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PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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We would like to acknowledge the Wadawurrang 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,

We have had whirl of activity to end our first term of 2024!

Last Friday we had our Senior Sports and on Monday the Junior Sports. A big thank you goes out to Heather for her commitment in making sure the two days were successful for all students. Our Year 6 students who ran all the events on Monday and supported our junior students during each event were excellent role models and we are very proud of each of them.



At both events we had many parents join us to cheer the students on. This community spirit continued today when we had many families come along to our final assembly for the term, to our open classrooms after recess and then our class picnics before we went home. This has been a lovely way to end the term while celebrating the wonderful learning that has taken

place over the past 9 weeks. Many thanks to the friends and family members that did pop in to one or all of these events today.

IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event
15 April	Students Return
24 April	Outdoor Movie Night 5:30pm Start
25 April	ANZAC Day—Pupil Free Day
26 April	Cross Country F—6
29 April	School Council Meeting
3 May	Winter Sports Day
6 May	Year 1 Ecolinc Excursion
8 May	District Sports Day 4-6
10 May	District Cross Country 4-6
15 May	AFL Winter Sports
20—22 May	Grade 4 Camp
23 May	Soccer Winter Sports 5-6
31 May	Netball Winter Sports 5-6

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Continuing the Easter theme we had our first Easter Hat parade at Newington this morning, which was exceptionally cute, following the parade we then heard who the winners of the raffle were. The raffle raised the school an exceptional amount of \$1930.00. Congratulations to our winners! A big thank you goes out to Beth Wilson who is leading our Community Engagement team in organising these fun events for our students while raising some much-needed funds for our school community.



Staffing News

Today we farewell two staff members that have been valuable contributors to the Newington team.

Gillian Bennett who has been teaching the year 4 – 6 students Environmental Science this term. Gillian is off overseas for cycling competitions. We wish her loads of luck.

Lucy Nolan who has been the Wellbeing Officer here for a couple of years is also leaving today as she takes on new employment opportunities. Lucy's work with our students and families has been wonderful and we know many of you join us in wishing her loads of luck as she takes on this new challenge in her career.



Wishing all our families a wonderful Easter and safe holidays.

Kind Regards

Sam Streeter

School Council News

On Tuesday night we held our Annual General Meeting and School Council meeting. It was lovely to have our School Captains and Student Voice Captains come along and present some new ideas to School Council. You will see some of these agenda items in the coming weeks when there are new additions to the school lunch order lists next term. They have investigated and with Beleza to have a long sleeve version of the schools sports top on the uniform list. Once these are in, we will let families know. Both these items came from the meetings they had held under the guidance of Emma Dally with all the class representatives for Student Voice.

During the School Council meeting we also elected the office bearers for 2024. Resulting in – Alli Hill as President, Dan Cherry as Vice President and Leah Haby as our Treasurer.

Please know we will keep you updated on School Council in the newsletter throughout the year.

EASTER CELEBRATIONS



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT—THANK YOU TO OUR EASTER RAFFLE SPONSORS



AWARDS

Name	Grade	Award
Mason	3D	For being knowledgeable about countries of the world. In a story, shared in class, with very few clues in the text, Mason was able to correctly deduce, that it was set in Bhutan. Amazing!
Steven	3W	For the effort he has put into thinking about his writing. I admire his improved effort in increasing his writing stamina.
Logan	4CW	For displaying courage to try new things in the classroom. Keep up the amazing effort, Logan.
Lillie-Anne	4T	For being a principled student by modeling how to be an honest and fair student inside and outside of the classroom.
Beau	5WG	For being open-minded and willing to acknowledge different perspectives during our class debates on a variety of topics.
Nora	5W	For demonstrating commitment to her learning. Nora always contributes to class discussions and has valuable insights to share with her peers. Well done, Nora!
Gracey	6ED	Gracey is a responsible role model who demonstrates great leadership skills when working with the foundation buddies.
Mason	6D	Mason has demonstrated that he is a student with integrity, knowing the difference between right and wrong and making responsible decisions.
Ziggy	Junior Art	For being a courageous artist, by always playfully experimenting with techniques and completing all projects. Well done, Ziggy!
Alaina	Environmental Science	Alaina has used her passion for photography to create a call to action, "Rubbish in the bin, let the animals win", to encourage others to protect animals and nature.
Ruby	Environmental Science	For her inquiry into the issue of water pollution. Her curiosity guided her research and allowed her to reflect on the ways in which we all can help prevent water pollution. Excellent job Ruby!
Jacob	Japanese	Jacob has made a wonderful start to his Japanese studies. With determination, Jacob performed with excellent fluency and pronunciation on his recent oral assessment task. Sugoi! (Amazing!)

