




**NEWSLETTER November 12<sup>th</sup> 2020 Volume 1 Issue 35**

**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
9	10	11 Remembrance Day  Grade 1 Excursion McDonalds Botanical Gardens	12 Out of uniform day Donate towards Xmas Hamper raffle	13
16	17 2021 Prep Transition	18	19 Donut day forms sent home	20 Last day for book club orders
23	24 2021 Prep Transition	25	26	27
30	Dec 1	2 Last day to return Christmas raffle tickets	3 Last day to order for Donut day	4
7	8 2021 Prep Transition	9 Grade 2 End of Year excursion Christmas Raffle Drawn	10 Donut Day	11
14 Grade 3/4 Forest Edge Excursion	15 Grade 5/6 Forest Edge Excursion	16	17 2021 Planning Day No students	18

that we will see Jessie after she has had time to rest after the birth, when she comes to visit. We wish Jessie and Brandon all the very best for their impending arrival.

**Remembrance Day**



Like so many things this year, Remembrance Day looked a little bit different at NEPS this year. Whilst the school's student leaders were unable to attend the service due to a limit on numbers a wreath was purchased by the school and laid on our behalf. Although the students and staff were unable to assemble together we all stopped at 11am for 1 minutes silence as a sign of respect for our fallen heroes. Many grades also discussed the significance of remembrance day in their classrooms.

**Community support**

I was extremely pleased to take a call from Di Harris (President of the Moe Rotary Club) last Friday. After hearing about all of the wonderful plans we have for NEPS and its grounds, gardens and student programs, Rotary is donating a garden arch for our butterfly garden, soil for around our developing fairy tree and student wheelbarrows to be used by our students in our various gardening programs. I can't wait to share photos of these when they arrive.

**Celebrating our gardens**

As you would be aware from previous school newsletters, NEPS is extremely proud of the recent improvements to its school gardens and the many gardening programs it offers its students. Our gardens will feature in a video currently being put together by the Latrobe City Council. I will feature more information regarding this as it comes to hand.

**Basketball Court improvements**

During the Christmas holidays re sealing of our current basketball courts will be occurring. Shortly after this we hope to repaint the court line markings on both the basketball and netball courts. These courts have become increasingly popular with our students and our goal by 2021 will be to purchase a second set of goal posts and rings so that we have additional court space for students to use. I strongly encouraged ALL students to ensure that they are looking after our existing school property so that we spend less money repairing what we have, leaving more money to add to the facilities they enjoy. If you

**A word from Mrs Skee...**

**Goodbye and good luck Ms Foster**

I would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye (for now) and good luck to Ms Jessie Foster. Ms Foster will be starting her family leave at the end of Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of November. Jessie is a positive and enthusiastic member of the NEPS team and she will be greatly missed as she embarks on the next chapter of her life with her partner Brandon. We trust

or someone you know would like to support in funding this project please contact me at the school during school hours or email me directly at any time at [Julie.skee@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Julie.skee@education.vic.gov.au)

### **Planning for 2021**

Whilst we are still finalising our staffing arrangements **If you (or someone you know) is yet to enrol their child for 2021 I request that you do this ASAP** so that they can be included in our planning as well as any transition/orientation programs that are being offered this year.

Parents if your child/children will not be returning to NEPS in 2021 could you please let Mrs Skee know as soon as possible.

Email [Julie.skee@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Julie.skee@education.vic.gov.au)

This information is important for planning grades for next year.

**Prep 2021:** Those parents/carers of students who have already enrolled their child at NEPS for prep 2021 should have received an email detailing the dates, times and arrangements for this transition program. If you have not received your email please call the office ASAP. The kinder/prep transition program will occur on;

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> of November**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> of November**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> of December**

### **Coming Special Events:**

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

- **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November** Donut Day forms sent home
- **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** Last day to return raffle tickets for Christmas Hamper raffle.
- **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** Last day to order Donut Day.
- **Wednesday December 9<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Hamper Raffle Drawn.
- **Thursday December 10<sup>th</sup>** Donut Day.



### **OUT OF UNIFORM DAY**

**donate towards Christmas raffle.**

**Today Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>**

**November** we will be holding an Out of Uniform Day.

Students need to bring something to donate towards the Christmas raffle and if they do they can come to school with out of school uniform. There will be plenty of prizes to win.

Books were sent home on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October with the youngest in the family. Book of 10 tickets \$10.00 and spare books are available from the office.

Bring along something to donate towards the raffle, remember it can be grocery items, Christmas items etc, please remember items must be **NEW and in original packaging** please.

**NO out of Date food items.**

Please check the labels, no use by dates **before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020**

**Last day to return tickets Wednesday 2nd December.**

Raffle winners will be drawn on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **AWARD WINNERS**



## STUDENT AWARD WINNERS

Grade Prep JC Room 10	Tate Stewart	For being helpful when it is pack up time.
Grade Prep JC Room 10	Tilly Dawn Frendo	For always being understanding and considerate to everyone in Room 10.
Grade Prep JC Room 10	Zahra Siddle	For being encouraging towards her classmates.
Grade Prep DR Room 11	Aurora Brooks	For being organised and dedicated with learning her M100W words.
Grade 1 JF Room 9	Ella Taffs	For coming to school with a smile on her face and giving all tasks a go.
Grade 1 PF Room 8	Amelia Felici	For working hard to improve your writing by adding in good detail.
Grade 2 KS Room 5	Zac Wilson	For respectfully listening to and helping your partner during reading each morning.
Grade 2 HV Room 6	Brax Tondut	For demonstrating courtesy by playing fairly and taking turns in learning games.
Grade 2 RJ Room 7	Soren Brown	For showing courtesy to his classmates and teachers by always listening when others are speaking.
Grade 3/4 LG Room 1	Taj Poxon	For showing creativity by including interesting descriptive language in his Haiku.
Grade 3/4 LG Room 1	Manix Coppock	For being motivated to do his best when identifying and counting syllables.
Grade 3/4 EA Room 2 From 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov. Newsletter	Willow Bounds	For always being courtesy, thoughtful & helpful to others
Grade 3/4 EA Room 2	Charlotte Bird	For her manners, friendly hello's every morning and her thoughtfulness in helping others.
Grade 3/4 SM Room 4	Indy Reid	For always taking her time to be creative with her work at school and at home.
Grade 3/4 JH Room 3	Jared Green	For helping others when they need it!
Grade 5/6 EG Room 12	Matilda Higginbottom	For being such a caring and considerate friend.
Grade 5/6 EG Room 12	Milli Milovanovic	For always being a helpful and caring member of our class.
Grade 5/6 LD Room 16	Lachlan Campbell	For being a cooperative and engaged learner in our PONT maths groups.
Grade 5/6 JK Room 15	Alesha Smith	For contributing to class discussions and group activities.
Grade 5/6 JK Room 15	Jackson Hilditch	For engaging other students in class discussions and group work.
Grade 5/6 MD Room 13	Veronika Bettink	For demonstrating continued respect and consideration for others in and out of the classroom

