



# Newbery Park Primary School

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week we are celebrating Book Week with a range of activities within the library and classrooms. It is fantastic to see the students engaging with their class books and working with other classes and visitors. These celebrations come to an end on Friday, with our very popular Book Week Assembly beginning at 9:15am.

A reminder that you **MUST** book in to the assembly by contacting the front office to be able to attend. This needs to occur no later than 9:00am tomorrow morning, Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> of August. We need this to occur to determine the space within the school that we use and to maintain that we are able to meet school and department based COVID restrictions. If you have booked in and are attending our Assembly, please remember that you need to be wearing a mask, use the QR codes to check in, are socially distanced and use the hand sanitiser provided.

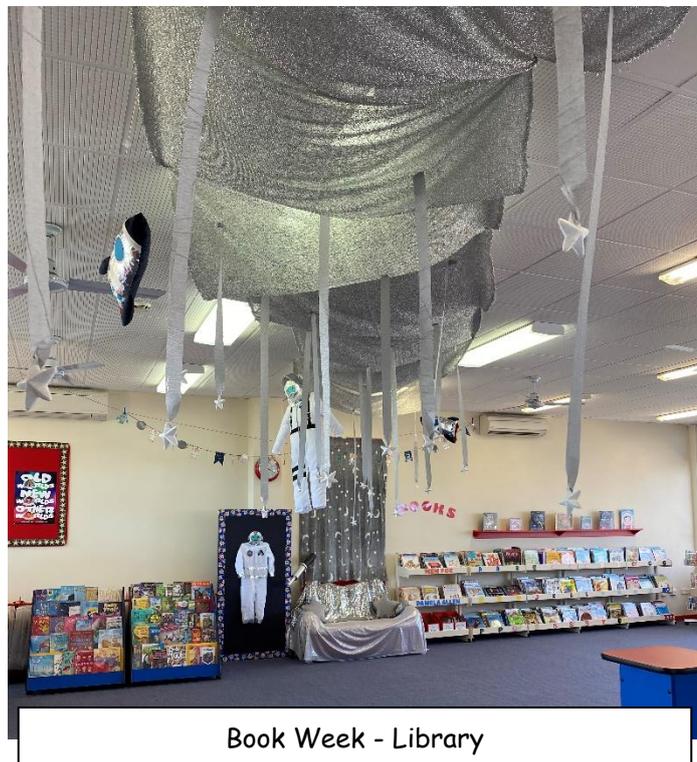
Our librarian Helen Panozzo does an amazing job each and every year in making this event so successful. Helen, your work is greatly appreciated by our entire staff, students and community and we thank you for making Book Week such an engaging and learning based week on our school calendar.

### SSO Week

In Week 5 we celebrated SSO Recognition Week, where we acknowledged the hard work all of our SSOs do on a daily basis to support our teaching staff and students. Our SSOs play a major role within our school in supporting the learning and wellbeing of our students, along with the many other tasks that are often asked of them to support the running of the school. Newbery Park has an outstanding SSO team and on behalf of the teaching staff and students, I thank them for the hard work they put in to making this school a great place to come to each day.

### Pat Testing

This term our year 3-7 students will again participate in PAT Testing in both Reading Comprehension and Mathematics. Newbery Park students will complete these assessments during weeks 7 and 8, with catch-up assessments for absent students occurring during week 9. These assessments provide teachers with valuable data on student progress and support us in planning our next steps from a school perspective, class level perspective and individual student perspective.



## DATES TO REMEMBER 2021

**Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> August**  
Bedtime Stories 6pm

**Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> August**  
Dress-up Parade /  
Assembly 9.15am

**6<sup>th</sup> September**  
Governing Council  
Meeting 3.30pm –  
Library

**8<sup>th</sup> September**  
Year 3/4 Tennis  
Carnival

**14<sup>th</sup> September**  
Books to Life  
Performance at 2pm

**15<sup>th</sup> September**  
SAPSASA Basketball

**23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> September**  
Pupil Free Day's

**TERM DATES 2021**  
**TERM 1**  
27<sup>th</sup> Jan – 9<sup>th</sup> April

**TERM 2**  
26<sup>th</sup> April – 2<sup>nd</sup> July

**TERM 3**  
19<sup>th</sup> July – 24<sup>th</sup> Sept

**TERM 4**  
11<sup>th</sup> Oct – 10<sup>th</sup> Dec.



Along with this, our Year 1 students have also recently completed a Phonics Screening Check. All year 1 students in the State complete this assessment, with the expected standard of achievement to be 28 items correct out of 40. Our Year 1 student's results this year have been outstanding and it really highlights the strengths of both our JP programs, the delivery and the interventions in place to support students throughout the year.

If you have any questions about either of these assessments, please speak to your child's classroom teacher.

