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## Newsletter 13

### From the Principal's Desk

Hello Everyone,

This is our last newsletter for the Term and what a term it has been! Who would have thought when we all arrived for our first day of school this year that we would learn how to teach and learn remotely, that hand sanitising would become part of the classroom fabric and that keeping 1.5 metres apart would be so important. So a huge thank you to everyone, to families for giving the home learning your best, to students for logging in each day and adapting so brilliantly to an online system and finally to our dedicated staff who reached new heights in commitment to providing the best system possible within the constraints of our internet. Now is the moment for everyone to take the time to recharge their batteries and we will see you all in term 3.

This mid-winter break will hopefully help the oval and forest recover. The amount of water is great for our waterways but not so good for muddy feet. It has certainly been worthwhile having the children bring gum boots. Next term please continue to bring outdoor boots and shoes suitable for wet weather.

After the big earth works there is now the remains of a tree stump sitting in the carpark. A few folk who needed some firewood came and had a go at carving off some bits, if there is anyone who needs fire wood or who can get rid of what is left of the stump for us it would be greatly appreciated.

Tom the gardener has finished the new seating area which is between the Budleias and will be surrounded in butterflies come spring. He had a number of helpers/supervisors ensuring he did the job right. The children have been sitting there and the Rosellas are enjoying an extra perch while they eat the fallen crab apples.



DET have informed us that the school is now able to welcome our guitar and keyboard classes back on site as long as they are able to fulfil our hygiene requirements and protocols. Therefore both classes will resume at the beginning of term 3 and guitar will be changing to Fridays. Keyboard will remain on a Thursday.



Community members who have paid a membership to the Multi-purpose court will also be allowed up to the court only. Membership holders will be informed of the hygiene requirements for court use. The rest of the school remains out of bounds after hours.

The school would very much like community help. Over the last weekend someone was on the school property and left our sports shed with its doors bent up. This was done so that they could access our equipment. If you see anyone over the

school holidays hanging around the school could you please let the local police know, so that they can drive by on occasion and check it out.

## Thursday 26th June 2020

### Student Term Dates for 2020

Term 2: 14 April-26 June

Term 3: 13 July-18 September

Term 4: 5 October-18 December

### Diary Dates

#### PLEASE NOTE NEWLY ADDED EVENTS ARE BOLD

26th June	End of Term 2, 2:30pm
13th July	Start of Term 3

This week someone was pulled over for speeding just in front of the school. Unfortunately for them it was lunchtime and it was a highlight for the children in the yard. Even more so when the constable turned their car around and came over to the increasing crowd of students. She got out and chatted to everyone and turned on the lights and sirens briefly, which was a big hit!

Just a reminder that for the time being there will still not be any lunch orders for Term 3. The kitchen part of kitchen garden is also affected and we are brainstorming ways in which we can deliver some sort of kitchen experience and comply with the increased hygiene controls, so we can't promise anything.

For the moment the current situation remains the same and there are no excursions/incursions allowed. School sports against other teams have definitely been cancelled this year, which leaves us just with internal sports activities. Although some camps have reopened, not all have and our booked camp sites remain closed. It is expected that we will not be able to run camps this year. Should there be any change to the current situation, we will let families know.

During our return to onsite schooling the wellbeing of students has been prioritised. There has certainly been a wide variety of student responses to having been in isolation at home and we have been restoring classroom and yard expectations. This week the 1/2 classes celebrated filling their classroom doors with SWPB values, having done a lot to settle back into school. They watched a movie and ate fish and chips. The Preps had a movie and took their teddies on a bear hunt!

Following DET guidelines, our student reports have gone out to families without the five point scale of achievement. Now that we are all back on site, staff have not wasted any time in assessing students and preparing for Term 3. We expect that early in Term 3 students will have set their learning goals for the semester and parents will be able to discuss these with their child and their child's teacher (most likely via Webex). An emphasis will also remain on student wellbeing during Term 3.



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## Notices/Reminders

### BYO

A reminder that all students must bring their own drink bottle to school full of water each day as the bubble taps are off limits.

Cutlery that is required to eat lunch or snacks such as yoghurt must be brought from home as well. The school will not be supplying cutlery for student use.

### Prep 2021 Enrolments

We are currently accepting enrolments for Prep 2021. If you have a sibling of a currently enrolled child due to start school next year, an enrolment form can be accessed from the school website <https://www.newhamps.vic.edu.au/>, completed and submitted via email to the school email [newham.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:newham.ps@education.vic.gov.au). Please make sure their birth certificate and immunisation history are included. Ideally we like to have enrolment forms in by July so that planning can commence for the following year. If you know of any families that have a child starting school next year please let them know that we are accepting enquiries. Enrolment and enrolment expression of interest forms are available on the school website. We are unable to provide on-site school tours at the moment but can take enquiries and let prospective families know when we are able to do so. Check out our virtual tour on the school website or facebook page.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Morgan, Sean and Jack on the birth of their baby girl, Billy.

