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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”

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
19	20	21	22 Last day to order Footy day lunch	23 Grand Final Day Public holiday
26 Last day for 2021 requests	27	28	29 Footy Day lunch	30
2 November Report Writing Day Office closed	3 Melbourne Cup Day Public holiday	4	5	6
9	10	11	12 Out of uniform day Donate towards Xmas Hamper raffle	13

A word from Mrs Skee...

As we are all aware 2020 has been a year unlike any other. We have had to adjust to doing things we have never been required to do before or adapt to do them in a brand new way. At NEPS we are no exception to these changes. We have seen restrictions impact on our musical, our fundraising (including our beloved fete), school photos, camps, incursions, book week parade and end of year activities such as kinder/prep transition, grade 6 graduation and songs at sunset. Fortunately for our NEPS community we have very creative and talented staff on hand to think outside the box and be able to offer alternatives to these events and activities. In coming weeks you will see the following offered to our students.

School class photos : For the last 2 weeks your child(ren) have been part of our “in school” class photo scheduling. I can’t wait until these are shared with families.

Grade 6 graduation : Despite the current restrictions imposed on how we can run our grade 6 graduation this year, our senior staff and students are working on an alternative way to share with families this very significant primary school milestone. Please keep an eye out for more information regarding this.

Kinder/prep transition program : Whilst this will look a bit different this year, there will be an opportunity for our preps for 2021 to participate in a kinder/prep transition program this year. This will include both onsite visits by our current kinder students who will be starting school at NEPS in 2021 as well as a visit to the kinders by our prep teachers.

End of the year activities : Coming up we have; Footy special lunch and footy dress up day (Thursday the 29th of October), day trips (in adherence to covid restrictions) for our students and Christmas craft activities. There will also be a special “out of uniform” day on the 12th of November to coincide with our Christmas raffle item donation day. Whilst this year’s restrictions have meant that we cannot hold our normal book week dress up day with parade, please know that we will be providing opportunities for our students to celebrate book week in a number of other fun ways. One such way is the feature of the book week books in our wonderful art program (see photos). We will also be running a number of special competitions which involves students sending in a photo (to be printed in our school newsletter) of them in a Book Week

Costume or with their favourite book. (see newsletter article for more details)

Fundraising : Whilst our normal fundraising activities have been greatly affected this year, A **HUGE** thank-you to ALL of the local businesses and families who have generously donated to the school and/or specific programs. Our most recent donation has been provided by Curly and George Hairdressers which has been put towards resourcing and supplies for various student wellbeing programs. If you/your business or a business you have connections with would like to make a donation please do not hesitate to contact me during school hours on 0351261399 or email me at Julie.skee@education.vic.gov.au. Mr Nick Walsh and I (together with other staff members such as Mrs Dunne and Mrs Puddy)



have also been busily writing and submitting competition entries and grant applications. Hopefully we can share good news regarding these in future newsletters.

Book week :

As many of you are aware traditionally NEPS is an active part of Book Week (17th – 23rd of October). Unfortunately, this year our normal arrangements for this event have been affected by the current COVID restrictions. So that we can still mark book week and recognise our school's commitment to promoting books and the love of reading we are giving students, staff and parents/carers the opportunity to celebrate Book Week in one of the following ways;

- Send a photo of them dressed up in a Book week themed costume for the school newsletter and/or year book
- Send a photo of them with their favourite book

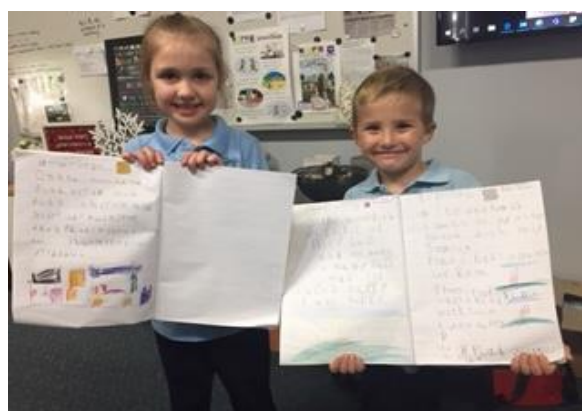
Photos can be sent directly to the school email address newborough.east.ps@education.vic.gov.au prior

to **Tuesday the 27th of October**. All photos sent in will go into the draw for some great BOOK WEEK prizes.