### **Student Free Days / Berry Street Professional Development**

#### **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September**

All staff will be attending The Berry Street Education Model (BSEM) Training on these days in Mount Gambier. Last year we completed the initial 2 days training and this year sees staff complete the final 2 days of the program. This training is aimed at improving teachers and SSOs understanding of trauma informed practices and will continue to support the school in supporting our student's wellbeing needs and engagement.

### **Term 3 Optional Parent Teacher Interviews**

In line with our reporting framework, in Week 9, Term 3, we allow for optional interviews. These interviews can either be made by parent or by teacher request. From today teachers may be contacting parents to request parent-teacher interviews. If you would like to book an interview, please contact your child's classroom teacher directly via Seesaw or through contacting the school via phone. These interviews may be held face to face or over the phone from Monday-Thursday at a time negotiated between yourself and the classroom teacher.

### **2022 Student Enrolments**

Future enrolments are an important factor that helps inform the school's class and staffing arrangements. In order to support our planning for next year, for families of reception students (starting in 2022), if you have not already contacted the school regarding your child's enrolment could you please do so as soon as possible. Along with this, if you know that your child will be leaving Newbery Park at the end of 2021, could you please also notify of us of this as soon as possible. This information helps us plan our class structures for next year. If you know of families who are considering enrolling their children at Newbery Park, please encourage them to contact the school and we can organise a meeting and school tour.

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## **BRIDGES ST CLOSURE – SA POWER NETWORKS**



SA Power Networks will be working on the corner of Bridges St and Mt Gambier Rd on the **16 & 17<sup>th</sup> September**, as a result the top section of Bridges St will be closed.

Please ensure you arrange an alternate collection point to collect your child.



# ROOM 3



On Tuesday 17th of August, Room 3 travelled to Lake McIntyre to help plant native grasses and plants with Ange and community volunteers.

Our students managed to plant 155 plants altogether! After this, we spent the afternoon exploring the paths, watching the wildlife and investigating bugs and vegetation using our microscopes.

Owen - My favourite part was doing some planting and playing at lunch

Jhaidyn - I liked looking at the pictures in the hut and wearing my new jumper

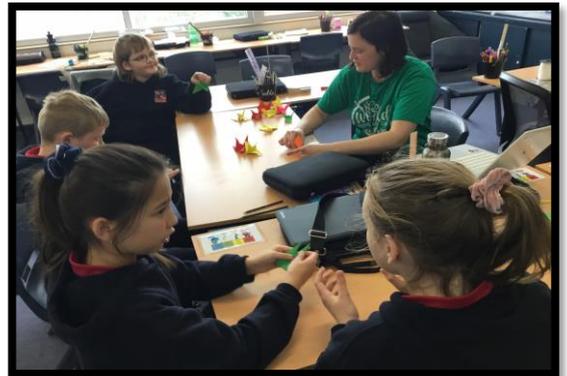
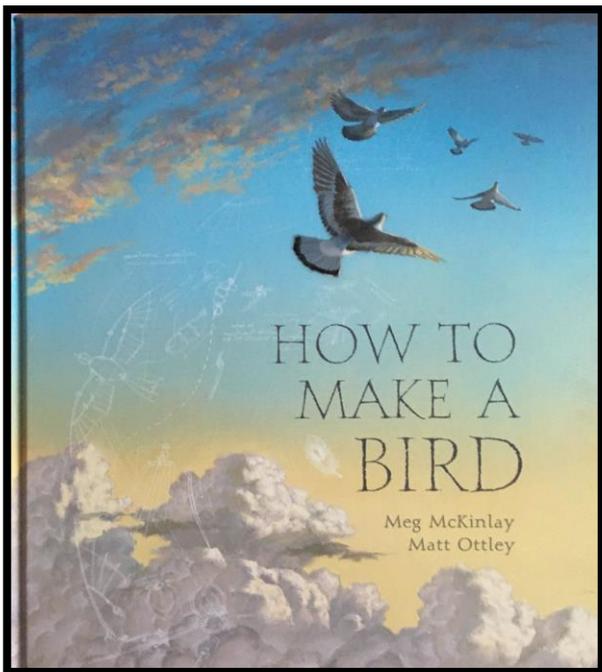
Nate - My favourite part was planting because I planted heaps for Ange.

Chloe - I liked that we got to plant and we did lots of walking and learning about nature.



# ROOM 11

This week in room 11, we have been reading our Book Week book called "How to make a bird". We made origami birds. We found this challenging but we never gave up and created some beautiful origami birds.



## Year 6/7 Letter Offer Technical Issue

Secondary School Letter of Offer were sent out last week, unfortunately there have been some teething issues with the new online enrolment platform.

- If you have a **GMAIL or HOTMAIL addresses** the enrolment offer email may go into **junk or spam**. Please look there for an email from [education.noreply@sa.gov.au](mailto:education.noreply@sa.gov.au)
- If you still cannot find the email and have not received a hardcopy, please contact Millicent High School on 8733 2400

**Enrolment forms should be submitted by this Friday (27 August).** Please complete the form from a desktop PC, Laptop or tablet.