



We would like to acknowledge the Wadawurrung People, who are the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we come to learn.

I thank them and their ancestors for looking after this land for thousands of years, and for their kindness and courage in sharing it with us in the present.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*Dear Friends and Families,*

### Book Week

On Monday 28th August our school will celebrate Book Week with a Dress Up Day. We have already been reading and discussing the 2023 Shortlisted books during literacy time. The day will include lots of fun reading and craft activities such as a Teddy Bear picnic!



Perform Education are an award-winning Australian producer, and one of the largest touring educational companies bringing first class professional services to schools nationally. As an official partner with The Children's Book Council of Australia, they will perform their 2023 production – *Way Too Cool!* for Foundation – Grade 3 at our school. So, get your costume ready now for AUGUST 28<sup>th</sup>, and make sure you bring along the book that links to your costume!

## IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event
17th of August	Learning Conferences 3.30-6.30pm
18th of August	Learning Conference 9.00am-3.30pm
<b>STUDENT FREE DAY</b>	
22nd of August	Royal South Street Choral Competition
24th - 25th of August	Grade 5s Sovereign Hill
28th of August	Book Week IncurSION F-2
7th of September	Pie Drive delivery
8th of September	Ballarat Wildlife Park—Foundation
11th of September	Open Morning Grade 5 & 6
14th of September	Footy Colours Day
	Open Morning for Foundation, Grade 1 & 2
15th of September	Open Morning Grade 3 & 4
	<b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL</b>

About 'Way Too Cool'



Henry and Marley have been friends since they met at kindergarten, a long time ago now. They've been on adventures, shared their hopes and dreams and generally always looked out for each other. But recently Henry has started to act differently. He has started avoiding Marley at school. He's too busy for their usual catch ups on the weekend. In fact – he's not acting like Henry at all. It turns out Henry has started thinking he's WAY TOO COOL for any of their usual stuff. Marley must embark on an adventure to find out what is going on and how, or even if, she can make things the way they used to be.

Could the answers lie in the books they used to love to share?!

Join Marley , Henry, and a selection of fantastic characters from the 2023 CBCA shortlisted books in WAY TOO COOL!, a new educational musical created to celebrate CBCA Children's Book Week 2023 and the theme: READ, GROW, INSPIRE



Active to schools – Tag On initiative

On the 31st of July student Ester and Tobias presented to the school council on behalf of the Active to Schools group. They revealed data collected that at Newington Primary School:

84% of students get to school by car

1.3% of students take the bus to school

12.7% Or students get to school most days by a mode of active transport

To improve the percentage of students arriving at school in an active way, Ester and Tobias suggested that we implement the Tag On system.



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## How Tag On works

- Tag On consists of a kiosk with a touch screen monitor. Students are provided **with their own data tag, which they use each day to 'tag on' at the kiosk.**
- **As students arrive at school, they 'tag on' at the kiosk and use the touch screen** to select how they travelled to school: walk, ride, car or public transport.
- Each time students use the system, they earn Individual and House Active Travel Points. The kiosk displays real-time individual and house active travel tally boards at every tag on. Parents receive an email when the student tags on, acknowledging that their child has arrived safely.
- Tag On can send an email or SMS notification to parents when their child tags on at school. This reassures parents that their child has arrived safely.



A combination of council funding and fundraising will help get this initiative up and running.

## Student Learning Conferences

Student Learning Conferences are being held next week.

Thursday 17th of August: 3.30-6.30pm

Friday 18th of August: 9.00-3.10pm

THERE IS NO SCHOOL ON THE FRIDAY. Students should only be at school on Friday if they have a Learning Conference.

Please book learning conferences on Xuno or contact the office to book a time.

## Open Mornings

In the last week of term 3 we will be holding classroom open mornings. We would love to see families who can join us for some time in the classrooms. Please note the times are:

- Monday the 11th of September – Grade 5 & 6
- Thursday the 14th of September – Grades Foundation, One & 2
- Friday the 15th of September – Grade 3 & 4

Enjoy your weekend,

Sam Streeter

**FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

The importance of mindfulness for children

What is Mindfulness?

Mindfulness is paying attention to the present moment with openness, curiosity and without judgment.

Just as we teach kids to read, write, count, eat well and stay fit to keep their learning levels high and their bodies healthy, teaching children how to proactively care for their minds is equally important. Thanks to a funding opportunity, Newington Primary School teachers have attended a Professional Learning on implementing Smiling Mind into their classrooms, as well as full access to the Smiling Mind Curriculum which is a series of lessons, guides, and resources for the students. These resources will be providing **opportunities throughout a 'normal' school week to teach and model to their students how to be mindful and be present.**



We encourage families to explore the free Smiling Minds App, with daily mindfulness and meditation guides and resources.

