



"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
11 Prep-2 Onsite	12 Prep-2 Onsite Grade 3/4 Return on site	13 Prep-2 Onsite Grade 3/4 Return on site	14 Prep-2 Onsite Grade 5/6 Return on site	15 Last day for Book club orders Prep-2 Onsite Grade 5/6 Return on site
18 Prep-2 Onsite	19 Prep-2 Onsite Grade 3/4 Return on site	20 Prep-2 Onsite Grade 3/4 Return on site	21 Prep-2 Onsite Grade 5/6 Return on site	22 Prep-2 Onsite Grade 5/6 Return on site
25 Prep-2 Onsite	26 ALL NEPS Students return onsite	27	28	29
1 st November Report Writing day No STUDENTS	2 Melbourne Cup Holiday	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12

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

A word from Mrs Skee...

As we draw closer to the end of another week of remote and flexible learning, I would like to commend our staff and students in the 3/4 and 5/6 area for their outstanding effort with their staggered return to onsite. I am so proud of the way staff and students (and carers) have been able to adapt to the mixture of both onsite and offsite learning. There has certainly been many

moving parts that the COVID restrictions have created, but the collaborative and flexible approach the our NEPS community has demonstrated is amazing. As you would have read on both COMPASS and the school facebook page, the Chief Medical Health Officer has advised that as of **Monday the 18th of October** all students in grades 3-6 will be required to wear a face mask whilst at school (unless an exception applies). At the time this newsletter was going to print I was awaiting further information regarding this to be sent to me by The Department of Education and Training. Once we have this information we will communicate this to all of our valued parents, carers and staff.

RETURN TO ONSITE LEARNING FOR ALL STUDENTS...

We are all counting down until **Tuesday the 26th of October** when ALL students will be back at school at the same time for regular onsite learning. It has been great to see the friendly and smiling faces of our students as they have returned onsite. I personally cannot wait until the whole NEPS TEAM is back together again!!!!!!!

In other news...

I am extremely excited about the work that is currently being undertaken by our grounds and maintenance team in our commemorative garden. The garden's design has been developed by the very talented Emma McLennan and pays homage to our fallen war heroes as well as past staff and students. See below for some progress photos of this garden.

Report writing day and Melbourne Cup Public Holiday...

Please be reminded that **Monday the 1st of November** is a School Council Approved student free day. Staff will be busy working on end of semester report writing and assessment requirements on this day. **Tuesday the 2nd of November** is the Melbourne Cup Public holiday with all schools closed on this day.



Planning for 2022

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

This information is important for planning grades for next year. **Or, if you (or someone you know) is yet to enrol their child for 2022. I request that you do this ASAP** please call the office and speak to Denise Siinmaa so that they are included in our planning this year.

If you have any requests for 2022 which will affect grade placements decisions for your child(ren) please email me directly at Julie.Skee@education.vic.gov.au All requests need to be received to me prior to **Friday 19th November 2022.**

Unwell Students (who are eligible for on-site supervision)

Children may have prolonged post-viral symptoms such as a runny nose or cough and may return to school following a negative COVID-19 test even if they are not completely free of symptoms. They will need a medical certificate from their GP to confirm they are otherwise well or have recovered from their acute illness. Students with a negative COVID-19 test whose symptoms have completely resolved do not need a medical certificate to return to the school.

Term 4

Don't forget as we are now in term 4 hats will be needed to be worn outside at recess and lunchtimes.

If you need to purchase anew hat Beleza School wear are open at:

26 B George Street Moe (03) 51261399

Website <http://storebeleza.com.au/>

Hours are:

Monday: 10.00am - 5.00pm

Wednesday 10.00am -5.00pm

Friday 10.00am -5.00pm

CANTEEN

The canteen will be operation as normal on Thursdays and Fridays. All students on-site for these days are able to order lunch from the canteen as per normal procedures.

Breakfast Club

Will resume normal operations from Monday 11th October at 8.00am (Monday- Thursday)

Any students at school prior to 8.30am must go to Breakfast club.

Return to school plan – Regional Victoria

Year levels	From Monday 4 October	From Wednesday 6 October	From Monday 11 October	From Tuesday 26 October
Prep	✓	✓	✓	✓
Year 1-2	✓	✓	✓	✓
Year 3-4			Tuesday-Wednesday	✓
Year 5-6			Thursday-Friday	✓
Year 7			✓	✓
Year 8-9			Tuesday-Wednesday	✓
Year 10			Thursday-Friday	✓
Year 11		✓	✓	✓
Year 12 (VCE units 3/4 and final year VCAL and IB)	✓	✓	✓	✓

Key: ✓ return to onsite five days