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Newsletter 4

From the Principal's Desk

Hello Everyone,

We are getting very close to the end of the term and suffice to say I'm probably not telling you anything you weren't already aware of! However with so little time left just a reminder that there isn't an assembly this week **BUT** we will be having **2 in a row** coming up. Our next Friday as usual (26th Mar) and then one on the last day of Term which is a THURSDAY (1st April) at 2pm (2.30 early finish) along with the newsletter- a double whammy day! (The last assembly for the term is more of a catch up together, reminders and have a great break style).

Paralympian Incursion

We had a lovely visit from 2 athletes currently training for Paralympian selection for Tokyo this year. Jenny and Shae explained their disabilities, described the sport they play in great detail and outlined their training regimen. We hope to see them selected and perhaps even on the dais! Good luck and thank you for coming to share and play with us!

F-2 Insect Incursion

There were some very interesting insects and some very interesting responses to the insects! The incursion set up the F-2s for some dynamic writing and discussion. Fortunately the head count of insects at the end of the incursion was correct! NO escapees! We are presenting in the newsletter some of the students' experiences of the day.

Harmony Week

Harmony Week, was acknowledged across school. For the main activity we created a collaborative short story that began in the juniors, then carried through to the seniors who finished it off, meaning all classes contributed and felt included in the end product. Themed books read during the week were: Big wide world and I love me. Classes discussed the "Groups I belong to" activity and displayed their results. There was a Harmony Day quiz for the seniors. Following are some sample questions. See how you go and discuss with your children (answers are on page 3).

1) What colour represents good fortune in Chinese culture?

- Green
- Red
- Yellow
- Purple

2) Which plant was brought to Australia from elsewhere?

- Banksia
- Bottlebrush
- Frangipani
- Eucalypt

Thursday 18th March 2021

2021 Term Dates

Term 1: 27 January-1 April
Term 2: 19 April-25 June
Term 3: 12 July-17 September
Term 4: 4 October-17 December

Diary Dates

PLEASE NOTE NEWLY ADDED EVENTS ARE BOLD

22nd March	School Council Meeting & AGM
24th March	KHS Pre-Orientation Day, 5/6 students, Permission due by 22/3/21
25th March	School Cross Country and Colour Run
26th March	Assembly 3:00pm Please sign in
1st April	Assembly 2:00pm
1st April	End of Term 1, 2:30pm finish
19th April	Start of Term 2

3) Which word comes from India?

- Shampoo
- Tsunami
- Café
- Pharaoh

4) Which of these is not an artistic technique?

- Batik
- Pierogi
- Papier Mache
- Origami



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Cross Country and Colour Run

Don't forget that on the same day as the cross country we will be having a colour run!

Ms Fullard has sent out a uEducateUs message looking for help on the day with Cross Country. If you can help at either of the cross country sessions, please let us know. The Cross country is an integral part of our Physical Education program and as such student participation is expected.

The cross country is in the morning and middle sessions and the colour run will be in approximately the last half hour of the day.

In the morning we will collect any gold coin donations from students to celebrate kindness and support 'Dolly's Dream' – anti-bullying foundation, in preparation for the afternoon of fun!

Ms Cole has sent out a uEducateUs message with further information about the colour run. Students are welcome to run and enjoy the activities without the colour spray as it's not compulsory. If students do not wish to participate in the afternoon colour run and are not dressed for the run they may sit and watch.

Colour run

Do it for DOLLY!

GOLD COIN donation- celebrating kindness and raising money for 'Dolly's Dream' (anti-bullying) foundation

**Thursday 25th March
3pm**

Wear a white T shirt/or long sleeves and old shorts/pants.

Swim goggles and caps are optional.

SWWAAGers

Wow! What a turn up to our recent SWWAAGers meeting! Thank you to the 3/4s who along with 5/6s are turning up in their droves to be a part of the decision making around student wellbeing and action. SWWAAGers members coloured in the posters for the colour run and had a practice at putting together the sand-play pipes for the sand pit. Members are in the process of discussing ideas with their class to report back to the next meeting. Look out for a SWWAAGers report at the next assembly.

Kyneton High School-Orientation Day

Wednesday 24th is a special day for all of the year 5/6 students attending local primary schools. No matter which school they will attend once they move into secondary education, Kyneton High always do a wonderful job of providing that first taste of what to expect. This is a free excursion, buses are provided and lunch (salad roll and fruit) is catered but please pack a recess snack. Please see the advertisement later in the newsletter and uEducateUs permission.

School Council AGM

On Monday night (7pm) is the School Council AGM. Parents are more than welcome to attend during the AGM part of the evening. The draft of the Annual report to the school community is presented before it is released to the school community online.

Remote Learning Survey

Thank you to parents and carers who have responded to our remote learning survey. Being proactive, the staff here at Newham are keen to know what facilities families have for remote learning should the need arise this year. The survey is still open and we would welcome your input.

