

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Friends and Families,

Thank you to the friends and family members who came along last week to our assembly that recognised our End of Term 1 awards, sporting achievements from the Senior School Sports, and the presentations of the medallions for the cross country. Congratulations to all the students who received an award. It was lovely to have such a great turnout for an assembly that also included our ANZAC Day service. This was a terrific way to end our first week of Term 2, which has started off beautifully both in our classroom and outside in the yard where the sun has been shining. We have asked students to continue wearing their hats while we have this mild weather in Ballarat.

Photo Day

On Monday we will be having our school photos. Please be sure to have your students at school on time dressed in full school uniform and to bring along their form if they would like to order any photos. Family forms are at the office if families require them. On this day we will also be taking our Year 6 photo and student leadership photos.

Glasses for Kids

Last week, a number of our students were proudly chosen to promote the Glasses For Kids Program that we participated in 2025. These students had their moment in the spotlight, where they spoke about the program. We look forward to seeing this promotion and our students on the screen when it is released. This week, more students took the opportunity to have their eyes tested as well.

Road Safety

As you will have seen on Seesaw, our School Council has been very proactive in making families aware of the importance of road safety around our school. They are also exploring external support through Ballarat City Council. I appreciate the work they are doing as our School Council in this area, and I would also like to remind our families about the importance of parking legally and driving slowly around our school during drop-off and pick-up times. Our students' safety should always be our first priority.

Mothers Day

Next Friday, we look forward to celebrating with our families, mums, aunts, grandmothers, and friends with our Mother's Day morning. Our Fundraising and Community Engagement Committee is also organising a breakfast. If you would like to order something, please do so on Xuno by Monday, May 5th.

Concert

This year we will be having our school concert there will be more information to come in the lead up, but please have it in your diary to save the date—August 13th at the Civic Hall.

Have a nice weekend.

Kind Regards

Sam Streeter



*Mother's Day
Breakfast and Open Morning*

Friday May 8th 8:45-9:45

On Friday May 8th we welcome Newington Primary School's amazing Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts or any special adult to spend the morning at school with their child.

Please check XUNO to order some yummy breakfast for our special guests.

Breakfast can be collected from the canteen
F-2 parents please visit the **canteen** between **8:45-9:15** then head to your child's class
3-6 parents, head to **classes first** then **breakfast** from **9:15-9:45**
If you have multiple children follow times for your **youngest child**

STUDENT LEADERS AT NEWINGTON



ANZAC DAY -

Jack, Hamish, Maddie, and Ella were joined by Mrs. Hearn and Mr. Dixon to attend the ANZAC Day service at the Arch of Victory on Saturday, April 25th.

The main focus of the service was our partnership and bond with New Zealand. Some soldiers and a few New Zealanders performed the haka. We placed poppies on fallen soldiers from Urqhart Street School, and we laid a wreath on behalf of the Newington Primary School community.

As your captains, we saw this as an honor to represent our school.



Student Voice update -



The Student Voice team has come up with a theme for the casual clothes day on May 22nd. The theme is "BACK IN TIME."

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who purchased icy poles to help us fundraise for Times Tables Rock Stars. We have raised around \$600.00 and now have enough money to have Times Tables Rock Stars BACK! Thank you to Mr. Tinker who is organising this for us.

On Thursday, the Student Voice team meeting was held, and the team had many good ideas on what we could fundraise for next and other things we want to do to keep making our school great. We will give you more updates at the next assembly.

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**THIS TERM,
WE WILL BE
INQUIRING
INTO:**



PEOPLE & PLACES

AN INQUIRY INTO DIVERSE CULTURES AROUND THE WORLD, INCLUDING OUR OWN. AN EXPLORATION INTO RECOGNISING COMMONALITIES AND DIFFERENCES, CREATING INTERCULTURAL CONNECTIONS AND CULTIVATING MUTUAL RESPECT.

