



**NEWINGTON  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

*Inspire Inquire Grow*

# NEWSLETTER

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*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,

On Tuesday from 9:00-12:20 our teachers are looking forward to meeting their 2024 cohorts and grades. The teachers have spent many hours putting together the class placements for next year. This will involve us welcoming new students to our school and our new Foundation students as well. Students will be engaged in activities that encourage them to get to know others in their 2024 class while familiarising themselves with the classroom they will be in. At the beginning and end of the day the students will be in their 2023 classrooms. We wish our Year 6 students all the best for Tuesday as they all head off to their Secondary settings as well.

We are welcoming to our staff in 2024 Steven Watts from Beaufort Primary School and we will be saying a sad good bye to Alison Williams. We thank Alison for the wonderful job she has done in the Year 3 area this year and we wish her all the best at Ballarat North Primary School.

In 2024 the classroom teachers for each grade level will be:  
 Foundation - Bree Williams and Meredith Mayes  
 Grade One - Kylie Walker, Karra Nicholson and Karla Devlin  
 Grade Two - Amanda Perrett and Annika Dalglish  
 Grade Three - David Westaway and Jess Quandt  
 Grade Four - Daniel Tinker, Beth Wilson and Nicole Considine  
 Grade Five - Steven Watts, Whitney Wills and Bella Goyarts  
 Grade Six - Emma Dally and Tristan Dixon

## IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event
12th Dec	State Wide Transition Day
13th Dec	Grade 6 Graduation
14th Dec	Year 6 Celebration Day
18th Dec	Reports to go home Final Assembly Fun Run Community Fete
19th Dec	Whole School Movie LAST DAY OF SCHOOL—finish at 1.30pm!

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Primary Years Programme



### Still to come before the end of the year

We are looking forward to some exciting events that are to still take place before the end of the year. Next week on Wednesday we will proudly say good bye to our Year 6 students at their graduation ceremony and the day after they will celebrate their achievement by having a fun day out.

On Friday December 15th our teachers will move permanently into their 2024 classroom, taking with them their current class. They will still arrive and be dismissed from the same gate at the end of each day for the remainder of the year.

The following week on Monday December 18th we have three events taking place.

We invite you to:

Our final assembly for 2023 where we will announce the 2024 school leaders, congratulate our Year 6s and we present some very special awards.

After recess we are looking forward to our Colour Run fundraiser and we encourage parents and friends to join us during the hour as we raise money while having fun.

From 2:45pm we will then have our community fete for an hour, thank you to the many families that have donated for this.

Tuesday December 19th is the chance for us to all celebrate the end of a successful learning year with a trip to the movies, some carols, class fun and an early finish at 1:30pm. On this day student reports will be sent home as well.

Have a good weekend.

Kind Regards  
Sam Streeter

### BOOKLISTS REMINDER

Booklists are due into Campion this Sunday the 10th of December. Please check Seesaw for a copy of the booklists or visit the school office for a hard copy.

# RESILIENCE RIGHTS & RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

In the upcoming weeks students will be taught lessons which focus on 'protective behaviors' as part of of Respectful Relations program.

This refers to behaviors which enable children to recognize and respond to situations in which their personal space and safety might be compromised.

A key tool which will be taught is the **NO GO TELL** strategy which empowers children in unsafe situations.

If feeling uncomfortable about what someone is doing...

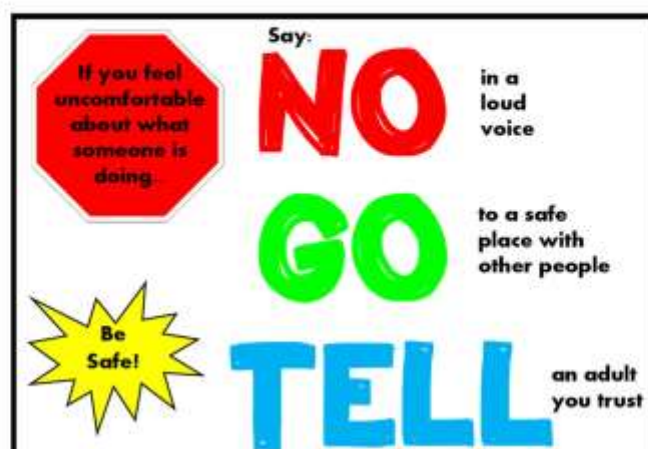
Say **NO** in a loud voice

**GO** to a safe place with other people

**TELL** an adult you trust

If you have any questions please talk to your child's classroom teacher. For more information on the Respectful Relationships Program we encourage you to visit the website [Respectful Relationships | vic.gov.au \(www.vic.gov.au\)](http://RespectfulRelationships.vic.gov.au)

The lessons can also be viewed at any time via the internet at: [Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships - FUSE - Department of Education & Training](#)







RiS fosters an environment to build new skills, confidence and meaningful relationship and team work skills with peers. The small group of students who are lucky enough to attend look forward to RiS and proudly share their newly acquired



