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Newsletter 20

From the Principal's Desk

Hello Everyone,

It's good to be back! All the staff and students certainly think so, and I would think that parents do too! On the first day of school, sport equipment use for playtimes came second to students catching up, talking and playing together. There was lots of chasey and group games. It has been lovely to see.

Having been home for a while some students may experience separation anxiety from you in particular, demonstrate a preference to continue to be at home and be out of practice in maintaining social connections. In all of these instances it is important to help equip them with the strategies to stretch their social and emotional skills and build their resilience. We can't stop them from experiencing the ups and downs COVID has brought to their life but we can provide a tool kit. Here at school we support DET's commitment to student health and wellbeing as a priority. Our school wide positive behaviours emphasis on our values coupled with easing students back into a school routine will scaffold our approach. One of the most supportive things you can do is to demonstrate your faith in their resilience and their ability to sort through their social questions and harness their emotional responses. The DET website <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/Pages/default.aspx> has some useful information to support parents. The next couple of weeks will be a settling back into routine phase. Please contact your child's teacher should you have any concerns.

Thank you to families returning computers and dongles, keep them coming. We are still missing some cords, if you are yet to return yours, please could you take an extra look at home. Our technician will begin to recalibrate our computers today and Monday.

A huge thankyou to parents who responded to our remote learning surveys. Your input will help determine the most successful aspects of remote learning. The junior team results can be seen further on in this newsletter.

As I mentioned at the end of last term, there have been a few updates from DET on the latest rules and regulations for schools and COVID-19. On Monday we received new information for the term, which requires some rethought as to what we can do.

Next week we were due to have our school photos taken, however DET have determined that school photos cannot go ahead at this stage (this message has also gone home via uEducatUs). We have rescheduled our photo day to Friday 27th November in the hope that we are able to go ahead with this.

Staff will also be thinking up new ways of delivering dance and drama classes. These now have to be done outside and therefore are now weather dependant. The use of woodwind instruments during music has been curtailed and singing together such as choir is not an option.

PROTECT
Protecting children & young people
from abuse is our responsibility



Friday 9th October 2020

Student Term Dates for 2020
Term 4: 5 October-18 December

Diary Dates

PLEASE NOTE NEWLY ADDED EVENTS ARE BOLD

Thursday 22nd October	Sports Dress Up Day
Friday 23rd October	AFL Grand Final Public Holiday
Monday 2nd November	Curriculum Day
Tuesday 3rd November	Melbourne Cup Day
Friday 13th November	Whole School Virtual Camp
Wednesday 18th November	School House Sports
Friday 27th November	School Photo Day

There will not be any lunch orders this term and it will continue to be important that students do not share food.

Although the Education Minister announced that school camps can reopen, Newham Primary school does not have a term 4 camp booking and we are unable at the moment to have a school sleepover, therefore we will be running a **virtual camp fun night on Friday 13th November**, please watch for further information to follow. Participation will be voluntary.

Weather permitting our **House Sports will be on Wednesday 18th November** as remote learning #2 stopped us last term. Please watch for more information to follow, closer to the date.

We will be able to hold some kindergarten transition times. Groups will be very small and each child can be accompanied by one adult and only able to visit the Prep room. We are aiming to hold these transitions further into the term, again hoping that restrictions will ease before then. Currently DET has not changed their stance on there not being any year 6 to 7 transitions, (some of the local secondary schools are making virtual tours and transitions). Please contact your secondary school if they haven't contacted you.

Graduation for the year sixes is a celebration that has been hit hard by COVID. Without further concessions being made by DET we won't be able to hold a graduation ceremony as we have traditionally. Staff are currently working on a special graduation day for the year sixes that will be able to expand into a fully-fledged ceremony at short notice should the restrictions relax. Please keep a look out for further information especially from the class teachers.

