

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Friends and Families,

We have had a wonderful start to the 2026 school year at Newington. Our students have settled into their classes and have begun engaging in the learning for this year. We have had many new students and families join our community, which has been lovely to see.

Today at assembly, we recognized students who have stepped into leadership positions for the 2026 school year by presenting them with their badges. Our student leadership team will become familiar faces to all our students as they present at assembly and take on various leadership roles within the school community. Our Green Team will work with Ms. Hardy and our environment leaders to promote our school's environment and sustainability. The Student Voice team is made up of two students from each 3-6 class and is led by Mrs. Wills, along with our Student Voice Captains.

## Introducing our Student Leadership team for 2026

### *Traffic around our school*

During pick-up and drop-off, a number of concerns have been raised regarding parents not parking correctly or driving carefully around our students. We ask that parents please consider the safety of our students when they park their cars or drive their cars around our school area.



### *Drop off and pick up*

It is important that students are not left unattended by parents prior to 8:35 am in the morning, as the schoolyard is not supervised by a teacher. Once the gates open, there is a staff member on duty to supervise students. After school, we also request that students be collected no later than 3:20 pm, as we cannot guarantee that a staff member is available to look after uncollected students. All students still here at 3:20 pm are moved to the office area.

Have a nice weekend.

Kind Regards  
Sam Streeter

# Introducing our School Captains

Hi, I am Ella, and I'm a 2026 School Captain. I enjoy many things at Newington Primary School, including writing, PE, and Maths. Outside of school, I enjoy playing netball. I am looking forward to sharing my ideas as this year's school captain and representing the school at different events. I am hoping to go on the 2026 Japan trip for Year 6 students.

My name is Jack Quick, and I am looking forward to running our assemblies as School Captain. I like writing narratives for others to read. I enjoy going to our school to learn about the world around us and how to interact with it. At home, I like painting Warhammer miniatures and playing Warhammer. I like playing soccer on the weekend. I really enjoy Japanese at school and am looking forward to the Japan trip.



# Introducing our Learning Leaders

Hi, I am Angus, and I will be your new student learning leader this year. I love to learn about math, like multiplication, and I also like PE.

Hi, I'm Ed, and I am going to be your 2026 student learning leader. I'm excited to have a leadership role. I like microscopic creatures, I like maths and writing. My favourite specialist is PE.



## Specialist Classes in 2026-

This year at our school, our Specialist classes are going to be Japanese, STEMS, Art, Music, and PE. This is what we are going to be learning and looking forward to this year –

**Japanese** – Mr. Paxton is teaching Japanese this year. We will be learning more about the Japanese language and trying new food. We are looking forward to Japanese Day.

**Art** – Ms. Devlin will be teaching Art this year. In Art, we enjoy learning and trying new techniques for painting., and have learnt how to mix different warm and cool colours. We also enjoy learning how to make clay sculptures.

**STEMS** – Ms. Hardy is teaching our new program, STEMS, this year. It stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Sustainability. We are looking forward to doing experiments and inquiry learning with different resources like microscopes.

**Music** – Mrs. Allen is teaching Music this year. In Music, we are learning how to play different instruments or sing. We are currently learning about making a 5/6 band.

**PE** – Mrs. C and Ms. Devlin are teaching PE this year. We are looking forward to our Sports Day. In PE, students learn about how to compete in different sports and be athletes. At the moment, we are learning to play tennis.

# Learning in the Junior Unit

Our Inquiry this term is Identity and in the Junior Unit we are focusing on the theme, "Our Class is a Family." We have just read the book of the same title and have begun to explore what makes up a family.

Foundation and Grade 1 have inquired into the values of respect, responsibility and inclusivity and discussed how these relate to both our school family and our families at home.

In Grade 2, we have had a super start to the year...so super, in fact, that we have all made superhero pictures of ourselves for a display on our classroom doors. Each of us identified our learning superpower. These included: being good at Japanese and Maths, artistic, curious, kind, creative, generous, athletic and recycling. Some of us went with the more traditional superpowers such as flying, teleportation, invisibility, speed and strength.





