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From the Principal's Desk

Hello Everyone,

Welcome back to a new term! Term 3 is a busy one with camps, sport/swimming and an incursion planned. To the best of our ability and with changes in COVID regulations a constant, the following events could take place over the next 3 weeks.

Please note that at the moment we do not have confirmation on how long the more severe restrictions in the COVID regulations will last, past this 5-day lock down. The best we can do is plan for something to take place until we can confirm that it won't.

5/6s will begin their series of sessions on **Body Safety** the week after next with Preparation for puberty and navigating the online world safely. This is like an incursion and has a permission note and \$35 per child cost attached. I hope that some parents were able to attend the parent information session on Wednesday night and found the information useful (**this can continue as it is via zoom**).

3/4 camp is next Wednesday and Thursday (hopefully). Thank you to parents who have made payments, provided permission and returned medical forms. A reminder that to go on camp, both the permission and payment must be made when you return the medical form.

We will be watching for any COVID updates as Somers Camp had to be cancelled and that was a last-minute decision from DET. Please keep an eye on your messages until you wave us off on the bus! (As per the message sent out to 3/4 parents, I am waiting for a Regional decision on our camp).

Swimming is in week 3 for years 2, 3 & 4. Swimming consists of daily sessions for 5 days. Again, permissions and payments (\$50 per child) will need to be made prior to your child participating. Please don't forget to return the swimming ability form (**this is also waiting for further confirmation**).

Should swimming go ahead, all 2, 3 & 4 students will be attending a water safety talk on Friday 23rd July in preparation for their swimming sessions.

Should any family be experiencing difficulties with payments due to the timing of these activities please contact the school.

School Use Over the Term Break

Over the term break we had a number of people in the community use the school grounds. It is a relief to know that COVID hasn't stopped this and that locals can enjoy shooting some hoops or playing on the playgrounds.

Just a reminder that the school now has CCTV which sends alerts when the school is unoccupied, and a motion sensor has been tripped.

Friday 16th July 2021

2021 Term Dates

Term 3: 12 July-17 September

Term 4: 4 October-17 December

Diary Dates

PLEASE NOTE NEWLY ADDED EVENTS ARE BOLD

21st & 22nd July	Grade 3/4 Camp
21st July	Permission & payment due for Swimming Program (Years 2, 3 & 4). Assessment forms due.
23rd July	Water Safety Talk Years 2, 3 & 4
26th-30th July	Swimming Program
5th August, 9:30am	School Tour
16th August	Curriculum Day
1st September, 9:30am	School Tour

The majority of these alerts were harmless and merely locals who were using the school grounds responsibly. Unfortunately, there were some instances where there were people onsite who were not respecting our property. The police were alerted, and the incidents have been resolved.

However, it was a concern that there were young children onsite not long before or after these incidents and it would be a worry if they happened upon those folks doing something illegal. Therefore, I would like to ask your support to ensure that young children are accompanied by an adult while on the school grounds outside of school hours and that should you see anything unusual such as no one around and a shed door is open, **could you please report it to the police.**

School Tours

Dates for School tours in term 3 are 5th August and 1st September all at 9.30am. Should families know of anyone looking to tour our school please let them know about these dates or have them contact the school for alternatives.

School Branded Drink Bottles and Lunch Wallets

With great excitement we have received our first shipment of school branded drink bottles and lunch wallets. Our intention is to support our new enrolments and in particular our new Preps by making these essential items available to families. As you can see from the photo, they look terrific!



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The bottles are BPA free, made in Australia and have been tested before purchase and found not to leak!

Branded or not, if your children are often getting lunch orders, the Sticky-beaks lunch order wallet ensures that the money remains with the order and that the bag is sturdy enough to carry the order safely whether it is hot or cold. Both of these issues are common occurrences, with students scrambling to find money that has fallen or to collect their lunch from the teacher when their paper bag has split.

COVID Reminders

The Victorian Government has announced new arrangements for schools in Victoria from 11.59pm Wednesday 14 July. Based on advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer, wearing a face mask is now mandatory indoors (not at home) unless an exception applies – this includes all schools. For the purpose of communication, teachers and education support staff are not required to wear face masks while teaching, but those who wish to do so, can.

