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Newsletter 6

From the Principal's Desk

Hello Everyone,

Welcome back!

I hope that everyone was able to have a lovely Easter break. Perhaps you were able to get away for the extra-long weekend? Now that we are all back on deck here at school it is going to be a busy term! We have had to start the term without Kath and Sue. Families from their classes will have received a uEducateUs message informing them of the change. We wish both Kath and Sue a speedy recovery and look forward to their return.

Naplan

Naplan is this term for years 3 and 5. If there are any parents who wish to discuss their child sitting or not sitting Naplan could you please make a time to talk to your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible.

School Photos

School photos are this term. I know it feels like we just had photos (well it wasn't that long ago) but on May 20th we will be putting on our best smiles, uniforms and hairstyles for 2021.

Education week

Toward the end of May is Education week. Interschool winter sports is during that time but please watch out for more information from classes as we get closer to that week.

Curriculum Day 15 June

We have organised a curriculum day for Tuesday 15th June. Some families may like to take advantage of the day being attached to the Queen's birthday long weekend? On this day staff will be exploring curriculum and assessment in time for report writing later in the term.

District Cross Country

Hanging Rock Cross Country- congratulations to all our students for giving this event their very best and for the huge amount of resilience shown as the skies opened and the rain bucketed down during the last sessions. Good luck to our students Harvey and Sadie, heading off to the Bendigo Regional event.

Sustainability

I would like to thank Ms Fullard for her efforts with our Resource smart and sustainability efforts. Newham has not only achieved and maintained our 5 star Resource smart rating, we have now been awarded a Resource smart grant of \$1000 which will go towards the sustainability projects being undertaken by the 5/6 class.

Bus Travel

Please remember to inform the school of changes to bus travel arrangements for your children as soon as possible before the expected travel.

Thursday 29th April 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

30th April	Assembly, 3:00pm
5th May	Region Cross Country
10th May	School Tour, 9:30am
14th May	Dress Up Day, gold coin donation
20th May	School Photo Day
26th May	School Tour, 9:30am
10th June	School Tour, 9:30am
14th June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
15th June	Curriculum Day

ANZAC DAY

Thank you to our school leaders who represented the school at the wreath laying on Sunday at the Woodend RSL ANZAC service. We received a lovely message from John McCausland;

May I thank you for the participation of your children and students in yesterday's Anzac Day service at Woodend. The involvement of your schools is always very much appreciated and they add an important community dimension to the day's proceedings.

We also appreciated that some of your children made the effort to construct their own wreaths.

Thank you for assisting, despite it being a Sunday and the recent intervention of school holidays.

Best wishes,

John McCausland

Woodend RSL

An extra well done for the confidence all our leaders demonstrated in leading the school commemoration on Monday. Also a huge thank you to all the families who purchased a badge in support of the Woodend RSL's Anzac appeal. That was such a fantastic response!

Jumping the fence

A reminder for students and parents that entry and exit to and from the school is to be via a gate. Jumping the fence is not an acceptable means.

PROTECT
Protecting children & young people
from abuse is our responsibility



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

From the Principal's Desk

SWWAAGers

Wow! Dolly's Dream Final tally \$123. Even after the tally we read out at the Colour run, there was money still to come, so thank you for your efforts SWWAAGers team, you are kicking goals!

Sandpit Pipes & Colours

The sandpit pipes are together and at the last SWWAAGers meeting the colours were chosen! We will keep you in suspense until the next newsletter but the pipes have been painted and the paint is curing. Installation will be next!



At the last swaggers meeting, the team decided on a general dress up day to raise money for another charity. So the next fundraising day will be on Friday May 14th. The theme is come dressed in your favourite dress ups.

Animals

Superheroes

Sports stars

National costumes

Myths/legends/fantasy

Stay dressed up for the day or change back before lunch. Dress up a little or dress up a lot. The choice is yours! A gold coin donation for dressing up will be split between the 'Kid's Cancer Project' and 'Edgar's Mission' in Lancefield.

After this the team want to look at supporting wildlife, perhaps through sponsorship or raising money for a school project. Keep up the great work SWWAAGers.

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.

Please remind your children that even though they may feel old enough to cross the carpark during afternoon pick up by themselves, waiting for an adult escort to cross is safer and the preferred method.

Assembly

Assembly is on tomorrow commencing at 3:00pm. Please sign in upon arrival.

Sustainability

Newham Primary School has lots of things happening in regard to sustainability!

Student Sustainability Team

Our student sustainability have some exciting initiatives for the students in the pipeline. They are planning days to reduce waste in lunches and rubbish going to landfill. They will also be attending several conferences this year and hosting teachers from other schools in a 'walk and talk' which you will hear about in our next newsletter.

Waste

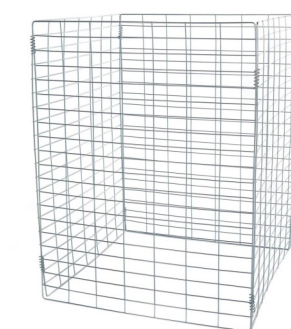
We have been fortunate to receive grant money from *Kids Teaching Kids* and *ResourceSmart*. Some of these funds are going to go towards purchasing user friendly stackable waste bins to support our students to sort their waste so that it can be recycled or go to compost.

