



NEWSLETTER

No. 6

Thursday 2nd May, 2019



SCHOOL HOURS ARE 9:00am until 3:15pm. Supervision of students 8:45am until 3:30pm.

Easter Fun Activities



CALENDAR 2019

MAY Wed	3	P&F Meeting 1:30pm—Orana Centre. Student led assembly 2:50pm—all welcome!
MAY Wed	8	Division Athletics @ Joe Carmody Track, Newborough (selected students).
Fri	10	Mother's Day Stall — P&F: Helpers welcome!
14-24		Online NAPLAN testing Grades 3 and 5.
20-24		Education Week.
Fri	24	Open afternoon 2:15-3:15pm. All welcome.
Thurs	30	Cross Country @ Chairo Christi School (selected students).
JUNE Mon	3	Foundation information night - 2020 students 7pm
	10	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday.
Thu	13	Cross Country @ Lardner Park(selected students)
Fri	28	Last Day Term 2. Early Dismissal @ 2:15pm.

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BIKE SAFE

JENNIE'S JOTTINGS

TERM 2 UPDATE

It is a pleasure to welcome you all back to the second term of 2019. I have been delighted to see how well our new yard duty roster is working. We are now able to offer a range of activities in the library, garden and frog ponds, as well as teacher supervised football in the yard. I have been proud of how well the older students are looking after the younger students and of the range of students participating. Miss Laughlin has told me how well the students who are to appear in the State Schools' Spectacular have been working during rehearsals. They have had to learn the steps for eight different items and were polite and focussed at the full day rehearsal held at Pakenham Primary School last week. I'm sure they were all exhausted by the time they got home. Thanks also to Mrs Duncan who stepped in and taught Grade One on that day. Speaking of Mrs Duncan, I would like to welcome her back to our school this term. She is returning from a term of long service leave, which she finished off with a five-week trip to Western Australia, with her husband. She has been overwhelmed with the warm welcome she received from staff, students and parents on her return. I know she is looking forward to her new role for this year, working in the area of literacy intervention and coordination. We also welcome back Miss Stephens who has returned from her leave to teach Art, and PE in the senior grades and thank Sindy Nicholls for stepping into the role while Miss Stephens was absent. Thanks to Darren Freeman who worked in the office last week and kept things running smoothly while Deb Beck, Kirsti Farr and I were on leave. Unfortunately my mother died while I was leading the TEC China Tour so I would like to thank everyone for the messages of support and beautiful tree and plants that you have given me over the past three weeks. Mum was a teacher and principal, as was her mother and her grandmother, who gave me lots of inspiration and guidance during her long and fulfilling life. She would have been 91 on May 8th so that is a pretty good innings by anyone's standards!

ASSEMBLY TOMORROW

A reminder to everyone that there will be a student organised and run **Assembly** in the 3-6 Learning Centre tomorrow **Friday 3rd May** commencing at 2.50pm. All welcome. Assemblies are held each fortnight on the Friday of newsletter week.

ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

We commemorated ANZAC Day last week and I would like to thank our School Captain Riley Morehu for laying a wreath at the service in Neerim South. He represented the school well.



HEAD LICE

Next Monday May 6th is the day set for our whole school head lice check. Please check your child's hair over the weekend.

NAPLAN TESTING FOR GRADES 3 AND 5

Grade three and five students will sit national centrally assessed tests in the **fortnight of Monday May 13th—Friday May 24th**. English, Writing, Reading and Numeracy are the areas that will be assessed. This year our school has been selected to complete the majority of these tests online, with the grade 3 writing task the only one to be still paper based. Mrs Farr (Gr 3) and Mrs Collins (Gr 5) will administer these tests for our school. Please ensure your child is at school on time during Naplan fortnight 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 2020 School Level Report, 2019 Annual Report, national My School website, 2020 Annual Implementation Plan and 2019 School Self Assessment/ Review. School NAPLAN results are also posted on the My School website for all to view.

CIRCUMSTANCE CHANGE NOTIFICATIONS

Please help us by making sure that we have up to date phone/address/email details to ensure you are receiving important information and can be contacted. We are trying as much as possible to reduce the amount of printing/paper usage and provide families with more detail electronically. To do this we need your support.