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Australia is influenced
by history



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History Lives through People
and Places

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Diversity shapes Australia's
identity

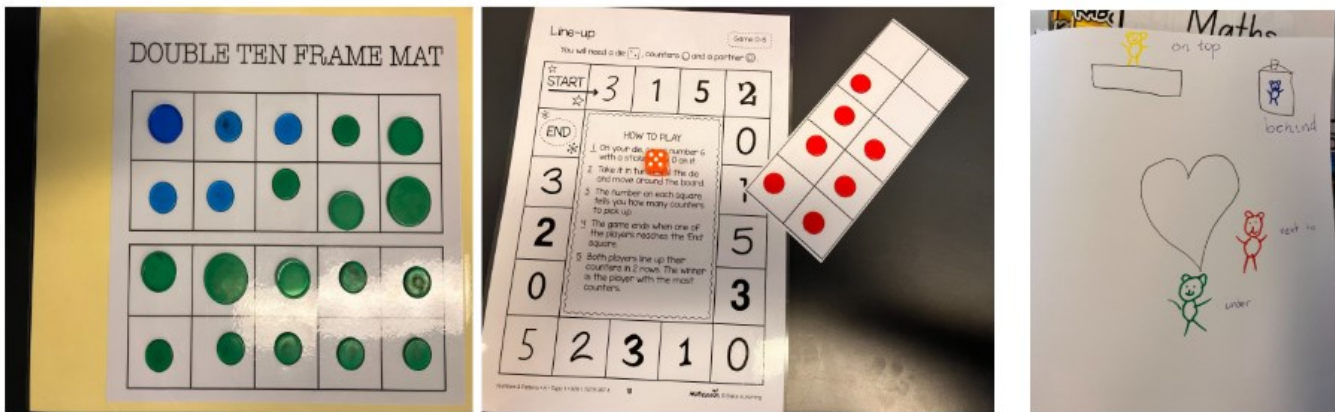


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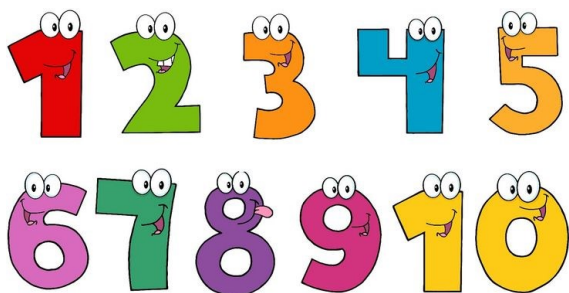
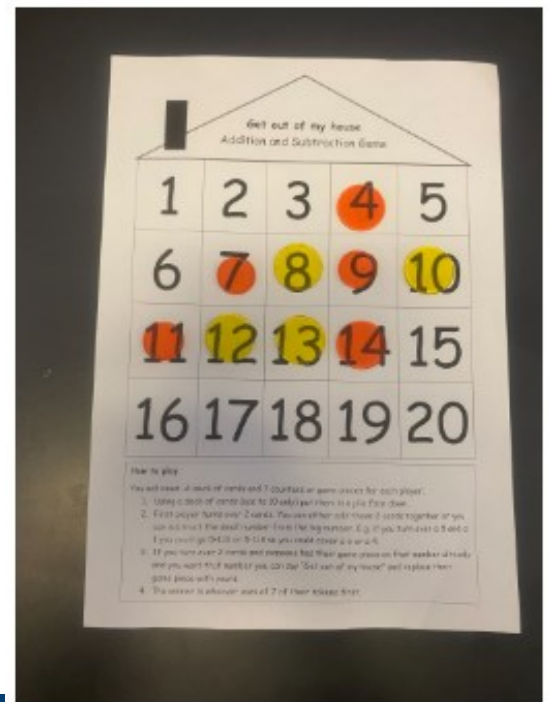
Numeracy in Foundation - Grade Two

Foundation and Grade 1 students have been developing their number knowledge through the use of concrete materials such as base-ten (MAB) blocks, ten-frames, and icypole sticks. These hands-on tools support students in visualizing numbers and building strong foundational skills. A key focus has been on partitioning numbers up to 20 into two and three groups, strengthening their understanding of addition and subtraction. To practice these skills in engaging ways, students have participated in activities using hula hoops, bean bags, and Unifix blocks, encouraging both collaboration and active learning.



