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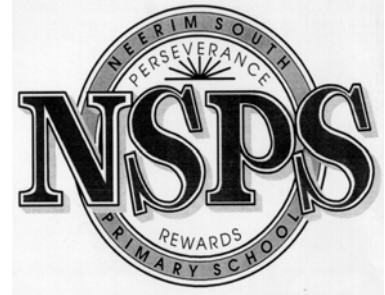
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Our Junior School Councillors for 2009



Mother's Day Stall

Don't forget our Mother's Day Stall
TOMORROW FRIDAY 8th May 11:30-1:30

Gift prices range from \$1 - \$5

If you would like your child to purchase a gift, please send along some money (in an envelope). A bag would be useful too!

Many thanks to Leonie for organising this stall on behalf of Parent Club for our School.

Thank you also to everyone who has volunteered their time to help out selling the gifts. If you can spare some time

MASSIVE CLEARANCE!

Second-hand Uniform Sale!!

ALL ITEMS \$1 EACH

Heaps of good quality second-hand uniforms will be for sale in the Orana Centre tomorrow

Friday 8th May from 8:45am - 9:30am.

If you can't make it then, just phone Jennie Ryrice on 56281779 and she can arrange another time.

Jennie's Jottings

WELCOME

A warm welcome is extended to our new grade 1 student, Brandon and his family who have joined us this week.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

A huge thank you to Leonie Martens for organising and buying the majority of the gifts for the stall for **tomorrow Friday May 8th**. Thank you also to Leonie's relatives who spent a considerable amount of time wrapping the gifts and to the parents who also donated gifts and those giving time to man the stall between 11.30—1.30pm. If you wish your child to buy a gift please send money along tomorrow.

EDUCATION WEEK: MAY 18th to 22nd

The students and staff of Neerim South Primary School welcome parents and interested people to observe the programs and activities happening in our school at any time, not just in D.E.E.C.D's designated week.

However this year, to celebrate some of the great things happening in learning at Neerim South Primary, we will be holding an **Open Day on Monday 18th May** where you are invited to visit classrooms to observe our daily programs in action. The students and staff extend a warm welcome to anyone who is interested in joining us. Please put this date in your diary now. More details and invitations will be sent out to you as the date draws closer.

NAPLAN TESTING FOR GRADES 3 & 5 STUDENTS

Grade three and five students will sit national centrally assessed tests in English, Writing, Reading and Numeracy next week on Tuesday May 12th, Wednesday May 13th and Thursday May 14th. Please ensure your child is at school on these days so they can complete these tests. Individual results of the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) will be provided to schools and parents later in the year. These test results also form an integral part of our 2009 School Level Report, 2009 Annual Report, 2010 Annual Implementation Plan and School Self Assessment/ Reviews.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Neerim South Primary School will be participating in the Walk Safely to School Day on **Friday May 15th**.

- *Walk Safely to School Day* aims to encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school-age children.
- The event aims to reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour and instill healthy lifestyle habits at a young age.
- It is promoting road safety, better health, less traffic and helping the environment.
- It is an initiative developed by the Pedestrian Council of Australia.

So how about joining in this year and walking with your children to School instead of driving them on May 15th?

Stickers will be presented to all those who participate.

COMPUTER SKILLS COMPETITION

The University of New South Wales Science competition will take place for Grades 3-6 on Thursday May 27th. Well done to the four students who have volunteered to participate in this competition. Individual and School results will be forwarded to the School early in Term 3.

CROSS COUNTRY TRIALS

Mrs. Vickerman is currently organising trials for students who wish to represent our school at the District Cross Country Competition at Chairo Christian College later this month. Students need to be able to run nonstop around the football ground for 5-8 laps depending on their age group to be considered for selection.

ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY

School Captains Bianca Munckton and Jesse Dewhurst represented the School at the recent Anzac Day Memorial Service held at the Neerim South Nursing Home. They placed a wreath on behalf of our School during the ceremony. Many thanks to Bianca and Jesse for giving up their time to attend this important commemoration.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The next School Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday May 13th at 7:00pm in the staffroom**. Please note the earlier starting time. Some of the items on the agenda will be the Building Education Revolution P21 project, the National Schools Pride Program (NSP), Canteen and the usual School Council sub committee reports.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The Department of Education and Early Childhood (DEECD) and Neerim South Primary School **DO NOT** have Personal Accident Insurance for students. Parents should consider personal accident insurance that suits their needs.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Neerim South Primary School has registered for the 2009 Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge. This activity is for all Victorian students in years Prep to 10 and is divided into three sections. The rules for meeting the Challenge are the same for each section, but the booklists are different. The Challenge is again encouraging students to read for enjoyment as a way of developing literacy skills. A letter explaining the Challenge, its requirements and a consent form to participate was sent home to all students recently. Could all those students wishing to participate please return their consent forms as soon as possible so that we can register their names online.

Every student who successfully meets the Challenge will receive a certificate signed by the Premier of Victoria and will have their name published in a special supplement to *The Age*, which is sponsoring the Challenge. Parents are invited to support the Challenge to promote the development of literacy skills and a love of reading.

SCHOOL CANTEEN

We've only been running two weeks but already the indication is that this is a popular service offered by the school. As the canteen operates purely on volunteer labor a huge thank you must go to Robyn and Darren Freeman and Debbie Beck for co-ordinating/ordering, to the parents who have volunteered to collate and serve each Friday that the canteen operates and to the families who utilize the service.

SCHOOL CHARGES

Outstanding accounts were sent home this week. Prompt attention would be appreciated. The Grade 3 Camp charge is \$199 and must be paid in full by Monday 15th June. The Grade 5/6 major excursion (Term 4) has not yet been costed.

Jennie ☺

GRADE NEWS

GRADE PREP/1F

We have certainly experienced all types of weather in the last 2 weeks. A huge thank you goes out to all our fantastic parents that have helped us with our readers in the mornings and to Mrs Selling who has started helping us with our Friday afternoon activities. Anybody else interested in joining in with our exciting cooking, music and drama lessons please let us know.

In last week's newsletter we shared some information about our Letters and Sounds program. This is a very important spelling program that we run every morning starting right on 9.00am. It is therefore really important that all children are at school in time to change their readers and be ready to start their learning at 9.00am.

During term 2 and 3 the children are required to take their shoes off when entering any classroom. Please help us with this by ensuring that your child is able to remove their own shoes and is able to put them on as well. We certainly don't mind helping with laces but you may want to consider the lovely invention of Velcro when buying new shoes!! Children may bring a pair of slippers to school if they wish.

The children in grades prep to 2 have started reading books that are on the Premier's Reading Challenge. We will continue doing this until the end of term. As a result, all children will have completed the challenge. All you need to do is return the notice handed out last Friday and all children will receive a certificate from the Premier and their name will appear in the paper later in the year.

Kirsti Farr and Helen Collins

GRADE 2

I can't believe that it is week 3 already, time sure flies. We have had a good start to the term. I am particularly impressed by the enthusiasm the students have shown towards learning their skip counting patterns and their frequently used words. There have been many successes, and the sticker charts are beginning to fill up. Thank you to all of the parents that have volunteered their time to help with the testing and with reading in the mornings. Your efforts are appreciated. Please don't forget to sign your child's diary every night to acknowledge that they have read. If they have been unable to read a note to that effect in the diary would be appreciated. The students are welcome to come into

the class at 8:45 and read to either myself or a parent helper if they were unable to read the previous night. Congratulations to Amy K, Joshua O and Jessica who have all reached 50 nights of reading. There are many other students not far behind. Keep up the good work.

Lynn Hand.

GRADE 3 and 4

During our Science sessions, children are investigating solids and liquids. They have been finding ways to describe the qualities of each and discovering how material can change states, eg. By heating. Mrs. Hick has discovered a useful website: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize/science/> which looks at this topic.



Materials

Grade 3/4 Camp

Permission forms for camp have been sent home. Please return by Friday 15th May. Payment in full is due by Monday 15th June, but of course you are welcome to pay earlier.

Christina Duncan and Erin Hick.

GRADE 5

In maths we have been focusing on addition, subtraction and multiplication as well as some practice questions for the Naplan Test. We have written some fantastic stories in class and I was impressed with how much the grade could produce in our 10 minute writing challenge. We have continued to look at the inferred meaning in reading which is very challenging but I have been really happy with the ideas everyone has come up with.

