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Newsletter 6

Principal Appointment

On behalf of School Council, it is with great pleasure that I announce Simone Wood has been appointed to the provisional position of Principal at Newham Primary School. Please join me in congratulating Simone on her appointment, and continued leadership of our school.

I would also like to thank members of the Selection Panel and Chris Eeles (SEIL), for their time and commitment through this process.

I'm excited to see our student outcomes continue to grow, and look forward to Newham Primary School going from strength to strength in the coming years.

Kind Regards

Sarah Crozier
School Council President

From the Principal's Desk

Hello Everyone!

Thank you all for stopping to have a chat and offer your congratulations this week! I am thrilled to be able to continue in my role and I look forward to what we can do together to support our teaching and learning.

Incursions next week

We have 2 incursions coming up next week. Dion Drummond (an indigenous musician) is our whole-school music curriculum incursion and with his musical skills he will be reinforcing the value of Respect for Harmony week. The P-2 classes will be working with Sam Harrison to explore the history and science of toys for their Inquiry studies. Both will be very valuable inclusions to our curriculum! There are still families yet to give permission for their children to attend, and we must have parental permission. There are also families who are yet to pay for their incursion. Please if you need to arrange alternative payment options, pop in or call the office before next week. With our most recent events just past, we haven't had to chase permissions or payments which has been most gratifying and it would be a huge help if families could keep up the good work! We would hate for anyone to miss out! On the other hand if you do not wish your child to take part, please also inform the office of this.

Cross Country

Our cross country event is coming up soon (Monday 23rd March) and will be held at Hanging Rock, please don't forget to finalise permissions and payments. If you have time it would be wonderful to see as many parents as possible supporting the runners and helping to marshal students.

Casual Clothes day

Don't forget the casual clothes day on the last day of term, Friday 27th March. This will be a gold coin donation and the money raised will go towards sending Stationery supplies to the Jarlmadangah Aboriginal Community School in Western Australia.

Thursday 12th March 2020

Student Term Dates for 2020

Term 1: 29 January-27 March

Term 2: 14 April-26 June

Term 3: 13 July-18 September

Term 4: 5 October-18 December

Diary Dates

PLEASE NOTE NEWLY ADDED EVENTS ARE BOLD

16th March	Harmony Week Incursion
18th March	Labcoat Learning Incursion: The Science & History of Toys, Prep-2
19th March	GRIP Leadership Conference-student leaders
23rd March	NPS Cross Country
25th March	Coffee & Cake with the Principal, 9am
27th March	Casual Clothes Day, gold coin donation End of Term 1, 2:30pm

Lisa Chesters' visit

Our local Federal MP for Bendigo Lisa Chesters came to visit Newham Primary School. She met with our School Leaders and presented them with a variety of the books our students requested last year. Our leaders then took her on a tour of our new sandpit area to show her the shade sail her local community grant paid for and explained in detail the vision for the further works to be carried out around the sensory garden beds and general sandpit area.



From the Principal's Desk

Whole School morning tea

Thank you to the 5/6 students, Carol, Madam Lee and parent helpers who were busy, busy, busy this morning making the whole school morning tea. Everyone back here at school waited patiently, tucking into some very yummy snacks altogether at the undercover area.

SWWAAGers

SWWAAGers will be meeting tomorrow at lunchtime to finalize their fundraising for casual clothes day as well as to represent their fellow students by providing input to the plans for the dry creek bed area. It is important that the final design reflect our student's needs as they are the main users of the space. The children had quite a few ideas they wanted to see eventuate, so it will be exciting to see if the plans meet their expectations.

Student School Leaders learning walk

This week our Student school leaders undertook a learning walk. This meant that at the beginning of lunch time they walked with me to visit each classroom. The students and staff had gone to lunch enabling our leaders to quietly take in the situation in each classroom. The aim of our walk was to look for evidence in the classrooms of our 'Rock Solid Start' to the school year. Each leader made notes and especially noted any outstanding ideas or wonderings they had about the evidence they could see. Staff also undertook the learning walk after school and came together to discuss their findings. At this discussion the student school leaders' notes were shared and it was satisfying for all the staff to hear that the main 'takeaways' were about the use of our School values in the classrooms and how they and the buzz phrases were very visible and being used to support our school wide positive behaviours every day.

