

NEWSLETTER February 25th 2021 Volume 1 Issue 4
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 Calendar dates				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
22 Division Swimming sports Breakfast Club 8.00- 8.30am	23 Breakfast Club 8.00- 8.30am	24 Breakfast Club 8.00 -8.30am Preps Not required	25 Breakfast Club 8.00 -8.30am	26 Assembly
1st March Preps full time Breakfast Club 8.00- 8.30am	2 Breakfast Club 8.00- 8.30am	3 Breakfast Club 8.00 -8.30am	4 Breakfast Club 8.00 -8.30am	5 Assembly
8 Labour Day PUBLIC Holiday	9 Breakfast Club 8.00- 8.30am	10 Breakfast Club 8.00- 8.30am	11 Breakfast Club 8.00- 8.30am Last day for Hot Cross bun orders Out of Uniform Day	12 Assembly
15 Breakfast Club 8.00- 8.30am	16 Breakfast Club 8.00- 8.30am	17 Breakfast Club 8.00- 8.30am	18 Breakfast Club 8.00- 8.30am Hot Cross Bun morning tea	19 Assembly
22	23	24 Last day to return Easter raffle tickets	25 Athletic Sports	26
29	30	31	1st April End Term 1 11.15 dismissal	

A word from Mrs Skee...

As many of you may have read on the school facebook page, our NEPS garden has recently been a target for some theft and damage. Whilst this was indeed unfortunate I would like to focus on the many positives that have come out of this situation. These include;

- Many, many words of support and offers of help where needed.
- A donation of a hose and fittings from Mitre 10 in Moe (see the article and photo below).

It was ascertained that the theft and damage were done on two separate occasions, and I am pleased to note that the person who caused the damage has come forward and has apologised for their actions as well as replaced the produce that was damaged. This took courage and I thank them for coming forward.

I would now like us all to move forward from this incident and continue to focus on the many positives that come out of our gardens. Our next major project will be re doing the large garden at the front of our school (near our 3 flagpoles, that runs adjacent to our front fence line). I met with Luke from Growmaster in Traralgon who is going to advise us on the plants that are suitable to grow here. We have been able to utilise our voucher that we received after winning the John Rugg encouragement award last year for this project. If you would like to assist with the preparation for the project (purchase plants that are no longer suited to this area, help Bill with the removal of unwanted plants as well as weed) please contact me via email

Julie.skee@education.vic.gov.au or ring me at school during school hours on 0351261399. I cannot wait to share photos of this project (both before and after).

Fundraising

We have a few small fund raising activities that are currently running or being planned at present, by various groups within the school. These include;

NEPS Office Hours.

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

Raffle tickets being sold by Darcie White.

First prize is a bike. There is also some other great prizes to win in this raffle. Tickets are on sale from the front gate before and after school and are 3 for \$5 or \$2 each. All money raised goes towards Art Therapy.

Out of Uniform Day : The Fundraising committee have scheduled our annual Easter out of uniform day for Thursday the 11th of March. On this day ALL students are invited to come out of uniform. In exchange for this they are to bring an Easter related item (Easter eggs, chocolates, Chocolate bunnies, Rabbit soft toys etc) to school which will then be added to our raffle prizes. We ask that ALL items donated be new items as well as any edible items being in date. Raffle tickets for the easter raffle will go home with students with today's newsletter and can be purchased for \$1 per ticket or \$10 for a full book. If you would like additional raffle books to sell please see the office.

Hot Cross Bun day : See article below.

Canteen Special Morning tea

Thursday 18th March.



The Canteen Committee are holding a "**Hot Cross Bun morning tea**".

Students may choose from either, Traditional, NO Fruit **OR** Chocolate hot cross buns and **GLUTEN FREE** is available in all flavours but you must

clearly circle **GF** in the flavour you want.

As with any 'special day' **pre-ordering** is essential for catering purposes.

LAST DAY FOR ORDERS IS Thursday 11th March

Hot Cross Buns will be served at morning recess. Please return your completed order form with payment **NO later than Friday 11th March.** One form per student.

Thank-you – to Mrs Mary Dedynskij for her recent generous donation of breakfast club items. If you would like to know how you can support school Welfare initiatives (such as breakfast club) please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Karen Prestidge (our School Wellbeing Coordinator).

Focusing on the positive: Like any school we sometimes have to deal with negative behaviour. Whilst we have firm processes and consequences for this, I would like to also recognise the many positive things that occur around our school. Last Friday I was able to acknowledge 2 of our Prep students; London Mosqueda and Leo Hudson. Leo demonstrated some strong NEPS values by helping out London after he hurt himself playing in the playground.



Both students received a small prize pack for their amazing efforts as well as a Respectful Roo sticker. I invite all other students/staff and parents to come and see (or email me) with other stories of our NEPS students demonstrating NEPS respect values. I would love to continue sharing all the positive behaviour being demonstrated.

Thankyou - I would like to extend a huge Thankyou to Mitre 10 Moe who heard about items recently taken and destroyed in our kitchen garden. To help us out they kindly donated a



hose and fittings and have offered to donate soil and seedlings when we are ready to plant again. It is generosity such as this that constantly reminds me of the wonderful community we live in. Please thank a mitre 10 staff member on behalf of neps next time you are in shopping with them.



CENSUS DAY.