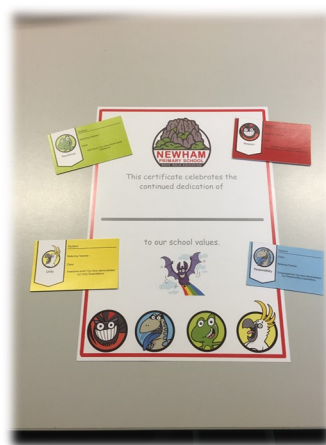
Child safe- Newham Primary school is committed to child safety. We want children to be safe, happy and empowered.

Excellence: Resilience / Unity / Responsibility / Respect

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It is vitally important that schools are able to maintain the quality of hygiene and cleaning protocols which can only be done with parent support. Maintaining social distancing in the car park, wearing masks, encouraging hand hygiene and sticking to the recommended numbers of visitors will all help Regional Victoria to fast track out of Step 3. For Newham Primary School Community this also means that perhaps we can avoid a COVID closure because of a positive case and the deep clean that follows. Only then will DET restrictions be relaxed allowing us to finish the school year with activities celebrating our year sixes and the end of an unusual year. Should families require general information about the steps Victoria is going through, the new single destination website for coronavirus (COVID-19) information is www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au. Information specifically developed for schools will continue via DET operation manuals and updates.

As soon as new information comes to hand and we are allowed to relax some of the restrictions we are currently under, we will let everyone know. In the meantime we will continue to invent new ways of doing old things, COVID style!



Over the break Staff invested time into our School Wide Positive Behaviours project and in this newsletter you will see just a small part of the result. Certificates and recognition cards were ordered and arrived. All classes will be trialling their use and the 1/2 classes will be trialling special card folders to see how best to collect and collate them. The SWWAGGers group will collect information from students on rewards and celebrations while the student school leaders will develop a suitable virtual assembly moment highlighting the recognition of students. Thank you to Jacqueline Lee, Sue Hiland and a huge thank you to Kerry Hammond who has been the SWPB driving force!

5 cent frenzy - In our COVID world many people have been making cashless transactions and therefore may not have the coins sitting around that they did last year. In the hope that some families have been fortunate enough to have some 5 cent pieces come their way, we are asking for any collections to be brought to school **next week only, until Friday**. This year we won't be making the collection a contest between the classes. We will simply fundraise and should we get enough 5 cents, then we will go ahead with a maths event (the frenzy). We will let families know how much we raise and the money will go towards our sand pit equipment project.

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SWWAGGers have met and want to continue their fundraising for the sand pit equipment by holding a SPORTS dress up day. Come dressed in your sports gear/or **favourite footy team gear**! This will be a **gold coin donation on Thursday 22nd October** (the day before the Grand final Public holiday).

Sadly Carol Tillyer has informed me that she will be embarking on other work ventures next year, making it impossible for her to continue to run our kitchen garden program. Included in this newsletter is a letter from Carol. Kitchen garden has truly been impacted by COVID this year and it is currently unclear how that impact will continue in 2021. This means that the program will need to be reconfigured for a COVID normal which will be done as more DET information is made available about such programs. Thank you Carol for all your hard work. The students have really enjoyed their kitchen garden time thanks to your knowledge and patience. Good Luck with your new venture.

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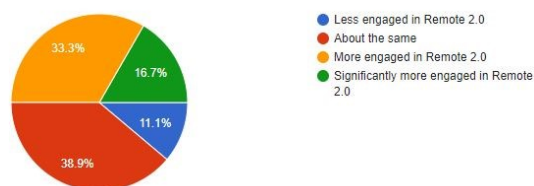
Every year there are a number of DET surveys each school completes. Staff, students in years 4-6 and parents are all surveyed, usually around late August- early September. Due to COVID, DET postponed the survey season and they will be taking place in this term. With a nod to COVID, some of the questions will be asking respondents about its impact on teaching and learning. Because the survey this year asks students to think about their remote learning at home, DET have decided to ask for parental permission for students to participate. A uEduateUs message went home to the families of students in 4-6 with an 'opt out' request should they prefer not to take part. This year it is important to capture as much information as possible about our COVID climate for learning. The DET surveys coupled with our own 'in school' surveys will help strengthen the overall picture, moving forward for 2021.