GRIP conference

Our School leaders will be off to the GRIP conference in Bendigo next week, please look out for their reports in the final newsletter for the term.

Staff professional learning

We have had some very exciting professional learning take place for staff so far in term1. Our focus has been on behaviour support/SWPB and numeracy. The important information shared at these meetings will embed our values even further in the classrooms, enhance our teaching and learning and perhaps be noted at the next learning walk? Activities have included undertaking the preparation for developing our school matrix on student behaviour and logical consequences as well as maths talk-strategies and approaches to support critical thinking.

Coffee & Cake with the Principal

Come along and celebrate first term (My goodness, hasn't time just flown?) Wednesday 25th March 9am in the staff room.

Bottle Top collection has finished

Just a reminder that **we are no longer collecting plastic bottle tops** off milk and other drink containers for Envision who recycled the plastic and turned them into prosthetic hands for children. Envision have collected over 5 million bottle tops and currently have a massive backlog and simply cannot take anymore.

Coronavirus COVID-19

Parents may have noticed in the supermarkets the unprecedented mass purchase of staple items due to Coronavirus uncertainty. The Department of Education and Training (DET) is keeping schools up to date with the latest requirements for school compliance, regarding the safety of students and staff. Currently compliance is based around schools maintaining good health hygiene at school. Staff will be reminding students to wash their hands and to make use of hand sanitizer.

DET has provided reminder posters to support this. The following is information from the DET website/DHHS- Victoria (please also see attached factsheet);

- Cover your mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing with a tissue, or cough into your elbow
- Dispose of the tissue into a bin and then wash your hands afterwards
- Wash your hands regularly, after using the toilet, and before eating

Unwell children and staff will be sent home in accordance with the department's regular Infectious Diseases Policy. Unwell students and staff should remain at home until symptoms resolve and seek medical assistance as required. The main causes of illness currently affecting Newham students are gastroenteritis, influenza and other common infections. DET expects schools to respond as follows;

- Students with cold or flu-like symptoms or vomiting or diarrhoea should be encouraged to seek medical attention, limit contact with others and stay home until symptoms have passed (24 hours since the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea)
- If a child becomes ill at school with these symptoms, schools should contact the family and arrange for the collection of the child
- Good general hygiene remains the best defence against infection and schools should encourage children to regularly wash their hands and cover their nose and mouth if sneezing and coughing.

The Commonwealth Government has updated travel restrictions this week. The extension to existing travel restrictions now applies to visitors from Republic of Korea, Iran and mainland China. Visitors who are not Australian citizens or permanent residents, or their dependants, will not be allowed entry into Australia.

The Commonwealth Government has also advised that visitors from Italy will also be subject to enhanced health screening and temperature testing arrangements.

Some of our students and families may be affected by the travel advice, and I'd encourage you to support each other.

Please refer to the Department's coronavirus web page for the latest advice and information.

Should the level of response required by DET change at any time, the school will inform parents via the newsletter and uEducateUs.

Empathy project

The Empathy project started with the Empathy performance on Friday 28th Feb. The P-3 students were the audience and they were mesmerised! Now the project has branched out into class sessions. Included here are some pictures of the 1/2 classes exploring emotions through two enjoyable activities. Thank you to Sharni for providing the opportunity, and we look forward to seeing more learning in the newsletter as the weeks go by.



Headlice

They're back! Please be on the lookout for head lice. Recent cases have been reported to the office and a uEducateUs message with the latest Vic Health information regarding treatment/exclusion went home last week.

SWPBS-Update-We Need Your Action!

