



**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,

Last week, it was delightful to see many mothers, aunties, and grandparents attend our school for our Mother's Day afternoon festivities. The rooms were filled with numerous smiles and engaging activities. We are grateful to everyone who took the time to visit and spend time with their children during the school day, and to our staff for organising a highly successful afternoon.

Illness around the school

As the weather cools down, colds, flus, gastroenteritis, and COVID-19 are beginning to affect members of our school community. We appreciate that most families are proactively keeping their students at home to rest and recover when they exhibit symptoms that could be passed on to others. This proactive approach is helping some classes return to full capacity more quickly and keeping our staff healthy as well. If you are unsure whether your child should be at school and they are showing symptoms of a cold or other illness, we kindly advise you to test them for COVID or contact the office for advice.

Stranger Danger

As a school, we are advising families to have a conversation with their students about staying safe traveling to and from school. Additionally, teachers have been discussing this topic with students during class time.

Student Leadership

Our school captains represented our school beautifully at a conference for students across Ballarat around leadership last week. Today at assembly, they did a wonderful job sharing about what they learned and the importance of a leader's role in a community.

Next week we will see our Year Four students head off for their first camp and we wish them a lot of fun.

Have a great weekend!

Kind Regards,
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IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event
Monday 20th May - Wednesday 22nd May	Grade 4 Camp
Thursday 23rd May	Soccer Winter Sports Grade 5 - 6
Thursday 23rd May	Sushi Orders for Japanese Day Close
Thursday 23rd May	Billy G's Gourmet Cookie and Biscuit Dough Fund-raiser Delivered
Monday 27th May	Greater Western Region Cross Country
Wednesday 29th May	Japanese Day
Friday 31st May	Netball Winter Sports Grade 5 - 6
Monday 10th June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Friday 14th June	School Photos
Monday 17th June	Violin Graduations

AWARDS - CLASSROOM

Name	Grade	Award
Everly	3Q	For being a wonderful thinker and making connections when telling time. Everly has built upon her strategies with both analogue and digital clocks. Well done!
Ashlee	3W	For being an excellent inquirer as she worked on her research skills, investigating India for her Sharing the Planet presentation.
Angus	4CW	For being open minded and respectful of other people's perspectives and opinions during class discussions.
Parker	4T	For being open minded towards all student perspectives and acknowledging their ideas in group activities and discussions.
Emily	5WG	For the diligent way she approaches her learning. Emily consistently applies herself to improve her knowledge in all subject areas and produces work to a high standard.
Indi	5W	For demonstrating what it is to be an inquirer when investigating the history of money, learning all about the Mesopotamian Shekel.
Brock	6D	For his balanced approach to learning. Brock understands the importance of all aspects of his learning whether it is in the classroom or on the sporting field.
Luke	6ED	For his exceptional communication and collaboration skills during our current Unit of Inquiry. Luke made sure he listened to the ideas and perspectives of others while creating a new country with its own system of government, flag, map and culture. Well done, Luke.

AWARDS - SPECIALIST

Name	Grade	Award
Fraser	SGK	For his admirable effort to reflect and think of the world around him. Fraser should be proud of what he does to care for all creatures, big and small and his determination to take on a challenge. Keep shining bright, Fraser!
Willah	Senior Art	For demonstrating admirable communication skills when working with others. Willah has shown others how to think creatively and express their ideas clearly in the form of 'Street Art'. Keep shining bright, Willah!
Adele	Japanese	For using her initiative and her knowledge of Hiragana to write her name beautifully in Japanese. It is an inspiration to her classmates. Well done, Adele!

NEWINGTON CROSS COUNTRY

The rain held off for a great day of running for our Newington Cross Country. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm from students, running with and cheering on their school friends.

Winning students from each age group:

Foundation Boys – Billy	Foundation Girls – Freya
Grade 1 Boys - Sam	Grade 1 Girls – Audrey
Grade 2 Boys - Louie	Grade 2 Girls- Poppy
Under 9 Boys – Jake	Under 9 Girls – Sullivan
Under 10 Boys – Thomas	Under 10 Girls – Cathlene
Under 11 Boys – Blade	Under 11 Girls - Ruby
Under 12 Boys - Tyler	Under 12 Girls – Ella

STURT DISTRICT TRACK AND FIELD

Last Wednesday we had our Newington Primary School Track and field representatives compete at Llanberris in the Sturt District athletics carnival. It was fantastic to see so many students receiving ribbons on this day and demonstrating excellent sportsmanship.

The following students will go on to represent Newington and Sturt District later in Term 3

Sullivan – 1500m

Maxx – 1500m

Ruby – Hurdles

Joe - 100m Dash and Hurdles

Blade – 100m Dash and High jump

Kobe – High Jump

Jake – Long Jump

Darama – Discus

Blade, Maxx, Jake and Leo – Boys Relay Team



SOVEREIGN CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all of our students that competed at the Sovereign District Cross Country last Friday. All of our students competed and represented Newington Primary School to the highest standard. Well done to **Blade** and **Maxx** who demonstrated excellent endurance and stamina to make it through to the Greater Western Cross Country later this month.