Foundation students have also recently begun exploring the area of space and location. Through playful, interactive experiences - such as using teddy bears - they are developing their understanding of positional language, including terms like above, below, next to and in front of. This helps build important vocabulary while connecting mathematical concepts to real-world contexts.

In Grade 2, students have been focusing on addition and subtraction strategies. They have been using tools such as ten-frames and practicing the “friends of ten” strategy to bridge to 10, supporting more efficient mental computation. More recently, students have begun exploring doubles and near-doubles to improve their automatic recall of number facts. A highlight for many has been the game “Get Out of My House,” played in pairs, which provides a fun and engaging way to reinforce these strategies—often with a healthy sense of competition.



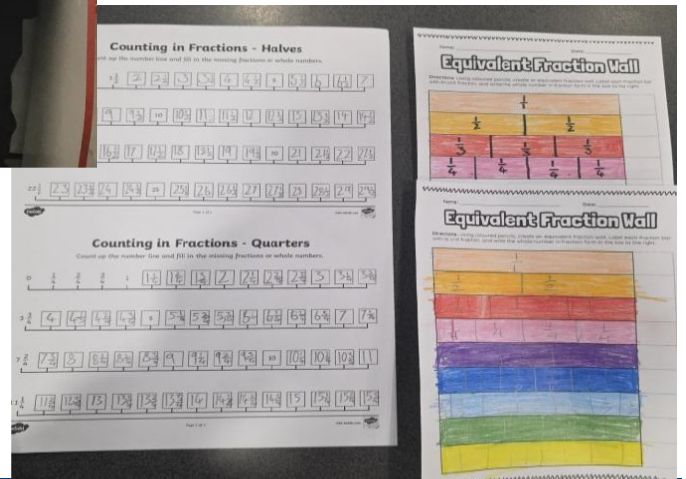
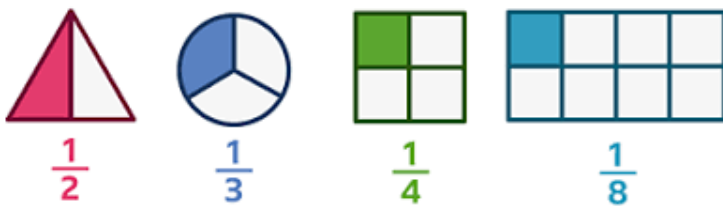
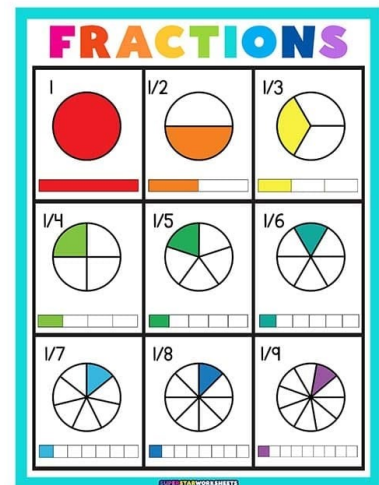
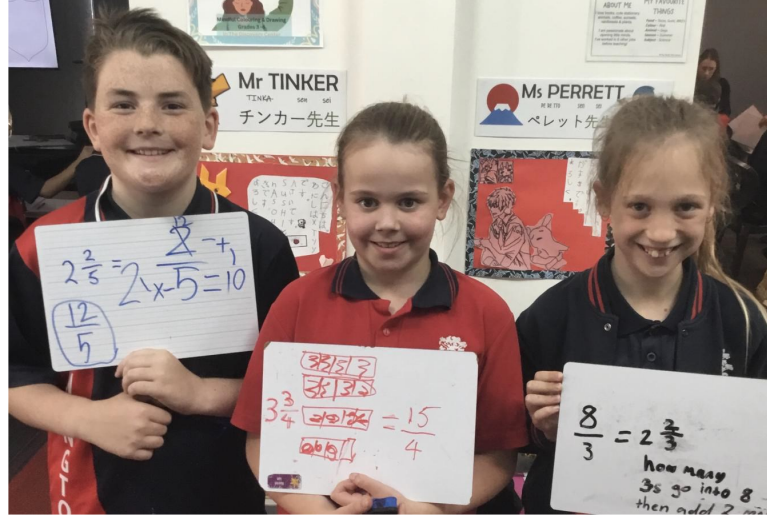


