in shoes.
- Students will be given free sunglasses and a rainbow headband for the event.
- Students will be covered in non-toxic, biodegradable colour powder and slime from head to toe.
- Colour Powder is made of high-quality corn starch and permitted food colours. Safety data sheet is available upon request.
- Slime is water-based, biodegradable and non-toxic!

Extra Incentives to Fundraise!

- ★ Online Golden Coins – complete fun online tasks to redeem an extra \$75 towards your prize credit.
- ★ Monty the Monstar’s Bonus Prizes – achieve milestones to unlock Monty’s bonus prizes.
- ★ \$10,000 Budget Booster Bonanza Spending Spree for one organisation’s highest fundraising student
- ★ Our school will win an extra \$5,000 if we have the highest average fundraised amount per student in 2024.
- ★ A Play Station 5 Gaming Bundle – see your child’s sponsorship booklet for more!

We will be updating you along the way for the most colourful splatty funnest day EVER !!!!!!!

For more information, please contact NEPS office

Happy fundraising!

GLaWAC invites you to join us for a
Community Day Out

Come find out about GLaWAC, what we do and what we're about and then join us for lunch at Castle Park.

10.30am to 3pm
Thursday 7th March

GLaWAC Office & Community Economic Hub
235-237 Princes Drive, Morwell

With lunch and free activities

Join the fun with:

- Smoking ceremony & Welcome to Country
- Koorie dancers
- Community feed (BBQ + food vans)
- Face painting and fun give-aways
- Be part of creating a mural for your new Community Hub.

Let us know you're coming by calling
Whitney, Tahlia or Taylor on 4163 4200

Buses for pick up and drop off at
Traralgon, Morwell, Moe, Drouin &
Warragul train stations.



LATROBE VALLEY HOCKEY

HOOK IN 2 HOCKEY

LOOKING FOR A NEW SPORT TO TRY?

Learn more about field hockey at our 6-week Hook In2 Hockey program

- Designed for beginners aged 5 - 12 years
- New skill targeted each week
- All equipment provided
- Leads into the winter junior competition

\$60

FRIDAY 1st March 2024

SCAN ME!

Latrobe Synthetic Sports Field
Mary Grant Bruce Drive, Churchill

For more information please email juniors.lvha@gmail.com

Questacon
Science Circus

Bringing spectacular science to a town near you!

FREE!

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Australian National University

Join the Questacon Science Circus for a FREE pop-up science centre experience like no other!

Bookings essential

Come along to spin yourself dizzy, test your reflexes, explore your fingertips under the microscope, and watch some of our spectacular science shows. With over 30 hands-on exhibits, the Science Circus pop-up is a fantastic STEM day out for the whole family!

This is a FREE event, but bookings are essential. Most people spend 1 - 2 hours at our pop-up science centre. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Hurry, book your FREE ticket now!
bit.ly/QSCVIC24-Tickets

Sale
Saturday 17 February, 10 am - 4 pm
Gippsland Regional Sports Complex,
116 Cobains Rd, Sale VIC 3850

Leongatha
Saturday 2 March, 10 am - 4 pm
South Gippsland Leisure Centre (SPLASH),
52A Roughhead St, Leongatha VIC 3953

Morwell
Saturday 24 February, 10 am - 4 pm
Latrobe Leisure Morwell,
45 McDonald St,
Morwell VIC 3840

Contact ScienceCircus@Questacon.edu.au or 0409 353 639 for enquiries.
The Questacon Science Circus is a proud initiative of Questacon - The National Science and Technology Centre and Founding Partner The Australian National University.