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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
2 August Musical Rehearsal Everyone until 4.15pm	3	4 Musical Rehearsal ALL Principals NEW TIME 2.15-4.15pm	5	6
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23 Musical Rehearsal Everyone until 4.15pm	24	25 Musical Rehearsal ALL Principals NEW TIME 2.15-4.15pm	26 Book Week	27

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

A word from Mrs Skee...

WOW!!!! What a busy first full week of onsite learning it has been. Our amazing staff have pulled out all the stops to ensure that our students have returned smoothly to their ‘normal’ classes and programming. Whilst there are still some restrictions in place, I truly commend the whole NEPS school community on how they have responded to these. Your ongoing support of your child(ren) and the school is so very much

appreciated. I feel truly blessed to be the Principal of such a truly remarkable and inspirational school.

Goodbye (for now) and good luck Ms Smith!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Ms Kalinda Smith all the very best as she starts her family leave on Monday 9th of August. Ms Smith has been working closely with Ms Jessie Foster and Ms Mel Reed, to ensure that the handover for the remainder of the year is a seamless one. Ms Foster will be teaching in the grade on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Ms Reed will be teaching in the grade on Thursday and Friday. Both Jessie and Mel are experienced teachers and very familiar faces to 1/2 KS. I know that they are both looking forward to working with the students in 1/2 KS. As Ms Reed prepares to teach in 1/2 KS we are pleased to welcome Ms Judy Hiriart to 1/2 GR. Judy will be working in this grade each Thursday. We are extremely excited to welcome Judy to the NEPS team. Judy has extensive teaching experience and is Reading Recovery Trained. Judy will also be working with some of our students in grades 3-6 in the Koorie Literacy program.

Paying it forward locally (continued)!!!

I have had an absolute blast getting out into our local community and meeting our local business owners. There are so many benefits that come with being a part of a supportive community.

“Having a sense of community unites us. Being a part of a community can make us feel as though we are a part of something greater than ourselves. It can give us opportunities to connect with people...”

The latest business that I have had the opportunity to get out into was ‘**Latrobe Valley pools**’. Below is a feature on this wonderful business as well as some photos of our grounds

and maintenance team shopping locally from here for items for our school gardens.

Latrobe Valley Pools - introduction and competition details

We are pleased to introduce another amazing local business to you all! Latrobe Valley Pools is located at 21 Rutherglen Road Newborough. (Ph 51274133)

Latrobe Valley pools have been providing pool and spa services for over 30 years. They sell; Above ground pools

Filters

Pumps

Chemicals

Spare parts

They also have an amazing nursery supplying;

Seedlings

Indoor plants

Outdoor plants

Potting mixes

Garden art

They are open 10.30am to 5pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and 9.30 to 12 Saturday. They are closed on Tuesday.

Competition time : Latrobe Valley Pools owner, Sonya Bramley, has given us two \$20 gift



vouchers to spend in her amazing shop. To enter simply like the most recent Latrobe Valley Pools Facebook post on the NEPS Facebook page and you will go into the

running for these vouchers. This competition closes on Friday the 6th of August at 3.15pm.

A morning out at Latrobe Valley Pools with Mr Pace, Mr Morris and Mr Gray.



T & T Quality Cut Butchers - competition time again!

Due to the popularity of our first T&T Quality Cut Butchers competition that we ran a few weeks ago we are running another one. Thanks to the generosity of Tannelle and Trevor Schessl we have another \$20 gift voucher from T&T Quality Cut Butchers to give away. To enter simply like the most recent post on the school Facebook page featuring T&T Butchers.

Located at 32A Moore Street Moe, T&T Quality Cut Butchers have an amazing variety to choose from.



Book review - book purchased at “Variety Books” Moe and reviewed by Mrs Skee.

“Twelve Days of kindness” by Cori Brooke and Fiona Burrows, is a book that sends a beautiful message about the importance of kindness. It centres around the two central characters of Nabila and Holly as they use the idea of twelve day of kindness to teach the other members of their soccer team how this approach could not only strengthen their soccer team but also teach some valuable life lessons. Whilst this book is aimed at Primary aged children, I believe the messages conveyed in this book would benefit audiences of all ages.