Planning for 2021 : If you have any specific requests regarding your child for 2021 please forward these to me in writing to my email address (Julie.skee@education.vic.gov.au). If you have made requests in previous years, please do not assume that these are known. All requests (even if they are ongoing ones) should be submitted in writing each year. Whilst I cannot guarantee that we can action all requests, all requests submitted will be considered. Requests need to be sent to me prior to the **26th of October**.

Leah Mackie & Brodii Thetford paid a visit to Mrs Skee to show her, how fantastic their writing is.



Important reminder Parents:

If your child is showing any signs of illness to keep them home.

Also please contact the office prior to coming onto the school grounds or into the office, we still need to adhere to the restrictions.

Tomorrow Friday 23rd October is the AFL Grand Final public holiday. The office will be closed on Monday 2nd November for the student free day.

School Photo Schedule:

Despite the restrictions that covid has placed on the school outsourcing a professional photograph, we are fortunate a staff member has volunteered to take a classroom photo of each. These classroom photo will be gifted to students. Please see the following dates for the remaining grades, all other grades have been taken earlier this week.

Thursday 22nd October Prep DR Room 11 Prep JC Room 10 1 JF Room 9 1 PF Room 8	Thursday 28th October October Grade 2 RJ Room 7
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Coming Special Events:

Please mark these dates on your calendar check upcoming newsletters, school website, Compass and facebook for more details:

- Thursday 22nd October **Last day to order Footy day lunch**
- Thursday 29th October Footy Day lunch. Students will be permitted to come to school in their footy or sports gear. NO parade will be occurring due to current restrictions, but students can wear their footy teams colours.
- Thursday the 12th of November Out of Uniform day donate towards Christmas Hamper raffle.



**Special
Footy Day Lunch
Thursday 29th
October**

Last day to order a footy lunch is Thursday 22nd October

Students are also able to order Gluten Free Pie or a Vegetarian Hot dog if they wish for the footy day lunch.

Just put a **GF** beside the Pie or a **V** next to the Hot Dog on the order form.

Please note: Normal lunch orders can be made on this day also.

Remember if you previously ordered you don't need to order again.

MEDICAL

We have had confirmed case of Slapped Cheek disease at the school. Please be on the look-out for this condition in your children. The information below is from the Better Health website of the Victorian Government.

Slapped Cheek Disease

Slapped cheek disease is a viral infection that mainly affects primary-school-aged children. It results from being infected with human parvovirus B19. It causes a bright red rash on the cheeks, which look as though they have been slapped – hence the name.

Like many viral infections, it is spread by mucus from an infected person when sneezing or coughing. This mucus is carried by hand to the mouth or nose of another person.

The incubation period for slapped cheek disease is usually between four and 14 days after contact (in rare cases, up to 21 days). This infection is also called slapped face disease, slapped cheek syndrome, fifth disease or erythema infectiosum. For most children, infection with slapped cheek disease initially causes little more than cold symptoms. These generally improve after a few days, when the rash starts to show.

Most people with slapped cheek infection need little if any treatment. Rest and pain-relieving medication (such as paracetamol) may help. The infection can be more serious for pregnant women. Rarely, if a pregnant woman gets this infection, there can be serious consequences to her unborn child, including miscarriage. Most unborn babies are not affected, even when they get this infection.

