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PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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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,

Our students have settled back into school beautifully after our winter break. Even on the extremely cold, wet and windy days, they have remained focused during learning time and adaptable during the unpredictable playtimes.

We are in full concert mode here at Newington and the performances are looking terrific. This week, the students and their teachers have worked hard to put the finishing touches on their dances and our lead actors have been rehearsing their lines non-stop. We look forward to it all coming together next Thursday night at Civic Hall. Many thanks to any parents who have assisted classrooms in preparing their costumes.

The last two weeks have also seen several of our students on excursions and at incursions. Please enjoy reading about the Foundation trip to Ecolinc, the Year 4 History Box visit, and the Year 5 adventure of stepping back in time. Well done to the students who shared their experiences at assembly today.

Staff Collaboration Day

On July 15th, we held a Staff Collaboration Day, providing all students with an extra day at home. The staff used this day to reflect on their childhood experiences in primary school, while focusing on the importance of student wellbeing here at Newington. We examined the data received from students in years 4-6 through the Attitudes to Learning Survey as part of the process. The second part of the day focused on the academic progress of our students, during which we analysed our Teacher Judgement data and discussed strategies to support each student's growth across various learning areas. As a staff, this day was crucial in setting the foundation for the next six months.

IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event
1/8/24	Concert Excursion
1/8/24	Concert Performance
6/8/24 - 7/8/24	ICAS Grades 4-6
9/8/24	Foundation 100 Days of School
9/8/24	Basketball
13/8/24	Cricket Clinic
14/8/24	Cricket Clinic
15/8/24	Learning Conferences 3:30pm - 6:30pm
16/8/24	Learning Conferences
19/8/24	Book Week F-3 Incursion
23/8/24	Book Week Dress Up Day
4/9/24	Colour Run

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Primary Years Programme

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parking

The way parents are parking remains a concern for our students as they enter and exit the school grounds. Please note that there is a message from Ballarat City Council regarding their concerns in today's newsletter. Parents may have noticed that a speed check monitor was recently placed on Russell Street as a reminder to drivers; however, we still observe parents exhibiting risky behaviour in how they park and drop off their children before or after school. It is not appropriate to stop in the middle of the road to let your child out.

Learning Conferences

On August 15th from 3:30pm to 6:30pm and on August 16th from 8:45am to 3:30pm, we will be holding our Learning Conferences. These conferences will be three-way meetings involving the student, their parents, and the teacher. A link to book these appointments will be sent out soon so that parents can add their bookings to their calendars. On August 16th, students will only attend school for the portion of the Learning Conference that they are participating in.

2025 Enrolments

It is now time for us to finalize the Foundation enrolments for 2025. Please make sure you have enrolled any siblings, if they are not already enrolled. If your family will be leaving Newington at the beginning of 2025, please inform the school office. We have many interested families outside the school zone that have submitted applications. If you have any questions, please get in touch.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards,

Sam Streeter

PARKING

Please note that the City of Ballarat will be undertaking regular patrols to ensure parking compliance. Any breaches observed, will be enforced. This is to help ensure the safety of students and staff and the broader school community. We implore all road users to ensure that they adhere to the law to maintain the ongoing safety of everyone involved.

We appreciate your cooperation in this regard.

Kind Regards,

Parking Compliance Team



STUDENT WELFARE AND RRRR INFORMATION

WELCOME SAM BELL!

I'm excited to be the new Student Welfare Officer at Newington Primary School. I have previously taught in a high school setting and worked in a re-engagement program for the past seven years. My passion lies in the wellbeing and engagement of students and I'm looking forward to being part of the Newington Primary School community. The staff and students have all been so welcoming and it really feels like an exceptional school.

I live in the bush with my husband, two kids and dog, Biki. In my free time, I like to do art, play board games, go yabbing and catch up with friends for a cuppa and a chat.



The Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships (RRRR) learning materials have been designed for teachers in primary and secondary schools to develop students' social, emotional and positive relationship skills.