## Junior Unit

### 1/2 Fish n Chip Picnic

Yesterday the 1/2's celebrated the end of term with a class party. Students were able to make their own hot chocolates with marshmallows. They enjoyed a movie whilst sipping on their hot chocolates. During intermission their Fish n Chips arrived enabling them to nibble on their lunch as they watched the end of the movie. All students enjoyed a relaxed style party to celebrate a huge term of remote learning and in class learning. I think all students are looking forward to a well earned break.

Mrs Hammond



## Junior Unit

Prep enjoyed a class movie, picnic and bear hunt yesterday to celebrate the end of term.



# PROTECT

Protecting children & young people  
from abuse is our responsibility





## Kitchen Garden



Happy Birthday to the following people who have celebrated a birthday recently or will be soon:

*Iris, Lewis, Luke, Tora, Aloysius, Petra, Hugh, Emmett, Lachlan, Toby J, Freya, Edison*



**Enrol for Prep 2021**

# **Newham Primary School Enrolments for 2021 Open**

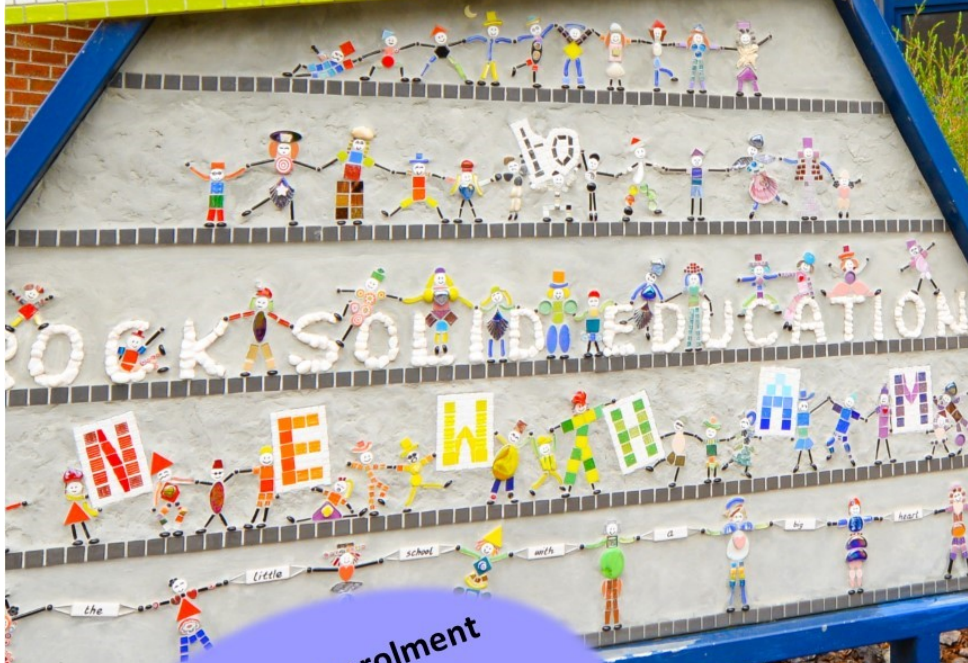


At present we are not able to provide on-site school tours due to COVID-19, however our profile, facilities and a virtual tour can be found on our website:

<https://www.newhamps.vic.edu.au/>

For further information contact the Principal,  
Simone Wood, Ph: 5427 0235

**welcome**



Enrolment or enrolment  
expression of interest  
forms are available on our  
website or contact us for  
an enrolment pack

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# UNDER 10s BASKETBALL

## TERM 3 - BOYS & GIRLS COMP

**From 4.30pm Wednesdays at Buffalo Stadium**

**Shout out for 7-9 year olds, boys and girls  
Woodend-based basketball competition  
Modified rules so beginners welcome**

**Great team sport - Low cost - Community-run - Development pathways**

**Contact: [domestic@mrba.net.au](mailto:domestic@mrba.net.au)**

Macedon Ranges Basketball Association [www.mrba.net.au](http://www.mrba.net.au)



Find us on Facebook - Macedon Ranges Basketball Association



BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

# SCHOOL'S OUT!

**[www.schoolsout.net.au](http://www.schoolsout.net.au)  
Phone: 0448 667 747**



Our Outside of School Hours Care program compliments the formal school curriculum and provides children with opportunities to further develop socially, emotionally and cognitively. School classrooms are very structured and curriculum based, whereas at OSHC the learning is developed around children's interests and incorporated through play experiences. In OSHC, children have the opportunity to socially engage with children in different year levels which provides them with opportunities to form friendships with children not in their immediate group of peers. Play and leisure is very important to children as it enables them to develop creativity and problem solving skills whilst being guided by our experienced and dedicated team members.

