



**NEWINGTON
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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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 Friday while the students were enjoying an extra long weekend the teachers were busy doing Professional Learning, which went really well. Some staff attended a day that involved 10 schools around understanding the backgrounds of our students and optimising outcomes for all of our students. Back here at school, staff participated in Professional Learning around understanding the background of our indigenous students and the history of Indigenous Australians. Staff have since taken time in our meeting on Tuesday night to reflect and share on their learnings, plus what valuable information we can use moving forward at Newington Primary School.

House Captains -

Today Mrs Delahunty presented our House Captains for 2024 with their badges at assembly. These student leaders will have an important role in our upcoming Sports Day in promoting good sportsmanship, a resilient attitude towards sport and supporting their house team members. Congratulations to Mason (Waller), Olivia (Inkermen), Jensen (Russell) and Sammi (Gwenith) on their appointments to these positions.



IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event
18—21 March	NAPLAN
18—24 March	Harmony Week
21 March	Hot Cross Bun Orders Due
22 March	3-6 Sports Day
25 March	NAPLAN Catch Up Tests
25 March	Hot Cross Buns distributed
26 March	Epilepsy Awareness Day
28 March	Easter Raffle
	Easter Hat Parade
	Open Classrooms 11:45am
	Class Picnics 12:30pm
	Term 1 concludes at 1:30pm

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Primary Years Programme

NAPLAN-

Well done, to our Year 3 and 5 students who have sat NAPLAN over the past couple of days. They are putting in a wonderful effort and the teachers are supporting them in the set up beautifully. By having it earlier in the year, we hope to get the results sooner. Our students will be completing the rest of NAPLAN next week.

Students taking action in our community-

Today at our assembly I had the pleasure of inviting Alaina up the front to talk about the action she has taken to try and make change about the rubbish in our yard. Alaina has come up with the slogan "Rubbish in the Bin, Let the Animals Win!" Alaina went the extra mile of going to the Wildlife Park to photograph the animals as a visual impact for her poster. Well done to Alaina on her work and as a school we will aim to support her goal by not taking any wrappers out in the yard.



COVID is back-

If you are needing COVID tests please pop into the office to collect some. Our next batch has arrived.

Upcoming events -

We have a lot to look forward to in 2024 so please stay looped in on Seesaw, on what is coming up. We currently have our Hot Cross Bun Drive, Easter Raffle and Easter Bonnet Parade all being advertised for the end of term. On the last day of the term we also look forward to opening up our classrooms to visitors which will follow with a class picnic that parents are welcome to join, before taking their child home at 1:30pm. More information on this will come out soon.

Wishing all of our families a lovely and safe weekend.

Kind Regards
Sam Streeter

AWARDS

Name	Grade	Award
Evie-Rai	FM	For being a courageous learner who now enters the classroom and organises her belongings all by herself!
Cameron	FM	For being a courageous learner who now enters the classroom and organises his belongings all by himself!
Edie	FW	For being a principled member of the class, who always does the right thing!
Ruby	FW	For being a principled member of the class, who always does the right thing!
Lucy	1NW	For always demonstrating she is a principled learner. Lucy is a responsible student who shows respect to both her peers and teachers. She is always eager to learn and completes all tasks with great enthusiasm.
Eshaal	1W	For being a reflective learner. Eshaal is always willing to take on feedback and work to improve her knowledge and understanding.
Ben	2D	For demonstrating commitment to being courageous and pushing yourself outside of your comfort zone. You have shown determination and resilience to achieve big things. Well done, Ben!
Angel	2P	For being an inspired researcher whilst writing your biography about Taylor Swift. You have shown enthusiasm for your topic by bringing in extra resources to support your learning. Well done Angel, you are a true inquirer!
Adele 2P	Music	For her awesome thinking skills in the music room and in choir rehearsal. Adele has been 'on fire' when sharing her amazing ideas and propels the learning for the whole class forwards. Keep up the great work, Adele!
Jack 4CW	PE	For reflecting on his long jump and improving on his results.

GET TO KNOW OUR SCHOOL LEADERS

HELLO, 
I'M BROCK

Sports Leader
12 years old

ABOUT ME



My name is Brock and I am one of Newington's new Sports Leaders. In my spare time I like to play basketball in the backyard, spend time with my friends and play video games.

Obviously, my favourite subject is PE.

In my role as Sports Leader I am looking forward to being involved in sports that I love, promoting physical activity and having a greater involvement in my school community.

When I'm older I aspire to be a professional athlete, editor or musician.

HELLO, 
I'M KOBE

Sports Leader
11 years old

ABOUT ME



My name is Kobe and I am one of Newington's new Sports Leaders. In my spare time I like to play basketball and cook.

My favourite subjects are PE and Music.

