



**NEWSLETTER February 2021 Volume 1 Issue 1**

**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"*

| Mon  | Tue                                      | Wed   | Thu  | Fri   |
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| <b>FEB 01</b><br>Breakfast Club 8.00am -8.30am<br><b>Return all BLUE swimming forms</b>            | <b>2</b><br>Breakfast Club 8.00am-8.30am | <b>3</b><br><b>Preps Not required NO Breakfast</b><br>Club today<br>Swimming Trials<br>Grades 3-6<br>11.00-1.00pm | <b>4</b><br>Breakfast Club 8.00 -8.30am<br><br>Lunch Orders Commence | <b>5</b><br>Lunch Orders Commence<br><br><b>Assembly 2.30pm</b> |
| <b>8</b><br>Swimming Sports<br>Moe outdoor Pool<br>All students<br><br>Breakfast Club 8.00 -8.30am | <b>9</b><br>Breakfast Club 8.00am        | <b>10</b><br>Breakfast Club 8.00 -8.30am<br><b>Preps Not required</b>   | <b>11</b><br>Breakfast Club 8.00 -8.30am                             | <b>12</b>   |
| <b>15</b><br>Breakfast Club 8.00-8.30am  | <b>16</b><br>Breakfast Club 8.00am       | <b>17</b><br>Breakfast Club 8.00 -8.30am<br><b>Preps Not required</b>   | <b>18</b><br>Breakfast Club 8.00 -8.30am                             | <b>19</b>   |
| <b>22</b><br>Breakfast Club 8.00-8.30am  | <b>23</b><br>Breakfast Club 8.00-8.30am  | <b>24</b><br>Breakfast Club 8.00 -8.30am<br><b>Preps Not required</b>   | <b>25</b><br>Breakfast Club 8.00 -8.30am                             | <b>26</b>   |
| <b>1st March</b><br><b>Preps full time</b><br>Breakfast Club 8.00-8.30am                           | <b>2</b><br>Breakfast Club 8.00-8.30am   | <b>3</b><br>Breakfast Club 8.00 -8.30am   | <b>4</b><br>Breakfast Club 8.00 -8.30am                              | <b>5</b>  |

schools, new families as well as our new staff members. We currently have 341 students enrolled.

Whilst future school newsletters will feature more information regarding our new staff members I **would like to take this opportunity to introduce;**

**Mr Tom Holt (grade 5/6 classroom teacher) room 15**

**Ms Mel Reed (grade 1/2 teacher with Mrs Gibbons) room 9**

**Mrs Kristy Burnett (grade 3/4 teacher) room 3**

**I would also like to welcome back;**

**Mrs Karen Salienko (STEM program p-2)**

**We are extremely fortunate to have the team of educational professionals that we do at NEPS and I am excited to share some exciting things in store for 2021 in future newsletters.**

**Meet the Principal Team –** I would like to warmly welcome all 2021 Prep parents to an informal communication session with Assistant Principal Nick Walsh, Wellbeing Coordinator Karen Prestidge and myself (Julie Skee Principal) in the school staff room on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of February 8.45 to 9.15am. This session will provide a perfect opportunity for us to meet you all as well as answer any questions you may have about the school. If you are attending we ask that you sign in and out at the kiosk located at the office (to assist with contact tracing). We hope to see you there!

**Student leader badge presentation –** A note has gone home with all 2021 student leaders inviting their parents/guardians to a special badge presentation assembly. This assembly will take place on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of February from 2.30pm in the undercover area. Please ensure that if you are attending that you sign in at the

**Welcome back!**

I am so excited to welcome everyone back to a brand new 2021 school year. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new prep students, students transferring in from other

kiosk located at the office upon arrival and departure to assist with contact tracing.

**Donations and sponsorship** – Being the Principal of Newborough East Primary School is an enormous privilege. Part of this privilege is due to the people that I get to meet in my role and the generosity that I get to witness. Last week I received 3 very generous donations from local businesses, families and school community members. This included; \$400 donation from T&T Butchers in Moe (see photo below of Billy and Bonnie Schessel on behalf of their family butcher)



\$1000 donation from Energy Australia to go towards student programs  
\$50 pledged every 2 months from a generous school community member to directly support NEPS students  
As well as \$100 in donations taken during the Essential items payments.  
We also received a donation of a brand new bike (still in its box) from Mary Brooks and her family, that will be raffled off. All money raised from this raffle will go directly to the Art therapy program. Please keep an eye out for future information regarding this raffle.