YEAR 6

THIS TERM IN YEAR 6

Over the past couple of weeks, the Grade 6 students completed a range of different athletic events, and recorded their performance. During this task, students began to critically analyse their data and gauge their performance in preparation for Sports Day.



HARMONY WEEK

The Grade 6s and their Foundation buddies spent some time together for Harmony Week creating wristbands and hats celebrating this event.



READING

Last week, the Grade 6s had a book speed dating session with over 10 books. Grades then put in preferences for the books they would like to read as part of Literacy Circle next term. There was an entertaining battle for preferences between the two grades. On Thursday, both classes had a book tasting where they enjoyed a hot drink and cookie while rating books and putting in their preferences for next term.



DEMOCRACY

As preparation for our next UoI, 'Democracy allows citizens to express their ideas, beliefs and values',

Students complete the pre-assessment questionnaire. Then students completed 40 second speed dates with every other student from the cohort, sharing their values and ideas of community and identifying if they have compatible views for the first task, which is to create a Minecraft community.



GRADE 3'S TOP TIPS FOR NAPLAN

Top tips for NAPLAN from Hudson 3Q
 I have experienced my first NAPLAN, and it was WILD! Full of crazy rollercoasters, and stressful times, so here are my top tips for surviving NAPLAN.

- Practise 3 times a week
- Proper sleep
- Try your best
- Don't give up
- Have a go



If you guys stress a lot, these tips will help you. We have just finished NAPLAN. It was really easy for some people but not for everyone so stay focused.

Tips!

- Try not to talk
- If you get stressed, do some calming strategies, like breath for ten seconds or rub your legs
- Take your time, you have 40 or 45 minutes,, so don't rush your work
- If you finish your test early, make sure you check your answers in case you haven't finished all of them

Savannah Cowan 3W



Hello, I'm Logan from 3W and I've just done NAPLAN. I loved it! I hope you like it.

TIPS:

- If you get stressed and you're angry, use the calming sequence...squeeze your hands, rub your temples and your legs
- If you get worried, do 10 deep breaths

Top Tips for NAPLAN from Billie 3W
 We just finished NAPLAN and it wasn't as bad as we thought. It was actually pretty fun.

My Top Tips

- Use some strategies
- Don't panic, it's ok
- Think of your favourite things
- Use you paper
- Count to 10
- Have a drink
- Rub your face softly
- Have a short rest
- Streeetch
- Focus on yourself

Top tips for NAPLAN from Everyly 3Q
 Sometimes NAPLAN can be very stressful. I was scared at first, but then it wasn't that bad at the end. Here are some top tips.

- Be brave
- There is nothing to worry about
- Have a proper good night sleep
- Eat healthy
- Try your best

Top tips for NAPLAN from Jed 3Q
 NAPLAN might make you feel scared, worried and stressed. When I did NAPLAN I felt excited. Let me tell you my top tips.

- 1 Its okay to be scared
2. Have a go
3. Eat healthy foods
4. Get more sleep
5. Take your time





Tag on to Schools

Congratulations Gwenith on being the winning house for our active to schools tag on to schools program for Term 1. On Monday the 25th students enjoyed wearing yellow and celebrated with an hour of fun and fitness. Grade 2 classes received the icy pole award for the most grade points. Well done everyone!

