FROM THE PRINCIPAL

White Ribbon Program
The key message of the White Ribbon Program is to reduce domestic violence against women. With this newsletter I have included some interesting statistics. Newbery Park Primary School has recently been recognised as a ‘White Ribbon School’. The key message which we are working on with our students is about mutual respect for both genders. Throughout this year Newbery Park looks forward to our community and families being involved in this learning journey. Education is the best prevention.

In Australia, one in four children are exposed to domestic violence.

Increased risk of mental health, behavioural and learning difficulties from childhood exposure to intimate partner violence.

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National Day Against Bullying & Violence
This day has been heavily advertised in the media. Newbery Park Primary School believes that every day should be recognised as a day where there should be a zero tolerance to bullying and violence. We expect all our students, staff and families to take a proactive approach to addressing this very important topic. To ensure that the National Day Against Bullying and Violence is not just a once off event we are combining key learning from this important subject with the White Ribbon Program. In week 11 we are holding a special assembly showcasing the learning students have been doing in their classrooms. We will inform families of this date in the coming weeks.

Sports Day
Sports day was a wonderful success with all house members giving it their all. Well done to Wyrie who took out the final honours of first place. Our sports day is not possible without the organisation and help from out sports day committee, parent club, staff and volunteers. Thank you to all that were involved.

Kind regards,

Stuart Miller
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What Does Easter Mean To You?

Easter is here and for some people it means Easter eggs, hot cross buns, a four day public holiday, catching up with family and friends, chocolate, relaxing and recharging the batteries…did I mention the chocolate and hot cross buns!?  

I love all of those things over Easter, however as a Christian, I especially love Easter because of what I think it truly represents. I get to celebrate, reflect, think and enjoy what Jesus has done not just for my life but for everyone who lives on this planet.

I don’t know what Easter means to you and whether you believe in Jesus or not. However, this Easter I would like you to consider the possibility of Easter being more than just the things I mentioned above. I certainly believe that Easter means more than chocolate and holidays to me, and I would love to encourage you to think about and reflect on why Easter even exists.

Whether you believe in Jesus or not, or you’re not even sure, take the time this Easter to explore the possibility of Jesus’ words and actions; ask a friend about what they believe in; ask me about my beliefs and what Easter means to me; you may even be as bold as to attend a Church service over the Easter period (there are plenty of services available). Let me encourage you not to miss this opportunity and may you have a happy and blessed Easter time.

Nathan McDuff
Pastoral Care Worker

Numeracy – World Of Maths Visit

On Tuesday the 15th of March, Newbery Park was fortunate enough to have Andrew from the World Of Maths visit our school. Andrew brought with him a large range of hands on, problem solving activities that the students actively engaged in throughout their sessions.

With more than 15 different activities set up throughout the gym, students were constantly challenged to solve real-life problems. It was extremely pleasing to see students putting into place problem solving strategies that they are continuing to develop in their classrooms and hearing the mathematical language getting consistently used by our students.

It was great to see so many parents at our JP session working with our students. Seeing parents engage with their children and supporting them in improving their mathematics and numeracy is fantastic. Thank you to our senior leaders from Mr Scanlon’s class who came and supported our younger students also.

Sam Currie
Coordinator of High Quality Teaching & Learning

We are a Learning Community that values...
PRIDE ~ INTEGRITY ~ RESILIENCE
**Indiana:** My favourite activity was the one with the chains because it was challenging and fun.

**Caleb H:** I really enjoyed “Escape” at the World Of Maths because it was a great exercise.

**Spencer:** I liked having to make a path with the light switches. We all worked well together.

**Darrien:** Doing the counting with the marbles was great fun. I did really good at the shape puzzles. It was a really fun day.

**Brianna:** I used ‘count on’ and moved the ball around the numbers to the end.

**Kelly:** When you have to move ships and miss the rocks it was easy because all you had to do was count the ships and see who got the lowest. I got 10.

