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Newsletter 25

From the Principal's Desk

Hello Everyone,

This will be our last newsletter for the year! AND what a year it was! It started with so much potential, excursions, camps and student leadership programs booked, all very exciting and then came this strange thing that everyone was talking about. The Pandemic response hit the state and 2020 became the year of pivoting and finding alternative ways of doing things. Two remote learning sessions later and with students and staff back on site we are certainly ready to take a deep breath and say we made it!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, students and parents of Newham Primary school. Everyone has shown incredible resilience. The staff here are amazing and are not to be underestimated. Preparing remote learning sessions proved that thinking outside the square to cater for all contingencies was taken in their stride. Students took to google classroom like old hands, even developing new skills in the use of padlet and other ICT apps. So much teaching and learning was opened to new potential in such a short timeframe. It has left us all excitedly wondering about how best to use these new skills. Finally thank you to all our parents, who took a crash course in learning supervision many while juggling working from home! Well done everyone! You preserved your child's engagement with their schooling which so easily could have been a casualty of the pandemic.

Farewell

As I have mentioned this has certainly been a year to remember and staffing has come right down to the wire!

At the end of 2020 we will be saying farewell to Lisa Donoghue, Mark Conforti, Carol Tillyer and Iona Hayes!

Lisa has this year developed a rapport with students and staff here at Newham. She worked tirelessly through our remote learning and has supported staff and classes across the whole school. Thank you for your effort this year Lisa and we wish you all the very best in your endeavours in 2021.

Mark has worked as our Educational support person in the classroom while he completed his 4th year in secondary school teaching at university. In a pandemic year it was an intriguing question how to provide educational support remotely. Mark adapted along with the rest of us and made it work. Congratulations Mark on securing a teaching position in a secondary school for 2021. We wish you well with your new career.

Carol has previously written in the newsletter about her decision to finish up with Kitchen garden at the end of 2020. Reflecting further on Carol's contribution, she amazed everyone with her ability to pivot every time DET gave another directive about how we were able to run a program like kitchen garden. We thank Carol for her efforts not only over the past years but also this year in trying to keep the kitchen part of kitchen garden going for as long as possible. Thank you Carol, you deserve your rest.

Excellence: Resilience / Unity / Responsibility / Respect

Friday 18th December 2020

2021 Term Dates

Term 1: 27 January-1 April

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

Friday 18th December	End of Term 4, 1:30pm finish
27th January	Curriculum Day
28th January	First day of term 1 for students

Iona has been Business Manager here at Newham from the beginning of 2019. Her efforts in supporting School Council have been outstanding as have her financial skills. Iona moves on to a larger school, closer to home in Melbourne. I would like to thank Iona for her innovation and business management over the past 2 years and wish her all the very best at her new school.

Classes and staff for 2021

It is with great pleasure that I can finally confirm the following staff for Newham Primary School in 2021.

Prep/1 Kath Holford

1 /2 Tim Furphy

P-2 Literacy /Numeracy & Tutor Kerry Hammond

3/4A Alyssa Cole

3/4B Sue Hiland

5/6 Jacqueline Lee & Libby Fullard

Kitchen Garden/Sustainability Libby Fullard

Jacqueline will take the 5/6 class 4 days per week and Libby will be in the class 1 day per week for sustainability and environmental science plus ½ day per fortnight for kitchen garden.

Specialists

PE Libby Fullard

French Jacqueline Lee

Music Katrina Hood

Class structure and tutoring in 2021

Our student numbers have stabilised at 5 classes for 2021. With the tutoring program announced by DET over the past few weeks, information has slowly been coming in with regards to what this will look like for Newham Primary School. Some of the more recent information on tutoring was sent home via uEducateUs.

In 2021 The Prep/1 & 1/2 classes will be situated side by side in rooms 1 & 2. Kerry Hammond will hold a dual role. Every morning for the literacy and numeracy sessions in the P-2 area, Kerry will be the third teacher in those classes. This will enable 3 staff to be available to take student groups and cater for diverse student needs. (The 3/4 classes will also be side by side with both staff available to take student groups and cater for diverse needs).

