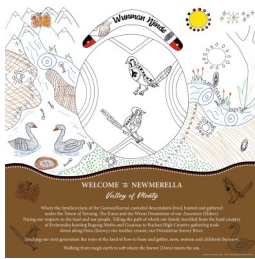


Our School Values
Caring, Excellence, Honesty & Learning



Monday 19th March 2018

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Principal's Report

CALENDAR DATES

Every Thursday
Banking day

Every Friday
Free Fruit

Monday 26th-
Wednesday 28th
March
Conran Camp
Grade 5/6

Thursday 29th March
Last day of term 1
Easter Hat Parade
& Sausage Sizzle

Monday 16th April
First day of term 2

EVERY DAY COUNTS

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



Dear Families,

Oral Reporting Day – Last Friday

This is an important commitment by our school community with a pupil free day to invest in children's learning and their futures. It was most pleasing and indicative of our positive school climate for learning, supportive and collaborative school culture, the way that teachers, students and parents committed to and valued this important opportunity. The rich discussions regarding children's progress and support for their learning is vital in preparing for the year ahead. We thank everyone for their efforts with this and very much look forward to the fruits of our work together, that makes children's learning and development such an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

Divisional Swimming

Well done to Antje, Ella, Marny, Ashleigh, Shayla, Makayla, Archie, Lukas, Jack and Rusty on their efforts at Sale last Thursday. Apparently in a few events, some of our swimmers came a very close second, just missing out on qualifying for the next level.

School Council Annual General Meeting – 5:15pm Tomorrow

All members of our school community are most welcome to attend.

Year 5/6 Conran Camp – Next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

The Year 5 and 6 students Miss Geddes, Wendy and I are looking forward to this important opportunity for students to further develop their learning and appreciation of our wonderful local coastal and marine environment, Koorie culture, surfing, bike riding, bush and beach walking, orienteering, cooking, rock pool exploration and social competencies.

Easter Hat Parade – Next Thursday 29th March

Miss Young is kindly leading the organisation of an Easter Hat Parade for our school community.

This is a valuable festive, social occasion and opportunity for children to parade their creativity.

Please see details attached to this newsletter.

All the best for an enjoyable week,

Stephen

School Value of the Week – Otto Honesty 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.



HEALTHY EATING

Could parents please note that the school has a Healthy Eating Policy and that large packets of lollies and chocolate bars are not suitable snacks for children's lunch boxes. Try yoghurts, sultanas and fresh fruit as alternatives.

We encourage students who need to eat before the 9am bell to eat a piece of fruit not sweets or chips.

Also please pack enough fruit for before and after school as we find students are often looking for food whilst waiting for their buses.

Note that the school does not have the resources to cook or reheat children's lunches so please send appropriate lunch box food.

There are some great internet sites that have loads of ideas for healthy school lunches.

For more information and tasty recipes go to www.heas.healthytogether.vic.gov.au

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 for \$10

New Horizons is a pre-accredited training program run by the **Paynesville Neighbourhood Centre** that provides information on employment opportunities in Gippsland's Agri-business, Retail, Hospitality, Manufacturing, and Aged care sectors.

Participants in this program will gain valuable insights and knowledge from industry representatives through a series of on site tours to Business sites throughout East Gippsland.

The **New Horizons** course is due to commence on Tuesday March 27 & Wednesday March 28, at 9:30am-3pm. **Free child care is available.** Eligible participants may also qualify for free enrolment and other support services.

Register your interest now by contacting 03 5156 0214 or email info@pnc.vic.edu.au

GROUNDS ROSTER

24th & 25th March
31st & 1st April
7th & 8th April

A & S Martin
Donald
Austin



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.

Head Lice

Head lice are still around, please check your children's hair and treat if necessary.



GIPPSLAND COMMUNITY HEALTH

Gippsland Lakes Community Health can help carers of a person with a disability aged from 0 - 65 years take a break by offering short term Flexible Respite. Carers, like anyone, need time off for a number of reasons such as attending to shopping, appointments, family matters or quite simply to have a well-earned break. Respite for carers can be very helpful over holiday periods when their loved ones are not attending childcare, kindergarten, schools, or day service activities.

Respite is provided by trained support workers; it may take place in home or be an out of home activity.

Group Activities are encouraged.

Everyone's circumstances are unique; there are many options on how carers can take a break.

For further information or to discuss your respite needs please contact GLCH.

**Disability Care Coordinator
Margie Budge - Ph 5155 8300
disabilities@glch.org.au**

AFTER SCHOOL CARE AT ORBOST

PRIMARY SCHOOL
From 3pm to 6pm
Monday to Friday