Symptoms of slapped cheek disease

The first symptoms seem like a cold and can include:

- fever
- tiredness
- aching muscles
- headache
- sore throat
- runny nose, coughing and sneezing

As these cold-like symptoms start to improve, the rash on the face appears. This rash is bright red,

'lacy' (with patches of normal colored skin within the red areas) and often itchy. The person may also develop a pink blotchy rash on the limbs or torso after a few days. Many people (up to 20 per cent) do not have any symptoms at all when they have the infection.

Things to remember

- Slapped cheek disease is characterised by bright red cheeks, a cold-like illness and, sometimes, an itchy rash on the torso and limbs.
- It commonly affects primary school children and is not dangerous for most people.
- Pregnant women, people with haemolytic blood disorders and those with compromised immune systems need to see a doctor if exposure to the slapped cheek virus is suspected.

Prevention of slapped cheek disease

Parvovirus is most contagious during the incubation period, around two weeks before the onset of the rash or other symptoms. Your child isn't usually contagious once the rash has appeared.

Good [daily hygiene](#) and careful handwashing at child care, preschool and school helps prevent spread of the disease.

If your child has a confirmed case of slap cheek before returning to school we will require medical clearance from a doctor.

AWARD WINNERS



STUDENT AWARD WINNERS		
Grade Prep JC Room 10	Melody Brooks	Working fantastically and completing her work quickly-you're on fire!!!
Grade Prep JC Room 10	Caleb Felici	Being helpful in the classroom and packing up beautifully.
Grade Prep JC Room 10	Sophia Robertson	Always being engaged in your learning and doing your best.
Grade Prep DR Room 11	Savannah Lyons	For the fantastic effort you have put into learning subtraction
Grade 1 JF Room 9	Lexi Archipow	For showing respect to your peers and teaching staff.
Grade 1 JF Room 9	Alexis Armstrong	For being an engaged learner.
Grade 2 KS Room 5	Jaxon Rodman	the fantastic effort you have been into your reading.
Grade 2 HV Room 6	Milly Dale	Showing courtesy to their classmates by always listening when others are speaking.
Grade 2 RJ Room 7	Harry Lawrence	For always completing set learning tasks to a high standard. Well Done Harry!
Grade 3/4 LG Room 1	Daniel Heily	Excellent use of figurative language in your writing task.
Grade 3/4 LG Room 1	Kohen DeBono	Excellent use of figurative language in your writing task
Grade 3/4 EA Room 2	Kyra Heels	For begin a confident reader during Readers' Theatre.
Grade 3/4 JH Room 3	Owen Hall	for taking responsibility of your learning by moving seats so you can ignore distractions.
Grade 3/4 JH Room 3	Chayce Petkovic	for having really great ideas and discussions during guided reading.
Grade 3/4 SM Room 4	Chilly Fuller	For continuing to produce neat work and complete work to the best of her ability despite only having the use of one hand.
Grade 5/6 EG Room 12	Archie Bergmann	For making such amazing growth in reading!
Grade 5/6 MD Room 13	Macy Buhagiar	For her continued engagement in remote learning and when back at school.

ADA LOVELACE AWARD



RESPECTFUL ROO AWARDS



REMOTE LEARNING KINGS



REMOTE LEARNING UNIT WINNERS



Opening hours Monday: 10am – 5pm
 Wednesday 10am – 5pm
 Friday 10am – 5pm

Beleza are having a 10% off sale from 2nd November – 17th December. Prep 2021 families will get that discount from November 2



*VIP SALE CONDITIONS: Discount applies ONLY to Beleza brand full retail priced items. Blazers & Discounted items excluded. Other exclusions apply. 10% off cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer, voucher or discount.

The IsoLate Show The IsoLate Show Adult Hoodies are now available to order for \$50!

A heather grey design with our iconic logo embroidered front & centre. Email the isolate team at theisolateshow@outlook.com for a size guide & to place your order. All funds raised will go back into our Wellbeing programs at NEPS. **REMOTE LEARNING UNIT WINNERS**

