



Newbery Park Primary School

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last Friday we held our annual Science Fair Day for our year 4-7 students, where they showcased their science learning to their peers, parents and community. It was an amazing opportunity for our students to explain their experiments, research and then demonstrate the final outcomes from their hard work throughout the term.

Foundation Transition – Beginning Week 2, Term 4

Our transition planning and processes for our 2022 Foundation students is well underway, with our first transition visit on Tuesday the 19th of October (week 2) from 8:50 – 11:00am. Students who are enrolled to attend in 2022 will have received additional information from their Kindy on this program last week. If you are yet to enrol your Foundation child for 2022, please come in to the front office and collect an enrolment pack as soon as possible.

Transition dates are as follows:

Week 2 - Tuesday 19 th October	8:50am to 11:00am
Week 3 – Tuesday 26 th October	8:50am to 11:00am
Week 4 – Tuesday 2 nd November	8:50am to 12:30pm
Week 5 – Tuesday 9 th November	8:50am to 12:30pm
Week 6 - Tuesday 16 th November	8:50am to 3:00pm

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.

2022 Staffing

Our PAC (Personal Advisory Committee) is currently in the process of working through the number of classes, teacher release, specialist subjects, leadership support and required staff numbers for 2022. When our staffing is determined, we will update this through our newsletter in Term 4.

DATES TO REMEMBER 2021

Term 3

15th September
SAPSASA Basketball

23rd – 24th September
Pupil Free Day's

Term 4

5th November
School Closure –
Millicent Show

2nd December
School Concert

10th December
Last Day of Term
Early Dismissal 2pm

TERM DATES 2021

TERM 1
27th Jan – 9th April

TERM 2
26th April – 2nd July

TERM 3
19th July – 24th Sept

TERM 4
11th Oct – 10th Dec.



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While we don't know exact staffing for 2022, we do know that we will be farewelling Mark Elkins as he has exercised his 'right of return' to the city at the conclusion of 2021. Mark began at Newbery Park as a graduate teacher in a Year 1 class and leaves us many years later as a year 6/7 teacher! Over the years Mark has grown to be a very strong and reliable member of our teaching staff and we wish him all the best for his return to the city.

We will also be without our Wellbeing Leader, Brydie Merrett in 2022, who will be taking maternity leave for the year. It is a very exciting time for Brydie and her partner Mark, who are expecting their first child in late February, 2022. We look forward to Brydie returning in her Wellbeing Leader position in 2023.

Student Free Days / Berry Street Professional Development

Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th 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.

Friday November 5th – School Closure Day

Earlier in the year, Governing Council gave approval for a school closure for the Millicent Show on Friday, November 5th.

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Junior Cricketers

Are you keen on playing cricket this season?

If so then there is a local club, waiting to hear from you.

This season there will be a Junior Blaster program (ages 5-7) and a Master Blaster program (ages 8-10) ran in Millicent on a Monday afternoons. The first session will be on Monday 25th October. Please go to www.playcricket.com.au to register.

There will also be club teams entered at U12, U14 & U17 level that play matches in the Mt Gambier Competition. At this stage Mt Burr will be fielding an U12 & U14 team and Millicent will enter teams in the U12, U14 and U17 competition.

Please contact one of these coordinators to find out more information about the upcoming season, including training nights and when the team plays their games. We hope to hear from you.

Mt Burr Cricket Club

Mt Burr – Rob Francis 0408 156 676
Mark Wright 0427 284 775

Millicent Cricket Club

Michael Gibson 0407 728 675





Room 6 Red-tailed Black Cockatoo recovery project excursion

On Thursday 9th September, Room 6 went to Kangaroo Flat Native Forest Reserve, near Glencoe. We met Bron there from the Red-tailed Black Cockatoo Recovery Project, and together we planted understory plants, known as *Acacia myrtifolia*, amongst the Brown Stringy barks which were planted there last year by Newbery Park students. We then collected Brown Stringybark seeds. We brought them back to propagate the seeds as they are food for the Red-tailed Black Cockatoo.

It was a great day with a great bunch of people!



BOOK WEEK

'Old Worlds New Worlds Other Worlds'

Newbery Park celebrated another successful Book Week in week 6. We were lucky enough to have 2 authors share their books with us as well as lots of exciting activities for our students.

Once again we held a very popular 'Book Fair' in the Library which students really enjoyed. Lots of families supported the fair buying books, posters, pens erasers etc. By doing this we are entitled to spend **\$334.00** on new books for our very own Library. Great achievement! Well done everyone!

Pin boards and classrooms around the school were decorated with displays from each class of a Short-Listed book of their choice. They all should be proud as they look fantastic!

Tuesday morning rooms 1, 3 and 6 were lucky enough to have Carmel from the Public Library visit along with author Chris Shelton to share stories, they also completed an activity from one of Chris's books.

