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## Newsletter 17

Thursday 16th September 2021

### From the Principal's Desk

Hello Everyone,

We are in the final week of term 3, still partially back at school as well as remote learning. As I write this, there is no further information from DET as to what will happen in term 4. I do believe that we will all find out at the same time, sometime during the term break. I hope to be able to send out an indication of Term 4 COVID rules before we return to school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct.

Being in Regional Victoria perhaps allows all of us to be able to put aside our COVID concerns and possibly get out and about or even away for a break. I hope some of you will be able to do so.

With only one term left, we are now getting underway with our necessary administrative organisation for 2022 including the following.

#### Enrol now for 2022

We are accepting enrolments now for 2022. We are very pleased to report that we have a healthy intake of Preps next year and that we still have room for more! We hope to conduct three school tours in October for interested families.

If there are any families you know of, who are yet to make their schooling decision for 2022, please remind them to get their enrolment forms in now.

As yet we have not had an indication from DET what transition sessions will look like in term 4 with COVID rules. It is hoped that we will be able to hold transition sessions or at least have our staff visit our new Preps at their kindergarten (information is still to be received around yr 6 to 7 transition as well).

#### School Fees/Parent Payments for 2022

DET have made changes to the way all government schools are to collect school fees for 2022. As part of managing this new process the school will provide an information Webex for families early in term 4. Please keep the date **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October** free and further information will be sent out with a link next term.

#### Graduation

Our Year 6 Graduation celebrations are just around the corner, and we will soon be providing information on what we are able to do under COVID restrictions. This will be our second year with such restrictions, with last year's event working very well, we hope to be able to develop a similar event this year that can pivot as required if restrictions change suddenly. Further information will follow in term 4.

#### Curriculum Day

Please note that the Curriculum Day planned for term 4 will be on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November** (adjacent to Melbourne Cup Day). Whether the school is face-to-face or in lock down, this date will remain a curriculum day.

#### 2021 Term Dates

Term 3: 12 July-17 September

Term 4: 4 October-17 December

### Diary Dates

#### PLEASE NOTE NEWLY ADDED EVENTS ARE BOLD

17th September	End of Term 3, 2:30pm
4th October	Start of Term 4
12th October	School Tour, 9:30am
<b>14th October</b>	<b>Parent Payments Webex</b>
20th October	School Tour, 9:30am
<b>20th October</b>	<b>Stickybeaks Lunch Bag Orders due</b>
28th October	School Tour, 9:30am
<b>1st November</b>	<b>Curriculum Day</b>
<b>2nd November</b>	<b>Melbourne Cup Day</b>

#### Term Break Maintenance Works

Over the term break contractors are expected at the school to refinish the carpark and fix some of the drainage issues around the gate into the school and at the wooden fort playground. If the ground has dried out enough a second contractor will be up near the blue slide mound beginning work on fencing our Bio-diversity learning Hub.

#### Farewell

I would like to inform our school community that our Business Manager Helen, who has been working diligently behind the scenes here, filling in for Sonja, will be leaving us! I would like to congratulate Helen on her appointment as the fulltime Business Manager for Romsey Primary School and wish her all the very best. It is hoped that there will be a new face in the office in place for the beginning of Term 4.

#### Thank you

Finally, I would like to say thank you to all Newham Primary School families who have once again risen to the challenges that COVID has dealt and supported their students throughout remote learning. We understand the pressures many of you faced with your own work commitments and we appreciate your support. In order to facilitate a harmonious return to school, could parents please contact their child's classroom teacher with any information they feel would be important for a smooth return to school in October.

Excellence: Resilience | Unity | Responsibility | Respect

## From the Principal's Desk

I would also like to give a huge shout out and a massive thank you to the staff of Newham Primary school! Their professionalism and care within the continual pivoting DET has required of them has been much appreciated!

We can all look forward now to Spring and Summer, more daylight, less cold weather and hopefully much more face-to-face teaching, (don't forget, term 4 is a sun smart term and hats are required). We will see you all in October!