Numeracy in 3/4

In Numeracy so far in Term 2, Grades 3 and 4 have continued to build their knowledge and skills with fractions.

Students have demonstrated their ability by counting fractions beyond a whole number into mixed and improper fractions, as well as calculating how to convert between these two types of fractions.

Students have also been working on how to identify equivalent fractions by using a fraction wall, number lines, or their multiplication and division knowledge.



Numeracy in 5/6

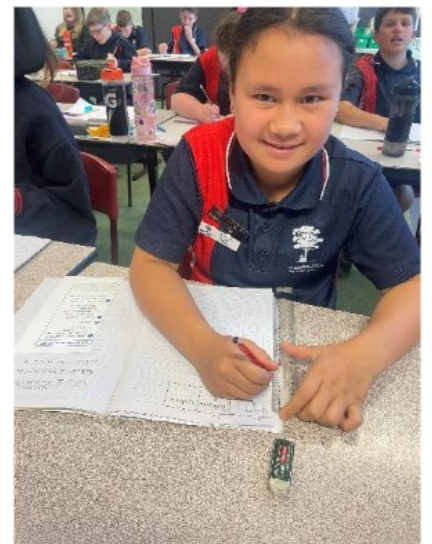
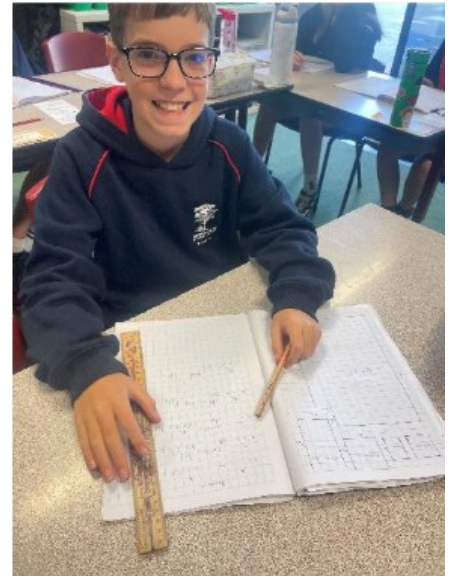
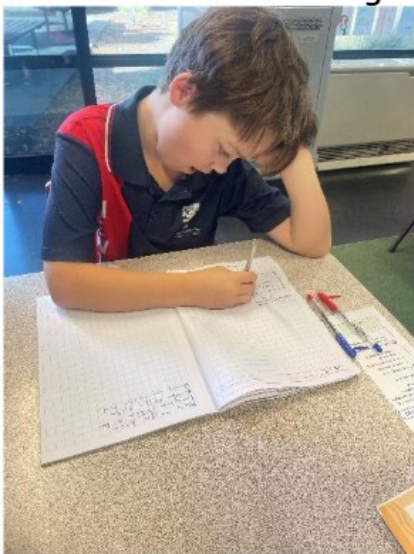
Designing with Maths - Area & Perimeter in Action

In Maths, our Grade 5/6 students are currently applying their understanding of area and perimeter through a hands-on, real-world design task. Students have been challenged to create their own house floor plan, carefully measuring and calculating the area of each room and the perimeter of both individual spaces and the entire house.



