



*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,

Over the last couple of weeks, we have welcomed our 2024 Foundation students onsite for transition. It has been wonderful to see these little people confidently walk through the school gate to spend time getting to know the spaces they will be learning in next year. Meredith Mayes and Bree Williams have organised activities that have allowed the students to make new friends while starting to understand the routines of what happens at school. We are very confident these students will settle in well when they begin school on Thursday February 1st 2024. Next week on Tuesday night at 6:30pm we have our Parent Information Evening for our new Foundation students. We encourage all our parents new **and old to attend this session as part of their child's transition** process.

At the other end of the school our Year Five students have begun to work hard on learning about what it takes to be a leader, a role model to other students and to have a buddy in 2024. Later this term these students will submit applications for our 2024 student leadership roles. This coming Monday our Year Five students will be meeting our 2024 Foundation students helping them to navigate the outside spaces in our school.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event
10th of November	Assembly
14th of November	World Diabetes Awareness Fundraiser Crazy Hair Day!
	5/6 students excursion to plastic oceans @ Ecolinc & ACMI
22nd November	STUDENT FREE DAY
24th November	Assembly
28th November	Grade 2 Ecolinc Excursion
8th December	Assembly
19th of December	Last day of school

## Planning for 2024.

As term four progresses and we edge closer to the end of 2023 we are starting to put things in place for 2024. A couple of things for families to know –

Next week we will release on Seesaw and Xuno the booklists for next year. Paper copies will also be **made available for families.** Please see your child's current class teacher if you have any questions in regards to these.

**Teachers are starting the process of looking at class lists for 2024 where each child's wellbeing and learning is put into consideration throughout the process.** Many different elements will be taken into consideration during these discussions and meetings. Students will be asked for their input as well on possible students they feel they work well with during learning time. The formation of classes is quite a lengthy process, as we consider the allocation of each child very carefully. If there are any considerations you would like me to be aware of during the placement process regarding your child for 2024 please put it in writing by Friday December 1<sup>st</sup>.

We will be welcoming a number of new families to our school next year and sadly we know some of our families are moving on to new adventures. If your family will not be with us next year, please inform the office as soon as possible so that we can consider this within our plans.

At the start of 2024 all our staff will be taking part in Professional Learning in relation to Numeracy.

This is happening on January 29<sup>th</sup>. Staff will then do follow up work and preparation on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Both of these days are pupil free.

*All Grade 1 – 6 students will start the 2024 school year on Wednesday January 31<sup>st</sup>.*

## Reverse Advent Calendar

David Westaway has organised a fabulous way for our students to take action in their community. This month, we are wanting to support food relief agencies to help people who are doing it tough in Ballarat leading up to Christmas. For November, you can donate long-life milk and cereal to the Reverse Advent Calendar appeal <https://reverseadventcalendar.com.au/>

You can drop them off at either the office or 5W.

Have a good weekend.

Kind Regards  
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## AWARDS

Name	Grade	Award
Dakota	FW	For always listening to feedback to improve her work! Dakota is always determined to try her best!
Karen	FM	For working really hard to become an independent learner who makes great choices at school!
Floyd	1HW	For being a principled, well mannered member of 1HW.
Zyra	1T	For showing courage in her learning by trying her best at all tasks independently and in small groups.
Scarlette	2Q	For using her wonderful communication skills to share her thinking with her friends, take part in class discussions and support her learning. Keep it up, Scarlette!
Jack	2P	For consistently using his excellent communication skills to share his thinking during class discussions and support himself throughout writing time. Well Done Jack!
Jensen 5D	PE	For demonstrating excellent cricket skills during our Physical Education lesson.

## WORLD DIABETES AWARENESS DAY

### CRAZY HAIR FOR WORLD DIABETES DAY!

**November 14th is World Diabetes Day and Newington Primary School is holding a fundraiser to raise money for Diabetes Victoria.**

**We would love to see students come to school with crazy hair on the 14th of November and bring a gold coin donation to support this cause.**







# Swimming



Grade Ones have learnt a lot about swimming and water safety this week. We have also been learning about nouns, verbs and adjectives. We made lists of these words that relate to swimming.

Nouns	Verbs	Adjectives
teacher	swim	slippery
water	torpedo	hot
swim board	kicking	wet
noodle	gliding	soggy
sinky	blowing	big
people,	floating	fun
pool	sinking	deep
bathers		exhilarating
goggles		clean
bubbles		humid
		loud





## GRADE 4



This week Grade 4 completed our unit of inquiry into How The World Works. Our central idea of 'Humans are Driven to Inquire, Imagine and Invent' led students to learning about the design process and the sequence of steps required to be a successful inventor or innovator.



We explored many texts during our literacy sessions, including 'What Do You Do With An Idea?' and 'Our Little Inventor'. From these texts, students were able to share their own wonderful invention ideas and write their own narrative; including an invention that would help the community.

Students investigated the properties of natural and processed materials, testing and determining their suitability for different purposes.



As part of their studies, students researched a famous inventor of their choice and wrote a biography, presenting their final piece using Google Slides.



Throughout the unit, students had the opportunity to plan, design, build and reflect through tasks such as the 'Egg Drop', '1kg Bridge Build' and their final piece, 'Toytastic Invention'.



The Little Bits kits were also a big hit, with many students enjoying connecting the parts to make a circuit to create light or sound.



# MENTAL, MEANINGFUL SUPPORT

TODAY, MADDI, MIA AND SLOAN ORGANISED A CASUAL CLOTHES DAY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE CFA.

THIS WORK HAS COME TO LIFE THROUGH THE DASH PROGRAM WHERE THE GROUP WON \$2000 TO HELP THEM BRING THEIR VISION FOR FIXING A COMMUNITY PROBLEM TO LIFE.

WHAT A FABULOUS EXAMPLE OF STUDENT VOICE, CHOICE AND AGENCY!

**MONEY RAISED:  
\$260.50**







Get your colour on, Newington Primary School is hosting a Colour Explosion School Fun Run fundraiser!

The Colour Explosion School Fun Run will be on 18<sup>th</sup> of December.

Not only are we hosting an awesome explosion event, students can win up to 15 awesome automated incentive prizes by fundraising via online sponsorship donations.

Students have received a sponsorship book with instructions on setting up their cybersafe, online fundraising profile at [www.australianfundraising.com.au](http://www.australianfundraising.com.au). This is an entirely online fundraiser; all cash donations must be converted to online donations to redeem your prizes.

#### **Extra Incentives to Fundraise!**

- ★ Online Golden Coins – complete fun online tasks to redeem an extra \$75 towards your prize credit.
- ★ Monty the Monstar's Bonus Prizes – achieve milestones to unlock Monty's bonus prizes.
- ★ \$10,000 JB HI FI Spending Spree for one organisation's highest fundraising student – it could be you!
- ★ Our school will win an extra \$5,000 if we have the highest average fundraised amount per student in 2023.
- ★ A Play Station 5 Gaming Bundle – see your child's sponsorship booklet for more!

Happy fundraising!