FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Your Child’s Learning
At Newbery Park Primary School, we are committed to giving your child the best possible education. We know that the likelihood of their success is strongly linked to their attendance and participation in all aspects of school life. For this reason, we have made a commitment to closely monitor student attendance on a weekly basis. Our aim is to have our students attend at a rate greater than 93%.

One of the things you can do as a parent is to inform the school of all of your child’s absences. You may choose to use our SMS service, ring the front office or send a note with your child when they return to school. As a school, we are required to report back to our school’s Governing Council and our Department on student attendance.

We understand that days absent for illness are often unavoidable. We also understand that attendance is something that can easily go un-noticed and absences can build up quickly without parents realising. Students who fall below the 93% attendance rate will receive communication home to remind families that school attendance is important and that their child is currently not achieving the target.

As student attendance is a team effort and everyone’s responsibility, we’d like to thank you for your part in encouraging your child to be at school, all day, every day. Please let us know if there is any way we can help support you with your child’s attendance.

School Uniform
It has been wonderful to see how smart our students look in their new polo tops. Families are reminded that black pants of any type and denim do not constitute as uniform. Please support your child by following our policy colour of navy blue.

Behaviour Policy
Those who attended our recent Parent Forum had the opportunity to contribute to the school’s behaviour policy. The implementation of this policy is supported by the school’s governing council and came into effect as of Monday of this week. The policy has been sent home to all families. If you have misplaced this or would like to have another read, it is available on our school’s website. Thank you for supporting us with your child’s education.

Parents & Friends AGM
Last week our Parents & Friends held their AGM. We had a wonderful turn out and it is great to see some new faces getting involved in our school. They are all working extremely hard preparing for our sports day canteen and lunch. If you are still interested in joining this committee, please make contact with the school.

Sports Day
It has been wonderful to parents both volunteer their time to help with the running of our sports day, and also donate goods to help run our canteen. Lunch orders are available for order and it would be wonderful to see as many parents as possible cheering on their children this Friday.

Kind Regards
Stuart Miller
PRINCIPAL

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH
8th Yr 6/7 Excursion
11th Sports Day
14th Adelaide Cup, Public Holiday
25th Good Friday, Public Holiday
28th Easter Monday, Public Holiday

TERM DATES 2016
TERM 1 1st Feb - 15th April
TERM 2 2nd May - 8th July
TERM 3 25th July - 30th Sept
TERM 4 17th Oct - 16th Dec

Reminder
If you have received an Out of School Hours Care survey, could this please be completed and then returned to the school as soon as possible.

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
It was great to see our upper primary students commence their radio 5THEFM partnership on Tuesday the 1st of March. The students enjoyed a walk to the 5THEFM studios where they participated in a tour of the station facilities by the wonderful manager Sheryl Lowe. The students were split into groups and looked at the stations recording studios, production room and most exciting of all, the mobile broadcast van. Over the next 15 weeks the students will be learning about the role of community radio and how it can be used to communicate with a geographically diverse audience. This program will give the students the added bonus of developing their public speaking skills in a safe environment while building a range of community connections.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sheryl Lowe and her staff from 5THEFM for allowing the Newbery Park year 6/7’s the opportunity to use their facilities as a mechanism for learning. I would also like to thank our CPSW Nathan for his commitment to the program and we both look forward to seeing, and hearing the results in late term 2 when the students host their own live radio show.

Frazer Scanlon

On Wednesday the 2nd of March the YELP group Nathaniel, Brooke, Alicia and Bianca went to Naracoorte Caves National Park. We met Vanessa and Natasha along with the other YELP members from other schools. Some activities we did were the ghost tour where we were looking for endangered animals and walking in the Blanche Cave where it got colder as we went deeper into the cave. An interesting feature in the cave was a pit that went through the layers of time including the latest ice age. We also played a sustainability game about animals, food, water and shelter. We played it by turning around and choosing a symbol and then turning around and the other YELP members choose a symbol and then we go over to the animal side.

We had an awesome time

By Nathaniel and Bianca
A huge thank you to parents who are volunteering their time in the canteen and for field events on Sports Day, this event cannot go ahead without your support.