Over the past few weeks the SWPBS Team have worked to ensure our 'student voice' is heard through our 'Minor and Major Incidents Survey'. Student voice involves students actively participating in their schools, communities and the education system, contributing to decision making processes and collectively influencing outcomes by putting forward their views, concerns and ideas.

Newham Primary School staff and families have always communicated when necessary, for example, when a child's behaviour is a concern or symptoms of illness appear. We also believe good quality practice extends communication beyond such everyday essentials, as families, educators and students collaborate to support student's learning. We are therefore asking you to also complete the 'Minor and Major Incidents Survey' (without being influenced by your children) to help us finalise this element of the SWPBS system. Please click on the following link to the survey:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScwyo6WDSJDFCRZnB_IYyfXfhBoJ6Vwuhd6uHycbnrgoJOVHg/viewform?usp=sf_link

This is an anonymous survey and should only take a few minutes to complete. Of course the more responses we receive the more accurate our results will be. Please complete the survey **by 5pm on Monday 16th of March**.

Buzz Phrase Puzzle - Link the school expectation and a home expectation with each Buzz Phrase.

At School	Buzz Phrase	At Home
If I go to the toilet at school and I see someone throwing wet towel, I don't join in! I ask them to stop or tell a teacher.	A place for everything and everything in its place.	I understand when we have a lot of visitors at our house, we need to keep our games calm so no one gets hurt and my toys don't get broken.
If I head to the 'Chill Zone' at lunchtime, I find myself a calm activity that I can do with my friends quietly.	Make good choices	When I get home from school, I take off my shoes and put them away and put my school bag in its special spot.
Once I have finished with the piece of sports equipment that I hired at lunchtime, I put it back in the yellow wheelie bin.	Keep it calm	If my mum or dad asks me not to jump off the couch at home, when they leave the room I make sure I don't jump off the couch.

Answers from last week

At School	Buzz Phrase	At Home
When entering and exiting the classroom, I slide in and out quietly to not disturb others who are working.	Slide in, slide out	When my mum is on the phone, I make sure that I walk quietly around the house and use my quiet voice.
When moving round the school, I walk and speak quietly so I don't interrupt other classes as I go past.	Quiet feet, quiet mouths	If I need to leave the house when a family member is sick or asleep, I always close the door quietly.
When build a hut in the pine trees, I invite others as together we are able to build better huts.	Together we can	I help my family when doing projects at home, as together we are able to achieve more

PROTECT

Protecting children & young people from abuse is our responsibility



Child safe- Newham Primary school is committed to child safety. We want children to be safe, happy and empowered.

Happy Birthday to the following people who are celebrating a birthday:

Shakira

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Factsheet for school students and children

Last updated 13 February 2020

An outbreak of coronavirus disease (COVID-2019) was detected in Wuhan, China in late December 2019. Cases have been reported predominantly in mainland China, as well as other countries, including confirmed cases in Victoria, Australia.

What is this virus?

Coronaviruses can make humans and animals sick. Some coronaviruses can cause illness similar to the common cold and others can cause more serious diseases, including Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS).

The virus seen in mainland China has not been detected before this outbreak. Most people infected live in, or travelled to, mainland China. There have been cases of (COVID-2019) reported in other countries. It is likely that the virus originally came from an animal, and there is now evidence that it can spread from person-to-person.

What are the symptoms?

Symptoms can include fever, cough, sore throat, or shortness of breath. Symptoms can take up to 14 days to develop.

What if my child is well, and is returning to school or early childhood education services after being in mainland China or other countries with cases in the past 14 days?

The following children and students should self-isolate and are advised to stay at home and avoid public settings including attendance at schools and early childhood education services:

- People who were in Hubei Province until 14 days after they were last in Hubei Province;
- People who were in mainland China on or after 1 February 2020 until 14 days after they were last in mainland China;
- Close contacts of confirmed cases until 14 days after last close contact with the confirmed case

Children and students who are well and have travelled to any other areas where there have been reported cases, are NOT recommended to be excluded from schools and early childhood education services unless the following applies:

- The person is a confirmed case of coronavirus disease
- The person is a close contact with a confirmed case of coronavirus disease in the past 14 days.