Simone Wood  
Principal

## Notices/Reminders

### Lost Property

We continue to find a large number of clothing, reading bags etc that is un-named. **PLEASE** label all uniform and other clothing (jackets), bags, lunch boxes and drink bottles so that we can return them to your child. Un-named items have been left outside the main gate for collection.

### Head Lice

An announcement was sent yesterday to families in the Prep/1 class as there are cases of head lice. Please check your child's hair and treat accordingly. Treatment advice was provided in the announcement.

### SunSmart

All students currently onsite are required to wear their school hat. Students returning in term 4 will be required to bring their hat to school from the 4th October.

### Grade 6 2022 Jacket Orders

Grade 6 jacket orders are due **TODAY**. If ordering, please submit your order today to ensure your child doesn't miss out.

### 2022 Enrolments

To assist us with planning for 2022, enrolments are now due. If you have a child who will be starting at NPS next year please contact the office to obtain an enrolment form or they can be downloaded from the school website.

If you have a child currently enrolled other than year 6 who will not be with us next year please advise for planning purposes.

# 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.

## Notices/Reminders

### Stickybeaks Lunch Order Bag Fundraiser

NPS is running a fundraiser for Stickybeaks reusable lunch order bags. Two types available: Lunch wallet or the Insulated All Rounder. Both are reusable lunch bags with a separate hygienic section for money and order details and a section for your child's name and grade. Easily cleaned by wiping down. Put an end to single use paper bags that get wet, tear with nowhere to store payment securely and hygienically.

Support our school and sustainable practices by ordering yours today!

To order, complete the order form sent via uEducateUs announcement and return via the school email: Newham.ps@education.vic.gov.au. Payment options are listed on the order forms. If you wish to pay via credit card or obtain your BPay details please call the office on 5427 0235.

Deadline for final orders has been extended to 20th October 2021. **Please note that new enrolments for 2022 (Prep) will receive a complimentary lunch wallet from the school.**



**NEWHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
Multipurpose Court

# Join Now

## Yearly Membership - \$66

4-Sport Court Community Use Facility  
Available gear round outside of school hours  
(8am-4pm)

Information is available on our website:  
[www.newham.ps.vic.edu.au](http://www.newham.ps.vic.edu.au)

To enquire or sign up for a membership  
contact us (during school hours) on:  
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# Managing Illness in Schools



## Managing illness in schools and early childhood

One of the most important things we can do to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in our community is to stay at home when we are unwell, even when we have the mildest of symptoms.

### What you need to know

#### 1. If a child is unwell, even with the mildest of symptoms, they must stay at home

If a child becomes unwell during the day, they must be collected from school/early childhood education and care (ECEC) as soon as possible.

#### 2. If a child has any of the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) outlined below, however mild, they should get tested and they must remain at home until they receive their results:

- fever
- chills or sweats
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- runny nose
- loss of sense of smell or taste.

In certain circumstances headache, muscle soreness, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea may also be considered symptoms.

For further advice:

- call the 24-hour coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline 1800 675 398
- call a general practitioner
- use the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) [online self-assessment tool](#)

Visit: [Where to get tested](#)

#### 3. A child must stay at home until they are symptom free, even if their coronavirus (COVID-19) test is negative

If a person has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or been identified as a close contact they must isolate/quarantine until they receive clearance from DHHS.

**Children with persistent symptoms due to underlying conditions such as hay fever or asthma** whose symptoms are clearly typical of their condition can continue to attend ECEC/school. They should be tested for COVID-19 if they develop symptoms that are different to or worse than their usual symptoms. They should consider getting a medical certificate from their GP to attend ECEC/school if they have persistent symptoms that may overlap with symptoms of COVID-19 such as cough or runny nose.

**Younger children (pre-school up to Grade 2) may have prolonged post viral symptoms** such as a runny nose or cough and may return to school/ECEC 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.

For information on the minimum periods students and children need to stay at home for other conditions, refer to the [DHHS school exclusion table](#).