Remote Learning 2.0

Thank you to families who took the time to complete Junior or Senior Unit surveys at the end of Remote 2.0. The feedback we receive is really important to us and it was feedback from our first round of remote learning, back in Term 2, that helped us shape the format for Remote 2.0. In the Junior Unit this led to a significant 50% increase in engagement.

Q8/ How does this compare with their engagement during Remote 1?

18 responses



We would like to thank parents and carers for the support you have provided to your child(ren) during this challenging time. As Principal, I would like to thank the staff for their hard work and dedication. We will be analysing the surveys on Monday in our staff meeting. Your feedback helps us to fine tune the education for your children and we value the time you have taken in responding.

Here are some comments from the surveys...

Tell us something that your child has done during Remote 2.0 that has impressed you:

Nessy and active learn were great and have helped with reading A LOT!

Her construction of the stories in the writing tasks improved immensely, and she was much better at 2.0 as she adapted to the format much better.

He never wants to start writing, but everyday we just chipped away - with your support and I loved his story and the pride he showed in putting it all together!

Maths- counting money! Well maths in general, I was quite impressed with how easily she gets it.

List 3 areas/skills of growth you have noticed in relation to your child's learning (from the end of Remote 1 until the end of Remote 2.0).

His excitement when he completes a task by himself.

Improvement in tech skills and independent learning.

Independence, focus and resilience.

Guitar and Keyboard.

Maths, have a go attitude, engagement.

Notices/Reminders

Bus Travel

Some reminders for families of bus travellers:

- Please contact the office preferably by phone 5427 0235 if there are changes to bus travel arrangements on particular days. If emailing please use the school email address newham.ps@education.vic.gov.au.
- Please advise the office if there are changes to days of travel for your child/ren for this term or change of contact details/ address.
- All changes to travel arrangements need to be communicated to the school office. Under no circumstances are arrangements to be discussed with the bus driver/s. This is to ensure that the correct protocols are met and the safety of your child/ren.
- Students requiring the bus service on an adhoc basis must complete and submit an Application for Adhoc Travel to the school office. Application forms for bus travel can be found on the school website.

School Uniform

From next week it is important to have a school hat for outside play.

With the change in seasons it might be time to look at uniform items. If you require new uniform or a new hat (compulsory), they can be purchased directly from our supplier eduThreads. A black skort is an addition to the range which might appeal to some rather than a dress, leggings or shorts.

Uniforms now
available online!

www.eduthreads.com.au



We still have some new old stock available for purchase at discounted prices (see below). We also have new school hats available and some second hand items. Please contact the school if you wish to purchase any of these.



SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE

New Old Stock Must Go! Please contact the school office to purchase.

ALL PRICES HEAVILY REDUCED

Item	Sale Price
School back pack	\$32.00
Library/Reader bag	\$6.00
Polar fleece half zip jumper (red) – size 4 (6)	\$12.00
Polar fleece vest (red) – size 4 (5), 12 (5) & 14 (5)	\$10.00
School windcheater (red) – size 4 (2)	\$17.00
Bootleg pants (black) – size 4 (2), 6 (2), 10 (2) & 12 (2)	\$16.00
Long sleeve polo shirt (red) – size 14 (3)	\$14.00
Girls gingham summer dress (red & white) – size 8 (2) & 12 (3)	\$16.00
Cotton/poly shorts (black) – size 14 (1)	\$11.00
Double knee track pants (black) – size 12 (1)	\$16.00



Keyboard Lessons

Dear parents and children,

I am sure you are all very excited to be back at school and able to see your teachers and friends. I am certain a wonderful term lies ahead of you all.

Sadly however, I am unable to resume keyboard lessons on-site due to Department of Health regulations.

I have not been given an end date for these restrictions either which means for the foreseeable future I am only able to offer remote/ Zoom lessons.

I will be able to offer these lessons after school hours.