I am looking forward to the next few weeks where we will be learning more about the Victorian Gold rush and what life would have been like for a miner. Next week we will be completing the Naplan Test. We have activities to

complete on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. It is important that students arrive to school on time. I am confident that all students will try their hardest and I have been trying to reassure them that they have nothing to worry about, however this can be a stressful time for some students.

Janelle New.

GRADE 6

Well hello parents and students, this is Jesse Dewhurst and Harry Griffiths writing this broadcast for you. O.K. so in the past two weeks we have started Gold and Bush Rangers in humanities, pests in Library and Art and so far we have done tonal collages. Everyone will be involved in the cross country tryouts this Friday and thank you to all the Junior School Council members and we hope to make you have as much fun as you can. Thank you for reading this broadcast. From, ☺☺☺☺

Jesse & Harry, your School Leaders

GRADE 5/6

Guest Speaker, Beau Miles

We were exceptionally lucky this week to have had Beau come into our school and talk to the Grade 5/6 students about his sea kayak adventures around the bottom of Africa. All students and teachers got a lot out of this sessions and we are very grateful to Mrs. Jeffrey for organizing Beau to visit and for Beau giving up his time. It was made even more special by the fact that Beau is an ex-NSPS student and showed us that we can achieve anything!

JAPANESE

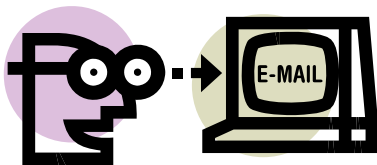
All grades have been working on a Mother's Day theme this week. We have been discussing the cultural differences between celebrating Mother's Day in Australia and Japan. In Japan we say "Thank you Mum" Ask your children to say this in Japanese! (**okaasan arigato**)

Robyn Young



CALENDAR

MAY		
12/13/14	Tues/Wed/Thurs	NAPLAN Assessments Grades 3 and 5
13	Wednesday	School Council Meeting 7pm in staffroom
14 & 15	Thursday/Friday	Baseball Clinic at NSPS
20	Wednesday	“On Safari” Musical Performance (Bushfire Funded)
20	Wednesday	Basketball Clinic Grades 3,4,5,6
June 8	Monday	Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday—no students at school
10	Wednesday	English Incursion
12	Friday	Pupil Free Day for all Government Schools
17	Wednesday	Prep 2010 Information Night 7pm in P/1 room
22-24	Mon/Tues/Wed	Grade 3/4 Phillip Island Camp
26	Friday	Last day Term 2 school finishes at 2.15pm



If you would like this Newsletter via email, please provide your email address to the school.

UNIFORM REMINDER:

Please check the names on your child’s Uniform. Sometimes the wrong items can go home by mistake!

PREP INFORMATION NIGHT 2010

Wednesday 17th June

7pm in the P/1 room

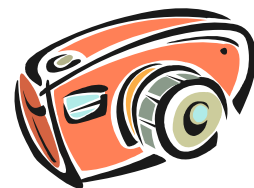
An information evening will be held for prospective Prep students in 2010.

We invite you to let any families know who are interested in attending Neerim South PS in 2010.

2nd Brownies and 1st Neerim Guides

GIRLS make new friends while camping and doing outdoor activities, games, cooking, craft and challenges. GIRLS from the age of 7yrs-10yrs can have fun at Brownie Guides on Thursday night from 6pm until 7.30pm. GIRLS from the age of 10yrs—15yrs can join in Guide activities on a Tuesday night from 6.30pm until 8.30pm. We are also looking for women who are interested in taking on a Leadership role. Enquiries to Cheryl Kimm—Phone 5626 8469

AFRICA BY KYAK “A story of Survival”. In 2007 Beau Miles attempted to sea-kayak 4,000ks from one side of Africa to the other. He didn’t make it. This is the footage, a world first showing, of an incredible 5 months journey. Thursday May 14 at West Gippsland Art Centre. Doors open at 7pm for an 8pm start. \$20 each or \$50 a family. Tickets available from www.wgac.org.au or 56242456. Beau is a past student of Neerim South Primary School. This presentation is supported by the Australian Geographic Society.



JACKY JEFFREY’s Photographic Exhibition continues at the Red Parrot Café n Friday, Sat, Sun and Monday from 9-5 or by appointment until May 31. Phone 5628 9602 Brian or Narelle. Part proceeds of sales to the Noojee CFA.

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