Gastro

Gastro is making its way around day care, kindergartens and schools at the moment and as mentioned on the news it has been much more virulent than usual. Therefore DET have asked schools to be vigilant and this year to report the number of cases we have. If parents could please **ensure that their messages to school/uEducateUs indicate a gastro attack** and don't forget that **students must stay home until 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea**.

Other Parents Picking up your Children = Notify the School

Newham Primary School has a duty of care to release students to an authorised parent/carer at the end of the school day or to authorise on behalf of the parent (where consent is in place) for their child to **walk home**.

The original intention of parking at the hall/park was due to the limited space available in the school car park. If parent/carers could then walk down to the school and wait for their children at pick up time, this would cause less confusion for students who are unsure whether they are meant to be walking or waiting. If you are allowing your child more freedom to walk independently to the park to meet you there, please ensure that they understand what they have to do and that you are there to meet them. Students walking up to the park to wait for a parent/carer, who is not there should be waiting at school under teacher supervision until parent/carers arrive.

Unfortunately the school is not often informed by parents of arrangements made between parents to supervise children at the park on their behalf or of last minute changes to pick up, (their child knows but sometimes becomes confused and can't explain the situation). Parents please inform the school of these decisions.

Walking Through the Car Park

Thank you to parents/carers who in the morning and afternoon accompany their children across the carpark to and from the school gate.

Student safety is paramount and they will be asked to wait for you to make your way to them, rather than bolt out the gate.

Students walking to school with parents are to stick to the footpath and not take a short cut down the creek side and through the carpark. Of late some students have thought this a good idea. The creek area is known by students to be out of bounds. Please encourage your children to make good choices and please role model walking safely through the carpark, using footpath areas where available.

Student Anxiety & School Refusal

School refusal commonly arises after a period of school absence – such as COVID, a long illness or holidays – or due to a big change such as starting a new school or moving from primary to high school, as well as from forms of anxiety such as separation anxiety.

At school, children often present to teachers or first aid with a myriad of physical complaints such as headaches and stomach aches. If you're concerned, a GP can check for physical causes. In the absence of a physical illness, these complaints can be anxiety related. GP interventions often encourage relaxation, challenge anxious thoughts and aim to provide skills to cope with distress or discomfort. Please contact school or your child's teacher as soon as possible for support. The sooner intervention and support are established the better the outcome can be. Below also, are a number of useful support sites for families.

<https://headspace.org.au/friends-and-family/understanding-school-refusal/>

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/school-learning/school-refusal/school-refusal>

<https://beyou.edu.au/fact-sheets/development/school-refusal>

<https://theconversation.com/so-your-child-refuses-to-go-to-school-heres-how-to-respond-98935>

Notices/Reminders

Harmony Day Quiz Answers

- *Red* - Red envelopes are filled with money and given as gifts at Lunar New Year
- *Frangipani* - the Frangipani is native to Central America, Mexico and Venezuela
- *Shampoo* - In India the Hindi word 'champo' means 'to soothe' and massage, hence how we shampoo
- *Pierogi* - are filled dumplings originating in Eastern Europe

Second Hand Uniform

Just in, size 6 and size 8 winter tunics, one of each. If you'd like to purchase (gold coin donation) please contact the office.

Community Notices

Further in the newsletter there is a flyer about registration for Australian Open ball kids. If you would like further information please contact Alyssa Cole.



Some great unity in the sandpit last week



An example of 'Together we can'!

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Happy Birthday to the following people who
are celebrating birthdays soon:
Billie, Annabelle, Devrim, Minty, Henry S,
Sophie G, Jack, Sabine, Will, Charlie T

Sustainability at NPS

At last week's assembly the sustainability leaders, Zayne, Loki, Harper and Freddie, educated the school community about the different bins each classroom has for different types of waste. Loki began with an explanation about composting and reminded the students that our compost bin doesn't like citrus which needs to go to landfill. Freddie showed what goes into the co-mingled recycling bin such as paper, cardboard and plastic containers. Zayne explained that soft plastics, any plastics that can be scrunched up such as wrappers, go into our soft plastics bin to be taken to a local centre for collection. Harper showed us the types of things that can only go to landfill. The landfill bins in each of our classrooms are the smallest with the least amount of rubbish which is great to see.



Litter audit results and analysis by grade 5/6

What did we find?

- Plastic wrappers
- Bits of hard plastic
- Soft drink cans
- Straws/lids
- Plastic bottles

Where did we find it?

- Stuffed into trees
- Along the fences
- On the ground

Who is responsible for creating this litter?

- NPS students
- The public
- Parents (cars)
- Birds/animals

What are the consequences?

- Pollutes soil/waterways
- Looks unsightly/uncaring
- Non-sustainable for the land
- Environmentally damaging to wildlife/creek life

COMPOST



LANDFILL

These are the things that ARE NOT soft plastics or that we CANNOT recycle.



RECYCLING



SOFT PLASTICS

Can you scrunch it up or fold it?



Families can help students learn to sort their waste at school by sorting waste at home. Remember, the less wrappers and packaging sent to school for lunch and snacks, the less waste and litter impacting our school grounds and local environment.

