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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 Calendar dates				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
17	18 Smile Squad Truck here School Photos Grades 3-6	19	20 Last day to pay for 3/4 SM swimming School Photos Grade Prep -2	21
24 1/2 HV Swimming note home Musical Rehearsal 2.15-4.15pm	25 3/4 SM start swimming	26 Musical Rehearsal 3.30-5.30pm	27 Family photos Whole School photo	28
31 Musical Rehearsal 2.15-4.15pm	1 st June	2 Musical Rehearsal 3.30-5.30pm	3	4
7 Musical Rehearsal 2.15-4.15pm	8	9 Musical Rehearsal 3.30-5.30pm	10	11
14 Queens Birthday Public Holiday	15	16 Musical Rehearsal 3.30-5.30pm	17	18

A word from Mrs Skee...

Team work, makes the dream work continued.....

Following on from last week’s newsletter, where I got to acknowledge the value of a team approach at NEPS, I am please to announce the NEPS has been successful in its grant application for inclusive playground equipment. This application really was a true collaborative effort, as it included supporting letters and information from the following NEPS community members;

Students

- Lara (aged 11)
- Logan (aged 6)
- Sam (aged 11)
- Zac (aged 6)
- Lochie (aged 7)
- Lyn Sanders (Visiting Teacher – hearing)
- Amanda Lawrie-Jones (Access & Inclusion Consultant, Accessible Action)
- Monica Freeman (Registered Occupational Therapist – Gippsland Paediatric OT Services)
- Sheryn Disisto (NEPS classroom teacher and NEPS parent)
- Kate McDonald (NEPS Educational Support and former NEPS parent)
- Gary Elkin (NEPS School Councillor and NEPS parent)
- Karen Prestidge (Wellbeing Coordinator)
- Darcie White (NEPS Art Therapist)
- Nick Walsh (School Assistant Principal)

Breakfast Club Monday-Thursdays 8.00am-8.30am in the BER building.

NEPS Office Hours.

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

Up Coming events

- Family Photo day: information sent home Thursday 27th May
- Pie Drive Last day for orders Friday 4th June.

In the coming months we will begin the process of adding \$30,000 worth of inclusive playground equipment to our grounds. This equipment includes; musical flowers, 4 in a row, tic-tac-toe as well as sensory play panels. I cannot wait to share with you progress update photos of this.



Our school basketball/netball court upgrades are continuing. Last week we had our drainage to this area attended to as well as the first part of the preparation for the basketball posts. As mentioned in previous newsletters and school communication the asphaltting work is scheduled to begin in the week beginning Monday the 7th of June. Due to the nature of this work the back school gate, bike shed and kitchen garden will be out of bounds for this week (or until further notice). We ask that parents/guardians ensure that no bikes or scooters are brought to school during this week and that an alternative entry point is used by those who normally enter via the back gate. (insert photos)

Kitchen garden

Following a spate of recent vandalism to our school kitchen garden we have had 3 additional cameras installed around the school, as well as begun the process to obtain quotes for non-scaleable fencing to be put up around the garden. If you are aware of any supports or grants that the school may be able to apply for to assist with funding this fencing project please do not hesitate to email me at Julie.skee@education.vic.gov.au.

School gym

Quotes are also currently being obtained for a flooring upgrade in our school gym. We are hoping to resand, reline and refinish the gym floor. Watch this space for more information on this project.

Out in the garden

At NEPS we value the importance of recycling. This week in the garden Mr Bill Pace and some of our students demonstrated how old fence palings could be transformed into garden edging



New play doh toys for inquiry learning in prep PF



Prep enrolments for 2022.

Prep enrolments open this Monday **17th May**. Please contact the school on 5126 1399 and speak to Denise Siinmaa (Mon-Thurs) or Julie Hall (Fridays) School Prep enrolment



coordinators, for details how to arrange school tours and information. We will be having a Parent

information session on Monday 31st May in the school library from 6.00pm-7.00pm.

Student of the Week Award Winners



RESPECTFUL ROO WINNERS



STUDENT AWARD WINNERS		
Grade Prep PF Room 5		
Grade Prep JC Room 10		
Grade Prep DR Room 11		
Grade 1/2 HV Room 6		
Grade 1/2 RJ Room 7		
Grade 1/2 KS Room 8		
Grade 1/2 GR Room 9		
Grade 3/4 JK Room 1		
Grade 3/4 EA Room 2		
Grade 3/4 KB Room 3		
Grade 3/4 SM Room 4		
Grade 5/6 EG Room 12		
Grade 5/6 MD Room 16		

AWARD WINNERS



PIE DRIVE



Pie drive order forms were sent home last week with the youngest child in each family. Spare copies are available from the NEPS office or there is

one attached to this newsletter.

Pies will be supplied from Out of Dough in Morwell our usual supplier.

Order forms and money need to be returned to the NEPS office by Friday the 4th of June. **Pie orders can be collected from the NEPS Gym on Thursday the 17th of June from 3.15pm.**

GREEN HOUSE WIN HOUSE CUP



AGE Champion



On Wednesday the 19th of May at 11am every student from grade prep to grade 6 at NEPS participated in National Simultaneous storytime. This year the story we all enjoyed was “Give me some space” by Philip Bunting. National Simultaneous Storytime is held annually by the Australian Library and information Association. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read in libraries, schools, preschools, childcare centers, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. This storytime is now in its 21st year. A huge thank you to Mrs Janine Cruickshank for coordinating this event at NEPS.



National Simultaneous storytime.