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NEWSLETTER 25 October 2024 Issue 33 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 4 2024				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
21 October Dental Van	22 October Dental Van	23 October Dental Van	24 October Dental Van	25 October Dental Van
	Harold Life Ed	Harold Life Ed	NEPS Got talent lunch time	
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28 October	29 October <mark>Harold Life Ed</mark>	30 October Harold Life Ed	31 October	1 November
4 November Report writing day Students NOT required	5 November Public Holiday	6 November	7 November <mark>Dental Van</mark>	8 November
11 November Remembrance Day	12 November	13 November	14 November	15 November Fairy Floss sales after school
18 Nov	19 Nov	20 Nov	21 Nov Out of uniform Day bring donation for Christmas raffle	22 Nov
25 Nov	26 Nov	27 Nov	28 Nov	30 Nov

A word from Mrs Skee

Dear families – as we prepare for 2025, I am able to provide some information around our grade structure and staffing (to date). As we still have some recruitment processes occurring in the 3-6 space, this information is predominately around our p-2 cohort and whole school specialist programs. Our 2025 grade structure and allocated teacher staffing is as follows;

Grade Prep

Classroom one: Mrs Paige Frendo

Classroom two: Ms Kalinda Smith and Ms Laura Thompson

Grade One

Classroom one: Mrs Kellie Reville

Classroom two: Mrs Mel Reed/Mrs Jenni Blackshaw

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Grade two

Classroom one: Mrs Kristy Burnett/Mrs Jenni Blackshaw

Classroom two: Mrs Kaila Engel/Mrs Emily Young

Grade 3/4 4 classrooms

Grade 5/6 4 classrooms

Grade 3-6 staffing will be announced once all recruitment processes are completed.

Specialist subjects

Art: Ms Kathy Mewett
PE: Mr Mike Pullar
STEM: Mrs Fiona Dunne
Library: Mrs Lisa Robinson

With the Department of Education's introduction of the new curriculum 2.0, as well as a prioritised focus on the literacy and phonics work in p-2, straight grades in our prep to two area will allow us to implement these initiatives with more clarity and consistency. With this change in grade structure we are asking our families to trust our staff in the allocation of students in their 2025 grades. We will continue to prioritise students being in a grade with at least ONE friend in 2025, but will be drawing on our significant knowledge of our student's learning and wellbeing needs to allocate them in a grade that will support them to succeed. Can I please ask that if you have any exceptional circumstances that you wish to have considered during grade placement processes that you schedule a conversation with your child's current classroom teacher or email me at Julie.skee@education.vic.gov.au

I look forward to another exciting and productive year of quality teaching and learning in 2025. With thanks
Julie Skee
Principal

Celebrating positive NEPS behaviour

Today at assembly I was able to recognise grade 6 student, Kiara, by awarding her with the very first "\$50 Family Feast" award. Sponsored by Dante's pizza in Moe, this award allows Kiara to treat her family to meals up to the value of \$50. We would like to sincerely thank the Cruickshank family who are the proud owners of Dante's pizza in Moe. Dante's pizza is located at 49-51 Elizabeth Street in Moe.



Kiara received her reward for;

- her commitment to learning
- her respect and inclusion of all peers regardless of personal connection
- her ongoing positive interactions with teachers and peers
- regardless of where she sits in her learning she is always looking to improve and grow
- she continues to be a role model for our younger students in the yard, at assembly and when redeployed to other grades
- she looks for ways to improve our school and classroom environment

As an additional incentive for students to demonstrate positive school wide behaviour, we are currently have a Positive Behaviour Blitz at NEPS. Not only do students go into the draw for prizes such as the Dante's voucher, but we also have other prizes including sporting equipment and gift cards up to be won. All those students who DO NOT receive a COMPASS chronicle for behaviour either for negative classroom or yard behaviour for the next 2 weeks will be afforded additional play time. Those who do appear on COMPASS will be required to meet with Mr Walsh and myself in the library for this time.

Thank you to ALL of our families who continue to talk to their students about school wide expectations and support us to support our students to make positive choices around behaviour.

