

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Friends and Families,

This week our students shone when they persevered and showed resilience during the NAPLAN assessments. We are very proud of each student and the support they showed to each other when needed. Next week students will complete the rest of the assessments. The schedule for this was sent out to our year 3 and 5 families yesterday on Seesaw.

Today, it was wonderful to see students coming to school dressed in casual clothes for our theme “Express Yourself.” This was a gold coin fundraiser that our Student Voice Team chose in collaboration with the ChromeQuest Team. Thank you to all the families that contributed to our total of \$320.00.

Our Student Voice Team has also started to promote Zooper Dooper Wednesdays at assembly today. They will be selling these for \$1 and will visit classes on Wednesday at eating time for students to purchase them.



Student collection from school

In line with our student safety policy, we are not allowing parents onsite to pick up students prior to 3:10 pm. If your child needs to be collected, please come to the office, and we will have them meet you there.

At the start of the year, as part of our settling-in phase for Foundation students and to help our new families build connections, we did allow parents in a little early through our front entrance. As our students are now all settled and in their routines, we are asking families to meet them at the gate. Our gates remain open for 10 minutes so families can come into the yard and have a play if they would like. From 3:20 pm, our after-school care program is using the facilities. All gates except the front gate are locked from 3:20 pm.

Assembly

We have appreciated parents adapting to our assemblies moving to the afternoon time slot, and it has been wonderful to see families stay to mingle after the assembly while they wait for the students to be dismissed. We do ask that families not take their children early on these days, as it can be disruptive to the end-of-week routines that students follow after the assembly. Next term, we will be moving the assembly to start 15 minutes later, commencing at 2:30 pm on the allocated Fridays.

Bunning BBQ

Tomorrow, Saturday, March 14th, our school is running a Bunnings BBQ at the Delacombe store. Please come along and support our fundraiser by purchasing a sausage. Each one we sell helps us move closer to providing more Chromebooks for our students.

Have a nice weekend.

Kind Regards

Sam Streeter



Introducing our Environmental Leaders

Hello, I'm Eleanor, and I am an Environmental Leader, along with Macy. I have grown a lot as a leader and in encouraging other students. I will be working with Newington's Green Team, which Macy and I interviewed ourselves. We have come up with great ideas like a 10c can bin to raise money for the school. I love Newington Primary School and opportunities like STEMS and Japanese. I am excited to see how much our school will grow this year.

Hi, I'm Macy, and I am one of your Environmental Leaders for 2026. This year, I will be working with your Green Team. Outside of school, I play netball and used to do dance. I am very passionate about my role this year. I wanted to do this role because I love animals and also love the environment. I want to do my best in my role, and I hope I succeed at it. I love learning at this school because the teachers make it fun and enjoyable.

Since we last updated you, the Green Team have kept busy and been getting their hands dirty!

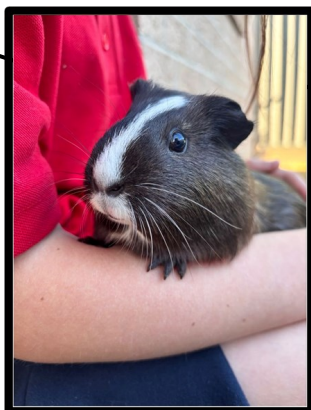
This week we planted a range of vegetables (broccoli, cauliflower, beans), our own guinea pig food including kale and lettuce and...

We still have more planting to go, some parsley and then native flowers!

The goal is we will grow our own produce and flowers to then sell at the main office. What the Green Team earn, will then go in to maintaining the best care for all of our little pets! Starting with our gorgeous guinea pigs!

We are also hoping to set up our own 10c container deposit scheme with the appropriate business to not only earn some extra funds this way but support the environment and do that little bit extra to help make a positive difference!

Please keep an eye out in the Newsletter for updates on our progress for this.



The Green Team are super excited to introduce you to our newest school family members!

Introducing our Wellbeing Leaders

Hi, I'm Charley, one of Newington's Wellbeing leaders in 2026. I enjoy having this leadership position; it helps me learn independence and responsibility. I have been working closely with Sam Bell and the therapy dogs. My interests outside of school are sewing and playing sports. My favourite subjects are writing, reading, and PE. I'm striving to see kindness spread throughout our whole school.



Hi, I'm Ruby, your Wellbeing Leader. I wanted this role because I like people being happy and everyone having a positive mindset. Outside of school, I do swimming and gymnastics. I love working with Sam Bell and Charley because they help me by pushing me out of my comfort zone, especially in speaking in front of assembly. It's great that lots of students are showing respect around the school, like asking if they can pat the dogs. Also, I'm looking forward to going to Japan later in the year.



This term students have been learning about the school value of respect.

At assembly this week our wellbeing leaders Charley and Ruby encouraged members of our community to demonstrate respect through acts of kindness like giving someone a compliment, holding the door open for someone or simply sharing a smile.



Respect



Respect means being kind and caring to yourself, others, places and things



Learning in Visual Arts



In the art room this term grade 1 and 2 students have been very busy painting Spotted Tail Quolls inspired by our school entry into the Central Highlands Water School Exhibition, held at the Ballarat Begonia Festival last weekend.

Our Foundation students have been experimenting with paint and mark making.

In grade 5/6 CB, we have expressed ourselves by designing and creating our own images on the school cubbies.



During Art, we have been having fun exploring and creating using line, colour, shape and texture. We will continue to build on our knowledge, skills and correct technique over the semester.

Donations of newspapers, jars, egg cartons or long sleeve, button up shirts are much appreciated.

Thanks, Miss Devlin



ART



PE with Miss Devlin in Foundation and Grade 1

During P.E sessions this term our grade 1 students have been learning and developing their Tennis skills. We were inspired by this year's Australian Open and have been developing our racquet technique and hand eye coordination skills.

Our Foundation Students have been participating in our Newington Perceptual Motor Program (PMP). This program runs for the duration of the year for our Foundation students. It aims to develop a child's perceptions and understandings of themselves and their world through movement and motor experiences.

Multi-sensory activities promoted through the program are designed to develop each child's Gross motor skills, fine motor skills, short term memory, eye tracking and language skills in a fun way.

Our PMP program gives our students experiences in seeing, hearing, touching, processing, making perceptual judgements and reacting. This is achieved using a variety of equipment during carefully sequenced activities which include following instructions, running, hopping, skipping, jumping, balancing, crawling, climbing, throwing, catching, bowling, sliding, etc.

Miss Devlin



Koorie Engagement Support Officer (KESO)



**Donna
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KESO - City Network

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How we Help

- Support kinders and schools to create culturally safe and welcoming spaces.
- Support Koorie families to access services as needed.
- Work with schools to support Koorie student engagement, wellbeing and learning.
- Support schools to build strong, positive relationships with Koorie students and families.

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KEY DATES FOR TERM 1

Date	Event
Wednesday March 11 th -23 rd	NAPLAN Testing window for Year 3 and 5 students
Friday March 13 th	Newsletter and Whole School Assembly
Saturday March 14 th	Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser
Wednesday March 18 th – Friday March 20 th	Year 6 camp
Thursday March 26 th	Senior Sports Day. (Year 3 – 6)
Thursday April 2 nd	Open Classrooms Assembly Family/Class end of term picnic
Thursday April 2 nd	Term One concludes at 1:30pm.
Monday April 20 th	First day of Term 2 for the students.



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