

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*Dear Families,*

As we head towards the end of the term, our students have much to celebrate in their learning, and it will be lovely to have them share this with families on the last day of school, prior to the start of our end-of-term assembly.

Our Year 1 students are already proudly displaying some of their beautiful portraits in our administration building that they completed in Visual Art.



### **Road Safety**

The safety of our students continues to be a concern around our school gates before and after school, with many parents not parking correctly or taking the time to allow their children to enter and exit the car in the appropriate manner. Last week, two parents and two members of the school's leadership team attended a meeting with Ballarat City Council regarding safety concerns for our students due to road usage. We understand and acknowledge that some of this is also due to the busyness of Russell Street. We ask parents, please, to consider the safety of **all our** students when parking and driving around our school.

### **Russell Street and Waller Street Foundation Gate**

Please note that we have started to open these two gates at 3pm each day to allow families more access to the school grounds and for students to flow out of the school easily at 3:10pm. We do ask that parents do not enter the classroom buildings during this time so that teachers can prepare students for the end of the day without distraction.

### **Sushi**



Today students will have seen we now have sushi on the lunch order menu which is something our Student Voice has been wanting to organise for a number of years. Finding the right supplier and the correct way to organise it has been a bit of a journey. A big thank you to our much valued Newington Volunteers, Maree and Robyn who have kindly undertaken this organisation as part of the roles they do weekly for lunch orders.

### **Chromebooks**

Thanks to the hard work and commitment of our Fundraising Committee, along with the participation of our school community in all the events, we have raised enough money to start purchasing new Chromebooks. The first 20 have arrived this week! Once they have been set up by our technician, they will be used first in our 3/4 area. Thank you, everyone!



### **Reports this semester**

Reports will be distributed on Thursday, June 25th. The reports will continue to provide important details about student learning, but full descriptive comments will not be included as a result of industrial action taken earlier this term by the Australian Education Union. Parent-teacher interviews will take place in Weeks 1 and 2 of Term 3 for parents to discuss their child's reports. Please refer to the letter sent out earlier this week in regards to these interviews.

Kind Regards

*Sam Streeter*

# Grade 4 Camp



**Our Grade 4 students had a fantastic time at Camp Wilkin in Anglesea this term. Students challenged themselves, tried new activities and created wonderful memories with their friends.**

**Some highlights included a beach game of Red Light, Green Light, where students worked together to dig trenches and avoid being spotted by teachers, the exciting Flying Fox, and the challenging Leap of Faith, where many students showed great courage by stepping outside their comfort zones.**

**Throughout camp, students demonstrated teamwork, resilience and independence. We are incredibly proud of the positive attitude and determination shown by all students and the way they represented our school. Camp was a memorable experience enjoyed by all.**



# DREAM TEAM NEWS

Learning, Leading & Connecting Together

Our Dream Team students have been busy learning, sharing stories and helping create meaningful spaces around our school. Through teamwork, creativity and respect for culture, students are making a lasting contribution to our community.

## 1 MEMORY BRANCH PROJECT

We continue exploring Dreaming Stories and their significance.

In small groups, older and younger students learn together and then paint a chosen Dreaming Story onto a 'Memory Branch'.

These branches - like totems - will become a feature at the entrance to the Chicken Garden in Kadak Karndorr and on the other side of the path in the wide space.



## 2 KADAK KARNDORR POND PROJECT

Exciting plans are underway for a new feature pond within Kadak Karndorr!

Dream Team members are helping investigate, plan and prepare the area alongside Naomi from Bunnings Delacombe.

Students are learning about habitats, native plants, water systems and how outdoor spaces can support local wildlife.



## 3 BUSH TUCKER GARDEN

Our Bush Tucker Garden continues to grow in the Outdoor Yarning Circle Meeting Space.

Students are helping with planting, maintenance and learning about traditional foods and how First Nations Peoples cared for Country.

This space will continue developing as an important area for learning, gathering and connection.



We learn together.  
We grow together.  
We look after Country together.