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The rest of the day Kerry will be responsible for the delivery of our tutoring program. DET have made it very clear that the main aim of this program is to pick up and support those children who may have lost touch with their learning due to the pandemic and remote learning. Staff have spent time reviewing DET requirements for student inclusion and are in the process of completing a list of potential students. Tutoring is most likely to begin toward the end of term 1/ beginning of term 2 and is designed to be short and intense in its time frame. A turbo boost for students, some might say. In the meantime Kerry will continue to prepare for tutoring, undertake further DET training and liaise with the parents of the first students to undertake the program. Parents of the first students will be notified in term 1, 2021.

School Leaders

On Monday we held a special assembly to introduce our 2021 school leaders to the rest of the school. Firstly I would like to thank our current leaders who were dealt a difficult pandemic year and yet demonstrated their leadership skills by not letting this get the better of them.

Thank you to the sustainability team who most ably developed and hosted a video on the Frog Bog for the 'Kids teaching kids' conference and a huge thank you to our current school leaders who found themselves producing a fortnightly assembly video and who confidently ran a lovely Remembrance Day service over the PA system.

In 2021 our Sustainability leaders will be; Loki, Freddie, Harper Sh & Zayne. Congratulations to all of you. We look forward to you working with Ms Fullard to fulfil our Resource Smart responsibilities and maintaining our sustainability record at such a high standard.

And last but by no means least **our School leaders for 2021 are; Minty, Riley, Tilly and Layla.** Again congratulations to all of you and we look forward to supporting you to undertake what will hopefully be a year of events without the interruption of a pandemic.

Year 6s Farewell

We are at this point in time where we must say goodbye to the Year 6s of 2020. You may not realise it Year Sixes, but this year will become well known in history. What you were able to achieve this year, adapting your learning and how you used your resilience and resourcefulness to make the most of your last year of primary schooling will hold you in good stead for secondary school and life. Enjoy your graduation memories and focus on the moments that made them. All the staff and your fellow students wish you all the very best for the rest of your learning journey. Grasp hold of the opportunities secondary school brings and make them yours.

Graduation

It is a huge relief that graduation in some form was able to go ahead this year. The format may not have been what some folk were hoping for but in the end it is the atmosphere created and the memories made. The celebrations began with an Afternoon tea! The graduation bears and being together as a group watching the growing years of each of our students on the video. The rest of the Newham students gathered to wish the Sixes well as they left the school via the main gate for some photos. The evening kicked off with the video available for parents to view, speeches, awards and a picnic tea. There are some pictures in the newsletter we hope you enjoy.

Wheels Day

It was absolutely fantastic to see the way the whole school managed a school yard full of wheels! Everyone found something to do whether it was a craft activity or one of the wheely good modes of transport. Students made races, took turns, fixed bikes, had obstacle courses and it was all done very safely and respectfully. Well done everyone and I hope you can all collect as many cards again in 2021 for more exciting days!

Maths Olympics

1/2 developed a maths Olympics day for the senior students, who in return had some Olympic maths questions for them! There were medals and a podium for the full Olympic effect. Well done everyone for a terrific maths event!



Merry Christmas

And finally... a very Merry Christmas to all our Newham families! Stay safe and healthy over the summer break, enjoy some time with family and friends and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

Notices/Reminders

Good Luck Louis!

Lois and Terry brought Louis the trainee guide dog in to say goodbye to all the students. He is about to head off to complete his training as a potential seeing-eye dog.



School Photos

School Photos arrived and were sent home yesterday. Enquiries regarding photos should be directed to MSP Photography Ballarat Ph: 03 5333 5577.

Diary Dates

Dates for next year are in the newsletter. Please keep a look out for any uEducateUs messages over the summer break. Thank you to families who have offered to water the gardens.



School Events



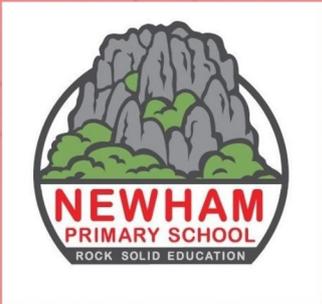
Year 6
Graduation



Wishing our
Year 6's all
the best



School Events



We will miss you....