In my role as Sports Leader I am looking forward to making changes to promote student involvement in physical activity and fundraising to improve the school's PE equipment and facilities.

When I'm older I aspire to be a professional basketball player.

The Best Part of Me!

GRADE 2

Understanding ourselves and others helps make the world a better place.

In Grade 2 we have been inquiring into our own personal strengths and how they influence identity.

By acknowledging the positive qualities of ourselves and others, we help build healthy relationships, resilience, and confidence. Here are some examples of our amazing work!



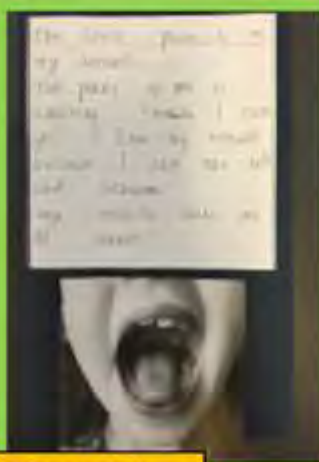
The best part of me is my hands. This part of me is amazing because if I didn't have hands, I couldn't feed my cat & dog. I love my hands because I work hard with them!

BONNIE - 2P



The best part of me is my hands. This part of me is amazing because they help me flick the pages. I love my hands because if I didn't have hands, I couldn't hug my best friend!

HARRIET - 2P



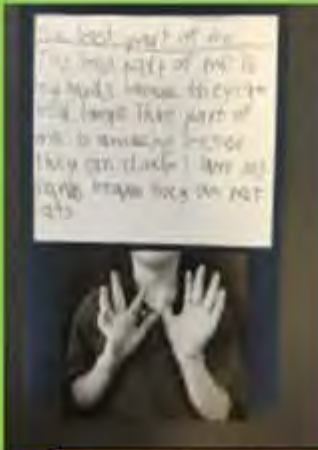
The best part of me is my tonsils. This part of me is amazing because I can yell. I love my tonsils because I can eat, talk & scream.

WILLOW - 2D



My legs, they help me play sport. They also help me walk and get exercise!

FINN H - 2D



The best part of me is my hands because they can build Lego. This part of me is amazing because they can climb. I love my hands because they can pat cats.

NOAH - 2D



The best part of me is my eyes because if you didn't have eyes you wouldn't see. This part of me is amazing because if I did not have eyes I cannot see myself in the mirror.

MUNTAHA - 2P

Grade 5—Sharing the Planet

In Grade 5 we have been exploring what it means to share our planet. Kicking things off with an excursion to Earth Ed, the Grade 5s have explored concepts such as electricity, renewable energy, models of economy and issues that affect our environment.

During Literacy, we have further developed our knowledge on these topics. We have been researching and writing persuasive pieces to convince our audience to support our point of view on an environmental issue.

In Maths, we have begun collecting data in how different countries use renewable energy and exploring how we can represent and analyze this data.



Linear Economy Vs a Circular Economy. By Indiana, Joe, Logan, Blade and Nora (5W).



Axel & Ren from 5WG designing an inclusive controller using a Makey-Makey kit.



Beau & Alaina from 5WG testing their inclusive game controller.



Ruby from 5W experiencing the sensation of electricity through the Van der Graaf machine.

Environmental Science

This term our 4-6 students have explored how they can make a positive impact on our environment and the issues surrounding it. Students have chosen topics of interests to investigate such as animal welfare, fashion waste, deforestation, natural disasters, and many more. Their goal is to create a “call to action” campaign to raise awareness about their topic and provide suggestions for action that others can take to tackle the problem!



The student work above are just a few outstanding examples of students' understanding of climate change and how it is connected to the environmental issues that they are investigating!

Inspiring Active Travel to School



Dear Parents,

In partnership with the City Of Ballarat we are excited to introduce 'Tag On' to support healthier and happier journeys to our school. Today, your child has brought home their very own Tag On tag!

Tag On is a sign-in system that registers how and when students arrive at school every day. Each day your child will be able to use their tag to 'tag on' and select how they travelled to school via a touch screen kiosk. They will earn house points every time they tag on, and an extra point towards their personal active travel tally if they walk, ride, scoot or catch public transport. Through collecting points, students are motivated to travel in healthier, happier ways by participating in friendly house and class competitions.

We know many families would like their child to travel actively and independently. For parents, the Tag On program provides peace of mind that your child has arrived at school safely by sending you an instant email notification when your child tags on each morning. This provides parents more confidence in allowing their child to travel independently, critical to building road safety skills and healthy travel habits in students.



We understand that some families are not able to walk, ride or scoot to school regularly. The Tag On program allows all students the opportunity to participate by rewarding everyone that tags on with a house point. Remember Part Way is OK – to create a safer environment for children directly outside the school gates, try to park in the surrounding streets and walk or ride the rest of the way. You can be sure your child has arrived by receiving the email notification, and your child can gain both house and active travel points.

