



Newbery Park Primary School

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome Back

It has been great to get back into the swing of school again. This is an exciting time of the year for the students to meet new teachers, use new books and wear new uniforms. It is also a great chance to reach new goals, make new friends and work hard on the areas that help make us better learners. Parents can take a breath and dare to look into the future to see what our children can become in the year ahead. These new possibilities depend a lot on what we provide in our learning community and the ongoing involvement of parents to share the successes as well as work through the bumps along the way to help turn the small improvements into major steps. The staff at Newbery Park Primary School look forward to sharing this journey with you all.

Newsletters

Please be advised Week 1 newsletters of all term's will be in paper format, all following newsletters will be emailed to parents who have supplied an email address, however they will also be available to download from the school's website or from the link posted on the school's Facebook page. A hardcopy is available for collection from the front office if need.

Goal Setting and Student Portfolio Performance Meetings

Our goal setting and student portfolio performance meetings aim to improve partnerships, have improved levels of communication and enhance the transparency of student achievement and results, whilst strengthening home/school partnerships.

- The first portfolio meetings for the year begin in week 3 on the **11th, 12th & 13th February** and will be student performance conversations, where the student, teacher and parent will be able to discuss key learning and classroom focusses for the term/year, whilst setting student learning goals and strategies for both school and at home. Progress and achievement of these learning goals and strategies will be followed up at the end of the term where the review and setting of new goals and strategies will occur between the student, teacher and parent/caregiver. These portfolio student performance conversations occur on a more frequent basis, keeping parents/caregivers more regularly informed; therefore eliminating the need for what was once called parent teacher meetings.
- A-E Reporting will occur at the normal times at the end of term 2 and term 4. Students, parents and caregivers will receive an A-E report, including a portfolio of student learning and assessment tasks aligned to the Australian Curriculum. This will support and provide a rationale for the grades which your child has received. Parents and students will receive these during our schools scheduled report meetings.
- A note will be distributed early next week with details on the process for booking student portfolio meetings.

Chrome Devices – Learning with the use of Google Classroom and Google Drive

Every student from year 1 to year 7 have now been issued with their own chrome device. These devices will change the way in which your child engage with the Australian Curriculum, receiving feedback about their learning and develop and also their critical thinking skills. Parents with students who are receiving these devices have been asked to complete a user agreement. If you are yet to sign one of these agreements we ask that you pop into the front office to complete one. Students who

DATES TO REMEMBER 2019

- 11th – 13th Feb**
Student Portfolio Meetings
- 26th Feb**
YELP (Naracoorte)
- 11th March**
Public Holiday
- 15th March**
Sports Day
- 22nd March**
World of Maths
- 1st – 3rd April**
Portfolio Reviews

- TERM DATES 2019**
- TERM 1**
29th Jan. – 12th April
- TERM 2**
29th April – 5th July
- TERM 3**
22nd July – 27th Sept.
- TERM 4**
14th Oct. – 13th Dec.



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have not signed an agreement will not have access to the device until they have done so. Families are reminded that the student is responsible for the care, whereabouts, charging and appropriate use of their device. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to make contact with your child's classroom teacher in the first instance. Families are reminded that general maintenance and up keep will be supplied by the school, however, damage due to misuse or the loss of a device will result in the family being invoiced.

Student Attendance and SMS service

From time to time students will have time off school for varying reasons. Irrespective of the reason, it is important to inform the school as to why your child is away. Students who are away unexplained will receive an SMS on the day, reminding them to inform the school of why their child is away. Families, if they choose can then respond to the school via SMS, a phone call or a note to the school is also acceptable. If you know that your child is going to be away families may also choose to SMS the school rather than wait for a reminder. Every day at school counts, a day off for a family member's birthday is an example which can lead to your child falling behind in their learning. Families with children away for 5 consecutive days or longer are asked to see the front office staff for an exemption form. This is usually done for absences incurred for family holidays or specific family circumstances. Please check with the front office to make sure that the school has your correct mobile phone details. Our school's attendance goal is to have every student attend school 93% of the time or higher.

Student Attendance SMS Service

Please save this number into your contacts, enabling you to SMS the school when your child is absent.
0434 077 091

Toys at School

To make life easy for parents, students and teachers we advise that all types of toys are not permitted at school. For those students who have been asked to do an oral presentation in their class and a toy forms part of this present then they are able to bring it to school, however, it will be required to stay in their bag or with the teacher for the day.

REMINDER: Hats

As a sun smart school our students are required to wear a hat during play times. ALL students are expected to wear a **NAVY BLUE** broad brimmed or bucket hat. Peaked hats or alternate styles or colours are not permitted. As part of DFE work health and safety standards **ALL** chin straps/cords are to be removed. If you child brings a hat with a chin straps/cord, your child's teacher will remove this for them. Students who do not wear a hat will be asked to play in the shelter shed. Thank you for your support.

