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From the Principal's Desk

Hello Everyone,

We have made it to the end of the term with 2 sessions of remote learning behind us and I believe that as a school community we have a lot to celebrate!

Tom and Ms Fullard have been busy planting out the garden beds of the sensory garden, caterpillar garden, and our STEM garden (for eventually displaying children's work). There will also be some further work done around our forest area to be bushfire safe and snake aware before November. The ground has dried out and grass is growing.

Bunjil and Waa are both up on the wall in the project space. Bunjil has had a little make over with more feathers added to his frame.

There has been some fantastic work happening with potions and explanations. Students from all year levels are becoming very tech savvy, very fast, supporting their parents on the intricacies of padlet and google classroom. This is learning that would usually take much longer to become embedded in our daily schedule and yet both students and teachers have risen to the challenge.

Preparing for term 4 is our next goal. Research has shown that more than two-thirds of all teachers have worked an additional 10+ hours per week in the last few months. On top of that over the last 2 weeks there has been a number of significant challenges placed on our staff who had thoughtfully prepared for a further week of remote learning in term 4 only to suddenly find that they had to then do an about face and prepare for full on-site learning. This situation has come with a multitude of new regulations to follow with more still to come. Coupled with having to limit the number of people onsite at school over the term break, and Melbourne based staff set to return only in the first week of term 4, it is going to be a case of us all hitting the ground running.

Therefore as you can imagine, staff have been directed to rest up over the term break. We all hope that you as families will be able to use the new regional freedoms to have some time away or just to relax at home and recharge your batteries!

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 6th October. Don't forget to bring with you hats, drink bottles as well as books and computers you may have borrowed.



Friday 18th September 2020

Student Term Dates for 2020 Term 3: 13 July-18 September Term 4: 5 October-18 December

Diary Dates

PLEASE NOTE NEWLY ADDED EVENTS ARE BOLD	
Friday 18th September	End of Term 3, 2:30pm
Monday 5th October	Student Free Day
Tuesday 6th October	First day of Term 4-return to on-site learning
Tuesday 13th October	School Photos-full school uniform
Friday 23rd October	AFL Grand Final Public Holiday
Monday 2nd November	Curriculum Day
Tuesday 3rd November	Melbourne Cup Day

Here are some photos of the planting going on now. Tom is seen here planting out the caterpillar bushes. These will be trimmed into the shape of a very large caterpillar and will attract butterflies.

The other plants are the sensory garden. Each planter box will have a different theme. Colour, texture, smell etc.

Bunjil and Waa up in the project space.

Our STEM garden with posts and Westringia planted out.















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Notices/Reminders

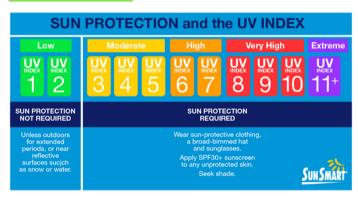
SunSmart Policy

It's that time of year when we implement our SunSmart policy. All students on-site at school and when we return in Term 4 will be required to have their school hat to wear when they go outside. It is recommended that hats are kept in student bag lockers rather than taken home daily as they are then on hand when required. We have a very limited supply of spare hats so if you child does not have one on hand and we do not have spares they will be required to play in the shade. **Compulsory** school hats can be purchased direct from our uniform supplier EduThreads

https://eduthreads.com.au/collections/newham-primary-school







School Photo Day

School photos will be taken on Tuesday 13th October. Photo envelopes will be distributed to families via students in the first week of term 4 and must be brought back to school on photo day. Those who would like a family envelope for sibling photos please contact the office to advise so that one can be sent home. Full school uniform is to be worn on photo day.

Book Club Orders

Due to Australia Post delays, the latest Book Club order has not yet arrived. We will contact parents once they do so that pick up can be arranged or distribution will occur during Term 4 via students.

CSEF

CSEF applications for 2020 have been extended to the 5th October.

Any families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply.

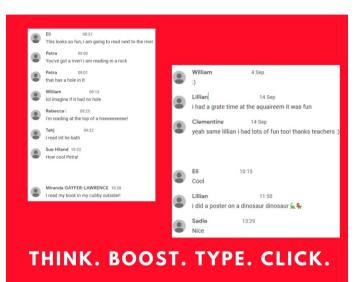
Payments will be made at 50 per cent of the standard per student rates for families eligible between 15 April and 5 October 2020 – that is \$62.50 per child.

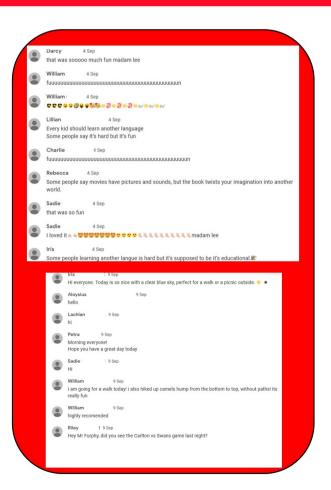
CSEF usage has now been expanded further to include voluntary school charges, books and stationery. If you have not yet paid for the stationary portion of your Essential Learning Items and have received a CSEF payment this will be allocated on your behalf. Any leftover funds from this year will be held over to use in 2021.

All new applicants please fill out the attached application form and return to Newham.ps@education.vic.gov.au as soon as possible.

Senior Unit

Throughout remote learning, 3-4-5-6 students have been learning to "Think. Boost. Type. Click!" That's our school's buzz phrase for making sure our comments online are respectful and sent only in the right place at the right time. An essential skill for now and the future. The problem solving attitudes, positive feedback and bright comments students shared with each other and the teachers brought joy to us all during remote learning. Here are some examples...





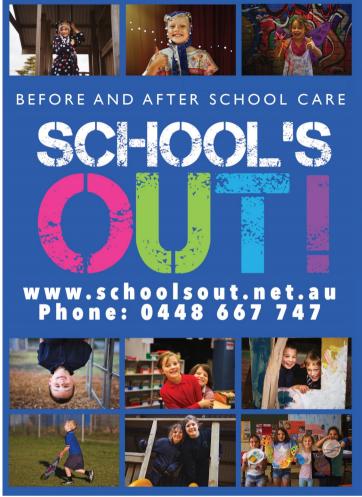
Zoning Information-Enrolments Open for 2021



Newham Primary School Zoning Information:

- Students residing in the zone are guaranteed a place at our school, which is determined on the basis of your permanent residential address.
- 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
- For more information please visit our website https://www.newhamps.vic.edu.au or contact us on (03) 5427 0235

Community Notices



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 no t 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

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.