We are thrilled to introduce this system as part of our involvement in the City of Ballarat's Active Travel to School Program and can't wait for our students to participate. Through initiatives such as this, we are hoping to create a safer environment for students outside the school gates by motivating children to walk, ride or scoot to school and providing parents peace of mind when allowing their child to travel actively and independently.

[If you would like your child to participate, please register the tag your child has brought home.](#)

Register Your Child's Tag here



<https://newingtonps.tagon.net.au/register/>

If you do not wish to register your child's tag, they can still participate anonymously. For more information on Tag On, please visit: <https://tagon.net.au/>

www.tagon.net.au

email: support@tagon.net.au

Well done to all students who have been using the tag on system to record how they get to school. On Monday the 25th of March the House colour with the most points will enjoy a day wearing their house colours and an hour of fun and fitness on the oval.

The grade which earns the most points will receive an icy pole on this day. If you haven't already set up your tag, please check Seesaw for instructions.

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We are looking forward to a great day on Friday the 22nd, March for our House grade 3-6 Athletics. Make sure you wear a T-shirt in your house colour and come along ready to run and cheer. Please remember to bring a packed lunch and plenty of water.

Junior Sports day will be on Monday the 25th March from 9:00-11:00 on our Newington School oval.

DIVERSITY

Having different types of people in a group. Such as people of different races, cultures and abilities.



At Newington Primary School, we develop active, global citizens who have the confidence, empathy and resilience to make a positive difference in our world. We empower our students to be creative and critical thinkers, who collaborate with others. We engage in challenging, concept-driven, inquiry learning that promotes learner agency.

Inclusive Education Classroom

All students learn together

Giving teachers assistance and support

Focus on abilities not disabilities

Teachers learning to expand their skills

Connecting with individual learning styles

Honoring the needs of all pupils equally

Valuing other cultures and perspectives

Celebrating diversity and individuality

Nurturing shared respect and empathy



My Shadow is Pink is a beautifully written rhyming story that touches on the subjects of gender identity, self acceptance, equality and diversity.

My Shadow is Purple is a heartwarming and inspiring book about being true to yourself, by best-selling children's book creator Scott Stuart. This story considers gender beyond binary in a vibrant spectrum of colour.

These books can be found on youtube.



Australian Government

HARMONY WEEK



EVERYONE BELONGS

Harmony Week celebrates the cohesive and inclusive nature of our diverse nation. Schools, community groups and organisations across Australia host Harmony Week events.

<https://www.harmony.gov.au/get-involved/schools/primary-school>

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CELEBRATING THE MANY DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES, OPINIONS, IDEAS & VOICES OF ALL PEOPLE!



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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT—EASTER CELEBRATIONS



Don't forget to order your delicious Hot Cross Buns! Final orders need to be in by 3:10pm on Thursday 21st March. These delicious treats will be delivered to classrooms on Monday 25th March. All proceeds will contribute to enriching an element of our school, as determined by our Student Voice Representatives.



Our Easter Hat Parade will be taking place at our end of term assembly. Each class will have the opportunity to display their stylish hats for our audience. There are epic prizes for the most impressive 3 hats - so get creative!



On March 28th our Easter Raffle will be drawn. There are many **many** awesome prizes up for grabs, so make sure you get your tickets! We have had an abundance of donations from a variety of businesses and PLENTY of chocolate, so you do not want to miss this! Tickets can be purchased online, using the QR code. All funds raised will contribute to enriching an element of our school, as determined by our Student Voice Representatives.

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT—EASTER RAFFLE SPONSORS





**EPILEPSY
AWARENESS
DAY**

TUESDAY 26TH MARCH
WEAR A TOUCH OF PURPLE
AND BRING IN A GOLD COIN
DONATION

The poster features a central image of two hands holding a purple heart. The background is a solid purple color.



Reminder: There are no lunch orders for the rest of Term 1 due to Sports Day and Good Friday. We look forward to these returning in Term 2!

On Tuesday 26th March, we are celebrating World Epilepsy Day. To raise awareness, please wear a touch of purple and bring a gold coin donation. Alternatively, you can donate directly to www.justgiving.com/page/newingtonprimaryschool



Wonka

SAVE THE DATE Wednesday 24th April 5:30pm **OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT**

The poster for the movie 'Wonka' features the title in a large, golden, cursive font. Below the title are images of the main characters, Gene Wilder and Charlie Wonka, against a background of colorful, glowing candy and sweets.

On Wednesday 24th April Newington Primary School will be hosting an Outdoor Cinema Night, with the film 'Wonka' commencing at 6pm. Keep your eyes peeled for further details on this event.