If your child would like to continue their keyboard lessons please contact me as soon as possible to secure a time. Places will be limited of course due to relatively small amount of after school hours.

I really wish it were different but this is the best I can do for now.

Please either email music-foundations@outlook.com or call Dianne on 0404 469 220.

Thank you,
Dianne Trickey
Music Foundations



Lost Property



Please maintain social distancing when looking through the lost property.

NPS 5 Star ResourceSmart School

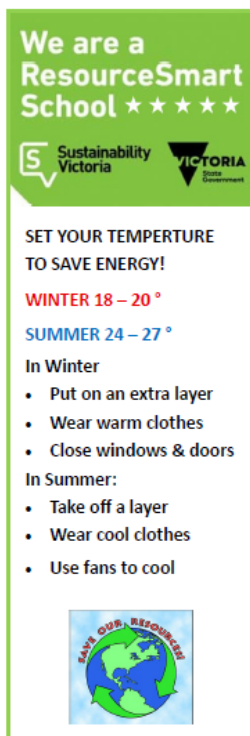
"ResourceSmart Schools is a free program offered by Sustainability Victoria that supports Victorian schools to embed sustainability across the school facilities, community and curriculum, while saving resources and money for the school." (Sustainability Victoria <https://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/schools>)

To be a 5-star ResourceSmart school, Newham Primary School had to join the program and complete five modules: core (baseline data and resources), energy, waste, water and biodiversity. In 2020, our energy module had to be renewed so the school undertook an energy audit. The audit required analysis and evaluation of lighting, heating and cooling, appliances, and our doors and windows. We also carried out a stakeholder interview reviewing our policies and procedures for energy conservation initiatives such as switching off and maintaining appliances.

Amongst other things, the energy module required the school to examine our current electricity usage against our baseline when we began the program. In 2014 each student was annually using 366.86 kWh of electricity, whereas in 2019 each students' annual electricity usage had reduced to 212.08 kWh with a total savings of \$22,341.19 since 2014. We are still trending downwards with electricity usage due to our solar panels which generate power, reducing our reliance on the grid and the cost of our electricity bills, and by practising energy conservation.

To maintain our focus on sustainable energy consumption, the school community will still make improvements, such as:

- Continue tracking our electricity usage and generation, and reporting this to the wider school community
- Implementing a switch off campaign overnight and during term breaks for appliances
- Appoint energy monitors in each classroom to switch off lights, heaters and fans when not needed
- Reminding everyone to use natural elements such as opening/closing doors for airflow/maintaining indoor temperature, and keeping windows clear to allow in natural light
- Reminding everyone to wear layers; suitable clothing for extremes in weather
- Maintaining reminder notices around the school about 'switching off' and providing information about energy conservation thermostat settings on heating/cooling devices
- Reviewing the possibility of getting funding for light sensors/automatic switch off for all lights in all areas of the school
- Setting timers on our split system controls so that heating/cooling automatically goes off after half an hour and requires re-turning on
- Setting control panels on gas heaters to a thirty-minute heating time so that heating automatically goes off after half an hour and requires re-turning on.



Kitchen Garden News

Thank you to Jamie for making and donating these beautiful garden beds to the NPS Kitchen Garden Program. They will be painted before we wick them and then plant strawberries in them during kitchen garden in term 4.



After much consideration it's with the deepest regret that I won't be able to run the Kitchen Garden program for Newham Primary School in 2021. Like many people, this year has brought change to different areas of my life, some good and some not so good. Due to these changes I've decided it is in the best interests of my family and my health if I reduce the number of responsibilities that require my attention.

Out of all the jobs I've ever worked in this has been by far the most rewarding, and the hardest to leave. I have loved working with the students, even the ones that declared from day one that they didn't eat vegetables and couldn't stand gardening. I might not have always overcome the challenges they set for me, but I certainly enjoyed trying. It was incredibly rewarding when parents told me their child ate food, previously refused at home, because of kitchen garden, or a student couldn't wait to tell me they made one of our recipes at home because they loved it so much. And then there were those who proudly told me about the giant zucchini or hundreds of carrots that they'd grown. I hope I have planted many seeds in the kitchen and garden sessions over the last 4 ½ years that they will take with them into their own kitchens and gardens. Thank you to all of the wonderful students for making kitchen garden such a wonderful place to be. You are all absolute stars!