*If there is a change in your family circumstance, please contact the school office promptly to enable details to be amended accordingly. **These details, particularly changes in employment status, are an important factor in our school being funded properly by DET in the future.** Thank you for your co-operation.*

EDUCATION WEEK: MAY 19 to 25

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 DET's (Department of Education and Training) designated week of 19-25 May. Every school changes the lives of its students and has an impact on their future careers. With this in mind then the theme chosen by DET for this year is **"How education inspires students to start thinking about their futures"**. At NSPS we plan to invite guest speakers in all week to talk to our students about the careers that they have engaged in since they left school in the hope that their experiences may inspire some to start thinking about future directions. We also plan to have an open session, between **2.15-3.15pm on Friday 24 May** to present the posters that our students will produce about the careers that inspire them. Invitations for you to volunteer to be a career guest speaker or to join us for our Friday open session will be sent out to you, as well as being posted on our Facebook page.

LOST ITEMS

We have again collected many lunch boxes, containers and pieces of clothing. Anything lying around will be held up at our fortnightly Friday assembly but it would be wonderful if all these items had been named so that we could have returned them immediately.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The May School Council meeting will be held on **Monday May 20 at 6.30pm** in the staff room. The Finance sub committee meeting will precede this meeting at 5.30pm in the Principal's office.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

A Mother's Day stall will be held next **Friday 10 May** for the children to purchase gifts. This is another activity run by our hardworking Parents and Friends group that benefits our school families. Volunteers are being sought to help bake and man the stall. Please let Saffron Hay or the Office know if you can assist in either or both of these activities. **Many hands make light work!**

WET WEATHER

At N.S.P.S all students are expected to remove their shoes before entering their classrooms. Students are welcome to bring woolly bed type socks or slippers to wear in class instead. It would be a good idea also, for the winter months, if all students had a spare set of clothes in their bags so that they can change if their clothes get muddy or if they have a "toilet accident".

CROSS COUNTRY

The cross-country trials were conducted on Monday. Thanks to Mrs Butler and Miss Stephens for their organisation of the event and our participation at Chairo Christian College on Thursday 30th May. We are always proud of the students who give it their all and they were certainly doing that in this weeks trials.

Jennie

GRADE NEWS

FOUNDATION/GRADE 1

Welcome to term 2! This term in the year 1F room, we are learning all about Australian animals. We have been excited to make our reading area into an Australian bush campsite and then use this space to read books about our unique animals. In Mathematics, we have been learning about addition and subtraction. The students have enjoyed playing domino drive in and answering equations. Keep up the Camera Word practice, we are now learning Unit 2.

Jacquie Rowlinson

GRADE 1

What an exciting start to the term we've had in grade 1L! This term our theme is 'There's No Place Like Space!'. We have been learning all about the Earth this week. The students have written information reports about Earth to show all of the interesting facts they know. Next week we're off to explore Mercury!

STUDENT COMMENTS:

Steven: "Earth is a very cool planet! It spins on an axis and it has 7 continents".

Hannah: "Did you know the Earth is the third planet from the sun? Earth is a very clever planet because the atmosphere protects it from meteors".

Emily Laughlin

GRADE 2-4 UNIT

We have our tap shoes on and we are dancing around the world. This unit is focusing on cultural and geographical knowledge of various countries around the world. We arrived in India and will be exploring life there.

Our current focus in Maths is fractions and next week we are moving onto telling time.

Term 2 is a report writing term so we are gearing up to getting started on assessments. All that we ask of our children during this time is to try their very best. We can't wait to celebrate the growth that they have made in their learning as result of challenging themselves and hard work!

Alex Butler/Kirsti Farr/Jacqui Holland

GRADE 4-6 UNIT

Welcome back to Term 2. We certainly enjoyed the break and it appears that our students did too. The weather led to many outdoor activities, which they are still talking about.

This fortnight in Maths, Grade 6 are identifying prime and composite numbers and we have begun finding the highest common factor (HCF) and lowest common multiple (LCM), which will help in simplifying, adding and

subtracting fractions. Grade 4/5 have a focus on multiples and factors and are working hard towards knowing all of their times tables.

During Design and Technology both our grades have begun investigating local birds and their habitat, working in pairs towards designing and making nesting boxes for these birds. Students have been working well in partnerships and problem solving whilst learning about the many birds in our area.

We would like to wish all the students participating in Divisional Athletics next Wednesday well.