Tomorrow, **Friday the 26th of February** is **CENSUS DAY**. This day is incredibly important to schools as it is the day that determines the majority of the funding that they will receive for the year. It is imperative that **ALL** students are at school on this day as this funding is based on student enrolments (with this number being determined on this day). If your child is absent for any reason on this day their parents/guardians must provide the school with an email or note on the day that explains the reason for this absence. If you have any further questions regarding this please do not hesitate to communicate these directly to me via email; julie.skee@education.vic.gov.au or contact me during school hours on 0351261399

School Council –

School councils are groups who make decisions that set the direction of the school. They:

- help create and check the school's budget
- contribute to the school strategic plan
- make decisions on policies like investments, payments by parents, dress code.

Councils usually have between six and 15 members and include:

- the principal, who is the executive officer
- parents who are chosen through an election
- a school or Department staff member

Some councils also have community members who are chosen by the council. These members have special knowledge or experience in the local community.

At Newborough East Primary School our current school council consists of;

Julie Skee (Principal - DET)
Nick Walsh (Assistant Principal - DET)
Jude Bergmann (President – Parent 2020)
Debbie Nay (Vice President – Parent)
Julie Shields (Community member)
Jen Hutton (Community member)
Matthew Dubois (DET)
James Kuchel (DET)
Belinda Bannister (Parent)
Geoff Herben (Parent)
Melissa Stephens (Parent)

Our first School Council meeting for the year is scheduled for Monday the 15th of March at 5pm.

The first part of the meeting will be our AGM (which will sign off the work of 2020 as well as farewell any outgoing school council members) and will then be followed by our first

official meeting of the year that will predominately be to elect our new office bearers. Could all existing school council members please contact the school prior to close of business on **Friday the 26th of February** to indicate if they will be in attendance as well as if they will be continuing on School Council. From here we will be able to communicate how many additional school council representatives we will require. At this stage we will need at least one more parent representative. If you are interested in being part of the school council please email me directly at julie.skee@education.vic.gov.au

NEWSLETTER

Each Thursday our school newsletter is produced and is available on the school website. 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.

LIFE ED VAN

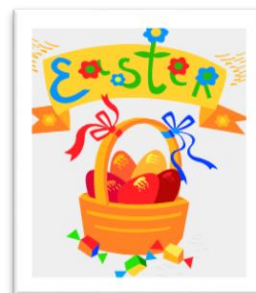
The Life Education Van is visiting NEPS commencing today. I am sure students will enjoy catching up with Harold and his healthy lifestyle message. Please stay clear of the van at all times, as it will be parked in an out of bounds area.

All grades will visit the life Ed van over the next 5 days



EASTER RAFFLE

Out of Uniform Day Thursday 11th March.



On Thursday 11th March students have the opportunity to come Out of Uniform and donate towards our Easter Raffle.

If you chose to come out of uniform you need to bring along something for Easter. It can be an

Easter egg, chocolate or Easter bunnies, just something Easter.

If you chose not to donate then you will be required to be in school uniform.

We will have a MEGA 1st Prize and 20 wonderful other prizes to be won.

Raffle tickets were sent home one per family on Thursday 25th February .Tickets are \$1.00 each, books of 10 tickets. Tickets and money must be returned to the office **by Wednesday 24th March** and winners will be drawn Tuesday 30th March

Stem / Science 2021 Term1

Prep.

This term our Preps student will be learning about the weather and how it impacts on our lives in the way we dress, act, and eat. We have been building on the words we use to describe the weather and used touch to name different temperatures. This week we will be looking at the sky and how it tells us about the weather. We will be using our senses to describe the weather, what we see in the sky? What we feel on our skin? What we hear?

We will be moving on to learning about the seasons in the next few weeks.

Grade 1 & 2

This term our grade 1 and 2 students will be learning to identify and describe the changes we can see in the sky and landscapes. We have looked at landscapes around our school and explored our garden, sorting things as natural or made by people. Looking at various sites at school and we were able to discuss and predict changes likely to occur. I encourage you go walk around your yard with your child looking at things that will change in the short term and things that are unlikely to change. Discuss the types of changes you might see – plants might grow, flowers may open or die, leaves may fall, birds may fly away, and shadows will change. Last week some grade one's couldn't name shade or shadows calling them the grey thing on the ground.

We will be moving on to learning about changes such as day and night and seasonal changes.

Enjoy your conversations.

Karen Salienko.

Gr. Prep & 1/2

Stem/Science teacher.

Cooking activity with students during remote learning

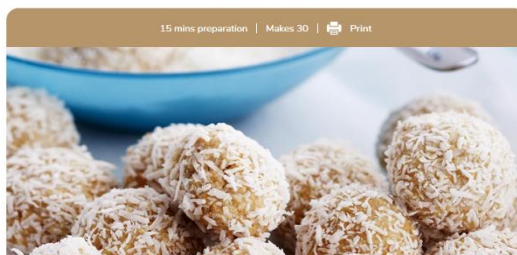


Chocolate truffles

You'll never believe that just four ingredients and a bit of mixing with a wooden spoon can result in these mouth watering chocolate truffles by Woman's Day, until you try them for yourself.

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15 mins preparation | Makes 30 | Print



Ingredients

Chocolate truffles

250 gram plain biscuits
2 tablespoon cocoa
1 cup desiccated coconut
395 gram can condensed milk

Method

Chocolate truffles

- 1 Place biscuits into a snap-lock bag and crush into small pieces. Transfer to a large bowl.
- 2 Add cocoa and 1/4 cup coconut. Mix well. Stir condensed milk through, until well combined.
- 3 Spread remaining coconut onto a plate. Roll tablespoonfuls of mixture into balls. Roll in coconut to coat.
- 4 Chill until firm.

Western Valley Swimmers