AFL WINTER SPORTS

ON WEDNESDAY OUR GRADE 5/6 STUDENTS REPRESENTED NEWINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL AT THE AFL WINTER SPORTS DAY. ALL STUDENTS PLAYED WELL, WITH OUR BOYS' TEAM MAKING SEMIFINALS.

A BIG THANKYOU TO ALL OF OUR PARENT HELPERS AND IN PARTICULAR OUR FABULOUS COACHES. WE COULDN'T DO IT WITH OUT YOU!



MUSIC CONCERT



Life as an Echo Musica Viva Incursion

Earlier this year, Mrs. Allen entered our school in a competition to win a free concert from Musica Viva at our school – and we won!! On Friday the performers visited our school and shared their music with us. Here are some of the comments made by our students following the learning experiences and the concert:

"It was just so beautiful – these are happy tears" - Ever 2D

"Now we all have our own echoes deep in sude us, as well as around us" – Tom, 6Ed

The music was very calming – not scary or silly – it sounded like nature – Alfie, 1ND

I liked the music; it was new and different to me, even though the instruments were old – Taylor 3Q



Sustainable Gardening Kitchen

What an AMAZING start to Term 2!

My name is Miss Hardy and I have just returned from maternity leave. It is great to be back and I am super excited to share with you all what we have been up to in SGK!

Our Year 1 students are making an admirable effort to be 'Care Bears'. Linking up with their current Unit of Inquiry, we have been exploring minibeasts and how to best care for them (along with the planet). We have seen some wonderful creativity with the building and development of 'Bug Homes', initiative to create signs and also made some very cute little minibeasts that went home.

Over the past two weeks, Year 1 students have been outside and modelling our Learner Profile fantastically. Raking our gardens and pulling out weeds has definitely allowed us to work up a sweat!

Our Year 4 students have placed a huge focus on being reflective learners. Working as a team they have begun preparing our chicken garden for Spring (when we plan to incubate our own eggs) and clearing out the vegetable garden beds ready to plant our next lot of seedlings.

We recently revisited 'The River Story' as a class, each member had a bowl with various contents and a number. As their number was called, they added this to a dish full of water, another was next to it that remained untouched. By the end of the story we compared the dishes and talked about the negative impact waste can have on our environment and discussed what we could do to be 'World Changers' and make a positive difference.





Billy G's Gourmet Cookie and Biscuit Dough Fundraiser

Billy G's Gourmet Cookie and Biscuit Dough Fundraiser was a huge success, with our school purchasing a total of 299 tubs, making a profit of \$1196.

Ms Hardy is already researching a solar panel door for our chicken pen. The plan is to use the profit from this fundraiser to incubate chicken eggs which will allow so many wonderful opportunities for our students and school community to demonstrate our learner profile attributes.

Cookie dough will be arriving on Thursday 23rd May and will be distributed to classes by wonderful our parent helpers.



Billy G's
Gourmet
Cookie & Biscuit
Dough



2024 Japanese Day

Wednesday May 29th

Newington PS students are excited to celebrate the language and culture of Japan with a range of activities organised by our Grade 6 students.

Students throughout the school can enjoy sumo, origami, Japanese food, manga, toys and games, Ikebana (flower arranging), a ninja warrior course & much more!

There will also be competitions, photos with Pikachu, and Japanese art & craft activities to make!

Anne Norman Presents

Kasa Jizo

and the wonderful hat song

*Mukashi mukashi in Japan,
lived an old lady and an old man...*



We are excited to welcome Anne Norman to our school, performing the classic Japanese Folk Tale, Kasajizou (Umbrella Statues)

Following the enormous success of Anne's solo show **O-Musubi Kororin: Riceball Tumble tumbling**, Anne once again brings to children across Australia her take on an old Japanese folk tale. Combining story-telling with music making, and projected images, this is 60 minutes of hilarious fun and learning.

Kasa Jizo and the Wonderful Hat Song is a story about spending New Year with the grandparents, maintaining cheerfulness in a difficult situation, and a spirit of generosity towards others. This heart-warming tale will get you singing along!

JAPANESE DAY

JAPANESE DISPLAY

If you have any Japanese items that could be put on display for the day please bring them along!
All items need to be clearly labelled with your child's name and class.



WHAT TO WEAR

Students are encouraged to wear anything Japanese, be it a kimono, pikachu onesie, or karate outfit. Even a white t-shirt with a red circle representing the Japanese flag! **No need to worry if time is an issue:** Students will be making Japanese Hachimaki (headbands) to wear on the day!

**** Reminder: Japanese day is NOT a free dress day.**

WANT TO ATTEND?

Parents and other family members are welcome to join students who will be participating in Japanese activities run by Grade 6 students.

12:30 – 1:25 Grades FW, 1W, 2D, 3Q, 4T, 5W 6TD

2:10 – 3:05 Grades FM, 1ND, 2P, 4CW, 5WG, 6ED

Location: Hiroba (Grade F,1 & 2 building) & Japanese Garden.

