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## Newsletter 22

### From the Principal's Desk

Hello everyone,

There have been no new updates with regard to further releasing us from our current COVID restrictions. As soon as there are any changes I will let you know here and via uEducateUs.

Friday saw the whole school COVID safely meet on the oval just before home time for a flash mob dance to 'Monster Mash' for Halloween. I hope you got to see the footage (a link was sent out via uEducateUs). At the same time there was a young Koala up in the tree between the oval and the portable. It must have wondered what was going on, because checking on it not long after the bell went, the koala had decided to move on.

We also have a family of ducks in the school yard. The brood of ducklings unfortunately is now down to three and we are encouraging all the students to move carefully past the duck family if they haven't vacated the playground before playtime.

Next Wednesday is Remembrance Day and our student leaders will be leading a service for all students over the PA system. We have received poppies from the RSL which each class will be placing out at the memorial in the morning. Unfortunately we are unable to have parent on-site participation for this event.

Should any student wish to do so there is an RSL collection tin and poppy pins/ key chains etc. for sale at the front office, ranging in price from \$2 to \$5 (there are other items on sale of a greater value also). There are only a few at each price range, so first in best dressed. Students please take your money straight to the office if you wish to make a purchase (exact money only, we are unable to give change), or to make a donation directly into the collection tin.

There is still time for parents to participate in the annual DET Parent survey for this year. At the last check there have been a very small number of parents participating. This being a DET survey, rather than a school based survey the information is added to the statistics of Newham Primary school. It is often the case that if parents are very busy or happy with the way things are going, they may not feel the need to respond. In the case of this survey, it is important to be able to present as large and as broad a cross-section of opinions statistically as we can. If you haven't yet considered completing the survey, please do. Please see the link sent previously via uEducateUs.

In response to the COVID situation in 2020, DET have chosen to provide every Victorian school with 3 goals for their annual implementation plan in teaching and learning for 2021, they are; Learning; Happy, active and healthy kids and Connected schools. At the Curriculum Day on Monday staff began delving into the teaching and learning for each of these goals. Also the parameters for Report writing as outlined by DET were set to our report format and staff explored the data collected on student growth in learning.

## Friday 6th November 2020

### 2020 Term Dates

Term 4: 5 October-18 December

### 2021 Term Dates

Term 1: 28 January—1 April

### Diary Dates

#### PLEASE NOTE NEWLY ADDED EVENTS ARE BOLD

Friday 13th November	Whole School Virtual Camp
Friday 13th November	Parent Opinion Survey Closes
Wednesday 18th November	School House Sports
Thursday 26th November	Bully Zero Day Webinar for Parents
Friday 27th November	School Photo Day

Variances in student growth are to be supported by a DET tutoring initiative in 2021. Families may have heard on the news, about Government plans for a tutoring program. Some information is just now beginning to make its way to schools with regard to the parameters of the project. What I do know is that this will be significant for our staff placements in 2021. I expect to be able to explain further after the Principal forums and meetings scheduled this month.

I can confirm the first of our staff placements for 2021 will be Kath Holford as our Prep teacher. Last week Kath and I ran a Q & A webinar for the parents of our 2021 Prep cohort. We were able to predict for our Prep families that on our current enrolments it is likely that we will have a Prep/1 composite in 2021, (we are of course still in a position to welcome further Prep enrolments). We also answered quite a number of questions and even saw the eager faces of next year's enrolled Preps. DET will be allowing primary schools to run small transition groups onsite this month. This information will be sent directly to the families concerned.

Two years of school zoning has significantly reduced Newham's pool of potential enrolments and during 2019/2020 we have continued to encourage all enquiries and enrolments. With 2020 being the first year of DET advertising to parents the importance of staying within their zone, schools the size of Newham with less populous zones have found it harder to entice families to step outside their current zone.

Rest assured Newham Primary School continues to liaise with Kindergartens and Early learning centres as well as advertising widely to families making a tree change to the district, to turn this around and encourage new families to join our school Community. Thank you to families who gave permission for their students to grace our enrolment information with their smiling faces and quality work, they are great ambassadors for Newham Primary School.

We remain on track to confirm our 2021 enrolment numbers and make our remaining staff placements as usual by early December.

**Excellence: Resilience / Unity / Responsibility / Respect**

## From the Principal's Desk

Some time on Cup Day someone attempted to roll 2 large tyres into the frog bog. They also used a rock from the frog bog area to break some decking boards outside the Yr 3 classroom. This has been repaired and the tyres removed. The incident has been reported to the police. As a neighbourhood asset our school can be used by the local community outside of the COVID restrictions. However it is disappointing when incidents like this occur. If you see anything out of the ordinary outside of school hours, please report it to the Woodend/Kyneton police.