#### 4. Children do NOT need a medical certificate before returning to school/ECEC

Once symptoms have cleared, there is no requirement from the Department of Education and Training or DHHS for children/students to have a medical certificate before they return to school/ECEC.

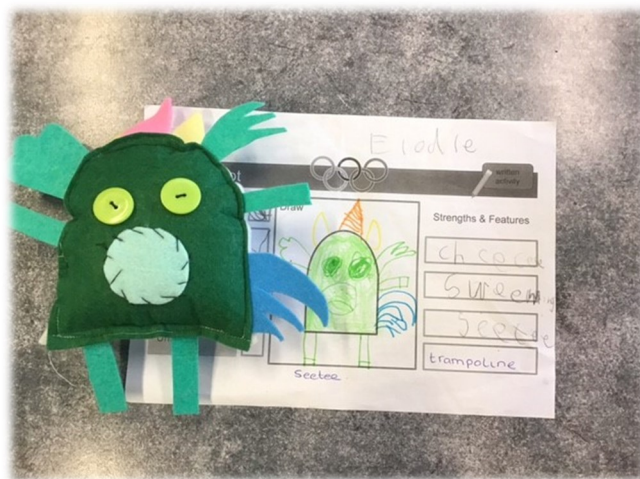
**Thank you for your support in following these steps, together we can all stay safe.**



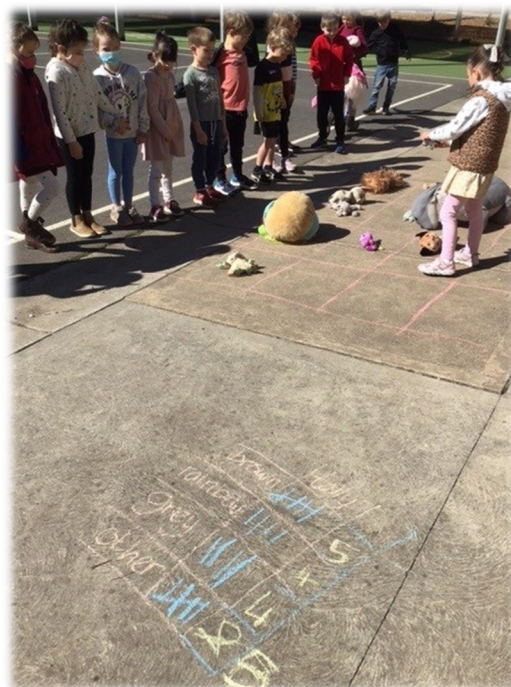


## This Week at NPS with Prep/1

## Olympic Mascots-from design to the final product



# Maths Outdoors





## NPS Family Craft Challenge

# *A crafty family challenge for the last Day of Term!*

Over the next 2 weeks you have the task of creating  
a **WOODEN SPOON** person, creature, animal!

*When your creation is ready, we want to see them online on  
the last day of Term.*

After that you can drop them off in the student collection box  
with your name attached and we will display them in the  
raised garden beds at school in Term 4.

## **Here is what you will need!**

- A wooden spoon or spatula, new or old (*substitutes: sticks, straws etc., are ok if you can't source a spoon*)
- Bits and pieces of craft things: material, ribbon, buttons, foil, pipe cleaners, paint, textas, glitter etc and...your imagination!
- Good strong glue!

\*Remember your creation will join the wooden spoon display outside so don't use paper, crepe paper or anything that will disintegrate easily!

**Everyone in your family is welcome to join in**  
**So, get crafty!**

## NPS Family Craft Challenge

Here are some ideas and inspiration ...





## 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 4 School Tours (subject to restrictions in place at the time):**

**12th October 9:30am, 20th October**

**9:30am & 28th October 9:30am**



## SECOND HAND UNIFORM

Just in, school backpack along with size 8 winter tunics, polar fleece vests and half zip jumpers. Numerous size 6 & 8 bomber jackets and windcheaters, size 4 cargo pants, summer dresses and school hats. If you'd like to purchase (gold coin donation) or find out what else we have in stock please contact the office.

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