House Points

Gwenith 636
Inkerman 495
Russell 434
Waller 331

Year Level Tag On Count

1 197
2 296
3 262
4 272
5 231
6 186
Prep 159

SPORTS DAY RESULTS

CHAMPIONS 2024



	HOUSE	NAME
9 Girls	Russell	Shelby
9 Boys	Waller	Daniel
10 Girls	Waller	Ruby
10 Boys	Gwenith	Joe
11 Girls	Waller	Indiana
11 Boys	Waller	Blade
12 Girls	Gwenith	Shara
	Gwenith	Eden
12 Boys	Inkerman	William

SPORTS DAY RESULTS

HOUSE LEADERBOARD



<u>HOUSE</u>	<u>9 Girls</u>	<u>9 Boys</u>	<u>10 Girls</u>	<u>10 Boys</u>	<u>11 Girls</u>	<u>11 Boys</u>	<u>12 Girls</u>	<u>12 Boys</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
GWENITH	275	400	400	500	225	775	1125	225	3925
INKERMAN	200	425	550	850	550		200	875	3650
RUSSELL	725	275	325	175	400	150	175	25	2250
WALLER	550	700	475	225	575	450	350	625	3950



THIS WEEK GRADE 2 -
6 STUDENTS HAVE
ENJOYED
SKATEBOARDING
LESSONS WITH YMCA
ACTION SPORTS. WE
ALL HAD SO MUCH FUN
LEARNING TO BALANCE
AND MANOEUVRE THE
BOARD.



HOLIDAY PROGRAMME



KELLY SPORTS *Easter*

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Tue 2nd to Fri 12th April 2024

What To Bring:

- Suitable clothing
- A refillable drink bottle
- A hat & sunscreen
- Big packed lunch!

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Primary Years Programme




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FIRST NATIONS KIDS/YOUTH

CHOIR

<p><u>Where?</u> Shearer Hall, Trades Hall 24 Camp Street, Ballarat Central</p>	<p><u>Who?</u> First Nations kids prep - grade 12</p>
<p><u>How Much?</u> \$5 per child (each session)</p>	<p><u>When?</u> Every Wednesday Night 6pm - 7pm (beginning term 2)</p>

 Run by Red Tree Community Arts
Any questions? Call Maegan on 0435753800

THIS TERM, OUR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS WERE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN BURRON GULI AND STRONG SISTA'S PROGRAMS. THE GROUPS FOCUSED ON HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS AND ABORIGINAL CULTURE. A BIG THANK YOU TO TRISTAN 'PANCAKES', BOBBY AND DAEN FROM BADAC FOR RUNNING THESE PROGRAMS FOR OUR STUDENTS.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT—TERM 1

Thank you to everyone who donated to Epilepsy Action Australia on Tuesday. It was wonderful to see so many students and teachers dressed in purple, creating awareness for a great cause. We raised a total of \$351.15 for Epilepsy Action Australia. Well done!



Epilepsy Awareness

26 March



A huge thank you to the wonderful parents and friends who helped assist in the distribution of Hot Cross Buns on Monday. We are truly appreciative of your support. We made a profit of \$714 that will contribute to our school community.

Thank you so much for donating and purchasing tickets to our incredible school raffle! We have raised a total of \$1930 that will contribute to the development of our school community.

The winners were drawn at 8:00am on 28th March and our wonderful hampers were distributed at our End of Term assembly.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT—TERM 2



Our incredible students will be participating in Cross Country from 11:30am – 1:30pm on Friday 26th April. Please come and show your support. There will be a coffee van available for our wonderful parents and friends. Upon conclusion of the event, students will have the option to indulge in a special lunch order via Spriggy Schools. This will include hot dogs/vegetarian hot dogs, juice boxes and Zooper Doopers.



On Wednesday 24th April, come join us for a fun-filled evening under the stars at Newington Primary School! Grab your blankets, bean bags, chairs, pillows, picnic rugs and get ready for a movie experience like no other. We'll be showing the family-friendly film 'Wonka'. There will be Wonka Bags for sale, a coffee van, an ice cream truck and a sausage sizzle to keep your tummies full throughout the film. Don't forget to invite your friends and family for this fantastic outdoor event. We can't wait to see you there! Tickets are on sale now for \$11.90 per person. Secure them now!



<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/outdoor-movie-night-tickets-863584894667?aff=oddtcreator>



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