



**NEWSLETTER March 8<sup>th</sup> 2024 Issue 6**

**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”*

<b>Dates to Remember</b>				
<b>Term 1 2024 Remember your Hats !</b>				
4 3/4 EJ Room 2 Commence Swimming	5 3/4 EJ Room 2 Swimming	6 <b>Preps Fulltime OUT OF UNIFORM DAY- DONATION FOR EASTER RAFFLE PLEASE</b> 3/4 EJ Room 2 Swimming	7 3/4 EJ Room 2 Swimming	8 3/4 EJ Room 2 Swimming
11 Labour Day Public holiday	12 3/4 HT Room 3 Commencing Swimming	13 3/4 HT Room 3 Swimming  <b>Last day to order Hot Cross bun morning tea</b>	14 3/4 HT Room 3 Swimming	15 3/4 HT Room 3 Swimming
18 3/4 KM Room 4 Commencing Swimming	19 Whole School Athletic Sports Joe Carmody Track	20 3/4 KM Room 4 Swimming	21 3/4 KM Room 4 Swimming  <b>Hot Cross Bun morning tea</b>	22 3/4 KM Room 4 Swimming  <b>Raffle Tickets &amp; monies due back</b>
25	26 <b>Easter raffle drawn</b>	27	28 End Term 1 1.15 finish	29 Good Friday School holidays Have a great break
<b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 29<sup>th</sup> April -14<sup>th</sup> April</b>				
April 15th <b>Term 2 Begins</b>  Grade 5/6 Camp	16 April  Grade 5/6 Camp	17 April  Grade 5/6 Camp	18 April	19 April <b>Splat-tacular</b> 1.15-3.00pm
22	23	24	25 ANZAC Day Public Holiday	26

**A word from Mrs Skee...**

**HAPPY INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY!**

At **NEPS** we are extremely fortunate to be made up of so many inspirational team members who continue to inspire, educate, entertain, challenge and support us. Within our learning community we have so many inspiring young ladies and women. Today is extra special for me as it is also the date of my beautiful mum’s birthday, together with my sister-in-law. My mum is definitely a true inspiration to me, as she has always been one of my biggest supporters in everything that I do in my life. She is warm, resilient, nurturing and

Word From Julie Skee Continued:

wise and I am grateful to have her (as well as all of the other wonderful women in my circle of family and friends) in my life. I encourage you all to give thanks to all of the special young ladies and women in your own lives and join me in acknowledging them on International Women's Day!

As we come to the end of another week, we see the start of the Labour Day long weekend. For many of us, a long weekend is the opportunity to recharge and recalibrate. Sleep ins or getaways are often a strong feature – but whatever you do please continue to stay safe. With only 3 weeks to go we still have so much learning to engage in and fun to have. We look forward to seeing you all back at school on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of March.

### Easter Raffle Prizes Update

### First Prize



Just a reminder raffle books are due back by **FRIDAY 22 MARCH**. A big thankyou to all families whom so generously donated to make our raffle so successful each & every year. We appreciate you all for selling tickets with the chance to win some awesome prizes from 1<sup>st</sup> place to 20<sup>th</sup> place.

### Canteen News



#### **Canteen Special Morning tea** **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March.**

The Canteen 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 Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

Hot Cross Buns will be served at morning recess.

Please return your completed order form with payment **NO later than**  
**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March.**

One order form per student please.

## Some Very Impressive Students doing their bit for cancer patients



A little while ago, Piper approached her Mum and asked why there are little girls who don't have hair? Her mum explained to her some people including children become extremely unwell and lose their hair due to medical treatment. Piper expressed her sadness about this

A short while later when visiting her Mum's best friend whos aunty was also visiting, she noticed that her aunty had lost her hair due to her recent chemotherapy treatment. Again Piper felt saddened by this, her Mums friends aunty said she had a wig that was made from other people's hair. Piper was impressed to say the least and told her Mum she wanted to donate her hair to make wigs for little girls and other people who did not have hair.

On Tuesday the 27th of February Piper and her sister Willow went to Wildflower Studio in Yarragon to have their hair cut. At first we were unsure if Willow had enough hair to donate as you needed at least 20cm to donate. Willow insisted on going first, when she sat on the chair they measured her hair and she had enough to donate, she was beyond excited and was able to donate just over 20cm. Next it was Piper's turn, she was so excited and its all she had spoken about for weeks.

