

## **Newbery Park Primary School**

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Dear parents/caregivers,

This term is flying! If I have done my maths correctly, the day this newsletter reaches you, we only have 32 days until Christmas! Thank you to Guido who has made our front office look wonderfully festive – come in and see our crazy elves when you get a chance! They have been bringing smiles to our students' faces all week! ©

Over the past two weeks our students have had the opportunity to participate in swimming lessons at the Wulanda Recreation and Aquatic Centre. It really is a wonderful venue and the quality of instruction has been outstanding. Swimming lessons not only help students to improve their swimming ability, but enable them to be more safety conscious in and around water and assist them to improve their gross motor skills. We are so pleased to offer this vital learning to our students and to see them engaging with such delight is a pleasure.

The consultative process regarding the uniform change is almost complete. Students were given the opportunity to vote for the proposed shirt change and the vote tally was 45 to 11 in favour. The feedback from families has also been overwhelmingly positive. The final step is for Governing Council to green light the change and we are all systems go; very exciting!

A note will come out in the next couple of weeks detailing the process to get students fitted for the new shirts. We will place our order with Lisa at Since Fifty Six before the end of the term to ensure a smooth transition, and students will receive their new shirts in their book pack at the start of next year. There is some confusion around whether the current red shirt will be 'banned'. I assure you this is not the case. If for some reason both new shirts were dirty at the same time, wearing the current red Newbery shirt is a great option!

We have been fortunate to once again be invited to run the KCA Picnic day on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December. This is a wonderful fundraiser for our site, and we thank KCA for their support of our school. If you are able to volunteer your time between 11 and 4 on that day, please let Tam at the front office know. I will see you there!

LAP is a student-centred and volunteer-based mentoring programme designed to assist schools to implement one-to-one learning that supports, guides and enriches the wellbeing and learning outcomes of students. It focuses on the wellbeing, academic, social and emotional needs of students through the powerful and positive contribution of mentors. Nominated students and their mentors work together over an extended period of time, allowing them the opportunity to build a trusting relationship that assists in the learning process. Time spent with a mentor is intended to enhance the educational experience of the child, by providing them the opportunity to learn in an interactive and creative way that they enjoy and is more individualised to their interests and needs than is possible in the busy classroom setting.

We are so lucky to have had interest from community members to help get our LAP (Learning Assistance Program) up and running. Michael Gibson, husband to our SSO Mel, will be coming once per fortnight and we could not be more delighted to have him on board. Looking

to 2024, I am currently seeking recruits to work as mentors with our students. If you know of anyone who you believe would be a wonderful fit and who has the time and ability to commit to our school, please let me know. I am very happy to approach candidates!

Finally, a huge congratulations to the following students for being our high tea recipients over the past three weeks:

Week 3: Haneef, Lachlan, Thelma and Bonnie

**Week 4:** Deegan, Rhys, Nate and Lucy **Week 5:** Edie, Jaxon, Xavier and Thomas

Just a quick reminder that our End of Year Concert is coming up on December 5<sup>th</sup>. I look forward to seeing our students shine on stage in their new performance tops!

Many thanks, Leanne Scudds PRINCIPAL

## DATES TO REMEMBER

#### Week 7

**Thursday 30 Nov** Assembly 9:15am

#### Week 8

Tues 5 Dec SCHOOL CONCERT 6pm at Civic & Arts Centre

#### Weds 6 Dec

Warm up Lunch Day Zooper Doopers at lunch time Governing Council Meeting & Dinner

**Thursday 9 Nov** Year 6 Transition to Millicent High School

Friday 10 Nov Year 6 Transition to Millicent High School

#### Week 9

Tuesday 12 Dec Year 6 Graduation

Wednesday 13 Dec Year 2 & 5 Excursion Year 6 Day Out

Friday 15 Dec Last Day of 2023 Early Dismissal 2pm





#### Transition Visits





### Visiting Boneham Aged Care



Mrs Panozzo's weekly visits to Boneham Aged Care are proving to be very popular amongst our students. They play bingo and enjoy afternoon tea while engaging with senior residents. A great opportunity for our students to interact with the wider community.







### Swimming Lessons Year 4 - 6





## Swimming Lessons Reception – Year 3







In maths, Room 3 have been looking at ways to measure using uniform units.

We have looked at how to measure length using cubes, counters, pop sticks and other items in the class to find the most efficient way.

We also looked at how to measure mass, comparing weight of classroom items and using balancing scales to find out how much an item weighs.

## LIBRARY NEWS



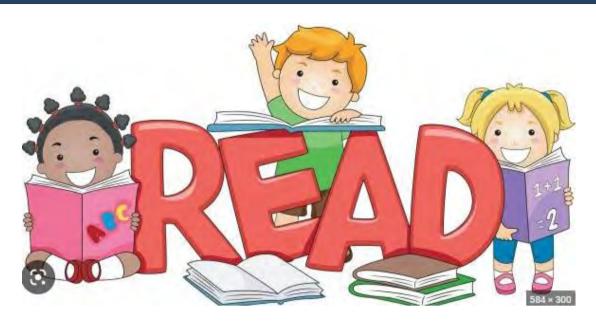
## Christmas Decoration Colouring In Competition

Mrs Panozzo has visited all classrooms and everyone has the opportunity to enter the Library Christmas Decoration Colouring In Competition. Winner will be announced at next weeks Assembly. Good Luck!

Please ensure all Library Books are returned by the end of week 8.



#### Reading at Home



## READING – How you can help at home Article 10 – Making meaning from reading

The purpose of reading is to learn or understand something. No one enjoys reading something they don't understand. When a child is first learning to read they are using a lot of brain energy on working out the words and they do not have much room in their heads for understanding. As fluency improves they can concentrate more on the meaning.

Helping your child to find books that match their interests is one way you can help them with comprehension. Picture books, graphic novels, novels, information books and magazines are all worthwhile if they match your child's interests. If they can't read them independently, read to them, or use audiobooks.

Asking questions is one of the best things you can do to help your child build their comprehension skills. Here are some example questions you might ask:

#### For fiction books:

- What is happening in the story?
- Who is the story about?
- What did the main character just do?
- What do you think they will do next?
- Why might they have done that?
- Has anything like that happened to you?

#### For information books:

- What was that part about?
- What did you learn from that?
- What can you tell me about...?





#### School / Community Notices





Parents & Friends will be selling Zooper Doopers \$1, Ice Creams \$1.50, Chocolate Milk and Fruit Boxes \$1.50 on Wednesday Lunch time during Week 8.

Warm Up Lunch is also available on this day! Pop this date on your calendar!



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