This task builds key mathematical skills including measurement, multiplication, addition, spatial reasoning and problem-solving, while also reinforcing the importance of accuracy, units (metres and square metres), and clear mathematical communication.

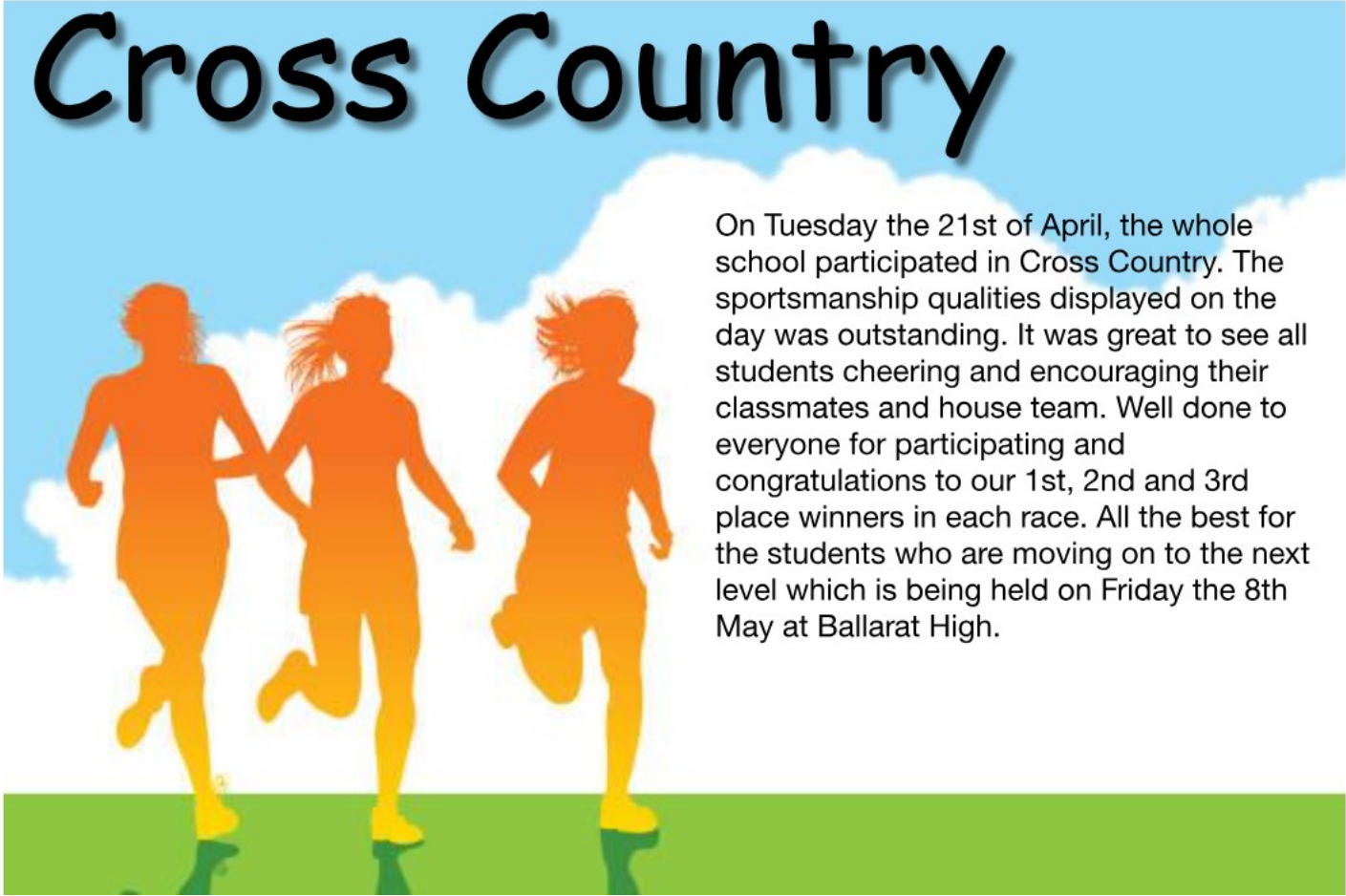
Students are showing strong engagement and creativity as they develop their designs, experimenting with different layouts and thinking about how spaces connect and function. They are beginning to apply their mathematical understanding to real-world contexts such as architecture, construction and design, making meaningful connections beyond the classroom.



