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Newsletter 9

From the Principal's Desk

Hello Everyone,

We have all made it through another circuit breaker lockdown. Thankfully as a regional area we have been released early and can get back to our face-to-face teaching and learning albeit with stricter rules once again.

In this newsletter is a copy of the regulations which are back, outlining what we can't do. What we can do includes, use the drinking taps and the playgrounds which is great! Teaching staff are not required to wear face masks when teaching however they may choose to do so. Rest assured that we continue to use hand sanitiser at the gates and classrooms and have students use soap and water as well.

Students who were on-site during the circuit breaker challenged each other with a daily NPS news report. Thankfully the lockdown was short as ideas were running out! We hope you got to see 'the news' and it gave you a giggle or two!

Our operations manual has arrived, and regional schools have returned to stricter rules. We have been here before and you may remember the following rules. (There is currently no end date for these restrictions, and I will be investigating how seriously they will impact our programs for next term).

Parents/Carers and non-essential visitors are not permitted on site.

Parents and carers please drop your child/ren at the gates in the mornings and arrange a meeting place off the school grounds with them. Parents and carers are not permitted on site at this time. If you need to visit the school office, please call first before entering to ensure adequate room, Ph: 5427 0235. Please wear a face mask when visiting the office. To support contact tracing, when your attendance is required at school, PLEASE sign in either at the office or use the QR code attached to our doors and fences, practise good hygiene and ensure physical distancing. Carry a face mask at all times and wear it while indoors (Parents residing in Sunbury or other areas included in Greater Melbourne must wear a face mask indoors and outdoors). Please wear a face mask if you cannot remain physically distant.

- Density limits are now at 1 person per 4sqm.
- School tours cannot be conducted at this time until further notice.
- School Council meetings will be conducted via WebEx.
- School assemblies permitted only for students and staff.
- School bus services across the state will continue to operate as normal. Students over 12 years of age are required to wear a face mask when using the school bus service.
- Excursions and incursions are not permitted at this time.
- Interschool sports events are postponed until further notice.
- MOST IMPORTANTLY... Please do not send unwell children to school.

Friday 4th June 2021

2021 Term Dates
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	
14th June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
15th June	Curriculum Day
25th June	End of Term 2, 2:30pm

- 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.
- Lunch orders will resume next week on Wednesday and Fridays.
- Parent helpers are not permitted during Kitchen Garden sessions at this time.

Please be aware that the Department of Education have been working on the front fence (our main drop off and pick up gate) and currently there are workmen, trucks and no fence. For safety please use an alternative gate. They are making our fence fire-safe compliant including the moving of our notice board to a safer distance from the main building.

QR Code

If you haven't already, you are encouraged to download the Service Victoria app onto your phone to enable check in via QR code. You can also check in by opening a smart phone camera app, scan the QR code and complete the details required.

2022 Enrolments

Families who have a sibling of a currently enrolled student due to commence school in 2022 are encouraged to complete enrolment paperwork now. This assists us with planning for 2022. Enrolment forms can be obtained from the school office (please contact the office) or they can be downloaded from the NPS website.

Thankyou

Have you noticed the new 'Enrol Now' sign at the entry to the school? Thank you to $\underline{\sf TCC}$ Real Estate for sponsoring and organising the sign.

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Community Notices

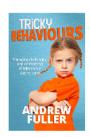




Parent/Carer Evening

Come and have a fun session with well-known Clinical Psychologist Andrew Fuller. Andrew's talks are always entertaining and informative. Andrew's work aims to have people create futures they can fall in love with!

Andrew Fuller is a clinical psychologist, family therapist, author, speaker and



Andrew has worked with over 3,500 schools in Australia, NZ, Asia and the UK and with more than 500,000 young people on core elements of resilience - connect, protect and respect (CPR) and building The Resilient Mindset, which he defined as "the happy knack of being able to Bungy jump through the pitfalls of life to rise above adversity and obstacles". Having worked with people who were at their last hopes, Andrew has always been inspired to help people create futures they can fall in love with

Andrew Fuller is an Honorary Fellow at the University of Melbourne and has been a scientific consultant for the ABC and a regular presenter on Radio National. He has established programs for neuroscience and education, promoting mental health in schools, substance abuse prevention, reducing violence and bullying, suicide prevention programs, and assisting homeless young people.

When: Monday 9nd August 2021 Where: Campbells Creek Community Centre 45 Elizabeth St. Time: 6 pm − 9 pm with light refreshments, tea & coffee provided

> Please register to Jacqui Carter @ <u>Jacqueline.carter@scchc.org.au</u> or call 0428 480 587

We will have a limit on numbers due to COVID restrictions, so get in early!

I am looking forward to learning with you.

To maximise your learning from the session, please complete the learning strengths analysis at www.mylearningstrengths.com for yourself before coming. Have the letter or full report with you (refer to- not to share!) during the session.



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