What if my child feels sick now or within 14 days of being in mainland China?

- Seek medical attention but first place a mask on your child if you have one and call the doctor or hospital before you attend. Tell them your child has been in mainland China.
- When you get to the hospital or doctor's clinic, tell them where your child has travelled in mainland China. Ensure a mask is placed on your child before or as soon as you arrive at the medical facility.

If your child has severe symptoms, such as shortness of breath:

- Call 000 and request an ambulance, and
- Inform the paramedics where your child has been in China.

School Uniform Sale



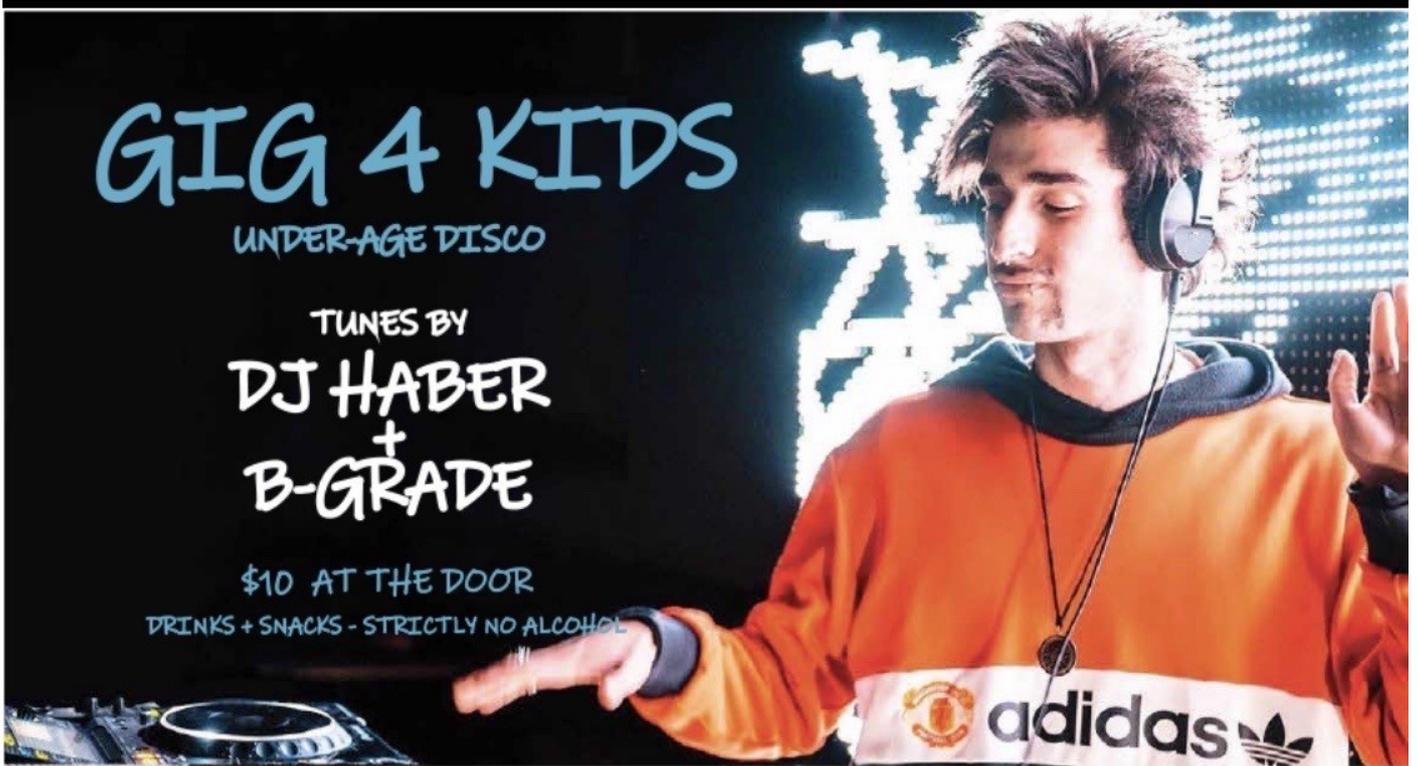
SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE

All current uniform stock on hand must be sold. Please see office staff to purchase.