It has been great to see students taking ownership of their learning, asking questions, refining their ideas, and working towards their final designs.

Cross Country

On Tuesday the 21st of April, the whole school participated in Cross Country. The sportsmanship qualities displayed on the day was outstanding. It was great to see all students cheering and encouraging their classmates and house team. Well done to everyone for participating and congratulations to our 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each race. All the best for the students who are moving on to the next level which is being held on Friday the 8th May at Ballarat High.



Track and Field



Congratulations to our District Track and Field athletes who represented our school with pride last term. A big congratulations to George, Charley, Freddie, Arly, Layla, Adele, Kalyssa, Ed and Daniel who have progressed to the next level which is on the 11th of September.

Go Newington!



An update from the 'Chromequest Team'



A call out for help!

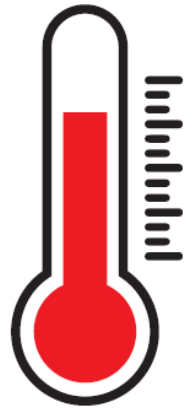
We are wanting the school's logo on some aprons. We are asking any clever community member that may know how to go about this to contact Elisabeth on - 0418 651 223



Term 2 dates to remember:

- Mother's Day morning
May 8th
- Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
June 20th
- School Disco June 24th

Nearly
\$20,000
raised!
Thank you!



News from our School Council

School Council met earlier this week and we were fortunate to be joined by Anne Gawith, the school's Senior Education Improvement Leader. We thank Anne for her time and for sharing valuable insights from her work across a number of local schools.

We want to acknowledge the feedback we have received from our school community regarding road safety. We understand this is an important issue and appreciate the time people have taken to share their concerns. As noted in the communication sent earlier this week, this is something we are continuing to work through.

We are incredibly proud of the work of the ChromeQuest team and would like to thank our school community for the fantastic support shown through recent fundraising efforts. We are getting very close to our goal of purchasing additional Chromebooks and hope to have a positive update to share with you before the end of term.

As always, you can contact School Council in writing by emailing the school and including "ATTN SCHOOL COUNCIL" in the subject line.

Thanks,
Tim Menz
President

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KEY DATES FOR TERM 2

Date	Event
Monday May 4 th	School Photos
Friday May 8 th	Mothers Day Morning
Monday May 18 th - Wednesday May 20 th	Year Four Camp to Anglesea
Friday May 22 nd	Newsletter and Whole School Assembly
Wednesday May 27 th	Staff Professional Practice Day - Student Free day
Thursday May 28 th	Japanese Day
May 26 th - June 2 nd	Book Fair event - information to come
Monday June 8 th	Kings Birthday (Public Holiday)
Friday June 12 th	Newsletter and Whole School Assembly
Wednesday June 24 th	Whole School Excursion to see a play at Mt Rowan
Wednesday June 24 th	After School Student Disco - Information to come
Friday June 26 th	Open classrooms and celebration of learning - 12:30pm Whole School Assembly - 1:00pm Newsletter sent home <i>Students conclude the school term today at 1:30pm</i>
Monday July 13 th	First day of Term 3 for all students.



Albert Einstein

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Back in Time

May 22nd Casual Dress day.
GOLD COIN DONATION FOR CHROMEBOOKS



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