



Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
4 Breakfast Club 8.-8.30am Swimming notes to be returned	5 Breakfast Club 8.-8.30am	6 No Preps required Swimming Trials Grade 3-6	7 Lunch orders start	8 Assembly 2.45pm
11 NO BREAKFAST CLUB today Swimming Sports Moe Outdoor Pool	12	13 No Preps required	14	15 Last day for Book club orders Coles BBQ 10am - 2.00pm
18 Staff PD day No students required	19 Life Ed	20 Life Ed No Preps required	21 Life Ed	22 Life Ed
25	26	27 No Preps required	28	1 st March
4 Preps Full time	5	6 Parent Teacher Student Interviews ROOM 7 Only 12.30-1.30 2.15-5.15pm	7 Parent Teacher Student Interviews 3.30pm-7.30pm	8 Parent Teacher Student Interviews 8.30am-12.30 No students Required on this day

presentations along with our School Council President Jude Bergmann. We will also have a special guest singer leading us through the national anthem.

This will be a great celebration of the school's new leaders so please come along to the assembly and feel free to bring family and friends. Our student leaders for 2019 are:

School Captains:

Ayla Grbic & Jordan Shields

Vice School Captains - Bree Balmain & Mac Brosnan

Red House Captains – Katrena Slatter & Brodie Nash Byrne

Blue House Captains – Imani Shiels & Lachlan Delaney

Yellow House Captains – Ella DeVent & Max Edebohls

Green House Captains – Indiana Bechaz & Bayley Russell

Principal report.

2019 has started extremely positively, with students settling into their new grades and new school year successfully. It has also been great to see how welcome our new staff members, students and families have been made to feel. NEPS is such a wonderful place to receive an education which is attributed to the positivity reflected in our classrooms and out in the yard. Please keep an eye out for a new section of our newsletter in upcoming editions titled; "What's new at NEPS" as we have some exciting new projects coming up. We are also looking at starting a new "Friends of NEPS" group for any members of our current or extended NEPS community to help with a variety of different school based projects. If you would like to know more about this please make a time to come and see me through Mrs Denise Siinmaa in the office.

With kind regards

Julie Skee
Acting Principal

Assembly Friday 8th February 2.30pm

At tomorrow's assembly, we will present the leadership badges to the 2019 NEPS School and House Captains. We will have former NEPS student leaders from 2013, Darcy Ryan, Sam Lodge and Marita Wilson making the



**Swimming Sports
Monday 11th February**
the whole school will go over to the Moe outdoor pool for our swimming sports. Leaving

and returning from school by bus and Parents: **please make sure that you return the selected BLUE swimming permission and medical forms to your child's/children's classroom teacher.**

WE ARE DESPAREATE FOR TIME KEEPERS FOR THE DAY.

If you are able to help please see Mr Pullar asap as we cannot run the sports without them.

Thankyou also to those parents who have offered to help out through the day.

Please make sure that your child is wearing sunscreen on the day and has covered up between events, as we don't want anyone getting burnt. If you child needs goggles please make sure they have these already adjusted and ready to go.

- **Thongs or sandals should be packed for footwear at the pool as the ground is very hard.**
- **Hats are a must!!**
- **Students need to sit in the shade as much as possible.**
- **Students need to bring a refillable water bottle so they remain well hydrated.**
- **Students in grade P-2 will return to school around 12.30-1.00pm**
- **Students in Grades 3-6 will be at the pool all day returning around 2.30-3.00pm.**

This year all students who participate in the carnival will receive a participation ribbon. Only students in senior races will receive place ribbons.

Students competing in races need to use the correct stroke technique to the best of their ability and not push off from the bottom of the pool or grab lane ropes. Students who compete in breastroke and butterfly will only be put through to the next level if their strokes are deemed acceptable by stroke judges.

Upcoming Parent Teacher Student Conversations



Parent Teacher Student Conversations

Students succeed when there is a positive relationship between school and home and the interviews are a very important part of this positive relationship.

This is an opportunity to speak with your child's teacher and get feedback on how they have settled into NEPS also if you have any concerns you can raise it with your child teacher. Bookings can be made online at

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

An information sheet on how to login to book your interviews will be sent home with each student on Thursday 21st February.

Bookings will close on Monday 4th March at 3.30pm for Room 7 ONLY.

Bookings for rooms 1-16 will close Wednesday 6th March at 3.30pm

For those parents without computer access at home you will be able to come in and use the school computers in the computer room to book your child's Parent Teacher Student Conversation time.

Parents you will need an email address to receive your booking confirmation.

Bookings will open for ALL grades on Monday 25th February at 3.30pm.

**Parent/Teacher/Student Conversations
(For all grades other than Room 7)
Will be held on Thursday 7th March from
3.30pm – 7.30pm.
and
Friday 8th March from 8.30am – 12.30pm
(No students required at school today)**

IMPORTANT
**Parents of students in
Room 7 Grade 1 Mrs Robinsons and Mrs
Jones,
please note your interviews will be on
Wednesday 6th March from 12.30am - 1.30pm
& 2.15-5.15pm
Students in Mrs Robinson & Mrs Jones
rooms ARE required to be at school, on
Wednesday 6th**

CANTEEN

HELPERS NEEDED

The canteen is in need of helpers if you are free to help on a Thursday or Friday lunch order days for a couple of hours either in the morning or afternoon, please contact Jen Hutton on 0414 897 685.