I purchased this book at the Variety Bookroom which is located at 82 Albert Street Moe. This amazing book shop offers something for everyone and is opened Monday 10am to 2pm, Tuesday to Thursday 10am to 5.30pm, Friday 10am to 6pm and Saturday 9am to 12.30pm.

Don't forget that all NEPS students and their families can get a 10% discount on all book purchases until August the 7th.



Special offer for Friends of NEPS!

Whilst we are all excited that restrictions have begun to ease, some of our local businesses are still unable to trade to full capacity.

One such business is Experience Bus Hire & Charter.

In order to keep some revenue flowing into their business they are offering a special discount to all Friends of NEPS.

Friends of NEPS will receive a special vehicle servicing & safety check deal.

\$170 Cars

\$190 4wds

All work is undertaken by their fully qualified fleet mechanics onsite.

Bookings can be made through the Experience Bus Hire and Charter office. Just state you are a friend of NEPS.



The Experience Buslines workshop is located at 10 Surdex Drive Morwell. Trading hours are;

Monday to Friday
8.30am to 4.30pm.
Contact number is 51346876

Room 4 Swimming

Grade 3/4 SM room 4 Miss Mancarella will recommence next week to finish off their 3 last lessons that were missed due to COVID lockdowns.

The lessons will on Tuesday 10th ,Thursday 12th and Friday 13th August.

Book week – (August 21st -27th).

Thursday the 26th of August: The book week dress up day and parade is another of the many highlights at NEPS.

The theme for Book Week is

“Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds”

ALL students and staff are encouraged to dress up on the day (either in something associated with the theme or as their favourite book character) we will have a parade in the gym at 9am on the morning of 26th August.

There will be prizes, giveaways and heaps of fun activities running throughout the week for students to share in.

Student School Leaders will be involved in judging the best costume there will also be a lucky dip for the students that came dressed up.

We will also have prizes from local businesses and book club.

COVID RESTRICTION UPDATE

As part of planned changes to keep our schools safe and reduce the impact of any future outbreaks, schools will be required to implement COVID-safe behaviours. These include the following strategies to promote physical distancing, minimise mixing between groups and limit access to school grounds to only those providing essential services:

The School Breakfast Clubs program

(SBCP) is an essential service that can be delivered on-site.

Student attendance:

Students should attend on-site on per normal.

Where a student becomes unwell:
Students who are required to isolate or undertake home-based quarantine will be provided materials to continue their learning remotely, until such time that they are permitted to return to school

Parents, please note

- Non-essential visitors should not be allowed into school grounds.
- **Drop offs and pick-ups will need to occur at external gates.**
- We will keep parents and carers notified as to when this restriction changes.
- All school gatherings such as assemblies and school events should be deferred or held remotely
- Interschool activities are not permitted at this time.

School tours:

These should not be conducted on-site for prospective students and their families at this time.

School Camps:

Outdoor education programs and overnight stays can take place across Victoria with no travel restrictions. Bookings must be limited to single schools. Multiple schools can attend camps providing school groups remain separated and do not share common facilities at the same time. Mixing of staff and students between different schools is not permitted.

Kinder to prep and Year 6 to Year 7 transition programs are not permitted at this time.

“Show me some Art Festival”

Earlier this year our school was asked to participate in the “Show me some Art Festival” which was “initiated to bring happiness to our community whilst raising funds for mental health”. All of our year 5/6 students had the opportunity to create artwork on the topic “What makes me happy”. Students could choose to create their piece using watercolours, pastels or coloured pencils. NEPS was able to submit 50 pieces for display at the two day festival. Congratulations to all of our students for their amazing creations. The following students recently received awards from the organisers for their work.

1st – Emmerson Ward – “Cupcakes”

2nd – DJ Bartley – “Spending time on my motorbike and with my dog”

3rd – Nicky Dyer – “A good surf and playing basketball”



Special mentions to:

Valen Brooks – “Drawing pictures from video games and my imagination”

Megan Philip – “When I am drawing, reading and writing with my cat annoying me. Friends and school make me happy too”