STUDENT COMMENTS:

Ruby S The House Captains have started to run games at recess each day so that everyone can enjoy learning to play new games.

Elijah H Scratch Club is up and running! We are learning how to make flappy bat.

Ella R Grace and I are running an art class that includes learning to draw, colouring in, and Zentangles.

William B I have enjoyed playing footy at lunchtime because the teachers are fair at umpiring and the teams are fair too.

Brock S Grade 4/5 set up the cones for the cross-country tryouts. After snack we all tried out and I hurt my ankle!

Grace M In Art, Miss Stephens is back and we are doing Zentangle self-portraits. We had to draw first and then outline in black texta and colour in with watercolour pencils. It is great!

Shavon E In Civics & Citizenship, we have been learning about Nepal and how the people of Nepal are some of the happiest people in the world. It's been really interesting.

Helen Collins & Cheryl Anstis

SCIENCE

Did anyone do any experiments over the holidays? Did you make any new discoveries in and around your home or on holidays if you went to the beach, forest, interstate?

This term we are focussing on Biology, the study of life and living organisms. We will be looking at animals & plants so if you are working in the garden at home or dealing with animals, encourage the children to go out with you and ask lots of questions to inspire their thinking about how and what happens.

At school we have worm farms kindly donated by Warragul Bunnings. The worm wee and castings will nourish

our vegetable gardens. The children know what food worms do and don't like to eat (they have trouble eating an apple with just one bite out of it as they have little mouths!) Worms don't like mould which gathers quickly on bread so we encourage children to eat their crusts! All Baw Baw rate payers are entitled to a FREE worm farm so check it out and your children can teach you all about worms as they observe them create liquid gold for your plants at home.

<http://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/Resident-Information/Rubbish-and-Environment/Environment/Environmental-Grants-and-Rebates/Worm-Farm-and-Compost-Bins>

The vegetable gardens currently have plenty of silverbeet (great brain food) behind the Foundation/ Grade 1 building. If you'd like fresh greens for dinner please take a serve and if you are able, give a gold coin donation in the jam jar at the office.

NSPS features in a published article by Curious Kids about a question posed by our students so be sure to log on and read through it with your children. It was also presented on the Bureau of Meteorology website. Well done to the children for thinking of such fantastic questions. Keep it up!
<https://theconversation.com/curious-kids-is-water-blue-or-is-it-just-reflecting-off-the-sky-113199>

Natasha Brown

LITERACY/INTERVENTION

Thank you to everyone who has been so welcoming to me on my return from long service leave. My leave finished with a train trip to Perth and then a five week holiday going as far north as Coral Bay and as far south as Albany. I'm looking forward to my role as a learning specialist and intervention teacher. I will be working with the teachers and students to help improve reading outcomes from Foundation to Grade 6. Some of the things I really like about our school are the teachers' enthusiasm to learn and preparedness to share good practice.

Christina Duncan

ART

After having been on leave for some of last term, I'm excited to be back teaching Art and PE lessons on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Everyone is most welcome to come and have a look at our displays in the Art room.

Lisa Stephens

VALUES & READING AWARDS

For fortnight ending: 5th April, 2019

	Grade F/1	Grade 1L	Grade 2/3B	Grade 3/4F	Grade 4/5C	Grade 6A	OSHC
Respect Learning Teamwork Perseverance	Frederique	Cooper W	Mataya S	Riley W	Brock S	Mia C	Johnny S Katelyn B
	Maysen	Ashlyn P	Fergus H	Isla D	Tait C	Megan J	

Congratulations for 50 Nights of reading awards!



School Captain's Report

Hello everyone,
Welcome back to school. On Monday we had Cross Country tryouts. Everyone did an amazing job and congrats to everyone who made it in. Up at Grade 1, they have been learning all about space and all the planets. They have also been doing information reports which to be heard are amazing and they have been learning about place value. Grade 4 and up are working on a project about birds. In pairs we are learning facts about 10 birds then choosing one of the ten to make a wonderful bird box for them. We hope that everyone has had a great start to term2 and it will all continue this term.