I want to thank the many parents that have helped in the sessions and projects over the years. Many of these projects would never have gotten off the ground without your help. Volunteers in the sessions are very important too, especially in the kitchen. They truly are an integral part of the program, so thank you for helping make me look so good. Also thank you to Newham and District Landcare, Newham Garden Group, and Newham Mechanics Institute Hall Committee for the support you have always given to the program. You also helped make me look like I knew what I was doing! I hope the parents and local community groups continue to support the program in 2021 if and when the current circumstances allow it. It truly is a wonderful thing to be a part of.

This role has given me so much and taught me so much. I was an introvert who could simply just cook and garden, looking for a way to contribute to my kids' school. Always terrified of public speaking, leading KG sessions increased my self-confidence; I've learnt a lot about gardening and cooking that I didn't know as I researched activities and recipes for the sessions; skills dulled due to time off to rear children were sharpened again, and despite the extra work my children had to do behind the scenes, I know that they appreciated the time I spent actively contributing to making their school great.

A huge thank you to Simone and the staff for your support and trusting me to run the program, especially Jacqueline and Tim. You've been an absolute pleasure to work with and I look forward to our last term of garden sessions together.

Thank you.
Carol Tillyer
NPS Kitchen Garden Specialist



Newham Primary School

Zoning Information:

- 1. Students residing in the zone are guaranteed a place at our school, which is determined on the basis of your permanent residential address.**
- 2. Students are also able to apply for a place at Newham Primary School if they live outside of the zone.**

All requests from students living outside the school's zone will be considered by the Principal and entry will be subject to facility limitations.

- 3. <https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au/> hosts the most up-to-date information about Victorian school zones for 2020 onward**
- 4. For more information please visit our website <https://www.newhamps.vic.edu.au> or contact us on (03) 5427 0235**

Community Notices

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



**MACEDON
RANGES**
GIFT SHOP

Supporting local families at Christmas

Register for 2020's Christmas Gift Shop

This year we are working
with local businesses
to provide families with
gift cards to shop locally

We require all families seeking support to register
by emailing christmas@cobaw.org.au
by 11 November 5pm
Gift Shop Cards issued 25 November

email: christmas@cobaw.org.au to register
or call 5421 1666 for more information



Art Smart Online

FANTASTIC ONLINE ART CLASSES

Brilliant artists and instructors take the classes in real-time on Zoom.

- Easy to organise - we make it simple for you.
- The kids will produce amazing art!
- The classes are so much fun we had to start a parents' class - Art Play for Adults.
- Why should kids have all the fun??
- All age groups covered!
- To see the activities planned for the classes click [visit our website](http://www.artsmartforkids.com.au).
- www.artsmartforkids.com.au There are some amazing art ideas planned!

FIRST CLASS FREE!

Just \$12.50 a class (exc GST)

The full price varies depending on the number of classes in the term.

**LIMITED PLACES
BOOK NOW!**

To book go to
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(don't forget the 'au' at the end)



Macedon Ranges Gift Shop Registration Form

Welcome to the 2020 Macedon Ranges Gift Shop.

IMPORTANT: Because of the new format of this year's event **ALL** those wishing to attend the Gift Shop must register regardless of previous attendance and be a resident of the Macedon Ranges.

To register for this year's Macedon Ranges Gift Shop, please complete the following details and return via email to christmas@cobaw.org.au before - Wednesday 11th November 2020

First Name	
Last Name	
Phone Number	
Email	
Address	
Town & Postcode	
Number of Children	

- It is a condition of collection that you present on the day Photo ID and Medicare card/Health Care Card as proof of being the primary carer of children registered
- The children you are registering must be visible on your Medicare or Health Care Card