For some children, OSHC can be the only chance they have to engage in cooking experiences, learn about gardening, participate in team games and allows them to interact with other children outside of a classroom setting and in a play-based environment.

In addition, the OSHC program assists children in developing a strong sense of identity, provides each child with a sense of belonging and enables them to discover who they are as individuals in the world. All our programs are guided by the My Time Our Place framework, the programs we develop are child focused, child initiated and connected to both the school and the children's world beyond.

## Community Notices



### DIGITAL CONNECTION PROJECT FOR SENIORS

Are you 65 years or older and living in the Macedon Ranges Shire? Would you like some help with learning to use a digital device (a computer, smartphone or tablet) and how to access the internet?



The internet is a great way to stay socially connected, particularly during this period of COVID-19 and social distancing. With more and more services moving online, it is important to know how to use the internet with confidence.

We can show you how to:

- talk to and see family and friends online
- keep up to date with the news and what's happening around the world
- find new friends and local groups who share your interests and hobbies
- connect with old friends
- do your banking and shopping safely and securely online
- book medical and other appointments online

If you have a digital device but need some help learning how to use it, we can link you with a volunteer who can help. If you do not have access to a device and are not able to buy one, we may be able to source one for you.

Call Macedon Ranges Shire Council on (03) 5422 0237 for further information and to register your interest.



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Libraries



## Sacred Heart College

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### Join a Virtual Conversation with our Principal, Students & Staff

Interested in learning more about life at Sacred Heart College and the learning pathways on offer? Our Principal, Dr Darren Egberts, invites prospective parents and students to participate in one of our Virtual Conversations via Zoom.

**When: 15 & 29 July - commencing at 9:30am**  
**12 August - commencing at 9:30am**

**How:** Register using the online booking form on the Tours page of the College website. A Zoom link will be sent by email.

**Enrolments close for Year 7 2022  
(current Grade 5 students) in Term 3.**

Contact our College Registrar for bookings or enrolment information: E: [dlawrence@shckyneton.catholic.edu.au](mailto:dlawrence@shckyneton.catholic.edu.au)  
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## Community Notices



**Wild & Woolly WINTER**

More information and activity sheets at [www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/holidayprogram](http://www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au/holidayprogram)

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### Shadow puppet workshops is kids' play

Want to try your hand at making and telling a story with shadow puppets?

Kyneton Town Hall's school holiday program *KTH Kids* has gone online and is offering a shadow puppet workshop with local artists.

Children can join this free workshop at any time during the school holiday period through short instructional videos.

The videos will engage children from ages four to 14 years, in the art of shadow puppet making, including construction methods, performance and storytelling. And, once constructed, you can bring your shadow puppets to life in your very own shadow puppet show.

Parents are encouraged to make this a family project and share with others by uploading their puppet show and telling their personal stories online. These stories will help create a collective body of work exploring family stories through shadow play.

The group facilitators are local artists, Steve Scott and Sue Blakey, who have been performing nationally and internationally for more than 30 years.

They are experts in children's entertainment including puppetry, performance, roving entertainment and all things that engage children in fun and educational activities.

For details on how to participate in the workshop, to share your shadow puppet performance, or to tell your story online, visit [mrs.c.vic.gov.au/arts-workshops](http://mrs.c.vic.gov.au/arts-workshops)

\* With images: Shadow puppet workshop1/shadow puppet kids2

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## Drama Classes

Intermediate Drama Classes for 6-12 year olds held in Woodend and Kyneton. For more information go to the website below.

<http://storyboarddrama.com/classes>



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### Cool Changes program goes online

In the absence of face-to-face community workshops, Council's local climate action plan is taking a new online format.

In a survey conducted earlier this year, 80 per cent of respondents indicated support for, or commitment to, developing a community climate action plan using a mix of online platforms.

Council will be working with consultants Hip V Hype to conduct Cool Changes Woodend during the next few months, for the area covered by postcode 3442.

Cool Changes 3442 will demonstrate how communities across the state can plan for climate action in the absence of community workshops.

A project hub has been established as an interactive online ideas and discussion platform that will serve as the central point for content to be included in the plan.

The site stores information and resources relevant to the project, and allows people to submit their ideas for local action on climate change and to exchange commentary.

As part of the project design, there will also be 'live' conversations hosted by project participants, to help gather further content to include the action plan.

To find out how you can become involved in the project, or to request access to the project hub, please contact Silvana on 5421 9659 or email [spredebon@mrs.c.vic.gov.au](mailto:spredebon@mrs.c.vic.gov.au)

Council is excited about undertaking this new form of community planning, and appreciates additional support from Sustainability Victoria as part of the state-wide Zero Carbon Communities Transition Program.

For more information, visit [mrs.c.vic.gov.au/climate-change](http://mrs.c.vic.gov.au/climate-change)

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