If you would like to support the school in any way please do not hesitate to communicate with me via email; [Julie.skee@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Julie.skee@education.vic.gov.au) or contact the office to make a time to meet.

**I look forward to our work together this year and invite you to continue to communicate with me via email or meeting request so that we can continue to provide inclusive, engaging and inspiring educational programs and environment.**

### **NEPS Office Hours.**

Parents and families please note the office hours are from 8.30am to 3.45pm daily.

## **Swimming Sports**



Next Wednesday **3<sup>rd</sup> February** we will have our swimming trials for our **grade 3-6** at the Moe outdoor pool from departing school at 11.00am to 1.00pm.

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February the whole school** will go over to the Moe outdoor pool for our swimming sports. Leaving and returning from school by bus.  
Parents will receive: **BLUE swimming permission and medical forms which you to your child's/children's classroom teacher by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February.**  
Permission notes have been sent home today. *Whilst spectators are welcome, please ensure that you adhere to all pool guidelines and requests*

### **COMPASS**

Parents if you are new to the school and have not received a Compass log in letter or having trouble logging into Compass, please email Nick Walsh at [nickwalsh@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:nickwalsh@education.vic.gov.au)  
Thankyou

### **CANTEEN**

The Canteen will be open **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February** for lunch orders.  
**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.

## **CAR PARKING DROP OFF POINTS**

Student safety is our number one priority at school, please ensure that you

- Obey the 40km speed limit around the school.
- Be wary of students running out onto the roads as young children can be unpredictable.
- Follow the instructions given by our lollipop people at the school crossings and traffic lights.
- As parents be good role models for crossing roads safely.
- Don't leave children unattended in the cars.

### **Preferred Parking:**

- Parallel parking on Old Sale Rd (school side)
- Leisure Centre car park.

### **Drop Off :**

- Old Sale Rd opposite school.
- One spot on school side near bus stop.

Please note – if parking in Southwell Avenue, strict parking policies apply. Bylaws officers regularly check that correct parking is adhered to.

If there is a yellow line painted on the kerb, this means no standing or dropping off.

**NO PARKING in Staff Car Park.** With our growing staff numbers (which allows us to support and offer the variety of programs to our students), it is important that **ALL staff are able to park on site.** It is also important for student safety reasons that **this IS NOT a drop off area for students.** If you require to use the disabled parking spot you will require a disabled sticker, or in special circumstances where you need to park close to the school buildings please notify the office so that special authorization can be arranged.

## **NEWSLETTER**

Each Thursday our school newsletter is produced and is available on the school website. [www.neps.vic.education.au](http://www.neps.vic.education.au) and via our facebook page and Compass.

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.

## **Pink/ Blue NOTICES**

A reminder that any note on **PINK** paper that comes home from school will require a payment with it (this will include things such as camp deposits, swimming (P-4) or end of year excursion).

These are not covered by the excursion surcharge they need to be signed and returned with money to the school office.

**All notes that need to be returned to the classroom teacher** regarding swimming, parent help, permission forms etc **will be BLUE**, so please make sure that you read these notes and return them as soon as possible.

## **MEDICAL**

### **Asthma and Anaphylaxis Action Plan Reminder for 2021**

If your child has a medical condition (i.e. asthma, anaphylaxis/allergy, epilepsy) you are required to provide the school with an in-date action plan signed by a medical practitioner. Could you please ensure that you have your child's action plan updated and return a copy, signed by a doctor, to the NEPS Office as soon as possible, these are required at the start of each year or when things change along with any medication and any other device aid i.e. auto-injector device, spacer device. Thank you for your assistance in providing us with the information that we need to support your child whilst they are in our care.

## **PAYMENT of Essential Items**

Just a reminder to parents if you have a valid Healthcare Care card as of January 28<sup>th</sup> 2021 you are eligible to claim the Camps Sports and Excursion fund (CSEF)

Also you can set up Centrelink deductions to pay for these items. If you would like any further information please call the office.