AGM

Our Annual General meeting will be held on Monday 4th March 2019 at 4pm in the school library. This is a great opportunity for families to hear about our 2018 achievements along with an opportunity to become a part of our schools governing council. The main role of governing council is to support, contribute to and oversee the broad direction of the school. However, becoming a member of governing council does give you an insight into the behind the scene's operation of a school. This year there are 5 vacancies to be filled, if you would like to be consider for a position on the schools governing council.

Emergency management

A review of the schools 'Emergency Management Plan' has occurred. In the event that we have a catastrophic event such as a fire the following procedures will occur:

- Students and staff will assemble on the school oval or in the gym.
- Parents will be notified in the first instance of a catastrophic event via SMS. Key information will be provided in the SMS such as pick up procedures and steps which the school are implementing.
- A facebook post will also occur.
- The school will consult key personnel and emergency services as to seek advice on the best way to provide the highest level of safety, care and support to your child.
- The school has basic supply's such as bottled water, long life food stuffs and blankets in the event that the emergency period is prolonged.

Kind Regards



Stuart Millier
Principal

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Rocket Reading

This program is aimed at increasing the reading fluency of students and is run on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9.00-10.30am weekly. Session times are flexible and volunteers are welcome on any of these days. Volunteers are paired with a group of students, and listen to them read individually for approximately 10mins.

If you can, or know of a grandparent or elderly neighbour that has some spare time that would enjoy interacting and supporting these students please contact the front office (phone 87332864) or our SSO Loretta Breeding.

We hope to commence this program term 1 week 3 and for any new volunteers a support session will be held to familiarize you with the program.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. It certainly sets our students up for success. We are extremely fortunate at Newbery Park Primary School to be able to offer breakfast to our students free of charge. However, this program is only offered if we have volunteers who are able to help the school run this program. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for this program please make contact with the front office.

Millicent Shooting Starz Girl Guides

Come along and try. Three meetings free!
Wednesdays 5:30pm till 7:30pm Scout Hall, Stark
Ave Millicent

Girls aged 7+years old are welcome to join.

2019 Term 1 Plan



Date	Week	Activity
6 th February	2	Water
13 th February	3	Time Travel Part 1
20 th February	4	Time Travel Part 2
27 th February	5	Clean Up Australia Day
6 th March	6	Waste Warriors (what is waste)
13 th March	7	Waste Sorting
20 th March	8	Science of Waste
27 th March	9	Recycled runway
3 rd April	10	Basics Cooking outdoors
7 th April	Sunday	Geltwood Festival
11 th April	11	No Meeting
24 th April	ANZAC	Sleepover at Hall, Dawn and Morning Services

Phone Heather for more information 0428 334 028



2019 SEASON FAST APPROACHING

**Senior Colts (under17)
Training Tuesday 5th February 4:30**

Enquiries to Hayden: 0448 660 774

**Junior Colts (under 14)
Training Tuesday 5th March 5:00**

Enquiries Junior Colts Josh: 0409 337 923

ALL NEW PLAYERS WELCOME

Under 10's Basketball

Do you want to be involved in Millicent Basketball?

Millicent Basketball provides children with the opportunity to stay active, make new friends, learn new skills and have fun.

The U10's competition is suited for children aged between 7 and 10 years old, regardless of their ability. The new U/10's season begins on Tuesday the 26th of February and plays weekly until the end of term 2. All games of under 10's are played on Tuesday evenings between approximately 5pm and 7pm. Each session runs for an hour, which includes a half hour training and game.

The junior Under 10's Basketball Registrations are due on the 23rd of February online via this link:

<https://membership.sportstg.com/regofrm.cgi?formID=73756>

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Peter Seebohm on 0438 388 073

Session Times:

Tuesday Nights – Girls @ 5:15pm - Boys @ 5:45pm

If you wish to use your sports voucher, please give the voucher to Peter after you have registered.

What is the Sports Vouchers program?

The Sports Vouchers program is a Government of South Australia initiative administered by the Office for Recreation and Sport. The program provides an opportunity for primary school aged children from Reception to Year 7 to receive up to a \$100 discount on sports membership/registration fees. The purpose is to increase the number of children playing organised sport by reducing cost as a barrier to participate in sport. Please use the link to receive your sports voucher:

http://sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/157521/2018Voucher.pdf

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Tuning in to Kids

Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

A 6 session parenting program for parents of children aged 4-12

Would you like to learn how to:

- Be better at talking with your child?
- Be better at understanding your child?
- Help your child learn to manage their emotions?
- Help to prevent behaviour problems in your child?
- Teach your child to deal with conflict?



Tuning in to Kids shows you how to help your child develop *emotional intelligence*.

Children with higher emotional intelligence:

- Have greater success with making and keeping friends
- Have better concentration at school
- Are more able to calm down when upset or angry
- Tend to have fewer childhood illnesses

Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ!

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Commencing Term 1, Week 4 2019

To register interest please contact:

Centacare, Family Connections Program

Phone: (08) 8303 6630



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