The RRRR learning materials cover eight topics of Social and Emotional Learning:

- Emotional Literacy
- Personal Strengths
- Positive Coping



Social and emotional skills help students develop the resilience to deal with change, challenge and unpredictability. Social and emotional learning is important in the context of data highlighting that Australian young people face a range of stressors and anxieties, and a high incidence of mental health problems. Social and emotional skills are also the foundation of positive relationships, including positive

During Semester 2 all grades will be completed the lessons on **GENDER AND IDENTITY** and **POSITIVE GENDER RELATIONSHIPS**

GENDER AND IDENTITY

Learning activities within this topic assist students to challenge stereotypes and critique the influence of gender norms on attitudes and behaviour. They learn about key issues relating to human rights and gender identity, and focus on the importance of respect within relationships. The activities

POSITIVE GENDER RELATIONSHIPS

Learning activities within this topic focus on building an understanding of the effects of gender-based violence and focus on the standards associated with respectful relationships. Students develop the skills needed to solve problems, set boundaries within relationships, and play an active role within the prevention of gender-based violence. They develop peer support and help-seeking skills that can be applied in response to situations involving gender-based

Every Conversation Matters



Parents will be provided the topics that will be covered via Seesaw so you can support students with conversations at home.

If you would like to know more about the lessons they can be downloaded at:

All RRRR learning materials can be downloaded from: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/respectrel>



12 Home Activities that Build Social Emotional Skills



A sense of connectedness or belonging to school and to family is the single most important protective factor for young people. It is associated with positive health and academic outcomes. Students who experience discrimination or stigma are more likely to also experience reduced connectedness to school. In contrast, students who feel cared for by people at their school and feel connected to learning: Are more likely to be motivated, Show improved academic outcomes, Have higher academic self-efficacy, Show improved mental health, Are less likely to

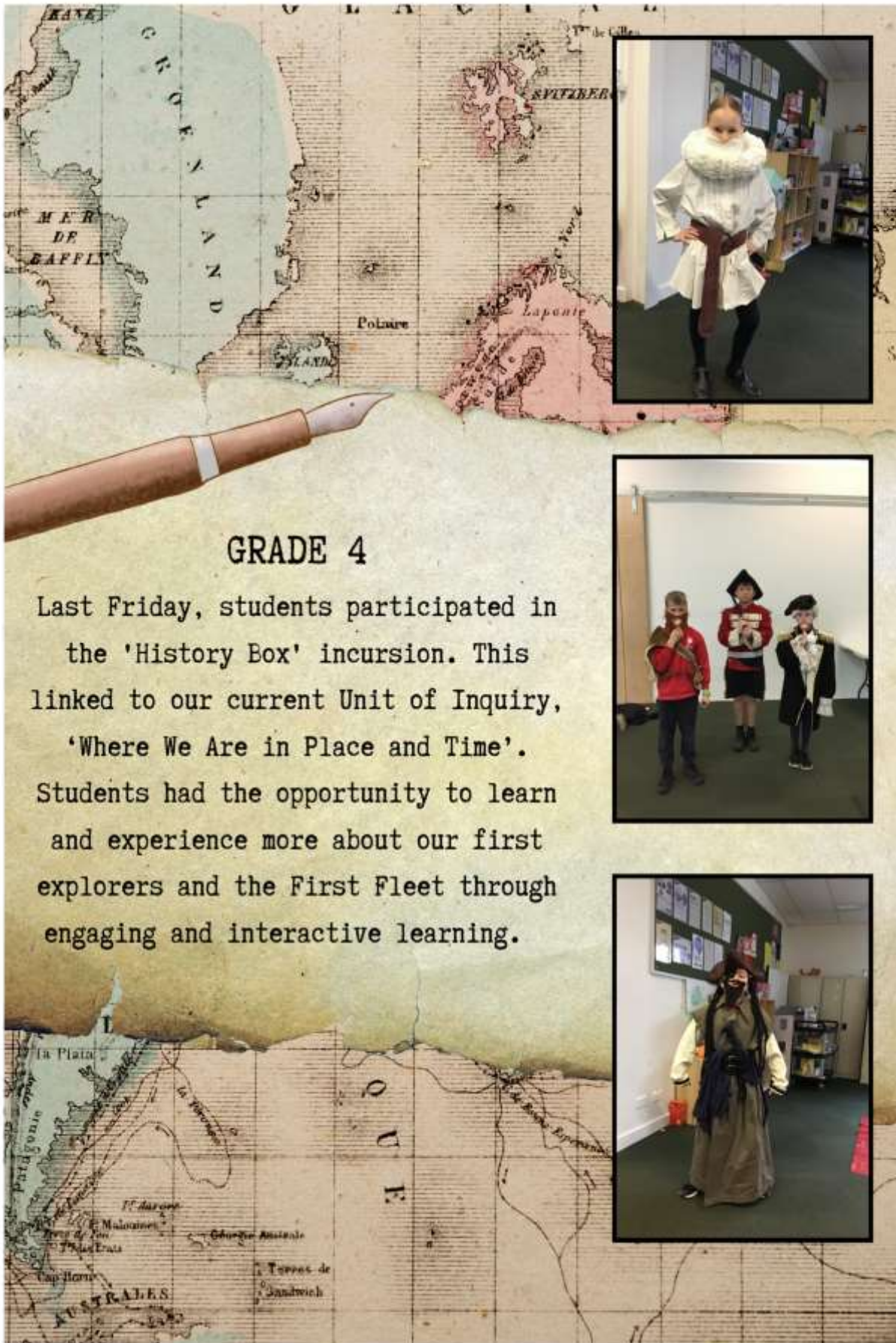
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Snapshots from Foundation



