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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 2 2024				
10 June Kings Birthday Public Holiday	11 June Staff Professional Practice Day – Students not required	12 June Last Day Pasta orders	13 June	14 June Fairy Floss Sale
17 June	18 June	19 June	20 June Pasta Day District Sports	21 June
24 June	25 June	26 June	27 June	28 June 2.30 Dismissal End Term 2 No Buses on this day
School Holidays 28 June to 14 July				
Term 3 15 July	16 July	17 July	18 July	19 July
22 July	23 July	24 July	25 July	26 July NAIDOC celebrations
29 July Professional Development Day Students not required School Council 5.00pm	30 July Parent Teacher Student Conversations No classes BUT Students required at interviews	31 July	August 1	2 August
5 August	6 August	7 August	8 August	9 August

A word from Mrs Skee

One of the highlights of my work is when I get to work directly alongside our students. This is even more exciting when students initiate ideas. Most recently I had a visit from Harmony and Lexi (from our junior grades) to discuss their ideas around ensuring that our school was neat and tidy. This discussion resulted

A word from Mrs Skee continued

in 20 new buckets, gloves and tongs being purchased to support their crusade in picking up rubbish, and more importantly campaigning the importance of students putting their own rubbish in the bin. Harmony was also recently recognised by a fellow student for her vigilance and commitment to keeping our school clean.



The Steve Gray kitchen garden program: At NEPS we are incredibly fortunate to have extensive grounds and amazing facilities for our students to enjoy, including our **STEVE GRAY KITCHEN GARDEN**. Steve is a much-valued retired teacher and current volunteer at NEPS. It is not uncommon to spot Steve out on the mower, picking up rubbish or completing other vital grounds tasks around our school. Steve is a true asset to NEPS and has extensive knowledge and expertise that we continue to benefit from. Many of our students enjoy Steve's kitchen garden program on a regular basis, and are excited when they get to take things home to enjoy. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank Steve for the work he does around our school and for ensuring that our students learn the importance of where food comes from. Steve's garden is often visited by other schools/early learning facilities who are keen to learn more about the program he offers.



Whole school expectations: As we draw closer to the end of term 2, our School Improvement Team is busily working behind the scenes to set the professional learning agenda and direction of our term 3 work. This work will include preparing for our whole staff professional development day on **Monday the 29th of July. This is a Student-Free Day** and will see staff focus their professional learning around developing a culture of high expectations of staff, students and school community through agreed values and effective implementation of instructional and wellbeing frameworks. I look forward to sharing more around this in communication next term.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARD WINNERS



STUDENT AWARDS

Red House Wins



Alice for sharing a riddle



Harmony for being vigilant with people dropping rubbish



Soccer – Victorian Country Championships

We would like to congratulate the NEPS students whom recently competed in Soccer at the Victorian Country Championships to represent the LVSL (Latrobe Valley Soccer League) in Mildura over the long weekend. Well done to Jamison, Brooklyn, Ruby and Jai. The under 12 squad made it to the semifinals. Well done to all our NEPS students





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