



**NEWSLETTER May 21<sup>st</sup> 2020 Volume 1 Issue 14**

**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”*

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
18	19	20	21	22
25 Student Free Day	26 ALL Prep- 2 Return to onsite learning	27	28 Canteen closed	29 Canteen closed
1	2	3	4 Canteen closed	5 Canteen closed
8 Queen’s Birthday holiday	9 All Students Grade 3-6 return	10 Last day for Pie Orders	11 Canteen closed	12 Canteen closed
15	16	17	18 Canteen closed	19 Canteen closed
22	23 Pie Delivery 3.15 from the Gym	24	25 Canteen closed	26 End Term 2 1.15 dismissal

**New Email address for NEPS**  
[newborough.east.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:newborough.east.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

Following advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer, the Victorian Government has announced that students, teachers and support staff can return to face-to-face teaching. This will be a staged return. To support all school staff to prepare for the transition, Monday 25 May will be a pupil-free day. This is important to enable the planning necessary to ensure the successful transition back to school can be completed.

Upon return to on-site learning, the school’s priority is to ensure the physical and emotional

safety of all staff and students. All decisions and directives are made with this in mind.

**Stage 1: 25 May – 5 June**

In the first stage, all students in Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 will return to school from Tuesday 26 May. Remote learning will not be provided for Prep, Grade 1 or Grade 2 students who do not attend as of Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> of May. Students not attending will be marked as absent as per regular protocol. Remote and flexible learning will continue for all students in grades 3 to 6 until Tuesday 9 June.

During Stage 1, the existing model of on-site schooling for students who cannot be supervised at home and vulnerable children will remain in place. A reminder that On-Site Supervision Request forms must continue to be completed for this to occur for your child. This ensures adequate supervision can be provided.

During Stage 1, all students will continue to access specialist classes (Art, STEM, P.E). This will be a modified timetable for Week 7 and 8 of Term 2.

**Stage 2: from 9 June**

All other grades and year levels will return to school from Tuesday 9 June. All students will be expected to attend school as normal. Specialist classes (Art, STEM, P.E) will resume as per normal timetable as of Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> of June. Remote learning will not be provided to students during Stage 2.

School camps, will remain closed for face-to-face provision. This is to avoid extensive contact between students from different schools. Further advice will be provided as it becomes available.

**Important Things to Note:**  
**School Drop-off and Pick-up**

In order to adhere to social distancing guidelines, we ask that ALL students are dropped off at one of the school entry points. These are located at

the front gates on Old Sale Road and the back gate on Southwell Avenue. Parents and Carers will only be able to enter school grounds if it is deemed absolutely essential. If on the school grounds, we ask that as little time as possible is spent on-site. Additional school staff will be available at all entry points to ensure students make a smooth transition into the school grounds and classrooms. At this stage there will be no staggered start or finish times for any year levels. This will be reviewed and amended if necessary. Students will be required to access classrooms from external classroom doors. They are not to use the office or library doors as these will remain locked.

### **Parent Helpers**

At this stage, there will be no parent helpers allowed on-site. This is to ensure we adhere to social distancing directives.

### **Notes/Money/Permission Forms**

All notes, money and permission forms will need to be brought on site by students unless otherwise arranged via a phone call with administration staff who will provide instructions for you.

### **Drink Bottles/Equipment**

At this stage, the communal drinking taps will not be in use. Students **MUST** bring their own clearly labelled drink bottles. If your child requires a drink bottle, please contact Karen Prestidge who will arrange for one to be provided. Student drink bottles will be kept on desks, bags or lockers, not in a communal tub as has been the case in some classrooms prior to COVID-19.

Playground equipment will be accessible, however the following arrangements will apply:

- Playground outside Prep classrooms: **PREP STUDENTS ONLY**
- Playground in front of staff room: **GRADE 1 and 2 STUDENTS ONLY**
- Zones 1 and 3: **GRADE 3 – 6 STUDENTS ONLY**
- Basketball Courts/Rebound Wall/Undercover Area in Zone 2: Accessible by all students but monitored closely by yard duty teachers who may ask students to play elsewhere

### **Cleaning & Hygiene**

Enhanced cleaning in schools will be implemented for the remainder of Term 2 and for Term 3. This will provide progressive cleaning of high-touch points and other surfaces throughout the day, requiring an additional six hours of cleaning per day (for an average-sized school). There will be an increase in the frequency of the regular cleaning beyond what is normally required, using detergent/disinfectant to wipe areas including, but not limited to:

- doors (door handles, handrails and guardrails)
- kitchenettes including sinks
- drinking troughs and fountains
- student tables, chairs and lockers
- electrical fixtures and appliances (switches, printers, photocopiers, fridges etc)
- bathroom areas
- classroom waste bins
- teaching and non-teaching area floors (hard floors and soft floors)

Even as we return to school, it remains important that physical distancing for adults and strict hygiene measures continue to be observed. The following provides a summary of the key advice:

- Hygiene requirements including handwashing should continue to be practiced.
- Any member of staff or student who is unwell must not attend school on-site
- **IF ANY STUDENT OR MEMBER OF STAFF PRESENTS UNWELL ON-SITE, THEY MUST RETURN HOME IMMEDIATELY. PHONE CALLS WILL BE MADE TO ARRANGE PICK-UP FOR STUDENTS.** Decisions around these matters will be at the discretion of the Principal.

We thank you for all your support, understanding and patience throughout Term 2 and your continued partnership moving forward.

Julie Skee & Nick Walsh

### **CANTEEN CLOSED**

Parents please note that the canteen will closed for the remainder of Term 2, we have some maintenance to still to be done. The canteen will re-open at the start of Term 3.

**Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> of June** : QUEEN'S birthday public holiday (**No staff or students required**)

**Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> of June** : **LAST DAY of term** – **early finish at 1.15pm.**

**Please note** : Work needs to either be uploaded to COMPASS or handed in as a hard copy on Fridays (by carers or an adult representative) at the designated time **regardless** of whether a student is working remotely or supervised on site. As we have staff who are working remotely, this ensures that teachers receive this work and are able to provide feedback in a timely manner.

### **COMPASS**

Hard copy submission will be available at the allocated times **on Fridays.**

These are the same as our existing times for hard copy submission and collection:

**Fridays are drop off students work and also collect work packs for the next week, times are as follows:**

**10:00 – 10:30: Student Surnames A – F** to submit hard copies for the current week (that were unable to be uploaded to Compass) and collect the next week's learning packs/take home readers for the following week

**10:30 – 11:00: Student Surnames G - L** to submit hard copies for the current week (that were unable to be uploaded to Compass) and collect the next week's learning packs/take home readers for the following week

**11:00 – 11:30: Student Surnames M - R** to submit hard copies for the current week (that were unable to be uploaded to Compass) and collect the next week's learning packs/take home readers for the following week

**11:30 – 12:00: Student Surnames S - Z** to submit hard copies for the current week (that were unable to be uploaded to Compass) and collect the next week's learning packs/take home readers for the following week.

### **PIE DRIVE**

To support school fundraising efforts, Ms Mewett has organised a Pie Drive through Out of Dough in Morwell. The order form was on last week's newsletter, Compass and the school website. Payments can be made with cash or EFTPOS, please **NO CHEQUES.**



To minimize parent's onsite, you can send your order with your children or you can put your order in the drop box at the office clearly named with **PIE ORDER.**

Last day for orders is **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June.**

**Delivery is Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**, pick up from the gym at 3.15pm

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**PHOTO DAY is coming Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July.** This is the second week of Term 3