***Please sign in at the office**



Japanese Day Lunch Order

Available for purchase via Spriggy
Schools

CRISPY CHICKEN SUSHI ROLL \$3.80

COOKED TUNA SUSHI ROLL (GF) \$3.80

TERIYAKI BEEF SUSHI ROLL \$3.80

TEMPURA VEGETABLE SUSHI ROLL \$3.80

Please note, orders close Thursday 23rd
May

VICTORIAN PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE



Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Newington Primary School is excited to be participating. The PRC application offers a range of exciting features including:

- access to a library catalogue (including book images and blurbs)
- a modern user-friendly interface
- rewarding students with badges as challenge milestones are achieved
- the option for students to mark books as a favourite, give them a star rating or complete a book review

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 6 September 2024.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklist and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: <https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge>

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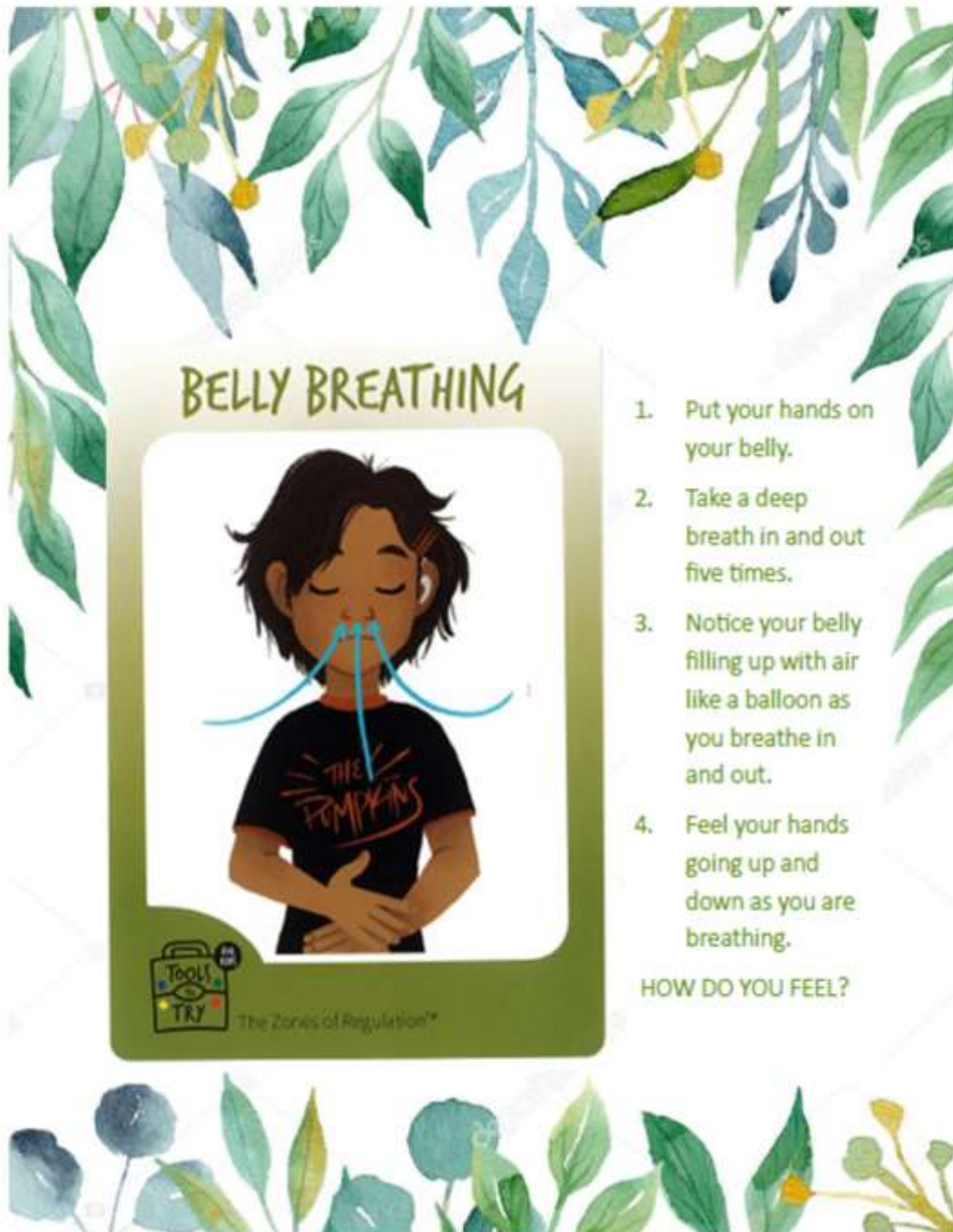
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Primary Years
Programme

Benefits of teaching interoception

- Helps children and young people connect to and learn to understand their bodies and emotions.
- Helps children and young people develop a sense of belonging. Without interoception, social skills are just the application of rules and not a meaningful way of interacting.
- Classrooms where interoception is being taught have decreasing behavioural challenges over the school year and those where it is not have static or increasing behavioural challenges (school wide)



BELLY BREATHING



1. Put your hands on your belly.
2. Take a deep breath in and out five times.
3. Notice your belly filling up with air like a balloon as you breathe in and out.
4. Feel your hands going up and down as you are breathing.

HOW DO YOU FEEL?