The Canteen will be open **Tuesday 12th** for over the counter sales of icypoles and snacks.

Parents please note: Lunch Order days are Thursday and Fridays only, and no more than \$5.00 can be brought to school.

Students are also advised they cannot buy for friends.

Sticky beaks

Re-usable lunch bags



The canteen is selling re-usable lunch bags.

They come in two different styles

1. The Wallet \$10.00 and 2. The All Rounder (Insulated) \$12.00 and there are a few different colors to choose from.

If you would like to purchase one of these lunch bags please fill out the order available from the office, put in an envelope with payment marked "Lunch Bag Order" and place in the drop box at the front office **NO LATER** than Friday 22nd February.

If you would like further information about any of the products or to print off your

FREE name/class and order tags, please visit www.stickybeaks.com.au

BREAKFAST CLUB

Thank you to people who have kindly donated to the Breakfast Club so far this year. It's generous donations from staff and families that allow us to provide breakfast for student of NEPS. If you are able to donate anything this would be greatly appreciated. Items that we often go through very quickly and are in urgent need of are –

Margarine, Apple Juice, Jam, Cream Cheese, Bread, Spray n Wipe, Size Large Latex Free Food Handling Gloves and Milo. These items are frequently used and donations would be very helpful.

There will be **NO BREAKFAST CLUB on Monday 11th February** as Mrs Prestidge will be away this day. Breakfast Club will resume on Tuesday 12th February.

We are looking for Volunteers to assist Mrs Prestidge with running breakfast club. Tuesday mornings are very light on with helpers so if you have the time to support Mrs Prestidge with breakfast club from 8am to 8.30am please let her know or leave your name at the office.

COLES BBQ – Friday 15th February

On Friday 15th February from 10am to 2pm NEPS will be holding a BBQ at Coles Supermarket in Moe. This is a great way to support our amazing school by purchasing a sausage or two. Staff and students from the school will be down there showing their great cooking skills. All money raised will go towards the schools welfare program to support all students at the school.

Please share this date with family, friends and colleagues so we can improve all aspects of the support NEPS offer ☺

WELFARE NEWS

BOOKING APPOINTMENTS WITH WELFARE

If you are wanting to book an appointment to see Paul about your child/ren please let the office know that you would like Paul to call you. Often Paul is all around the school and not able to be found in his office so letting the staff at reception know will ensure Paul will make contact with you. Paul is happy to speak with families about any concerns you may have about your child or even if your family are needing some support.

BREAD COLLECTION

Every Wednesday we have a local group in Moe provide bread for our breakfast club. As this will soon be available we are calling out to any parents who may be willing to volunteer half an hour of their time to collect the bread (upstairs at Shaw's Arcade) each week. The time it needs to be collected is usually between 11am and 1pm but we will confirm this. If anyone is able to help us out and collect this weekly please let Mrs Prestidge or the office know.

UNDERSTANDING SCHOOL REFUSAL

Every now and then your child may be reluctant to go to school or have some anxiety about activities at school (for example – school camp). You might notice signs like tearfulness before school, repeated pleas to stay home, clinginess, dawdling, running away before school, complaints of illness before or during school such as headaches, stomach aches or fatigue.

What can we do to support children who do not want to go to school?

- Make sure you have open and honest discussions with your child.
- Take the time to ask what they are feeling sad/worried about.
- Ask your child about their friends and the fun and exciting things they will be doing with them at school.
- Communicate with your child's teacher – it's very important that you are both on the same page and giving the same messages to your child.
- If the school knows there are concerns we can work together with you to resolve the issues.

Please feel free to speak with Paul if you have any other questions or would like more information about school refusal.

UNIFORM SHOP

NEPS LOGO PRINT

Date extended to Monday 11th

We will be organising a NEPS Logo Print this term.

Any parent/guardian wanting to have the school logo on their child's polo shirts (no pockets) or windcheaters (NO HOODS) please leave clean, named garments at the uniform shop or office along with \$5.00 per garment before 9am on **Monday 11th of February**. This service is only done once a year to keep costs at a minimal. Please support this service as a minimum is required to go ahead.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

After this week, the uniform shop will be open only on a **Monday morning from 8.30am to 9.00am** or by appointment made at the office. Uniform order forms are available at the office and can be dropped in the drop box to be put together and sent home with your child asap.

NEWSLETTER

Each Thursday our school newsletter is produced and is available on the school website. www.neps.vic.edu.au and you can also like us on facebook.

All prep grades receive a hard copy of the newsletter weekly.

A limited number of hard copies are available on the stand at the office.

NOTES AND FORMS

Extra forms and notes are available from the stand near the office, if you have misplaced them or need a new one.



Book Club

Book Club forms were sent home this week.

This occurs twice a term.

Your child will only receive one catalogue.

Look in the date column of the newsletter to see when book club orders are due. There is also a function that parents can use. You can go online in LOOP and order and pay for the books your child wishes to order. There is a video to watch to help you with ordering. You can still send in the paper order form with the money and I will order the books. Scholastic has some terrific books to purchase for \$2 and the specials are always good books.

Money needs to be put in an envelope and with your child's name and room number and can be put in the drop box at the office.

Curly & George are kind sponsors of the NEPS Art and craft group.



If you would like to sponsor a program at NEPS and receive FREE publicity in our Newsletter in return, please make a time to come and see our Acting Principal, Mrs Julie Skee