Christmas Raffle Tickets



Your student will have by now brought home a raffle book. This is our terms fundraiser for NEPS. We will have an "Out of Uniform Day" on **Thursday 21 Nov**. Students are asked to please bring an item to donate towards our Christmas raffle. Last year the prizes were phenomenal with over 25 prizes up for grabs. Thanks for all your support and remember "you've got to be in it too win it" hohoho



Remembrance Day Poppy Appeal Monday 11 November

NEPS is selling poppies for the Remembrance Day Appeal on behalf of the Yallourn Newborough RSL. We have a range of badges and pens, they are priced from \$2.00 to \$5.00. They are available from the office before school and at recess time. Thank you for your support of this very worthwhile cause.

SWIMMING IN 2025

Students in grades Prep - 3 will have by now brought home a swimming form. This is to collect information for our swimming lessons in 2025. These forms are to be returned to the classroom teacher. This information allows us to best prepare for the group lessons which will commence in term 1 2025. Thanks for your promptness with returning this form.

Sun Protection Policy

As we approach Term 4, we would like to remind all students and parents of our Sun Protection Policy. It is essential that students wear appropriate hats during outdoor activities to ensure their safety and well-being. Please ensure your child has a suitable hat for school. Our Sun Protection Policy has recently been endorsed by the School Council, and you can find the full details in the policy section of the NEPS website: https://neps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Sun-protection-policy.pdf.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our students safe and protected from the sun

Student of the week



Consistent excellent NEPS behaviour



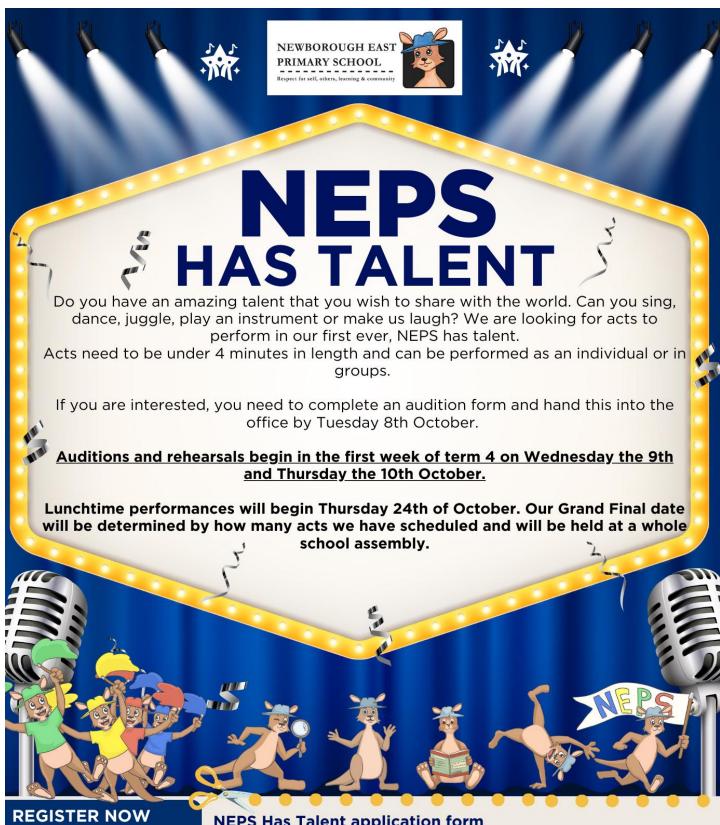
Student attendance award







The preps have been exploring Wild Animals and made these amazing masks to become our very own troop of gorillas.



NEPS Has Talent application form

Name of performers, grade and age:
Name of act:
Type of act. (singing, dance, instrumental, comedy, fire juggling, Llama taming etc):
What assistance would you like? We want you to look good, so we will do our best to assist in
music backing, live or recorded. Do you need any special props or stage set up? (Unfortunately, we
are unable to provide Llamas. You will need to supply your own)
Auditions and rehearsals will be done individually so as not to spoil and surprises for the audience.

Parents, carers and friends will be welcome to attend lunchtime performances.



Small pots needed

If anyone has any excess SMALL pots for planting seedlings into please feel free to donate them to Mr Gray's Garden. Mr Gray works tirelessly around the school and in the garden with students whom volunteer at breaktimes. Mr Gray also sponsors a weekly award to recognise students who help out in the garden area. Any donations will be put to good use please drop to the office. Thanks NEPS Team