Other information can be found at <https://www.smilingmind.com.au>

**AWARDS**

NAME	CLASS	AWARD
Audrey	FM	For being a courageous learner who enthusiastically takes on new challenges to improve her learning.
Fraser	FW	For being a courageous learner who enthusiastically takes on new challenges to improve his learning.
August	1T	For inquiring how to solve multiplication arrays and then finding real life examples of arrays around the school.
Harry	1HW	For inquiring into how authors make their writing interesting and experimenting with rhyme in his own writing.
Layla	2P	For demonstrating her thinking skills by asking "what if" questions and making valuable predictions and observations when completing our scientific experiments.
Isaac	2Q	For demonstrating his creative thinking skills by sharing his knowledge of the different states of matter in front of an audience.
Jake 2P	PE	Jake demonstrated excellent sportsmanship by congratulating and shaking hands with the opposition team, during our basketball team games.

# Mad About Dinosaurs

I am the mighty stegosaurus.

I only come out at night  
and I am pleased not to fight.

I jumped in my car and went to a  
bar.

I clicked my tongue and hurt my  
lung.

I went to Melbourne and saw my  
friend Calden.

**Harry 1HW**

I am a dinosaur  
And I like to play,  
I will go outside  
and play all day

**Harrison 1T**

The baby microraptor was  
chewing his gum.  
He was with his cuddly mum.  
When he is playing his drum,  
You may see his thumb!

**Alec 1HW**

**Pteranodon**

I am a Pteranodon.

I love to fly.

When you come near me I say hi.

I love to eat creatures but my  
favourite food is peaches.

**Poppy 1HW**

I am a dinosaur

And I like to play,

I like to lay in the bay

And then say hey.

**Finn G 1T**

I am a dinosaur

And I like to play.

I like to run away

I need to go to the bay

So I can stay home and  
cook away.

**Marlee 1T**

**Tyrannosaurs Rex**

Hello I'm going to the top of the  
hill.

I heard a big pop.

I said, "STOP! STOP! STOP!"

**Winnie 1HW**

I am a dinosaur and I  
like to play,

I like swimming in the  
big blue bay.

**Adele 1T**

I am a smelly dinosaur  
And I am a good mum,

I am a busy mum

I need to feed my baby's  
tum.

**Harriet 1T**

Spinosaurus liked the sea.  
It was time for tea.

She liked tea

But it was time for me to go to  
the sea.

**Angel 1HW**



Grade Ones have been investigating how authors make their writing interesting. We have experimented with rhythm and rhyme and enjoyed writing about dinosaurs to develop these skills.

The Royal South Street Debating competition arrived as it does every August and this year, Glenn McGrath predicted a 5-0 win for Newington, despite us only having 4 teams.

Hugo, Oscar & Ella took the negative stance on the topic - We should all live in the city. They argued well and, in my completely unbiased opinion (and according to Bazball theory) it felt like they won and **definitely played within the "Spirit of the Game"**.

Our other three teams also were very persuasive.

Dyson, Tom & Bettie argued that **"there should be a minimum age for energy drinks"** while Millie, Sloan & Eden supported the premise that **"team sports should be compulsory."**

**Finally, Ted, Hollie & Alzarra rejected the claim "that dogs make better companions than cats."**

Hugo K, Aditya & Shara were excellent reserves, assisting their teammates admirably. Alzarra even stepped up on the day when one of her team was sick and had to miss out.

Despite going down 0-4, our children stepped into the Learning Pit of debating and came out the other side with their heads held high. Their sportsmanship was always on display and the chairperson congratulated them on the way they conducted themselves.

Now we have 12 months to improve our rebuttal skills.

Mr Westaway, very proud Debating Coach.





We are currently raising money to improve one of our outside areas (the undercover area near the foundation gate). Whilst work has begun, we would love to purchase a soft surface court and some cubby houses to make this a lovely area for students to play and be active. We are holding two fundraising events this term to assist in costs.

## Pie, Donut and Slice Drive



Pies, slices and donuts will be delivered on the 7th of September. Order forms will be sent home with students next week.



Thursday September the 14th is Footy Colours Day. Students are encouraged to dress in their favourite teams colours and bring a gold coin donation. All money raised will go to the Kids with Cancer foundation. Students will also have the opportunity to purchase a pie.

There will be no lunch orders on the following dates: 18th of August, 8th of September & 15th of September.

Kind Regards,

Tara Hughes