## 4 WADAWURRUNG LANGUAGE LEARNING

Dream Team members are continuing to explore Wadawurrung language by learning words for people, places, animals and everyday objects.

We are creating a growing Wadawurrung Word Wall that will be displayed in the STEMS classroom.



WORD WALL

## 5 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY PROJECT

Our Year 6 Dream Team members are working closely with Miss Hardy to create the final version of our school's Acknowledgement of Country.

This special piece will be used during concerts, assemblies, meetings and other formal occasions, helping ensure student voice remains an important part of how we honour and recognise Country.



We would like to acknowledge the Wadawurrung People, who are the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we come to learn. We thank them and their ancestors for looking after this land for thousands of years, and for their kindness and courage in sharing it with us in the present.

THANK YOU to all students, staff and our community for supporting our important work and the we do together.

CULTURE • COMMUNITY  
COUNTRY • CONNECTION

Many voices, one community.

# GREEN TEAM HEROES

Together we can make a difference!

Growing • Caring • Creating • Helping

## 1 OINK & NOT OINK'S WEEKEND ADVENTURES!

We're settling in nicely!

Thank you for looking after us!

**WEEKEND CARE ROSTER**

Home → Care → Veggies → Cuddles → Back to School!

- ♥ Students take turns caring for us.
- ♥ We enjoy lots of cuddles and fresh veggies.
- ♥ We return to school ready for another week of adventures!

## 2 NEW STICK INSECT FRIENDS!

Welcome to our newest Green Team members!  
Thank you Stella and family!

**LIFE CYCLE WATCH**

Eggs Collected → Tiny Hatchlings? → Adult Stick Insects

We can't wait to see what hatches!

## 3 AQUATIC LIFE SPACE COMING SOON...

We are gathering resources and building an exciting new aquatic learning space.

What creatures might live here?

## 4 VEGGIE GARDEN SUCCESS!

Harvest Time!  
Broccoli is growing!

GT HERO

Soon available through the office.

GROWN WITH CARE!

**WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?**

- \$ Sales
- Green Team Projects
- STEMS Opportunities
- Whole School Benefits

## 5 10¢ CONTAINER COLLECTION

EVERY CONTAINER COUNTS!

Bring along:

- Bottles
- Cans
- Eligible Containers

**THANK YOU FAMILIES!**  
for supporting our collection.

## 6 GARDEN REFRESH

- ♥ Tidy veggie beds
- ♥ Prepare planting areas
- ♥ Keep crops growing

## 7 CHICKEN GARDEN

- ♥ Prepare chicken area
- ♥ Learn about egg incubation
- ♥ Hopefully hatch chicks next term!

## 8 TOY HIRE KITS

We are creating our own Toy Hire Kits!

- Games
- Activities
- Creative Kits

For a new quiet play area launching from mid Term 3 and onwards!

## THANK YOU!

To our amazing students, families and community for supporting Green Team Heroes.

"Little actions grow into BIG changes!"

# 5/6 Writing Competition

## *The evening fright*

Arthur was sitting peacefully, sipping his coffee when the clouds closed in and thunder roared outside. "Washing" Arthur wheezed. He hobbled toward the door, his shaggy grey beard swaying back and forth like trees in the wind as he crept. His son was meant to have arrived at lunchtime today. *must have gotten caught up in the storm.* Now the ground was trembling violently below his feet as lightning flickered like a candle in the rain.

When he opened the door, something shifted outside. Was his son trying to frighten him? He hobbled to the clothesline, frequently glancing back. His son wasn't going to scare him, not today. A twig snapped quietly in the trees somewhere toward the bottom of the stairway to his house. He was definitely here, but wait, now he could see a pair of pale eyes staring at him from the bushes. That wasn't his son. Arthur sprinted (more like tripped) back to his house and locked the door behind him. Out the window a hooded figure was scaling the stairway towards his house.