Now that we are in another circuit breaker lockdown the regulations have changed again. What is written here covers the hard circuit breaker lockdown and we are waiting on confirmation as to the period of time past the lockdown where we are released from this level.

QR Code Use is Mandatory for Entering the School Buildings (for all parents, contractors, external DET staff, delivery drivers and maintenance staff etc.) even though we do have uEducateUs for our own check-in.

While on-site, when your attendance is required at school for an extended time and an essential reason, PLEASE sign in at the office as well as using the QR code. If you do not have your phone on you, our kiosk/sign-in tablet at the office will enable you to use the QR code.

Parents/carers may:

- enter the school grounds at bell times to collect/drop off a child (**no QR code required**). **Parents cannot enter a classroom** without a face mask or without having used a QR code prior to entering. Staff will ask if you have used the QR code.
- visit the school office, (please check for space before entering - **QR code and face mask required**).
- attend inside a school building at staff request for an extended time (this request will be made for an essential reason - **face mask, QR code & sign-in required**).

Parents needing to speak to a classroom teacher should use uEducateUs to send their message or to organise a return call from the teacher at a later date.

- **Density limits:** In regional Victoria, a density limit of 1 person per 4 square metres applies to areas accessed by the public, such as reception areas.
- **Excursions and incursions** are not permitted (incursion staff are subject to density limits, QR codes and record keeping).
- **School tours** cannot be conducted (and are subject to density limits, QR codes and record keeping).
- **Interschool sports** events cannot take place
- **Kitchen garden cooking at the hall** can continue without parent helpers
- **School assemblies** permitted only for students and staff.
- **School Council meetings** will be conducted via WebEx.
- **School bus services** across the state will continue to operate as normal.
- **Face masks and hygiene:** Practise good hygiene and ensure physical distancing. Carry a mask at all times and wear it while indoors and outdoors.

MOST IMPORTANTLY... Please do not send unwell children to school. Unwell students must remain at home and get tested, even with the mildest of symptoms. Unwell students exhibiting COVID like symptoms will need to go home. If staff are unsure if a student is unwell, parents will be contacted, and the student will need to go home as a precaution. Younger children (especially Prep – 2) may have prolonged post-viral symptoms such as a runny nose or cough and may return to school following a negative COVID test even if they are not completely free of symptoms however, they WILL need a medical certificate from a GP to confirm they are otherwise well or have recovered from their acute illness. Students with a negative test whose symptoms have completely resolved do NOT need a medical certificate to return to school.

Simone Wood

Principal

Notices/Reminders

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

The Department has extended the deadline for the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) applications to Friday 13 August.

- Means-tested concession cards must now be valid on either:
the first day of Term 1 (Wednesday 27 January 2021)
- the first day of Term 2 (Monday 19 April 2021)
- the first day of Term 3 (Monday 12 July 2021).

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like:

- school camps or trips
- swimming and school-organised sport programs
- outdoor education programs excursions and incursions.

For information regarding the fund or to obtain an application form please go to:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>.

Junior Unit - Exploring Number Patterns



The juniors have been exploring number patterns and using materials to support this. We have been trying to find these patterns on 100s charts, as well as continuing patterns from different points.

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools this year.
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