ALL PRICES HEAVILY REDUCED

Item	Sale Price
School back pack	\$32.00
Library/Reader bag	\$6.00
Polar fleece half zip jumper (red) – size 4	\$12.00
Polar fleece vest (red) – size 4, 12 & 14	\$10.00
School windcheater (red) – size 4 x 2	\$17.00
Bootleg pants (black) – size 4, 6, 10 & 12	\$16.00
Short sleeve polo shirt (red) – size 14	\$12.00
Long sleeve polo shirt (red) – size 12 & 14	\$14.00
Girls gingham summer dress (red & white) – size 8, 10 & 12	\$16.00
Cotton/poly shorts (black) – size 14 x 1	\$11.00
Double knee track pants (black) – size 12 x 1	\$16.00

Community Notices



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Community Notices

Harmony Day in the Macedon Ranges

Come and join us to celebrate Harmony Day in the Macedon Ranges. This free family friendly event features musical performances, dance workshops and more.

Musicians Joseph Samarani and Saba El Chiekh, experts on the Lebanese hand drum - the tabla, show off their percussive talents along with dance workshops in belly-dance, hip-hop, Afrofusion and breakdance. Experience the power of word, song and dance to unite, as these talented performers get together to highlight the richness of our collective cultural heritage.

National Harmony Week is a celebration of inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians.

Don't forget to wear something orange and show your support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia by wearing the chosen colour that represents Harmony Week.

Date

Saturday 21 March 2020 at 2pm-5.30pm

Woodend Children's Park

12 Nicholson Street

Note: in the event of wet weather, Harmony Day will be held at the Woodend Community Centre, Woodend.

Tickets

Free entry

Bookings required

Book now

1300 888 802

mrsc.vic.gov.au/arts-events

About the Artists

Artists are provided by Outer Urban Projects (<https://www.outerurbanprojects.org/about-us/>), an arts company that creates new forms of contemporary performance imagined from the life experiences of young emerging artists from culturally diverse origins.

Dance workshops are presented by Dance Alliance, an ensemble of performers specialising in diverse dance styles and expert community engagement.

- Instructor Gerard Pigg, is of Anglo-Indian descent and will take participants through the Bollywood, Commercial, Heels and street forms of dance. Gerald excites audiences with his playful and captivating energy.
- Kwabo Grace is a passionate dancer of African descent. Kwabo will teach the Afrofusion dance style.
- Virginia Masri teaches bellydance, her passion will inspire participants to engage in the profoundly beautiful Egyptian dance style.

Event Schedule

- Welcome to Country
- Addresses by Margot Stork, Macedon Ranges Shire Council CEO, and Mayor Councillor Janet Pearce
- Drumming workshops from 3pm to 3.30pm
- Dance workshops from 3.30pm to 4.30pm
- Main performance 4.30pm to 5.30pm
- Activities for young children being provided by Woodend Library

Food and Drink

- A water dispense and coffee cart will be available on site
- BBQ's available
- Bring a picnic or enjoy take-away food from the many eateries in Woodend

What to Bring

- A picnic rug
- Low chair
- Slip, slop, slap
- No umbrellas

Important Information

Dogs are allowed in the park on a leash, however we ask that you are considerate of others and keep your dog with you at all times.

Public Toilets are located a couple of hundred metres away in Campaspe Park and in Anslow Street.

In case of wet weather or if it is a Code Red Day or other emergency where the event is rescheduled, cancelled or the location changes to the Woodend Community Centre (<http://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/See-Do/Our-Facilities/Find-A-Venue/Woodend-Community-Centre>), please keep up-to-date via this web page and follow Macedon Ranges Arts and Culture on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/MacedonRangesArtsCulture/>)