Piper was able to successfully donate approximately 30cm of her hair. Both Piper and Willow were absolutely stunned with their new hair dos whilst extremely excited it was being donated. Both the girls were presented with certificates of acknowledgment for their generous donations. Wildflower Studio will now send the girls hair off to Sustainable Salons, once their hair is received it will be sent to an organisation.

At this stage it is unsure where their hair will go but some of the organisations include: Cancer Council Ponytail Project, Australian Alopecia Areata Foundation, Variety the Children's Charity, Freedom Wigs and Hair for Hats. The girls have already stated to their Mum and Dad that they plan on growing their hair long again and donating again and again.

## **Student of the Week**



## Positive Behavior in the yard Award



"I would like to acknowledge Jacob J for his behaviour yesterday. Two grade 1/2 boys came to me on duty and said they were told by someone in the game that they couldn't join in. I went back with them to a group already playing and asked if the 1/2 boys could join in, one on each team. Jacob immediately said 'yeah, of course they can'. This positivity led to others including Tanner G around him straight away working out which team the boys could go on, and they started playing. I did thank Jacob in the moment for his kindness and positive attitude.

Thanks, Mel

## House Cup Winners Yea RED !!!!



The 3-4 students are enjoying swimming lessons over at the Rec Centre this term. There are definitely lots of smiles, a perfect way to enjoy the warm weather! ☺ 😊





Get your Colour on, NEPS is hosting a Colour Splat-tacular Run 4 Fun!

## **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April from 1.15pm to 3.00pm.**

Students will receive a sponsorship book with instructions on setting up their cybersafe, online fundraising profile at [www.australianfundraising.com.au](http://www.australianfundraising.com.au). This is primarily an online fundraiser; all cash collected can be converted to online donation. We are happy at the office to collect cash donations OR help you through the process.

Not only are we hosting an awesome Colour Splat-tacular Run 4 Fun, students can order up to a total of 5 prizes based on their donations received. They can even mix and match!

- Please make sure students wear a WHITE shirt and closed in shoes.
- Students will be given free sunglasses and a rainbow headband for the event.
- Students will be covered in non-toxic, biodegradable colour powder and slime from head to toe.
- Colour Powder is made of high-quality corn starch and permitted food colours. Safety data sheet is available upon request.
- Slime is water-based, biodegradable and non-toxic!

### **Extra Incentives to Fundraise!**

- ★ Online Golden Coins – complete fun online tasks to redeem an extra \$75 towards your prize credit.
- ★ Monty the Monstar's Bonus Prizes – achieve milestones to unlock Monty's bonus prizes.
- ★ \$10,000 Budget Booster Bonanza Spending Spree for one organisation's highest fundraising student
- ★ Our school will win an extra \$5,000 if we have the highest average fundraised amount per student in 2024.
- ★ A Play Station 5 Gaming Bundle – see your child's sponsorship booklet for more!

We will be updating you along the way for the most colourful splatty funnest day EVER !!!!!

For more information, please contact NEPS office

Happy fundraising!

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THAN  
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VIC 3842  
P: (03) 5120 3888

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Cnr Old Sale Rd &  
Southwell Ave,  
Newborough  
VIC 3825  
P: (03) 5135 8580

**Latrobe Leisure  
Morwell**  
45 McDonald St,  
Morwell  
VIC 3840  
P: (03) 5128 6144

**Gippsland Regional  
Aquatic Centre**  
49 Breed Street,  
Traralgon  
VIC 3844  
P: 1300 444 722

## 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, which are made up of DEET members and community members
- 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.

If you are interested in being part of the school council please email me directly at [julie.skee@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:julie.skee@education.vic.gov.au) or fill out the attached form and bring it to the office

# FORM 3: SELF-NOMINATION FORM FOR PARENT MEMBER CATEGORY

(Formerly Schedule 5A)

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent member on the

..... council.

Name .....

Residential address .....

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Contact phone (mobile or landline) .....

Email .....

I am the parent/guardian of ..... who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

### Statement

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Training.	Yes / No (please circle)
I am an employee of the school council.	Yes / No (please circle)
I am engaged in work at and for the school.	Yes / No (please circle)

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that:

- I am not, and have ever been, insolvent under administration
- I am not of unsound mind
- I have not been found guilty of an offence that is, or would if committed in Victoria be, an indictable offence
- I am not a registrable offender within the meaning of the *Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004*.
- I am not suffering from any medical condition that would affect my ability to perform the role of member of a school council.

Signature of candidate..... Date ..... / ..... / .....

### You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

The personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable). Further, the name, membership category, gender (optional), term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Training by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on: .....

*If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested your nomination may not be accepted.*

*If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.*