The funds will also be spent on purchasing a new compost bin; an Aerobin which is designed to create compost quickly, is rodent proof and will take all kinds of food scraps. We will also buy several wire compost crates so the students can make hot compost from leaves, grass clippings, other garden waste and 'brown' materials such as shredded paper.

Through these purchases, Newham Primary School should be able to significantly reduce our waste going to landfill.

Biodiversity

We have such an exciting project on the drawing board and have applied for a Junior Landcare grant. Watch this space!



Notices/Reminders

Lunch Orders

Lunch orders are available from the Newham General Store on Wednesday and Fridays. Orders can be placed through the school or the store. When placing orders through the school please ensure the correct money is provided in the lunch order bag. Change will be provided by the store via the lunch order bag if required.

Sustainable and reusable lunch order bags are available for purchase through Sticky Beaks. Money is placed in a separate pouch of the bag to the food. www.stickybeaks.com.au.

NEWHAM GENERAL STORE

Phone: (03) 5427 0766

NEWHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

Lunch Order Menu 2021

Sandwiches & Toasties

Salad - \$3.50
Salad & Meat (Chicken, Ham) - \$4.00
Vegemite & Cheese - \$3.50
Peanut Butter - \$3.00
Strawberry Jam - \$3.00
Cheese - \$3.00
Tomato & Cheese - \$3.50
Ham & Cheese - \$4.00
Ham, Salad, Cheese - \$5.50
Coronation Chicken - \$5.50
Egg & Lettuce - \$5.50

(If Gluten free bread then extra \$1.80)

Hot Foods

Pie (Four'n'Twenty) - \$4.00
Boscattle Pies (Aussie Beef, Vegetable Korma) - \$6.00
Spinach Roll - \$6.00
Pizza Single - \$3.50
Sausage Rolls - \$3.50
McCain Hash Brown - \$3.00

Fresh Fruit

Apple - \$1.00
Banana - \$1.00

Icy Poles

Zooper Dooper - \$1.00
Fruit Juice Icy Tubes - \$2.00

Drinks

Mt Franklin 500ml - \$3.00
Cool Ridge 500ml - \$3.00
Pop Tops 250ml (Apple, Orange, Blackcurrant and Tropical) - \$2.00
Just Juice 250ml (Apple, Orange, Blackcurrant) - \$2.00
Big M 250ml (Chocolate, Strawberry) - \$2.50
Up & Go 250ml (Vanilla, Banana, Strawberry) - \$2.50
Lipton Tea (Peach, Lemon) - \$4.00

Snacks

Mini Muffins - \$1.50
Cinnamon Donuts - \$2.00
Mini Jam Donuts - \$2.00
Macadamia Cookies - \$2.00
Salted Caramel Cookies - \$2.00
Brownie - \$2.00

Orders are available WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS and MUST be in at the Newham General Store by 10am. Ordering can be done through school or in person at the general store. Please ensure each bag is CLEARLY marked with the student name, grade, products and price.

eSafety Webinar

Register for the free webinar, eSafety's guide to parental controls, for parents and carers from the eSafety Commissioner.

The webinar will look at how parents and carers can set up devices and apps to help kids and young people stay safe online.

It will cover:

- the benefits and limitations of parental controls
- how to set up iOS and Android devices for safety
- how to set up popular games and apps like YouTube and Roblox for safety
- using family tech agreements and other parenting strategies to manage online risks
- how eSafety can help when things go wrong.

This webinar will include practical tips, demonstrations and advice.

To register, visit this link: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars>



Junior Reading

Junior classes will notice that we have made further changes to our take home reading materials. This is part of our ongoing planned developments in evidence-based reading instruction. We would like to express a big thank you to **Corinna, Karlie, Kim, Leighan, Raeleigh and Rebecca** who took books home over the holidays to get them relabelled or contacted ready for borrowing this term. We really appreciate the time you have given.

WHAT'S NEW?

We have retired the majority of older readers and are currently exploring donating these to a school in Fiji through New Gisborne Primary School. The books your child brings home are decodable books aligned to our synthetic phonics program, Letters & Sounds. We will continue to invest in these books, focussing initially on 'levels' where there is shown to be greatest demand. Once your child has mastered both the initial and extended phonics (sound) code they will use transitional texts before having (supported) free choice from the library. The emphasis will remain on accuracy and fluency leading to comprehension.



Headlice

There are cases of head lice within the school. It is strongly recommended that ALL children be thoroughly examined by their parents. If head lice or eggs are found the appropriate treatment must be commenced before the child returns to school. Information on how to check for and treat head lice can be found at <https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/infectious-diseases/disease-information-advice/head-lice>.

Children must be excluded from school until the day after appropriate treatment has commenced.





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Victorian Chief Health Officer message

Victorian Chief Health Officer message to Victorian schools and their communities



I would like to take this opportunity to thank students, staff, teachers, parents and carers for ensuring a safe and successful start to the 2021 school year and to thank you

for your cooperation during the short period of remote learning in February during the circuit breaker restrictions.