# Wellbeing News



Sam Bell - Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader

## 'What's on' in Wellbeing?



### Lunch Clubs are back!

#### Terrific Tuesdays

Construction Play  
Foundation - Grade 2  
In The Hiroba



#### Thoughtful Thursdays

Mindful Colouring and Drawing  
Grades 3 - Grade 6  
In The Discovery Centre



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## COMMUNITY NOTICES AND EVENTS

### FREE Parenting Programs: Term 1 2026

- **Dads Tuning in to Kids** – dads and father figures learn practical steps to strengthen their bond and raise emotionally intelligent kids who can work *through* their feelings
  - o 10am-12pm Thursdays in Black Hill, 7 weekly sessions, starts 19 Feb
  - o **Dad's Toolkit** – covers parenting strategies for raising resilient kids, communication & discipline, becoming the dad you want to be and more
    - o 10am-12pm Wednesdays in Black Hill, 8 weekly sessions, starts 11 Feb
  - o **Tuning in to Kids** – parents and carers learn how to build your child's emotional intelligence and strengthen your bond
    - o 1.00-2.30pm Wednesdays online, 6 weekly sessions, starts 11 Feb

To register call Cafs on 5337 3333 or enquire through the website <https://cafs.org.au/>



## OUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!!

We are hosting the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on **14<sup>th</sup> March** at DTC.  
We are asking for help from our community to volunteer their time on the day.

### How can we help?

- Volunteer your time on the day! We have a range of shifts to suit everyone.  
8 - 11am                      11 - 2pm                      2 - 5pm

Can't commit to a full 3 hour shift? No Problem!  
Find a friend that you can share a shift with.

Please contact Elisabeth on 0418 651 223 to advise what time slot suits you.

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## KEY DATES FOR TERM 1

Date	Event
Tuesday February 17 <sup>th</sup>	Get to know you meetings with Parents 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Thursday February 19 <sup>th</sup>	Get to know you meetings with Parents 1:30pm – 5:00pm Students finish school at 1pm.
Friday February 20 <sup>th</sup>	Newsletter and Whole School Assembly
Thursday March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Helpers information session, breaky and sign up 8:30am-9:30am
Monday March 9 <sup>th</sup>	Public Holiday – NO SCHOOL
Wednesday March 11 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup>	NAPLAN Testing window for Year 3 and 5 students
Friday March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Newsletter and Whole School Assembly
Saturday March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser
Wednesday March 18 <sup>th</sup> – Friday March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 camp
Thursday March 26 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Sports Day. (Year 3 – 6)
Thursday April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Open Classrooms Assembly Family/Class end of term picnic
Thursday April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Term One concludes at 1:30pm.
Monday April 20 <sup>th</sup>	First day of Term 2 for the students.
A little reminder to our Foundation students have the following dates off in Term One – Wednesday February 18 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> and March 4 <sup>th</sup>	

## Important Dates to know in 2026



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PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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### Term Dates –

- **Term 1** – January 27<sup>th</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup>
- **Term 2** – April 20<sup>th</sup> – June 26<sup>th</sup>
- **Term 3** – July 13<sup>th</sup> – September 18<sup>th</sup>
- **Term 4** – October 5<sup>th</sup> – December 18<sup>th</sup>

### Public Holidays –

- **Monday March 9<sup>th</sup>** – Labour Day
- **Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Good Friday
- **Monday June 8<sup>th</sup>** – Kings Birthday
- **Tuesday November 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Melbourne Cup

### Student Free Days-

- **Tuesday January 27<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday January 28<sup>th</sup>** – Staff Professional Learning and Collaboration
- **Wednesday May 27<sup>th</sup>** – Staff Professional Practice Day
- **Friday September 4<sup>th</sup>** – Staff Collaboration Day
- **Wednesday November 18<sup>th</sup>** – Report Writing Day
- **Friday December 18<sup>th</sup>** – Staff Collaboration Day

The YMCA are interested in knowing which families would like to book their child/ren into outside school care on our pupil free days.  
Please contact them on **0491 188 578**  
Between 6:30am-10:30 and 2:30-6:00pm.

### Newington Events- Term 1 and 2

- **Tuesday February 17<sup>th</sup>** – Parent teacher chats 3:30-6:30
- **Thursday February 19<sup>th</sup>** – Parent teacher chats 1:30-5:00 (Students finish school 1:00pm)
- **Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup>** – 3-6 Senior Sports
- **Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Open classroom event & family Easter picnic. School concludes 1:30pm
- **Thursday April 24<sup>th</sup>** – ANZAC Day Service (time tbc)
- **Tuesday April 28<sup>th</sup>** – Whole School Cross Country
- **Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>** – Mothers Day event
- **Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup>** – Japanese Day

It is possible date changes or new events may be added when the new school year begins. We will do our best to communicate these to families as quickly as we can.