



**NEWSLETTER May 28<sup>th</sup> 2020 Volume 1 Issue 15**

**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
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 Last day for Bookclub 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

Each student in grades p-2 received a special little goody bag from the school as a welcome back gift (see photos below)



**New Email address for NEPS**

[newborough.east.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:newborough.east.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

**Welcome Back...**

Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of May saw the welcomed return of all of our P-2 students to onsite learning. We also welcomed back many of our staff members who were required to work offsite. I was extremely pleased with the way that everyone responded to the imposed restrictions and observed social distancing as they conducted the drop offs and pick ups of their children. A huge thank-you must go out to the AMAZING NEPS staff who worked hard to ensure that this transition back to onsite learning was a smooth one.

**CCTVS**

Following a recent spate of vandalism we found it necessary to make an active bid to the Department of Education for additional security measures. I am pleased to announce that NEPS will have CCTVs installed throughout the school. Together with increased patrols by our security company and the local police we hope that this will deter any further incidents of damage to our much loved school. Please be reminded that people on school property who are caught causing damage or acting unlawfully will be prosecuted. If you see anyone on the school site after hours that you have concerns about I urge you to contact the police immediately. I thank you in advance for your support in keeping our school safe and well looked after.

### **Simultaneous Story Time**

Today NEPS participated in National Simultaneous Storytime. NEPS has been participating in this event for about 15 years. The whole school usually assembles altogether but this year was different. We participated in our own classroom and watched the story via computer. One version was presented using Auslan, something that we are seeing regularly on news reports. The story was Whitney and Britney Chicken Divas by Lucinda Gifford. Students working remotely were given the opportunity to participate via Compass.



### **Future fundraising partnership...**

Whilst our normal fundraising activities have been greatly affected by the Covid-19 restrictions, we are currently working on a fundraising partnership with Solahart. Through this partnership we are looking to raise funds for a new school kitchen and appliances (dishwasher and oven) which will be utilised through classroom cooking activities and other school related food preparation. Please keep an eye out for more information regarding this in future newsletters and other forms of school

communication. In the meantime check out their website or give them a call.

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### **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.

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

### **Book Club Issue 4**

Book Club is back to normal for the students at school. They will be receiving a paper copy of the catalogue and parents can order by either doing so on LOOP or sending the order form in, with the correct money to the office.

Years 3-6 students working remotely can access the catalogue via the Scholastic website. Here is the link

[www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents](http://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents)

The closing date for Book Club orders is June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for supporting Book Club and therefore our school.

Regards, Janine Cruickshank

## **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**

Tomorrow Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May will be the last day hard copy submission will be available for grades 3-6 as all students will be returning on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

Parents can still drop off work tomorrow and collect packs for the next week, but there will be no pack to pick up on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

The times are the same 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**

**LAST DAY FOR PIE ORDERS  
NEXT Wednesday 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE.**



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