The Foundation students have had a very busy start to Term 3. Beginning their new inquiry unit into weather, they were lucky enough to visit Ecoline in Bacchus Marsh to be meteorologists for the day!





GRADE 4

Last Friday, students participated in the 'History Box' incursion. This linked to our current Unit of Inquiry, 'Where We Are in Place and Time'. Students had the opportunity to learn and experience more about our first explorers and the First Fleet through engaging and interactive learning.



Goldfields News

SOVEREIGN HILL EXCURSION 18TH & 19TH OF JULY

Life in the Goldfields

In Week 1, the Grade 5s visited Sovereign Hill to experience 1850s education in the Goldfields. Students in 5W spent two days attending the St Alipius Digging School, while the Wesleyen Day School hosted the students from 5WG. Students participated in many lessons that were taught to students during the Gold Rush.



Students at St Alipius practicing handwriting in the Queen's Copperplate.



Students from St Alipius on an outing with the local confectioner, Mr Brown.



Masters Lachie & Cooper enjoying some downtime between lessons.



Masters Chase & Obi holding a freshly smelted gold bar valued at \$350, 000



Students attending the Wesleyen Church for their daily lessons.

AWARDS

Name	Grade	Award
Micah	FM	For being a knowledgeable meteorologist during our excursion to Ecolinc and making lots of great connections.
Parker	FM	For being an enthusiastic meteorologist during our excursion to Ecolinc and embracing every opportunity to learn about science.
Georgina	FW	For being a role model during our concert rehearsal, by always showing enthusiasm when learning the dance steps.
Odette	FW	For being a caring member of our class, especially during concert rehearsal, where she has been supporting her classmates to do their best.
Dakota	1ND	For her outstanding commitment to her learning and for displaying her awesome dance moves during our concert performance practice.
Sophie	1W	For sharing your knowledge of your culture during NAIDOC Week. You were able to teach everyone your dance and guide the whole class, including the staff! It was a very special moment, thank you Sophie.
Ever	2D	For being a reflective learner. She is always thinking about ways to improve her learning, advocate for herself and share her understandings with others. Ever, you are sunshine personified!
Louie	2P	For working cooperatively and courageously during every one of our concert rehearsals in Term 2 & 3. Your enthusiasm is contagious!
Cathlene	Music	For her enthusiastic inquiry in the Music room, asking questions to stretch our knowledge forward and for her courage to step up for a solo in the NPS Concert Finale. Congratulations Cathlene!
William	PE	For demonstrating excellent athletic ability, while completing the vertical jump test. Great work William!