**Georgia:** I liked that some of the activities were easy and some of them were really challenging

**Tameisha:** Lots of the activities were really challenging, like “Birds Eye View”

**Olivia:** I liked the “Shadows Rule” activity because it was easy

**Leila:** “Birds Eye View” was the hardest because it made our brains work!

**Jas H:** I found the “Warehouse” activity hard because the instructions were hard to follow

**Mac:** I thought the “String Along” was easy because we had to make the string go from one person to another

**Rory:** I liked the “Escape” chains because I figured out how to get out of the chains

**Chloe:** I liked how people worked together on the activities

**MJ:** I liked the “Piece of Pie” because it was easy but I didn’t like the “Fire Escape” because that was hard

**Summa:** I think the “Fire Escape” activity was the hardest because there were four people and you had to get them down and use their weights

**Zeppi:** I liked World of Maths because it was completely new to me

**Jas K:** I liked the “Steep Descent” activity because it was hard to count beeps

**Jaymon:** I liked the World of Maths because it was hard and it challenged my working

**Zack:** I liked “Escape” because it made you think a lot about how to escape the chains

**Charlotte:** My favourite activity was “Greedy Box” because it was kind of tricky

**Krystal:** I liked the World of Maths because most of the games were really easy, except for the “String Along”
Holly: Some of them were really challenging and some of them were easy

James: I liked “Fire Escape” because it was a bit hard and a bit fun

Arley: I liked “Shadows Rule” because it was quite easy and it was multiplying

Sam: I would have preferred to do sums, I didn’t really like the activities because I don’t see how they relate to everyday life

Jade: I liked the “Mouse in the House” because it was fun and it wasn’t too hard, it was about how many times you drop it

Dakota: I liked the shadow activity because it was easy

Kaili: My favourite activity was “Fire Escape” because it had a tricky part and it made us think

Bree: My favourite was “Pattern Play” because you didn’t have to do too much, but it always ended up on three!

Mae: I liked “Mouse in the House” because you don’t know what one it would roll too and it kept rolling to different ones

Jacob: I found “Greedy Box” challenging because I had to keep shuffling the black tiles and I kept getting confused!

Cade: I liked the ‘ball control’ because we had to do teamwork and get all of the balls into the triangle.

Bradyn: ‘Making the bunks’ was my favourite because it was challenging and took us a fair while to figure it out.
**YELP - Ocean Pollution**

This year as a part of YELP we have chosen “Ocean pollution” as our topic to focus on. On our recent excursion to the beach at Pelican Point, we saw some litter on the reef. For example; paper, glass, rubber, food wrappers and plastic.

We have chosen this topic because so many animals die as a result of eating rubbish after thinking it was food! When people spend the day at the beach they throw rubbish away which can cause problems for our environment. We look forward to working with Ang and the YELP members to find a solution to reducing rubbish in the ocean.

By Alicia and Brooke J

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**SPORTS DAY**

On the 11\(^{th}\) of March 2016 sports day was held at Newbery Park Primary Schools oval. We were lucky enough to have a warm and humid day which made competing a little more difficult, but it was great that the sun eventually came out. There were three teams competing which included Wyrie, Pompoon and Nangula. Wyrie was well led by Ella and Caleb, Pompoon by Indiana and Chelsie while Nangula were motivated by Noah and Mark.

Throughout the day the students participated in a range of athletic events including the championship sprints, high jump and everyone's favourite, the long-jump. We also had a lot of fun when we competed in a series of Tabloid events with our classes. Tabloids included the obstacle course, sack race and firemen's relay.

As a Wyrie captain I am thankful to the many people who helped make sports day a fantastic event. I would like to thank the parent club for their help on the day, the staff and anyone else who helped in getting the sports day organised. Finally, I would like to congratulate my team mates as we worked together to achieve first place.

Caleb Horand
Wyrie Captain

**REMINDER:** The Numeracy Intervention room in room 9 has many wonderful mathematics resources and games that can be borrowed out to families to play at home. Please feel free to come into the school and speak to our friendly staff about borrowing these resources.
On Friday 18th March the SRC held a meeting and we talked about what we can improve on around the school. Our topic was our school toilets.

There are many different problems with our toilets such as: paper wastage, smells, graffiti and the look of the toilets. As a result of our discussions with each other and with Guido Cozzi, we made some posters and stuck them up in all of the toilet stalls and hand washing areas. The signs explain how not to waste toilet paper or hand towel as it is costing too much and that we need to flush and close the lids of the toilets to help prevent the smell.

The SRC are educating the School and leading by example of how to look after the toilets and keep them clean and tidy.

Thanks

Indiana Marshall & Tyson Mitchell on behalf of the SRC.

Our Parents & Friends Committee have been busy with the catering of sports day. We had a good day, with lots of generous donations including cakes, biscuits and slices. Our P & F were also greatly supported by parents & helpers for the day.

Without your support of donations or time in the canteen, the day wouldn’t have been able to achieve what we did.

Our P & F would like to sincerely thank everyone who helped in any way, and families who supported the canteen by purchasing lunch orders and snacks.

Next on our agenda is catering for District Athletics Day (SAPSASA), which is Wednesday 13th April.

Thank you,
Parents & Friends Committee