When the lock turned and the door slid open, Arthur held his breath and waited. It sounded like they had hung their coat on the hooks. They coughed "Arthur"? It was his son Duncan! "What's outside?!" Arthur stumbled from the cupboard and glared at his son, "You mean that's not your dog?" "I didn't bring him, why..." Duncan replied. So not Duncan's harmless canine. At least they were safe inside.

collins  
booksellers

**WRITTEN BY—  
Jack**

**WINNER of the  
Short Story  
Unassisted  
competition**

# SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

At our most recent School Council meeting, we were delighted to welcome School Captains Ella and Jack, along with Student Voice Captains Hamish and Maddie. They spoke about their leadership roles, shared some of their achievements and challenges, and reflected on what it means to be a leader at Newington. It was hard not to be impressed by their maturity, confidence and passion for our school, and they highlighted just how fortunate we are to have such outstanding student leaders.

Our ChromeQuest fundraising campaign continues, and we thank everyone for their ongoing support. We are hopeful of being able to share some very exciting news before the end of the month.



School Council also continues to work with local Council and other stakeholders regarding road safety around the school. Progress can sometimes be slow with these matters, but we remain committed to advocating on behalf of our school community and ensuring the issue remains on the agenda.

If you would like to contact School Council, please email [newington.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:newington.ps@education.vic.gov.au) with the subject line: ATTN SCHOOL COUNCIL.

Thank,

Tim Menz

PHONE: 533 05 400

EMAIL: [NEWINGTON.PS@EDUCATION.VIC.GOV.AU](mailto:NEWINGTON.PS@EDUCATION.VIC.GOV.AU)

## COMMUNITY EVENTS AT NEWINGTON

NEWINGTON P.S PRESENTS  
THE 2026 MID-YEAR  
DISCO!!!

WEDNESDAY  
24TH JUNE

Tickets \$10  
purchase via Xuno  
(inc. entry, drinks & lolly bags to take home)

Where: Multi Purpose Room  
Times: Grades F-2 : 5.15-6.15pm  
Grades 3-6 : 6.30-7.30pm

DOOR PRIZES TO BE WON!!!

DRESS TO IMPRESS

All proceeds to go towards the NPS 'Chromequest'!!



**DROP AND GO DISCO DETAILS**

Please make sure **contact details** are up to date with the school.  
**Entry** is via the Inkerman Street gate (front office gate).  
Students are to line up with their grade teachers to be **signed in**.  
Newington Primary School **code of conduct** must be followed throughout the disco.  
As this is a school event **no devices** are allowed. Phone's etc are to be handed to teachers  
before entering the MPR.

**Exit** is via the Russell Street gate (closest to MPR building).  
At the conclusion parents are to enter the MPR building  
(through the door pictured) to collect their child and have  
them **signed out**.



**BUNNINGS**  
warehouse

### BUNNINGS BBQ

**JUNE 20th**

Please come down and buy a  
sausage to help us raise funds.

PHONE: 533 05 400

EMAIL: NEWINGTON.PS@EDUCATION.VIC.GOV.AU

## KEY DATES FOR TERM 2

Date	Event
Tuesday June 16th	Year 5/6 excursion to Phoenix College to see Wizard of Oz play
Tuesday June 23rd	Grade 1 – 6 Excursion to see a play at Mt Rowan
Wednesday June 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>After School Student Disco</b> - Information to come
Friday June 26 <sup>th</sup>	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>
<b>Monday July 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>First day of Term 3 for all students.</b>
Tuesday July 14th	Parent teacher interviews 3:30-6:30
Thursday July 16th	Parent teacher interviews 1:30-4:30 (STUDENTS FINISH SCHOOL AT 1:00pm on this day)
Tuesday July 21st	Parent teacher interviews 3:30-5:30

- Save the Date -

Newington Primary

School Concert

August 13th 2026

PHONE: 533 05 400

EMAIL: [NEWINGTON.PS@EDUCATION.VIC.GOV.AU](mailto:NEWINGTON.PS@EDUCATION.VIC.GOV.AU)