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

SCHOOL CONCERT

We are so excited for our upcoming school concert, 'Dancing Through the Decades'.

Tickets are on sale for the general public and are selling fast!

<https://ballarat.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/135735>

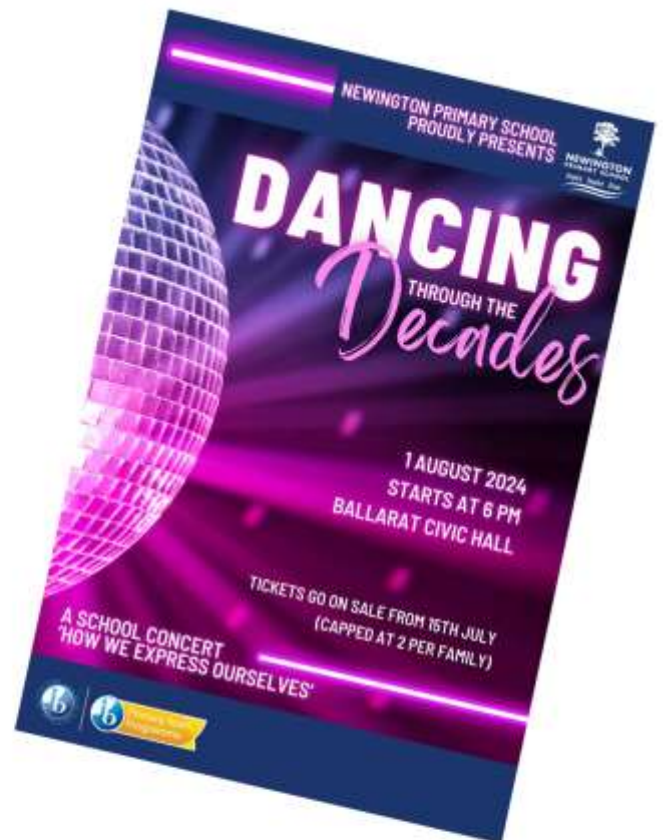
Students are to arrive at the side door of Civic Hall, (near the Ballarat Library) at the following times on Thursday 1st August.

4:30pm – Lead Actors

5pm - 5:15pm - Foundation, Grade 1, Grade 2

5:15pm - 5:30pm - Grade 3, Grade 4, Grade 5, Grade 6

The main doors open for the audience at 5:30pm with the performance commencing at 6pm.



COLOUR RUN

Get your Colour on, Newington Primary School is hosting a Colour Explosion Run 4 Fun!

Our Colour Explosion Run 4 Fun will be on Wednesday 4th September from 11:30am to 1:30pm.

Not only are we hosting an awesome Colour Explosion Run 4 Fun, but student's can also win up to 15 unique prizes by fundraising via online sponsorship donations.

Students have received a sponsorship book with instructions on setting up their cyber-safe, online fundraising profile at www.australianfundraising.com.au. This is an entirely online fundraiser; all cash donations must be converted to online donations to redeem your prizes.



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PSYCHOLOGY SERVICES AVAILABLE

Federation University offer regular treatment sessions for \$10 (\$5 concession) where clients can self refer.

They also have an assessment waitlist, which we require a referral, cost is \$450 (\$275 concession).

See all details on our website: <https://federation.edu.au/institutes-and-schools/ihw/clinics-and-services/psychology-clinic>

And the referral form if required - https://federation.edu.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0006/589785/Organisation-referral-form-2024.pdf

Please let Joy know if you would like more information or the referral form printed for you.

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