Wednesday evening saw the return of 'Bedtime Stories' in the Library. Students, staff & parents were dressed in their pjs listening to stories beautifully read by our special guest author Rebecca Green, along with students Beau, Spencer, Mitchell, Bruce, Thomas and Zack from Room 10. Before going home to bed, students enjoyed a biscuit and a Milo prepared and served by Guido & Mrs David.

On Friday, staff and students joined in the spirit of Book Week and came dressed as their favourite book character. It was great to see all the different costumes when each class got to show the whole school at assembly.

Leon Miels & Mr Currie announced the winners, congratulations to:

Room 1 - Lucy & Bluey
Room 3 - Chloe & Mark
Room 6 - Raven & Kallan
Room 11- Tamika & Kaiden
Room 10 - Larissa & Bruce

The winners looked fantastic and were each presented with a book from our Book Fair.

Each class got to share some of their Book Week learning which they have been very busy working on.

Mr Currie also presented a book to our families with new siblings.

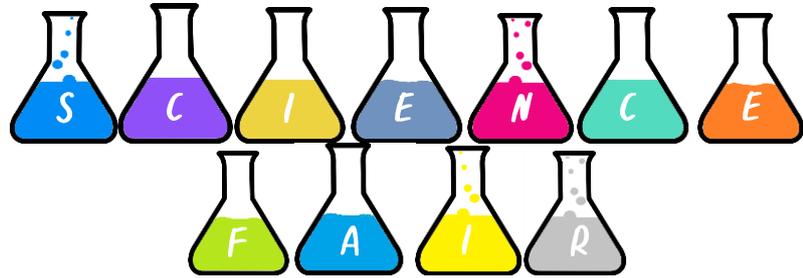
Once again the highlight of Book Week this year was the presentation of the 'Jan Procter Memorial Excellence in Reading Award' which went to **Lola** from Room 10. We watched Lola accept the award on the screen as she was unable to attend the assembly. Congratulations Lola well deserved!

To celebrate the end of a very busy week the students enjoyed a piece of the Book Week cake ... It was delicious!

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who helped me in any way it is much appreciated.

Helen P

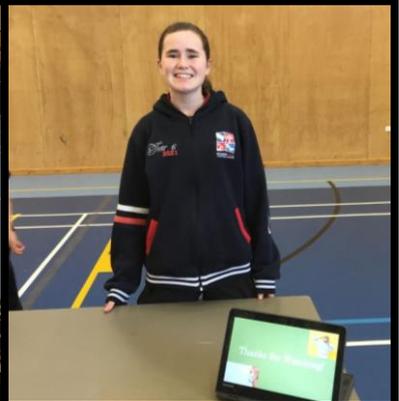




Friday of week 8 saw Rooms 10 and 11 presenting their Science Fair projects to other classes and the wider community. It was fantastic for the students to have such a wide variety of people come and take an interest in their science learning.



Year 4-7 students had been given the tough task of designing, undertaking and writing a scientific report on an experiment of their own design. There was a combination of digital presentations, posters and hands-on activities. For many students Friday represented an opportunity to show off 8 weeks or more of hard work. Many thanks to staff, families and students who made this happen.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

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 & 17th 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.

INNOVATIVE LEISURE MANAGEMENT

Penola Swimming Lessons

Term 4 | Oct. 14th - Dec. 3rd

MONDAY | THURSDAY | SATURDAY

Mondays & Thursdays 3:35-6:00pm
Saturdays 9:00-12:00pm

Swimming lessons for ages 4+

Enrolments close Sept. 30th
No late enrolments accepted

For further information or an enrolment form contact:
innovativeleisuremanagement@outlook.com

FREE

ENGAGE
Wattle Range Youth Association
Wattle Range Council

3v3
BASKETBALL
TOURNAMENT

Thursday
OCTOBER
7

OUTDOOR BASKETBALL COURT
MILLICENT DOMAIN PARKLANDS
RIDGE TERRACE, MILLICENT

3 VS 3 TOURNAMENT - COMPETITORS AGED 10 YRS & OVER
THURSDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2021 - PLAYING ALL DAY

FREE ENTRY

TEAM NOMINATIONS CLOSE 5 PM ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
DIVISIONS WILL BE FORMED BASED ON NOMINATIONS

\$150 PRIZE AWARDED FOR EACH DIVISION

ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT
www.wattlerange.sa.gov.au or on Facebook

Find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/WattleRangeYouthEngage
www.facebook.com/MillicentBasketball

McArthur Park Kindy

Sandpit
OPENING
TUESDAY
21ST SEPTEMBER
4.30PM - 5.30PM

Chocolates for sale

FREE Icy Pole for kids!

Come play in our New Sandpit