Tiffany and Riley

Junior School Council Report

Hello everyone, This first fortnight grade six have been learning more about fractions and the (HCF) highest common factor with factor trees. The grade preps have been learning addition and subtraction in Maths. In Literacy, they have been practicing camera words and have created a campsite reading area. During snack and lunch we have been starting Clubs like a drawing club and a coding club. The House Captains have been running games at different times and the teachers have been running games of football at lunchtime. So far we have had a great start to term two and hope everyone has had a great holiday. We also raised \$123 at the end of last term which was donated to the CFA.

Mia and Leith



CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM

Hello wonderful school community.
It's great to be back with you for another term of learning together! How are you feeling? What are your thoughts? Our thoughts and feelings have such a strong connection, and hold a great deal of potential benefit in our lives! Take a moment to reflect on your thoughts and feelings now, for today, and towards this school term for you and your child. And enjoy a few quotes too. - Health and happiness. **Mr E**

- "Success is a journey not a destination" – Ben Sweetland*
- "Whether you think you can or think you can't, you're right" – Henry Ford*
- "The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty" – Winston Churchill*
- "Look for something positive in each day, even if some days you have to look a little harder" – RecoveryExperts.com*
- "Try to be a rainbow in someone else's cloud" – Maya Angelou*

Mr Lance Ewing



BLUE HOUSE WINNERS

Congratulations!



*Kyson & Nari
Captains*

CHINA TRIP

LOTE—CHINESE

Our TEC trip to China over the holidays was a great success with some wonderful experiences especially our visit to our Sister Schools. The buddies were all so excited and were there to greet us at the school gate when we arrived on the first day - they had even made signs to welcome us. It was so much fun really getting to know the buddies in person and their classmates too. From there we

went to Suzhou, Beijing and Xi'an all of which were amazing places to visit. Some highlights were the Bullet train, The Great Wall of China and the Terracotta Warriors. We also saw lots of gardens and temples. All year levels watched the video that I made for the China Trip. It was an amazing experience and I would encourage you all to think about going when you are in Grade 5/6 in 2021.

Doris Lei



COMMUNITY NOTICES

P&F CHAT Welcome back to Term Two!

We hope your holidays were fun & relaxing!
We would like to say a very big thank you to the wonderful volunteers who put on the **Easter Fun Day Stall**. NSPS was awash with fairy floss, pop corn, hot cross buns & smiling faces! A very special thank you to Leanne Burn who donated the use of her industrial machinery & for donating & sewing ALL the Easter Bags. We made over \$400 to go towards the purchase of take home readers.

The **NSPS Mother Day Stall** will be held on **Friday the 10th of May**. The gifts are ranging from \$1 to \$6. After the students have purchased, the stall will be open to teachers & parents! We will be offering baked goods again this year. There will be a Baking Day on Thursday the 9th of May in the Orana Centre or if you are so inclined, you could bake at home (Please see instructions below)! We still need a few volunteers on the day.

It feels like we have only just recovered from the last election.... but here we go again! **The Federal Election is on Saturday the 18th of May**. This is a major fundraising opportunity for our school. At the 2018 State Election we had a huge crew of volunteers; we offered a BBQ, cake stall, beverages & preserves. We made over \$1,000 to go towards the new iPads the literacy intervention kits.

We would love donations of baked good to go on the 2019 cake stall. If you can contribute, could you please send in your item with; Full name, best before date, ingredients (no fresh cream or raw eggs) on Friday the 17th of May.

We will repackage the items at school & print out extra labels. *We are not allowed to accept any items which contain cream filling or raw eggs.*

A very big thank you to Cody & Luke Bottom from Jindi Pig, who have already offered the donation of 500 sausages for the BBQ!! We will need an army of volunteers. This years Federal Election money will go toward the purchase of 28 new DELL student notebooks!!

Our next meeting is this **Friday 3rd May** at 1.30pm in the Orana Centre. All welcome, including kids!!!

We finish in time to attend the school assembly at 2.45pm. If you can help out in any way, or would like to join the crew please contact NSPS, Cheers NSPS P&F



Squash in Neerim Junction, Mondays 6.30pm onwards. Beginners wanted! Please join us for a fun Winter season of squash! There are quite a few beginners from NSPS already and we'd love some more. We will start with racquet ball so the kids can slowly build their skills. We also have some coaches from Neerim District Secondary School who are fantastic with the kids and teaching new ball skills. Squash is a fun, relaxed sport and a great starting point to learn a sport and also caters for continuing players. Only \$3 a night and just up the road!



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