## Notices/Reminders

### Student Safety

Students walking up to the park at the end of the day are reminded to cross the car park with a teacher in a High Vis jacket for safety.

### Bully Zero

Following is an excerpt from Bully Zero defining bullying by the actions of the perpetrators.

*'Bullying is NEVER ok. It is hurtful and can impact someone for a long time. Remember, you are not alone. There are people you can talk to and things you can do to stop the bullying.'*

*Bullying happens when a person or a group of people repeatedly and intentionally use words or actions to cause distress and harm to another person's safety and wellbeing.*

*Bullying isn't the same as a 'normal' conflict between people (such as having an argument or a fight) or simply disliking someone. It's more about repeated behaviour by someone who has power or control over someone else'.*

*The sort of repeated behaviour that can be considered bullying includes:*

- Keeping someone out of a group (online or offline).
- Acting in an unpleasant way near or towards someone.
- Giving nasty looks, making rude gestures, calling names, being rude and impolite, and constant negative teasing.
- Spreading rumours or lies, or misrepresenting someone (i.e. using their Facebook account to post messages as if it were them)
- Harassing someone based on their race, sex, religion, gender or a disability.
- Hurtful comments making fun of you or your work.
- Intentionally and repeatedly hurting someone physically.
- Intentionally stalking someone.

As part of our commitment to School Wide Positive Behaviours and the expansion of understanding around Bullying, Parents are invited to attend our online session run by Bully Zero on Thursday 26th November at 7pm. On this day all our students will participate in classes to support their understanding of bullying. Our aim is for families to continue the conversations at home with the same themes and language as used at school. Together we can ensure zero tolerance for bullying at Newham Primary School.

Register in advance for this webinar:

[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_xnMd\\_3LyRQa\\_B0iT4uJMwg](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xnMd_3LyRQa_B0iT4uJMwg)



### Bus

An important reminder to parents of bus travellers. Any changes to bus travel must be made through the school. This includes changes to pick up and drop off stops, irregular bus users travelling on the bus, changes to days of travel and sudden changes to that day's travel.

The bus driver is not to be contacted directly to make arrangements. It is the responsibility of the school to make arrangements with Organ's Coaches with regards to any changes.

## Notices/Reminders

It is recommended that parents unable to pick up children from the bus, arrange ahead of time where possible to have their children wait at school for pick up from there. School'sOut! afterschool care is also available.

### School Policies

A number of school policies were approved/noted at the School Council meeting held on Monday 26th October 2020:

- School Car Park policy
- Student Dress Code policy
- Student Engagement & Wellbeing policy
- Photographing, Filming & Recording Students policy
- Photographing, Filming & Recording Consent form
- NPS Community facebook group guidelines

School policies are available on the school website: <https://www.newhamps.vic.edu.au/school-policies>.

### School Photos

Photo envelopes will be sent home with students next week. Please return envelopes to school prior to photo day even if you are not ordering. Family envelopes are available from the office. Should you wish to have siblings photographed together (students enrolled at the school only) please contact the office so that a family envelope can be sent home with your child next week.



School photoday was postponed and has been re-scheduled to Friday 27th November 2020.

### Please note the following:

- If you have placed an order online, that order is valid and your order will be fulfilled on photoday.
- Online ordering will be open till 2nd December 2020.
- It is important to hold on to your photo envelope, if you have it, as you will need this for the rescheduled photo date.
- Further information will follow nearer to the revised photo day.

Please call MSP Ballarat on (03) 5333 5577 if you have any questions

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# SWPBS

Feedback from the community was sourced earlier in the year regarding our Student Reinforcement Matrix via a google form. Thank you to those who took the time to complete our survey. From these survey results, results from the staff survey and through student voice, we have modified the Student Reinforcement Matrix. The new Matrix is attached for your viewing. The main changes, involved deleting any element of chance. On a frequent basis, students will receive 'value cards' from any staff member when they are displaying our school 'expected behaviours' as outlined on our SWPBS Expectations Matrix. The 'value cards' are colour coded to represent our four values including respect, responsibility, resilience and unity. Once students receive 20 'value cards' they will be given a certificate to acknowledge their achievement. Each class' weekly tally will be cumulated and once the class reaches 100 'value cards' they will receive a class reward as determined by their class and classroom teacher. This should be achieved approximately monthly! The whole school is then working towards a large celebration when 2000 'value cards' are received! Representatives from each class will collaborate to determine what whole school event everyone is working towards.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> of October this system was implemented across the school. All staff had the responsibility to notice students who are demonstrating our 'expected behaviours' and respond by giving these students a 'value card'. I would like to congratulate all teachers for fulfilling this obligation, so far and to the students for displaying our expectations so diligently. From the 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 99 'value cards' were handed out to students. What an achievement!