As Term 2 commences, schools continue to be able to operate with a largely normal program of activity, enabling important on-site activities to return, such as school open days and working bees, with appropriate health and safety measures in place.

Throughout the pandemic, Victorian schools have rapidly and successfully adapted to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission, embedding COVIDSafe principles by reinforcing good behaviours, creating safe spaces, adapting activities, and responding quickly to COVID-19 risk.

While we have seen outbreaks emerge in Victoria, we have also witnessed our capacity to respond quickly to limit the impact of these outbreaks.

Given the current very low risk of COVID-19 transmission in the community, continued high rates of testing and wastewater monitoring, and continued observance of health and safety measures in schools; those with medical vulnerabilities or their carers can feel reassured to continue to safely work and learn on school sites, and enjoy the benefits of doing so.

It is crucial, however, for everyone to remain vigilant by staying home when unwell, performing regular hand hygiene, wearing a mask when required and maintaining physical distancing from others when practical.

Should cases of COVID-19 increase again in the community, I am confident that with COVIDSafe plans in place, alongside our ability to quickly identify and respond to cases, schools remain safe places for all staff and students. I also continue to be reassured by evidence that children are less impacted by the virus and are less likely to develop severe illness.

The school community continues to have an important role to promote COVID-19 testing when a student or staff member has any symptoms, no matter how mild, and ensuring they remain home until they are well. Getting tested and staying home until results are known is critical to limiting community transmission.

Adj. Clinical Prof. Brett Sutton
Victorian Chief Health Officer



Kitchen Garden Program

Last week 5-6 had their first Kitchen session of the term. We made vinaigrette, salad with croutons and potato fritters (with potatoes from the garden!) We all got a lot better at washing as we go. The unity shown by many members of the class was excellent!



Kitchen Garden Cooking Session 21st April



ANZAC Day



District Cross Country at Hanging Rock

What a fantastic day we had at cross country and how amazing the students were, representing our school and showing resilience with the cold change that brought hail and rain. Congratulations to Harvey and Sadie who made it through to division cross country, and Leo and Quinn who placed within the first ten for their age groups but were not selected for district due to nine and ten year olds combined for division selection, with others beating their times. Overall, our students did really well, and most importantly, had a go.

It was great to see so many families coming to support their child/dren, with parents Kim and Jacqui volunteering to help marshal the tired runners. We were nearly completely washed out by the weather, apart from Catherine's trusty picnic blanket that saved our bags from the rain due to Martine's quick thinking and work. Thanks to Simone Wood for coming to support the students.



District Cross Country at Hanging Rock



School Photo Day



say cheese!

School Photo Day is fast approaching.
Have your child's school memories captured forever
on **Thursday 20th May 2021**

Your photo order envelopes will arrive shortly. Please start planning your purchases and payment options.

Remember these helpful points:

- Read all relevant instructions for your preferred payment method.
All payments are due by photo day.
- You may pay **online** using your credit card. Each child will have an individual 'shootkey' listed on their envelope. This will help identify your child's order.
- You may pay by cash using the individual envelope provided.
Please enclose correct money as no change will be given.
- *Sibling photo envelopes are available at the school office upon request. **THESE PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN DURING SCHOOL, ON PHOTO DAY, USUALLY AT RECESS***
 - Please instruct siblings to attend the photo studio during this time. Photographers are unable to search for students who do not attend.
- Do not seal envelopes inside each other. You may include payment for all children in one envelope, however, please indicate on this envelope the names of all the children you are paying for.
- All students should wear their **correct school uniform.**

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact

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Community Notices

Lighten Your Carbon Footprint Project

Free community art workshops-all welcome!



Join local artist Jo Mott to help make 100 'how to lighten your carbon footprint' artworks for across the shire.

WORKSHOPS

Sat, May 1st Kyneton Mechanics Institute 1-3pm
Sat, May 8th Gisborne Mechanics Institute 1-3pm

This project is brought to you through the Covid Creative Cultural Support Program



To book your free place online and for more information go to:
Eventbrite Lighten Your Carbon Footprint KYNETON or
Eventbrite Lighten Your Carbon Footprint GISBORNE



Come along and join us on the field and court at Trentham District Football Netball Club 25 falls Road Trentham. Need more info email trenthamsaints@gmail.com and on our website <http://www.trenthamsaintsfnc.com>

Register for Auskick: <https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/bbb5b4>

Program commencing Thursday
22 April 2021 4:30pm-5:30pm



Register for NetSetGo: <https://netball.resultsvault.com/common/pages/reg/welcome.aspx?type=6&id=93890&entityid=46011>

Program commencing Thursday
6 May 2021 4:30pm-5:30pm



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Ellie Grade 4, recently rode for Newham Primary School, at the Victorian Interschools State Championships. Riding her pony Highland Calypso.

It was held on the school holidays, at the Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre.

They competed in the Primary Show jumping and Combined Training, which they placed 5th in.

It was loads of fun, and had a great 5 days there.



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