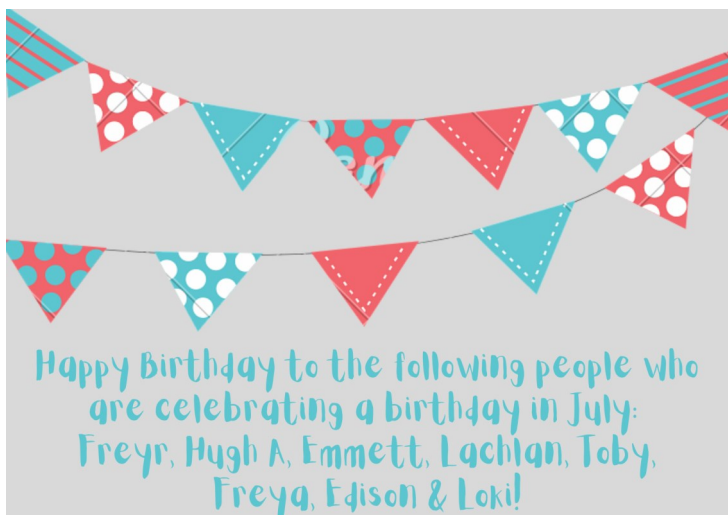
Newham General Store Lunch Order Menu



SCHOOL LUNCHES

Sandwiches – Fresh or Toasted	
Salad – Lettuce, Cucumber & Tomato	\$3.50
Cheese & Salad	\$4.00
Ham & Salad	\$4.00
Ham, Cheese & Salad	\$5.00
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$5.00
Ham & Cheese	\$4.00
Cheese	\$3.50
Vegemite & Cheese	\$3.50
Hot Food	
Mince Pie – Four'n Twenty	\$4.00
Gourmet Pie – Chunky Beef	\$6.00
Sausage Roll	\$3.50
Pizza Single	\$3.50
Snacks	
Cinnamon Doughnut	\$2.00
Jam Doughnut	\$2.50
Mini Brownie	\$2.00
Popcorn – Plain	\$1.50
Smartie Cookie	\$2.50
Muffin of the day	\$2.00
Fresh Fruit	\$1.00
Zooper Dooper	\$1.00
Fruit Juice Icy Pole	\$2.00
Drinks	
Pop Tops – Apple, Orange, Tropical	\$2.00
Juice Box – Apple, Orange, Orange & Mango	\$2.00
Apple & Blackcurrant	
Big M – Chocolate	\$2.50
Up & Go – Chocolate, Strawberry, Vanilla, Banana	\$2.50

School lunches are available on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please ensure your order is completed by 10am on the day you would like the order. Orders can be placed in person at the Newham General Store or through the school. Please ensure each bag is clearly marked with the students name, grade, the order and confirmation of price.



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.

Community Notices



ENROL NOW

There is so much to see and do at Newham Primary School

**Kitchen Garden Program
Nature Play
Instrumental Music Lessons
French
5 Star Resource Smart School
School Wide Positive Behaviour Program
Before and After School Care**

Enquiries or to book a school tour contact us

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Term 3 School Tours:

20th July 9:30am

5th August 9:30am

1st September 9:30am



**Macedon
Ranges
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TEAMS WANTED
New Season Starts July
Ladies Netball Competition

Monday morning from 9.30am & Tuesday nights from 7.15pm
Buffalo Sports Stadium, Woodend

To register call 5427 3411 | email buffalo@mrsc.vic.gov.au

mrsc.vic.gov.au/leisure

**Macedon
Ranges
Shire Council**

Active KIDS Sports



Kids will learn a variety of ball games, to improve motor skills, technique and interact with other children.

Term 3
FRIDAYS
2-3 Years 10.00-10.45am
4-5 years 11.00-11.45pm
Buffalo Sports Stadium
1-29 Forest Street Woodend

Book Now

By phone: 54 273 411
In person: Buffalo Sports Stadium
Online: www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/buffalo
Email: buffalo@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Community Notices

School newsletters
August 2021



Never forget bin day with the new MRSC waste app

The new MRSC Waste App will enable families to quickly find the most up-to-date information on what bins go out on what night and help guide people on what should and should not go in each bin.

Existing Loddon Mallee Waste Info App users will need to download the new MRSC Waste App, as the existing app will not be updated from 1 July.

Features include:

- Personalised bin collection calendar for residents, with optional reminders
- A-Z list of materials and images showing which bin to put materials in
- Further information, hints and tips to help with waste management
- Information about Council's waste and recycling services and facilities, including contact details, opening times and maps
- Push notifications to advise people of changes to collection dates, as well as events and programs.

The App is available for both Apple and Android users. Download the App by searching MRSC Waste App. For more information visit mrsc.vic.gov.au/bin-days

Suggested image:

