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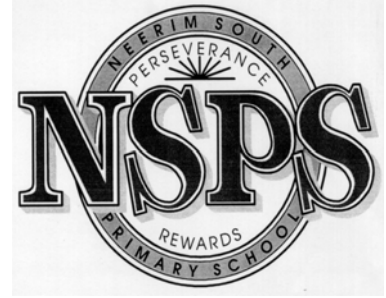
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PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS—NEERIM NOOJEE SPORTS ASSOCIATION

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified for Zone Athletics on 28 April 2009

Mitchell S	100m and shot put	Shania D	Long jump, discus and relay
Jessica J	100m, 200m and relay	Jesse D	200m
Emily A	100m, shot put and relay	Michelle P	200m, 800m and relay
Rena Mc	100m, triple jump and relay	Jesse D	Shot put and discus
Bianca M	100m, long jump and relay	Dion F	Shot put and discus
Emma G	Shot put, discus and relay	Jade V	800m, long jump and relay
Chloe W	Triple jump	Rhiannon H	Triple jump
Harrison G	800m, triple jump and relay	Hannah D	800m
Ben P	200m	Michaela J	Triple jump, long jump
Bailey G	Triple jump, 800m and relay	Nathan R	200m
James J	800m	Kathryn C	Triple jump and relay

Please keep up the training over the holidays and return all notes and money as soon as possible.
Parents welcome to come on 28 April. Cheers Mrs Vickerman

Happy Easter



Jennie's Jottings

BADGE/AWARD PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY

It was great to see all the parents, grandparents and other interested people join us at this weeks Tuesday morning assembly to see the West Gippsland District Schools Regional Network Leader Ms Alex Panayiotou present badges to our grade six students and all our student leaders for 2009. Ms. Panayiotou also presented Reading Awards, and Maths Times Table Learning Champion Medallions, as well as swimming medallions to the age champions from our recently held senior grades swimming carnival.

Congratulations to

Maths Achievers: Matthew Kelliher, Bailey George, Tamika Clancy, Jesse Dewhurst, Michelle Phillips, Harrison George and Tristan Mooney.

Reading Achievers: Lachlan Hamilton , Yannick Sellings

Swimming Achievers: Dion Flintrop, Bianca Munckton, Harry Griffith, Tamika Clancy, Matthew Kelliher, Amelia Rafferty, Cooper Clancy and Tori O'Connor.

VANDALISM

Unfortunately two cases of vandalism occurred in our grounds over the weekend. It is very disappointing that this has happened and it has been reported to the police. Could I ask that everybody report any suspicious behaviour seen in our yards to the Police also. A collective community lookout is one of the best ways we can minimize such damage. Thanks for your attention to our School.

LUNCH TREATS - FRIDAYS

Attached to this newsletter is a laminated menu which you can put up on your fridge at home to remind you that NSPS are offering Lunch Treats every Friday. Please send along a paper bag with your child's name, grade, order and **CORRECT** money by 9:00am Friday morning. Lunches will be delivered to each student at lunchtime. Thank you to all the volunteers who have offered to help and a special thank you to Robyn Freeman who has volunteered to be the co-ordinator/orderer this year.

BOOKFAIR

Congratulations to everyone involved in organizing the Scholastic Book Fair in the library last week. Your support in manning the display and buying books has helped enormously to the success of this activity and allowed the school to purchase approximately \$700 of additional book stocks for your children to enjoy. Thanks everyone, but in particular Maree Ladds and Leanne Coleman.

ROSTERS

Also attached to this newsletter is a roster for Meals on Wheels and the First Aid Room. Please consider helping out and put your name on any blank spaces and return the form to the office. We need a few more offers of help with the First Aid Room please.

STAFFING CHANGE

Mrs. Janet Wylie will be teaching in Grade 2 until 12.30pm on a Wednesday morning commencing Term 2. Mrs Wylie is familiar with our school and students having taught at Neerim South Primary School as a CRT.

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS

It was great to have students, teachers and parents from Longwarry, Labertouche, Jindivick, Noojee and Neerim District Rural schools join with us at this years Interschool Athletic Sports.

It was also pleasing to see the number of our parents who were able to come and join us, even if for only a part of the day. Your presence added to the atmosphere and delighted the students. Special thanks to Mrs Vickerman, Miss New and Mr Le Lievre who organised the running of the program and to all the staff and parents who assisted them throughout the day. Those who attended Thursday fortnight ago would have seen first hand how we depend greatly on parents to assist with marshalling, timekeeping, canteen, recording results, etc. Unfortunately, each year the number of volunteers seems to diminish, yet our need for volunteers increases to ensure a smooth running of the sports. All our teams tried really hard and improved greatly on previous years results. Labertouche won from Neerim District Rural Primary School.