## AWARDS

Name	Grade	Award
Claire	FM	For an outstanding commitment to home reading in your first year of school.
Ava	FW	For taking on feedback to keep improving in her writing.
Wyhitt	1T	For being a courageous member of 1T and for his positive mindset towards learning.
Alirah	1HW	For having a growth mind set and approaching tasks with enthusiasm. Thank you for always being willing to put your hand up to help in any way you can.
Dean	2Q	For the wonderful choices he has been making at school. It is wonderful to see your positive and courageous approach to your learning. Well done Dean!
Lewanna	2P	For working very hard to do her best learning in the classroom at all times, arriving early every day and being supportive of those around her. Lewanna, you are a valued member of our classroom! Well done!
Annie	3W	For showing curiosity in all subject areas. Annie asks pertinent questions to further her knowledge and test out her understanding of scientific principles.
Isaac	3D	For using a range of accurate and detailed diagrams in his scientific studies this in our inquiry into How The World Works. Isaac's artistic talent has shone all year. Well done, Isaac!
Sebastian	4WN	For being a kind and thoughtful member of our class and always putting in his best effort.
Pearl	5W	For her excellent approach to her learning. Pearl gets down to her work and makes great use of the strategies shared in class.
Eden	5D	For demonstrating commitment to her learning. Eden always produces exceptional pieces of work and is always willing to take on feedback to improve. Well done, Eden!
Riley	6D	For demonstrating high social-emotional intelligence by always being kind to his peers and including others.
Sari	6P	For developing her intrapersonal social skills and collaborating with others.





# GRADE 2

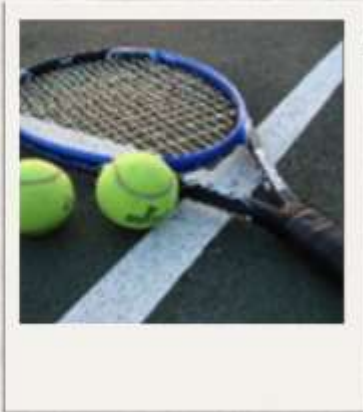


We were introduced to what a worm farm looks like and how we use delicious "worm tea" on our gardens to help them grow. We learnt about the yummys and 'yukkies' that goes into compost and how to chop up compost items to make a "worm smoothie" for the worms.

Our host teacher challenged us to decide how long various material takes to decompose in our environment. We discovered glass takes the longest at 1000 years. We also practised using correct recycle bins and learnt where items such as batteries can be recycled.

We talked about the number of plastics that exist in our river systems, and whether different materials float, sink or dissolve in our rivers. We can ensure we reduce this plastic amount by closing lids on public bins and not allowing items to end up as rubbish on the ground or in our gutters which flows into our rivers.





### Tennis

This term all students enjoyed 2 weeks of playing Tennis, learning the rules of the game as well as skills to participate in a game.



### Softball



### Divisional Athletics Day

Esther, Millie, Blade and Brock



### Cricket

Students enjoyed batting, bowling, fielding and putting their skills into a game of cricket with their class mates. Many of our girls enjoyed afterschool cricket coaching this term.







Sports Central  
Coaching- Striking  
and fielding  
activities

Sports Court

Thank you to all of our families  
that have contributed to our  
fundraising this year. We were  
able to install a fantastic Sports  
Court for our junior students to  
enjoy.



Donation from Buffalo  
Sports

A big thankyou to Peter from  
Buffalo sports for donating a large  
number of balls to Newington  
Primary School.

Bike education

Next week grades 4, 5 and 6 students have the opportunity to  
participate in bike Education. We will be enjoying a ride  
around Victoria Park.



Bike Ed



PE

## State Athletics Championships

Well done to Millie and Esther competing in Hurdles and Blade Stuart competing in high jump.



## Swimming

Foundation, One, Two, Three and Four have all enjoyed our swimming program this term at Shayne Reese Swimming School.

## UNIFORM SHOP DONATIONS

Our second hand uniform shop is kindly requesting donations. If you have uniform to donate please drop off at the school office no later than Wednesday afternoon



The uniform shop will be holding a stall at our School Fete on Monday the 18th of December from 2.45pm onwards. All items are \$5.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Our fundraising is over and our prizes are on the way! Students who have raised over \$10 will receive their prizes next week. Students will also go into the draw to be the one to slime Mr Westaway. The sliming will take place during the school fete.

The Colour Fun Run will be held on the 18th of December from 11.30-12.30. Families are welcome to come and join in the fun.



# Newington School Fete



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ART SHOW AND SOME STUDENT RUN STALLS  
SUCH AS:**

- CHOCOLATES
- SPONGE THROW
- SOFT DRINK
- CRAZY HAIR
- MYSTERY JARS
- FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS
- WHEEL OF WONDER
- SECOND HAND BOOKS
- BASKETBALL
- HAND PAINTING
- ICE POLES
- COMPETITION
- SLIME MAKING
- PLANTS
- ORIGAMI

**Newington Primary School  
Oval**

*All proceeds go to  
improving our play  
areas*

**2.45 3.30PM | 18TH OF DECEMBER | FREE ENTRY**