FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Road Safety
Bridges Street can become extremely busy at drop off and pick up times. We understand that our lives are very busy and that it is important that we get back to work, drop children at sport or make that very important appointment. Recently we have had a couple of near misses at these times and therefore it is timely that we reflect on best driver and pedestrian practice. We as adults are role models for our young people of Newbery Park Primary. Some things that we ask our families to talk about at home in preparation for these busy times include:

- Please don’t double park
- Please don’t park in the bus stop
- Please use the pedestrian crossing when crossing Bridges Street. Even if you are parked at the top or bottom end of the street.

Thank you for your support with this very important matter.

NAPLAN Results
This week the school has received 2016 NAPLAN achievement information for students who completed this assessment in Term 2. This information will be used to help evaluate current programs within the school and teachers will also review individual student achievement to help inform future planning. Student reports will be sent home next Friday. If you have questions about your child’s NAPLAN results please see your child’s classroom teacher in the first instance.

In this week’s newsletter there is some information regarding how NAPLAN will be implemented next year. From 2017 NAPLAN assessments will be completed online.

NAPLAN Online – Getting ready for 2017
The Australian Government is committed to delivering NAPLAN online from 2017, with all schools across the nation transitioning over a 2 to 3 year period. This change will provide each child with a more personalised learning experience and a better assessment. It also means that the results will be returned to you and your child’s teachers within a few weeks, rather than several months.

In-line with other schools in South Australia, Newbery Park Primary School is participating in the online trial in preparation for 2017. Those families with children participating in this trial have been notified. This trial is not a “test” of content; it is a test of how the new online system will work in a real-life classroom environment. As part of the trial, students in Years 3, 5, 7 will undertake 2 online readiness tests. Each test will take approximately 45 minutes to complete. Our Years 2, 4 and 6 may also trial these tests. It is important that we participate in this trial before the system is officially in use in 2017 to enable familiarisation with the system in a classroom setting. Participation will allow us to confirm that every school is ready and that our teachers are confident that their students will be able to participate fully. This trial will help our site to be well prepared to complete NAPLAN online in 2017 and provide feedback into final changes at a statewide level.
**2017 Class Organisation**

To help the school’s planning for 2017 it is essential that we know as soon as possible of any future enrolments for the school i.e. Reception children or children moving into the area, so these children can be included in future class placements. We would also appreciate knowing if any families are planning to leave Newbery Park Primary School before or at the end of 2016 so these children are not included in our numbers for 2017 classes. If you have any information regarding this please contact the Front Office.

Kind Regards,

Stuart Miller
PRINCIPAL

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**SPONGE THROW FUNDRAISER**

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

How would you like the chance to duct tape our principal to the wall and throw wet sponges at him? As our major fundraiser for this term, that is exactly what you can do!

**WHEN:** Friday 30th September 2016  
**WHERE:** School court yard  
**TIME:** 12 pm to duct tape Mr Miller to the wall and from 1 pm to throw wet sponges at him  
**COST:** $2.50 per length of duct tape  
$2 per wet sponge

We will also be selling Zooper Doopers at the canteen for 50 cents each.

This is a fantastic way for us to raise money for our children, so come on out, stick Mr Miller to the wall and throw a wet sponge at him!

Parent and Friends Committee

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**YELP**

On Wednesday the 3rd of August the YELP group Nathaniel, Brooke, Alicia and Bianca went to Cassadio Park and the Valley Lakes area in Mt Gambier. We made rust fungus water to put on the Bridal Creeper, which is a weed, and which smothers the other plants so they don’t get enough sunlight, water and nutrients. The root system is a large clump which doesn’t allow other plants to grow. We spread the rust fungus on the uncontaminated Bridal Creeper. In the morning we did an ice breaker called the floating stick that we found very difficult, we had to lower the stick but somehow the stick kept floating upwards. We got our Y keys in the morning so we could get our Earthkeepers badge. There was also a slide show about our camp that we went on in Term 2. It was great fun.
SCHOOL DISCO

IT'S DISCO TIME!!! Newbery Park Primary School’s SRC are once again proud to host this year’s Disco.

Please see below for all the details regarding the Disco:

**Date:** Wednesday 31st August (Week 6)

**Location:** School Gym

**Times:** 4pm-5pm (Rooms 1, 3 & 7); 5:30pm-7pm (Rooms 6, 10 & 11)

**Themes:** Cartoon/Comic/Disney Characters (Rooms 1, 3 & 7); Sports/Hobbies (Rooms 6, 10 & 11)

**Cost:** $2 per child (includes food/drinks); Glow Sticks 50c each

This is a great opportunity for all students to have some fun, play some games and enjoy a safe night out. The SRC have been busy organising this event and look forward to seeing you there. Posters have been placed around the School with all the information. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me during School hours.

Please note that shoes **MUST** be worn at all times inside the School Gym and at the end of the Disco all students **MUST** be picked up from inside the School Gym. Newbery Park Primary School would really appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Nathan McDuff & SRC
**Book Week Coming Soon… Week 5**

**Scholastic Book Fair**
It’s that time of year again… Newbery Park Primary School will be hosting a variety of activities to celebrate Book Week. There will be another ‘Scholastic Book Fair’ to be held in the Library at lunchtime & after school Tues 23rd Aug to Thurs 25th Aug. This encourages the fun of reading and also gives students the chance to purchase books. There will be lots of great books at the fair so don’t miss out! For every purchase you make you will receive a FREE bookmark & our Library will also receive new books from a percentage of books sold.

**Bedtime Stories**
Bedtime Stories are back! They will be held in the Library on Wednesday evening on the 24th August between 6:30 – 7:15pm. Everyone welcome! There will be storytelling by guest storytellers and Milo & biscuits to share. Wear your favourite pjs & bring along your teddy & pillow. Parents are required to stay and supervise own children.

**Book Week Assembly**
Our ‘Book Week’ whole school assembly will be on Thursday 25th August at 12:15pm in the gym. All parents & grandparents are invited to come along.
- Students will share their ‘Book Week’ learning
- ‘Favourite Book Character’ dress-up parade
- Values Awards Presented
- Books presented to families of Newbery Park with new siblings
- Jan Procter Memorial Award – Presented by Mayor of Millicent
- Cutting of ‘Book Week’ cake - by the winner of Jan Procter award
- Whole school sausage sizzle immediately after

Hope to see you there

Helen
Keep your kids smiling

At the School Dental Service, dental care is FREE for all babies, children not yet at school and most children to age 17.

The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Call us now for an appointment!
Your local clinic is: Millicent School Dental Clinic
Phone: 8733 3957

Be Prepared... for new adventure!

1ST MILLICENT SCOUT GROUP.

Looking for recruits of all ages.

For more Information, contact,
Group Leader, Heather Lowndes – 0428334028. Scout Leader, Tony Humphries – (08) 87332702.
Or just come into the Scout Hall on Stark Ave, between 5pm – 630pm Tuesday

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