We did really well in the individual age champions with a number of our students winning medals. Congratulations to Matthew Kelliher, Rhys George, Amberley Brown, Shania Davis, Emily Adams, Harrison George and Ruby McKissack-Broad. A great effort.

GRADE 3 NEWS

Wow, what a busy term it has been. I can't believe that it has come to an end already. It was lovely catching up with all of you that came to the parent teacher interviews today. If you were unable to make it please feel free to pop in and see me before or after school any day except Wednesday. As of next term I will be working a 4 day week. Mrs. Wylie will be looking after the grade on Wednesday and will be teaching Art, Science and Maths with the grade. They will also continue to have P.E and Japanese as usual. It has been a wonderful term, and I am looking forward to working with you all again next term. Hope you have a wonderful holiday.

Lynn.

PARENT CLUB AGM - Early next term.

So far, there has been NO response from anyone willing to form Parent Club this year. Come on, put your hand up and have a go! A return form was included with the last newsletter.

OUT OF SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY

Tomorrow **FRIDAY APRIL 3rd** will be an out of school uniform day for students. The gold coin donation will go towards the \$420 cost of the Drum Kit Junior School Council were raising money for. They raised \$300 towards the purchase price in 2008. The drum kit arrived last week.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

The staff and I would like to sincerely thank you all for the wonderful support that you have given us in so many ways this term and we look forward to working with you closely next term to achieve goals and priorities the School has. We wish you all a happy and safe holidays.

Jennie



GRADE NEWS

GRADE PREP and GRADE 1

It is hard to believe that term 1 is nearly finished. We would like to thank all of our wonderful parent helpers and wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday. We have included just a few of the children's thoughts below.

I have learnt how to curl pipe cleaners to make my Easter Bonnet look interesting. – Joss

I have learnt how to draw a cartoon rabbit, bull, horse and dog in Art. – Shannon

I have enjoyed learning how to make an Easter Bonnet. – Lachlan

I like my new school. It is my favourite. – Aria

I have learnt how to sound out words. – Henry

I have learnt to sound out the word at. – Jai

I have learnt the Magic Golden Words. – Rebecca

I have learnt how to write in my handwriting book. – Corey

I have learnt how to go across the Monkey Bars. – Amberley

I have learnt how to read all of the Magic 100 Words. – Pat

Make sure you keep up the wonderful learning in the holidays.

Kirsti and Helen

GRADE 4

Here we are at the end of term one, and close to Easter. The grade four's have been making their Easter hats, for

Thursday's Easter Bonnet parade... They look wonderful; we have some very creative grade fours! We have mostly finished our school maps which are on display in the classroom.

I have been very impressed with the way the children have approached all the tests I have thrown at them lately, they have shown maturity and perseverance. Enjoy the holidays, and have a safe and happy Easter.



GRADE 5

I really can't believe that first term is over! It seems to have gone by so fast. This week we have been finishing off our work on the First Fleet and our models of the HMS Endeavour. The grade 5s will be given homework for the holidays and a spelling list of words to learn. Thanks and well done to all the grade 5s who have been learning their spelling words, I can really tell when I look at their writing and at their spelling test results. Thanks to all parents who attended the parent teacher interviews last night, it was great to see you all and discuss your child's individual learning plans. This is a working document so it will continue to change throughout the year as your child achieves their goals and we set new ones.

I hope you all have a great Easter break and I look forward to seeing you all back next term.

Thanks, Janelle

OUTSIDE SCHOOL CARE

First term has flown by so quickly, and the holidays have arrived. Don't forget we are running our **Vacation Care Service**, so please make your bookings as soon as possible. If you need to make bookings during the break, please call the OSHC mobile 0408 812 072. Have a great holiday!

Simone OSHC Coordinator

AASC

We have another term ahead of fantastic after school activities to help keep the children at Neerim South PS fit and healthy. I still have several spots available for both the Team Games on a Tuesday night and Dance on a Wednesday night. If you would like your child to be involved in this brilliant program please send a note to school tomorrow. Permission forms will go home early next term. The program is open to ALL students from Prep to 6. Unfortunately, the number of children wanting to participate in this program has been on the decrease and if this continues we will no longer be able to offer it at NSPS so please get behind it.