School Events



INSECT PETS INCURSION 15/3/2021



We had a Mini Beast incursion on Monday in the music room. A lady called Margaret came to show us her cool bugs and the first ones were slugs and snails. The cockroaches were a little disgusting and one of them was really big. We saw a super long centipede and it gave us a shiver. Margaret was very nice by showing us all of her cool bugs and we had a fun session.

By Ruby and Thomas

Tora 'I didn't like the Giant Millipede because I got yellow bits on my hands.'

Charlie 'The Praying Mantis was scary!'

Eliza 'I liked the butterfly because it was pretty. I didn't like the scary Egyptian Beetles that ran on the carpet.'

Willem 'I did not like the sticky snails and slugs. I liked the stick insects the most.'

Eddie 'I liked the slugs!'

Fantastic behaviour F/1!

We reached our SWPBS 100 card class threshold on Friday and conducted a class poll. It was a tie between movie and popcorn or a teddy bear party. We had to wait until two students returned on Monday to conclude the vote. Movie was the winner. We selected some G rated movies and voted again. Secret Life of Pets was the winning choice.



School Events



GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

HANGING ROCK EXCURSION

[More pics](#)

Paralympian Visit



Community Notices



KYNETON
HIGH SCHOOL

Pre-Orientation Day 2021

At Kyneton High School, we are excited to be meeting the Grade 5 and 6 students on **Wednesday 24 March** when they come to experience a day in the life of a high school student!

We would like to invite parents to join us for either of the following:

Morning Information Session

9.30-11.30am in the School Hall (includes a school tour and morning tea)

Evening Information Webinar

7-8pm – RSVP to faye.zollia@education.vic.gov.au and a meeting link will be sent to you closer to the day.

We look forward to meeting you!

Get on the ball with
the **Australian Open**



If you're aged between 12 to 15 years and want to get up close with the world's best, become a ballkid at Australian Open 2022.

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Child safe- Newham Primary school
is committed to child safety. We
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empowered.

PROTECT

Protecting children & young people
from abuse is our responsibility



Community Notices



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Miky Fleming – Netball -0417 248 934

Find us on Facebook / Club website - www.trenthamsaintsfnc.com

Sacred Heart College Kyneton

Understanding Anxiety & Depression

Members of the local community are invited to attend this Mental Health & Wellbeing Event.



Guest Speaker: Bryan Jeffrey

This presentation draws on Bryan's 26 years of experience as a registered psychiatric nurse in the Child and Adolescent Mental Health sector.

An engaging speaker who aims to demystify mental illness and assist attendees in utilising the information provided, either for self-care or in support of others. Further information about this event can be found on the Trybooking page (see details below).

When: Thursday 25 March

Time: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Where: Mary Moloney Theatre

Sacred Heart College, Kyneton

Tickets: This is a free event but seats must be booked via www.trybooking.com/BOYJJ



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CASTLEMAINE STATE FESTIVAL 2021

EDUCATION PROGRAM

For this year's special COVID-safe Festival we have created a suite of very accessible education packages.

Registered schools will receive a Learning Guide to prepare them for the Festival, a video recording of their selected event to watch in school, and either an in-school live workshop with the artist or a pre-recorded artist talk/workshop to view. We offer packages focusing on Yorta Yorta musician **Allara**, South Sudanese singer/songwriter

FESTIVAL HAPPENINGS

19 MARCH – 4 APRIL

Ajak Kwai, and a visual arts-based package called **Jessie Boylan** and the **Weathermakers**. You can also look out for students from Campbells Creek PS, Chewton PS and Elphinstone PS in the Festival performance of **One Sky Many Stories**.

The **XYZ Media Team** is back with a vengeance: young people aged 12-26 cover will all aspects of the CSF 2021, bringing their own special perspective to our program through previews, reviews and artist interviews under the mentorship of local media experts.

FAMILY PROGRAM

In addition to opportunities for young people to participate in the Festival through directed workshops, there is also an array of beautiful performances and artworks for the whole family to enjoy together. Whether it's exploring the solar system with **Inventi Ensemble Kids Planets**, watching circus performers fly through the air in **One Fell Swoop**, grooving out with the **Teeny Tiny Stevies** or rocking out with **Otto & Astrid**, you will be sure to have a ball! And if that is not enough, what better than some garden inspiration at **Our Village** and **Buda's Secret Garden**.

VOLUNTEERING

It is always a pleasure for us to welcome new and previous volunteers to be part of our wonderful Festival team! For this year's Festival, we still have ushering and visual arts hosting shifts available to fill over the two weeks. What a great way to enjoy the variety of inspiring performances, exhibitions and activities that we have in store throughout the Festival. If you would like to register to be a volunteer, please visit castlemainefestival.com.au/support/volunteer and we will be in touch with the roster for you to select the shifts that you are available for. The volunteer induction will take place on Monday 15 March at 6:30pm and is important for all volunteers to attend as it will cover COVID-Safe training.

For more information on all aspects of our program, please visit castlemainefestival.com.au.

We very much look forward to seeing you at the Festival!

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