



## Important Dates

Date	Event
4th of April	-Ballarat Wonderland Excursion– Grade 2 - Tea Towel orders due in - Hot Cross Buns Delivered
5th of April	- Easter Raffle Drawn -Learning Conferences 3.30-6.30pm - Last Day of School
6th of April	- <b><u>NO SCHOOL</u></b> - Learning Conferences 9-1pm
24th of April	- NO SCHOOL
25th of April	ANZAC Day
26th of April	First Day of Term 2

### From The Principal

*Dear Friends and Families,*

Even with a lot of us not feeling very well this week, Newington still managed to shine in many ways. Yesterday our Year 5/6 students were lucky enough to go on a fully funded excursion to the Grand Prix. All our students did their teachers proud in the way they represented the school and today I have enjoyed hearing all about it.

On Tuesday a team of 35 students represented Newington Primary School at the local District Athletics day. Our students came away with many ribbons and stories of challenging themselves, a very successful day. A special mention goes out to our School Captain Millie for being awarded the overall sprints champion of the day, this is a wonderful achievement by an individual. Today we had our Cross Country and it was wonderful to see my first Cross Country at Newington in action. Even though we got a little wet at times, the enthusiasm and atmosphere was terrific. It was lovely to see all the students wearing their house colours and getting into the spirit of the day. Congratulations to all students who gave it a red hot go and thank you to the families that came along to support us. A special congratulations to our winners-



**Top Row L-R:** Ella, Arly, Shelby, Sully, Thomas  
**Middle Row L-R:** Poppy, Sam, Audrey, Louie  
**Bottom Row:** Will, Blade, Ruby, Tyler, Millie

-Learning Conferences-

At the end of term, we will hold the learning conference for the students and parents. Our teachers are looking forward to the opportunity to speak to all parents. Please check Seesaw for booking links and codes. The dates of the conferences are Wednesday April 5<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm-6:30pm and Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup> 9:00am-1:00pm

-School Council-

On Monday night our new School Council met following our AGM. Our school Captains also popped by to thank our long time School Council President, Belinda Collihole, who is retiring from School Council. Belinda has been a valued member of the school community for 12 years and has supported the school through many changes over the years.

This year we welcome Ali Hill as our School Council president. Along with Ali our School Council consists of the following parent reps- Dan Cherry, Rebecca Gordan, Leah Haby, Jess Quick, Sarah Simmonds, Kelly Smith, and Deb Seamons.

-Discovery Centre-

Newington Primary School would like to acknowledge and thank the trustees of The Australian Ex-Prisoners of War Memorial for their generous donation of books to our Discovery Centre. Since 2015 a campaign was started by this organisation to distribute books to local schools with the purpose of creating awareness around Anzac Day and the sacrifice involved as a soldier during wartime. The donation includes books that will help our students further appreciate and commemorate the sacrifice given by Prisoners of War and their families during wartime. Thank you so much!

-Date reminders-

Please remember that next week students are not at school on Thursday except for their learning conference. In Term 2 all our students will be starting back on Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind Regards

Sam Streeter



## From The Assistant Principal

### LEARN, CONNECT & PLAY SAFE ONLINE

For children today, growing up digital is a whole new world. Learning safe practices and strategies for maintaining a positive digital reputation starts in the home.

**CYBER SAFETY TIPS:** When working on a device at home you may like to consider the following to keep your family safe online:

Setting clear expectations for use of and access to digital technologies and online experiences in their home and within public spaces

Engaging in ongoing conversations about Cyber Safety, netiquette and digital footprints to reduce the risk of misuse and cyber bullying incidents

Developing a shared language of cyber safety and digital technologies

Modelling, sharing and exploring the positive potential of the internet and digital technologies

Balancing screen time with other activities

Encouraging children to be in the same room as an adult when using their device, to promote safer use.

Using strong privacy settings and passwords and collectively updating these regularly

Being aware of the age restrictions for children using online platforms and social media apps (i.e. Snapchat, Facebook, Instagram and TikTok over 13+ years of age)

It is integral to establish clear protocols and procedures when working in online spaces, including reviewing and considering the safety and appropriateness of online tools and communities. Please use the resources below to assist your family with online safety:

[Online safety | eSafety Commissioner](#)

[Bully Stoppers | Victorian Government \(www.vic.gov.au\)](http://www.vic.gov.au)

## Zones of Regulation

The school continues to roll out the Zones of Regulation. Classes have been going more in depth about the feelings of each Zone and starting to build toolboxes of strategies that will help be calm, happy and ready to learn.

Please have a discussion with your child/ren about what they are learning about the Zones. Strategies can help at school and home.