*Wheels Day
16/12/2020*



Community Notices



ENROL NOW

Accepting enrolments for 2021

Visit our website www.newhamps.vic.edu.au and submit an expression of interest form today!



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Do you require OSHC care for 2021?

Taking 2021 enrolments for Outside of Hours Care (OSHC) now.

Our qualified educators will help your children with their homework, get them safely to and from school, supply a nutritious breakfast and delicious afternoon tea, all while providing an educational care environment that is both comfortable and professional.

For more information please visit our website www.schoolsout.net.au or call 0448 667 747

Daily cooking, exciting sport, and STEM. Drama and dance workshops, gardening and excursions to explore the community around us!

GUITAR LESSONS

Weekly 1/2 hour group sessions held at school during school hours for students in Grade 2-6.

Complete the enrolment form on: www.Infinitesound.com.au

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Community Notices



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Multipurpose Court

Join Now

Yearly Membership - \$66

4-Sport Court Community Use Facility
Available year round outside of school hours
(8am-4pm)

Bookings can be made by members via our
website:

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To enquire or sign up for a membership
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Auskick Coordinator for Woodend.

The town of Woodend needs you!!

With a year to forget in 2020 we are seeking an enthusiastic person to coordinate Auskick 2021.

There are many young people itching to learn the skills of our great game and willing parents to help. It is a fantastic way to give back to your community and brings smiles to many kids faces.

Please contact brendan@naturform.com.au with your Expression of Interest ASAP.



Happy Birthday to the following people who are celebrating birthdays soon:

Maggie, Billy, Logan, Quinn, Jaxson, Lewis W, Tarquin, Toby H, Freddie, Edward H



Community Notices



NEWHAM MECHANICS INSTITUTE

1903

AT LAST, A CHANCE FOR US TO GET TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY! AS ALWAYS, THIS IS A FREE EVENT. BUT BOOKING TICKETS FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN IS MANDATORY FOR COVID CONTACT TRACING.

LAMB SPIT - SAUSAGES FOR THE KIDS - BEER ON TAP - SANTA

3-7PM

SUNDAY 20 DECEMBER

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Community Notices

JANUARY VACATION CARE SCHOOL'S OUT! MACEDON RANGES PROGRAM

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL! BOOK IN NOW!

Monday 4th Welcome Day! Flower Crown creation Limbo Challenge Dance class & Crazy Hair GYMNASTICS CLASS	Tuesday 5th 3-6 EXCURSION! Woodend ice creamery and adventure playground Cultural cooking lessons!	Wednesday 6th Make up making workshop Yoga Cooking Dance class GYMNASTICS CLASS	Thursday 7th 3-6 EXCURSION MOVIE DAY! Drama incursion	Friday 8th Meditation workshop DIY Freak Sundaes YOGA ART WORKSHOPS!
Monday 11th *Splash ZONE!! *Crazy Hair *In House CINEMA Nerf War!	Tuesday 12th Meditation workshop Native Animal ART First Aid challenge Limbo Challenge Dance class	Wednesday 13th 3-6 EXCURSION Barefoot Lawn Bowls!	Thursday 14th AMAZING Race MACEDON RANGES! Cultural cooking lessons!	Friday 15th SPLASH DAY!! YOGA *CRICKET Skills GYMNASTICS CLASS
Monday 18th CRICKET Skills Cultural Art Workshop! Crazy Hair Meditation workshop	Tuesday 19th 3-6 EXCURSION Hanging Rock picnic and hike	Wednesday 20th 3-6 EXCURSION MOVIE DAY! MUSIC incursion	Thursday 21st EXCURSION! Park picnic and water battle! Beauty product Incursion	Friday 22nd *Last Day DISCO *ICE-Cream BAR! *Crazy Hair *In-House Cinemas

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SPORT KIDS

ART

WHAT'S ON AT SCHOOL'S THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

STREET WALK

KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

Barefoot Bowls

CINEMA

PLAY PARK

LEGO

PlayStation

STEM

BOOT CAMP

+PLUS DAILY SPECIAL ACTIVITIES.