Thanks, Janelle

HEAD LICE They're Back...

Head lice are common in school-aged children and are the most adaptable of creatures. They have survived living solely on human for 10,000 years. You may be reassured to know that they are commonly found in places other than Neerim South Primary School.

Some of the reasons they have survived for as long as they have are: The six legs of a louse end in a claw, allowing them to grip the hair. They detect vibration and can hide - (conditioner will help fix this problem)

Head lice can 'hold' their breath for 20 mins – looking like they are dead.

The eggs are attached to the hair with a 'glue' like substance. Studies conducted on 45 different products to dissolve the 'glue' showed **nothing** would dissolve it. The good news...

We know where they live and we know how to find them.

If you follow these steps, once a week, the control of head lice in your home will be greatly improved.

Step 1 Comb inexpensive hair conditioner on to **dry, brushed (detangled) hair**. This makes it difficult for lice to grip the hair or run around;

Step 2 Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue;

Step 3 Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs;

Step 4 If lice or eggs are found, the child should be treated;

Step 5 If the child has been treated recently and only hatched eggs are found, you may not have to treat since the eggs could be from the old infection.

Remember: If your child has head lice – notify the school and tell anyone who has had head to head contact with them and ask them to check their family for head lice.

CALENDAR

April 3	Friday	Last Day Term 1 school finishes at 2.15pm. OUT OF UNIFORM DAY
20	Monday	First Day Term 2
22	Wednesday	School Council Annual Reporting Meeting at 7pm. Presentation of Annual Report.
23	Thursday	Tabloid Sports—please make sure to pay before this activity
28	Wednesday	Zone Athletics—selected students
June 8	Monday	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday—no students at school
10	Wednesday	English Incursion
26	Friday	Last day Term 2 school finishes at 2.15pm

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

For parents who chose to receive their first payment by cheque, these have now arrived at school. If you are using EMA to pay for student charges, please call into the office and endorse the cheque to enable it to be receipted against your school fees.

BOOK FAIR 2009

Thank you to my volunteers who assisted with setting up, sales and packing up. From the total of sales, 30% commission of new books have been purchased for our library. Total sales \$2200 approximately. We have purchased \$670 worth of books

Including fiction, non fiction and some picture story. Thank you. Leanne and Maree

UNIFORM SHOP—in the Orana Centre

Open this Friday 3 April from 8.45 till 9.30am. Heaps of good quality jumpers in a variety of sizes.

From the Chaplain.

I can remember lots of sunrises. Some of them have been the times when I am so excited about something that I just have to wake up early and get into the new day.

The others are the TOTAL opposite, the dark mornings when I don't want to get up at all and it seems like night is better than the day.

On the first Easter we hear about the grief and sadness of a group of women going to a garden at sunrise to remember a dear friend who had died. Then we hear about their excitement of seeing their friend Jesus alive again. Whether this Easter sunrise greets your family in a time of joy and closeness or in darkness and sadness know that each sunrise is full of hope, and Easter Sunday particularly.

Enjoy the holiday and the celebrations.

Mr. Cav.



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for boys and girls - grade prep to 6 starts **Sunday 19 April 9.30am**

Neerim South Recreational Reserve **Register online before April 3 and receive free**

tickets to an AFL game. Register at www.aflauskick.com.au (payment is not required until we start on the 19 of April) Contact **Adrian Eastwood 0408 515 765**

QUILT DISPLAY

Over 120 quilts were made by Neerim District Quilters and Friends for victims of Black Saturday. The quilts will be on display prior to distribution at the JD Algie Hall, Neerim South on Monday 6 April from 10.00am—4.00pm. Entry \$5 includes Devonshire Tea. Quilts will be donated to bushfire victims

BASKETBALL PLAYERS WANTED

Interested in playing basketball for the 2009 winter competition?. Neerim Wolves BC is looking for players for U10 mixed, U12, U14, U16, U19 boys. Competition commences early next term. Contact Di Davison 5628 1183 for more info and to obtain a registration form.

NEED A TUTOR?

Experienced teacher will teach prep to year 10 English and prep to grade 2 maths. \$33 an hour in your home, telephone Madeleine 5628 1484.

JOINING THE CHORUS

If you are interested in participating in 2009, queries can be directed to 9415 1700 or email jtc@edumail.vic.gov.au

FOR SALE Kind size single bed—solid wood. As new mattress included. \$200. Phone 5628 1563