# The ZONES of Regulation

			
<b>Blue Zone</b> Sad Bored Tired Sick	<b>Green Zone</b> Happy Focused Calm Proud	<b>Yellow Zone</b> Worried Frustrated Silly Excited	<b>Red Zone</b> overjoyed/Elated Panicked Angry Terrified

## Awards

Student	Class	Award
Isabelle	3D	For such incredible thinking skills in persuasive writing. Isabelle has been so confident sharing her ideas, facing her challenges and helping others out in our writing sessions.
George	3W	For demonstrating excellent use of his thinking skills to successfully navigate and use an atlas in order to find places on a map, and a legend to identify different land features.
Tayah	5D	For managing her time effectively while researching how wind power is a renewable energy source. As a communicator, Tayah confidentially presented her information to the class. Well done, Tayah!
Ella	5W	For meeting deadlines, paraphrasing her information when researching her project on wind power and confidently presenting to her peers. Excellent effort, Ella.
Eloise	6P	For demonstrating effective communication skills within the classroom, always offering a valued contribution and alternate perspective. Congratulations Eloise, I am so proud to see your confidence growing.
Aditya	6D	For the conscientious approach he has toward his learning. Aditya is always willing to seek out and receive feedback to improve how he undertakes and completes tasks in the classroom, great work!
Blake 6P	Art	For demonstrating a magnificent effort to assist in the Art Room with all jobs big and small. Not only has he produced some great artwork but wonderful independence.  Keep shining, Blake!
Aria FM	SGK	For displaying fantastic inquiry skills every session. Aria has put in a wonderful effort to ask questions and listen intently to the answers, always with an enthusiastic smile.  Keep shining, Aria!

Wow, oh wow!

What an amazing and busy term it has been not only in the Art Room but The Sustainable Gardening Kitchen as well!

Art has seen all our students working enthusiastically and tirelessly on their chosen piece for the upcoming ART SHOW! Which will now be held on Wednesday the 5th of April from 3:10pm to 6:15pm. I am beyond proud of their efforts and cannot wait for you to see what a magnificent job they have done. Just check out some snaps from this term below



The Sustainable Gardening Kitchen has seen many exciting things happen, from radio interviews to newspaper appearances and even a whole school effort to walk, ride, skate, and scoot to school on National Ride to School Day!



I am also excited to inform you that the fundraising money from our Colour Fun Run last year is being used and we are seeing some wonderful changes to the new and improved outdoor learning space! Some progress shots can be found below.



On a personal note, I just want to say a huge thank you to our students. This term I have noticed a shift in attitude and enthusiasm to take on responsibility and demonstrate many traits of an active global citizen.

I have seen artists eager to express themselves and explore their creativity, artists who want to help one another and lift each other up as well as artists who want to assist any way they can to look after the space.

I have seen environmental enthusiasts who are eager to make a positive change and care for not only our school environment but the planet. Students who actively seek opportunities to work in the garden, look after our chickens/ducks and even protect the bugs that come in harms way on paths. I

have the privilege of working with the Active2School team and working alongside four fantastic captains (2 Art and 2 SGK).

I also want to thank our school community for their ongoing support and interest in what is going on and always taking part in an event we have going. I hope you all have a wonderful break with family and friends and that Term 2 brings many more exciting opportunities for everybody.

For our Unit of Inquiry into 'Sharing the Planet', the Year 3 students have been spending much of their time learning about atlases and maps. We have explored different maps of Australia and looked at how the detail increases as the scale gets smaller. Students learnt how to find specific places using the index and grid references, as well as how to identify direction using a compass rose. We used maps to help us learn the difference between a state, country and continent, and that every country has a capital city. The Year 3s also noticed that maps have different colours to reflect the different types of environments and discovered that much of Australia is desert. We discovered that the atlas did not provide us with any information on Australia pre colonisation and so we needed to do some extra research to find out this information. Did you know that Ballarat is an indigenous word that means 'resting place'? We then used the information provided in the atlases to identify the different natural resources that are found in both Victoria and Australia.

To finish our mapping work, students used the atlases to complete a range of tasks including 'The Greatest Race' and to label their own maps. A few examples of their labelled maps can be found below.



### PYP & Harmony Week



## Harmony Week & PYP Evaluation



Last week was a BIG one! Not only was it Harmony Week, but we also took part in our PYP Evaluation with external evaluators, Di and Madhu. One thing in particular that they commented on was the wonderful school community we have here. Thank you so much to our Student Voice and Family/Community representatives who gave their time to being apart of the process, we are very lucky to have you all as part of our Newington Primary School Community.



To celebrate Harmony Week, students focused on all attributes of the Learner Profile; they were open-minded to hearing and learning about different cultures. Principled then thinking about the rights of people all over the world and communicators when learning how to great each other in different languages. We ended the week by raising \$259 for the Ballarat Afghan Action Group.