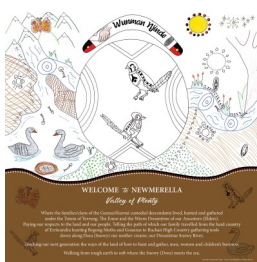


Our School Values
Caring, Excellence, Honesty & Learning



Monday 20th November 2017

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Principal's Report

CALENDAR DATES

Every Thursday
Banking day

Every Friday
Free Fruit

TERM 4 2017

Every Friday
Littlies Learning
9am-10:30am in the
school hall

Tuesday 21st November
Arts Council
Performance
N.P.S. Hall 1:30pm

Wednesday 29th
November
Whole school musical
practice at O.S.C.
9:15am--3pm

Thursday 30th
November
Musical Matinee
11am O.S.C.
Presentation and
Musical night
O.S.C Hall 7pm
Please bring a plate of
supper to share

Sunday 3rd December
Combined Schools Choir
O.S.C. Hall community
Carols

Monday 4th December
Engineers without
boarders
Rooms 4 & 5 N.P.S.

EVERY DAY COUNTS
Please contact the school if
your child is going to be
away.



Dear Families,

Whole School Transition Day – Last Friday

Last Friday we were delighted to welcome our 17 new Foundation (Prep) Year students and their families to our school for their first full day of transition. All children settled confidently into their classroom group and our school with the support of their 2 classroom teachers, educational support staff and their Year 5/6 buddies. It was great to meet with the new and existing parents for the 2018 Foundation Year students over morning tea to outline information. All other students trialled their prospective classroom groups for next year, all enthusiastically looking forward to the opportunities in 2018. At this stage organisation and planning for 2018 has been most positive and going to plan, with resourcing and opportunities to optimize learning outcomes for all students. We anticipate being able to confirm staffing and classroom group locations by our next whole school transition day on Friday 8th December.

Building Works

Demolition works of the old school building commenced with asbestos removal and security fencing erected on the weekend. Unfortunately we have experienced a delay with demolition due to the wait on our service provider to reinstate a new connection to our school. Once this occurs demolition will be completed and the site made ready for the arrival of the new mod 5 building. It is anticipated to have this in place and set up by the end of the school year.

School Council News

At our last School Council meeting last Tuesday –

Quotes were being sought and organisation taking place for a new colour-bond fence on our southern and eastern boundaries.

Purchases approved for 2 new photocopiers and ride-on mower

2018 Budget approved

School fees approved with no increase and to remain at \$225 per child. Please note our school fees can remain the same and be kept relatively low due to being heavily subsidised by our school.

Please see the attachment to this newsletter for detailed information about 2018 school fees.

Arts Council Performance – In our School Hall 1:30pm Tomorrow

One of Australia's most loved and acclaimed indigenous performers, Sean Choolburra will be presenting dance, stories, painting, fire creation and didgeridoo playing with a wonderful array of artefacts ranging from fishing nets to hunting shields.

Whole School Musical Production

This week we are fine tuning performances and preparations, for "The Amazing Race" to be performed at our **presentation night at the Orbest Secondary College Hall at 7pm next Thursday 30th November.** There will be a matinee performance at 11:00am on that day for other schools and those who cannot make it that evening.

School Values - Song and New Signs

Our new school values song will be performed and school values signage will be presented next Thursday evening.

School Value of the Week – Eric Excellence– Please see the graphic and actions for this value. We encourage parents to discuss and reinforce with their children what the actions for the weekly value might look like.

Regards
Stephen



SUNSMART

Victoria's UV levels are on the rise so its time to dust off the sun protection gear and Slip, Slop, Slap, whenever you are outside. Check the SunSmart UV Alert for daily sun protection times. (sunsmart.com.au)

**SCHOOL HATS ARE COMPULSORY
For 1ST & 4th TERM.**

If students are not wearing a hat then they are to play under the covered area for the day.

**Hats are available from the school office or Donchi's
Please have your child's name on their hat.**

2nd & 3rd December
9th & 10th December
16th & 17th December

Hibberson
Harrison
Healey



Please see list below with some ideas if lawns and gardens do not need doing.

SCHOOL GROUNDS JOB LIST

Pick up and removal of branches and sticks on native plantation area
Raking of soft material near play equipment
Prune bushes and trees
Weeding of gardens
Washing of outside toilet and library areas
Sweeping of paths

THANKS TO ALL OUR SCHOOL FAMILIES WHO DONATE THEIR TIME AND EFFORT INTO KEEPING OUR GROUNDS LOOKING GOOD. IT DOES NOT GO UNNOTICED AND IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

Positive Behaviour Raffle

Students who are displaying positive behaviours that are aligned to our school values which are **LEARNING,**

HONESTY, EXCELLENCE & CARING

both in the

classroom and in the yard can receive a raffle ticket.

Last week's winner received the award for always being honest about things.



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS APPEAL

DONATION OF NON PERISHABLE GOODS CAN BE LEFT AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR THIS WORTHY APPEAL
A PARTNERSHIP APPROACH TO SUPPORTING COMMUNITY AT CHRISTMAS
"LOCALS SUPPORTING LOCALS"



Positive Behaviour Award

Last week's Positive Behaviour was **Honesty**

Well done, being honest is the way to go!



2018 SCHOOL FEES

\$225.00 per child

Please note the fees are **inclusive** of all text books, stationery, Arts Council, swimming program, and local day excursions.

CSEF—Camps & Excursions Fund

The CSEF payment amount of \$125 is an annual payment made to the school to be used towards camps, sports or excursion expenses for the benefit of an eligible student.

Criteria Eligibility—

To be eligible, a parent or legal guardian of the student attending a registered school must be a holder of an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card, Veterans Affairs Gold Card and be valid on the first day of Term one (29th January) **or** on the first day of Term two (17th April).

Temporary foster parents may also be able to apply.

Please contact the office if you are eligible to apply for the CSEF payment and you have not completed a form for 2018

Reading Raffle

To be eligible for the weekly reading raffle students must read 5 out of 7 possible nights.
Great job boys, Keep it up!