As previously communicated, Newbery Park Primary School will be holding our Sports Day this Friday the 11th of March. Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the timetable for the day.

Students will need to bring:
• Water bottles, Recess, Hat, Sunscreen

Students are encouraged to dress in their house colours (Nangula, green; Pompoon, yellow; Wyrie, blue), and be as bright and colourful as possible. Hairspray is a big part of this, and this is welcomed, however we encourage this product to be applied at home, with no hairspray cans to be brought to school.

This year, students will run heats for the marathon at school on Wednesday the 9th of March (week 6) at recess and lunch time. These heats are for EVERYBODY who wishes to compete in the marathon on Sports Day. Every child who runs a heat will be awarded participation points for their house.

From these heats, the top 8-12 students who successfully complete the marathon distance will compete in the event on Sports day on the Friday. The marathon event on Sports day will be the first event in the morning.

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Parents are more than welcome to come and watch their children run in their heat.

Please be aware that Sports Day will finish at 1:10pm and parents are able to take their children home at that time. For those families that have ordered Lunch, our Parents & Friends will deliver orders to the Gym upon dismissal. Parents will need to sign their children out and let the class teacher know. Any students who are left at school will be supervised until 3:20pm.
Technology
We can solve problems by designing and making our own things.

Students have investigated types of packaging and boxes for organisation. This one was a solution that Mrs Fewster designed and made for storing our “leader tags”.

We needed to learn more about the MATERIAL our products will be made of: cardboard. Students made a simple product from card and improved their skills in using tape and glue.

Students have identified their own problem to solve and have begun designing their solution. They have thought carefully about their Criteria for Success. This helps us know if we have reached excellence.

Music

Our new piano is very popular!

Composing our own music and playing it as a band.

“Cut The Cake”

“Tick Tock Cuckoo Clock”

Before school: fun, skillful, collaboration, practice and success!

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Millicent United Soccer Club**

Training has started for the 2016 Soccer season. Players are welcome to join our Under 12, Under 14 and Under 17 squads, or the Millicent Women’s Football Club Under 12, Under 15 and Senior squads. All trainings at the Millicent United Soccer Club.

- **U12 and U14 Teams** – 4:30pm Tuesdays and Thursdays
- **U17 Team** – 5pm (starting March 17th) Tuesdays and Thursdays
- **Junior Skills** sessions, girls and boys, on Tuesdays, starting Tuesday 8th March, 4:45pm
- **U12 Women’s Team** – 4:30pm Wednesdays
- **U15 Women’s Team** – 5pm Wednesdays
- **Senior Women’s Team (16+)** – 5:30pm Mondays and Wednesdays

Enquiries: 0448332199

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**Millicent Junior Football Club**

Pre-season Training for Under 12’s (must be 7 by April 30th 2016) and 13’s begins Thursday 3rd March 4:30 – 5:30 pm

Contact details to be collected on this night.

For further information please contact Jason Werchon on 0417834247

All new and existing players Welcome

Come and experience ‘The Saints’

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**The Millicent United Soccer Club need people for CAR BOOT SALES.** For just $10 you can clean out your shed or spare room and re-home some of you unwanted things at our FAMILY FUN DAY to be held at the club on the 20th of March. Please contact Naomi Damhuis on 0400047674 for more details.

Enjoy a great day out with your families at this LOCAL event, SEE YOU THERE.

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**Millicent United Soccer Club Presents**

**FAMILY FUN DAY 2016**

20th March 2016, from 10am-3pm

At the soccer ground Plunkett Terrace, Millicent

**JUNIOR SOCCER SKILLS SHOWCASE**

**KIDS ENTERTAINMENT**

**JUMPING CASTLE, FACE PAINTING, GAMES**

**KIDS STALLS, BEAUTY STALLS, GOURMET FOOD, ARTS AND CRAFTS ETC**

**CAR BOOT SALES**

**LIVE BAND**

**50TH ANNIVERSARY MEMORABILIA ON DISPLAY**

To reserve a site for a stall it will cost $20 for stakeholders and $10 for car boot sales. For more information and to reserve your site please call Naomi Damhuis on 0400 047 674 or Judy Linton on 0448 276 817.

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