I would also like to thank the SWPBS Team for their support and efforts on continuing to develop the SWPBS and kick starting the acknowledgements during such a challenging year. This year the team has successfully moved the system from 16% completion to 40% completion. There is still plenty to do, however the positive vibe around the school is inspiring.

Kerry Hammond  
SWPBS Co-ordinator



## Student Reinforcement Matrix



	When	What	Notes
Frequent (all the time)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When a student is observed demonstrating a SWPBS expectation they receive a Value Ticket (corresponding with the expectation value) from a staff member.</li> <li>Tickets has value shown, student name, referring staff name and class</li> <li>Tickets are taken to Values box outside office doors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tickets are carried by all staff</li> <li>Students will receive points for their class total</li> <li>Students receive points for themselves</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student Leaders to calculate class and whole school ticket totals at Friday lunchtime</li> </ul>
Intermediate (Weekly)	<b>Weekly</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Once students receive 20 value cards they receive a certificate</li> <li>Students announced and applauded at assembly</li> <li>Student Leaders announce current class and whole school tallies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students receive a Certificate to take home, and their name &amp; photo will appear in the following newsletter</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students tally goes back to zero and can be taken home with certificate.</li> </ul>
	<b>Monthly</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Once a class reaches 100 value cards they are earn a class reward.</li> <li>Each class will develop a "Reward Board" and once they reach their total they choose which reward they will have the following week.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Announced and applauded at assembly</li> <li>Class "reward board"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding comes from SWPBS budget but activities should be low-cost</li> <li>Classroom teacher to be included</li> </ul>
Long Term Whole School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tickets from each week are tallied as a whole school total</li> <li>Each time 100 tickets are achieved, a piece of Hanging Rock is added</li> <li>Once Hanging Rock is completed (2000 tickets), the whole school enjoys a celebration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Classes discuss whole school activity ideas, 1 representatives from each class will meet to finalise a top 3. All students will then vote on what we are working towards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funded from SWPBS budget</li> </ul>

**"Rock Solid Foundation"**



## Community Notices



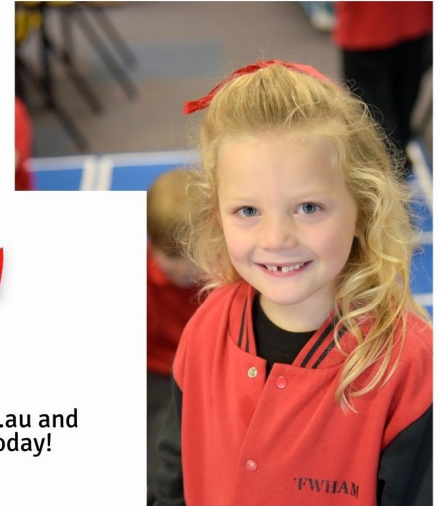
# ENROL NOW

Accepting enrolments for 2021

Visit our website [www.newhamps.vic.edu.au](http://www.newhamps.vic.edu.au) and submit an expression of interest form today!



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# Term 4!

## We're back to School!

### Are you looking for Before and After School Care?

# SCHOOL'S OUT!

Existing families please manage your bookings through the kidsoft app.

New families, please go to our website to enrol.

[www.schoolsout.net.au](http://www.schoolsout.net.au)



### NEWHAM GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE

Covid Rules:-  
Masks, Sanitisers, Temperature Check,  
Limited Numbers on Site etc

**21st November 2020**  
NEWHAM  
MECHANICS HALL CAR PARK

Parking is available in the grounds of  
Newham Primary School  
(but No access to the school).

There will be 3 distinct sessions with  
plants kept back for  
restocking between sessions.

Blue 9am-10.30am (30 mins restock)  
Yellow 11am - 12.30pm (30 mins restock)  
Green 1pm - 2.30pm

*Plants, homemade jams, greeting  
cards, produce & "pandemic" pots.*

All proceeds support  
local charities and  
community projects.  
Enquiries 54270661