



**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,

Our students shone on stage last week. Well done to everyone! It was a proud moment for all the staff to see our students having fun on stage. Thank you to all the families for supporting us by attending the event, making costumes, and helping students practice their dance moves at home; it was a team effort between home and school. A special mention goes to our captains, who spoke beautifully at the beginning of the night, and to our lead actors for their efforts in presenting the storyline.

Learning Conferences

On August 15th, from 3:30 PM to 6:30 PM, and on August 16th, from 8:45 AM to 3:30 PM, we will be holding our Learning Conferences. A link to schedule these appointments has been sent out; please contact the office if you have any issues with booking. It is expected that our students attend these conferences, and all students are currently preparing their presentations. On August 16th, students will only attend school for the portion of the Learning Conference in which they are participating.

School Council Update

In our most recent School Council meeting, our focus was on the data we recently received from the Student Attitudes to School Survey and NAPLAN. Both of these data sets are valuable to us as a school as we move forward with our learning and wellbeing goals. As staff, we will be analyzing this data further to identify areas for improvement while celebrating our strengths. The School Council is looking forward to examining the data we will receive from the Parent Opinion Survey, which is currently open. Feedback from students, parents, and staff allows us to identify commonalities and differences.

If you have not yet provided your feedback through the Parent Opinion Survey, please use this link: <https://www.orima.com.au/parent> PIN: 170547

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards,
Sam Streeter

IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event
13/8/24	Cricket Clinic
13/8/24	ICAS English 4-6
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
20/8/24	ICAS Science 4-6
21/8/24	ICAS Spelling Bee 4-6
23/8/24	Book Week Dress Up Day
26/8/24 - 30/8/24	5WG Swimming Week
4/9/24	Colour Run
6/9/24	Year 1 History Box Incursion

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Primary Years Programme

CHILD SAFETY AND RRRR INFORMATION



Ministerial Order 1359 requires schools to make their Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy, Complaints Policy, Child Safety Code of Conduct and procedures for responding to and reporting complaints and concerns relating to child abuse publicly available.

Please check our website for the recently updated Child Safety Policy. This was reviewed at our last School Council meeting.

Two informational cards. The left card is red and titled 'RESILIENCE RIGHTS & RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS' with logos for 'VIC EDUCATION' and 'VIC GOVERNMENT'. The right card is green and titled 'Gender' with a gender symbol icon. It contains text defining gender as socially constructed roles and gender equality as the equal enjoyment of rights and opportunities.

RESILIENCE RIGHTS & RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

Gender

It refers to the socially constructed roles for women, girls, men, and boys. Gender roles are learned, changeable over time, and variable within and between cultures. Gender often defines the duties, responsibilities, constraints, opportunities and privileges of women, girls, men, and boys in any context. Gender equality refers to the equal enjoyment of their rights, responsibilities and opportunities and it implies that the interests, needs and priorities of each gender are respected.

Some gender expectations can be harmful or restrictive. They can lead to practices that limit people's life choices, lead to inequitable treatment or discrimination, or foster acceptance of gender-based violence. Gender expectations can also lead to risky behaviour, with associated negative health impacts. For example, dominant societal conceptions of masculinity can mean that young men are more vulnerable to risk taking with driving, drinking and drugs, more reluctant to seek help, and more likely to engage in violence, both against other men and against women. Dominant societal conceptions of femininity can mean that young women are more vulnerable to body image distress, anxiety and eating disorders.

Helping students to understand the potentially negative effects of dominant gender expectations can assist them to work on changing those that limit opportunities, reduce violence. Recent research shows that young people are more likely to be the victims of violence than older people. Younger women experience higher rates of victimisation and intimate partner violence than older women. Many young people are not aware of appropriate boundaries in relationships.

It is important to equip young people with skills needed to respond assertively to protect their personal

A safety poster with a black border. It features a red octagonal sign that says 'If you feel uncomfortable about what someone is doing'. Below it is a yellow starburst that says 'Be Safe!'. The main text reads: 'Say: NO in a loud voice', 'GO to a safe place with other people', and 'TELL an adult you trust'.





Dancing Through the Decades

BETH WILSON

On Thursday 1st August 2024, Newington Primary School presented 'Dancing Through the Decades' at Ballarat Civic Hall to over 600 audience members.

The storyline developed by parent and Drama-Theatre studies teacher, Jess Quick centred around a student self-conscious about her dance moves ahead of attending the school disco.

The students of Newington Primary School sparkled and shined as they supported our lead actors in reminiscing on previous discos through the decades.



OH MY, WHAT A PERFORMANCE!

IT JUST FLOWED!

The students graced the stage in glamorous costumes, kindly donated by Justine Moris and Kristylee Thompson.

Ballarat Civic Hall staff were impressed with the attitude and professionalism exhibited by all students during the dress rehearsal and throughout the performance.

A huge thank you goes out to Jess Quick, Emma Dally and all of the wonderful teaching staff at Newington Primary School. Without your passion and dedication to our students, the concert would not have been possible.



EVERY CHILD WAS SEEN!



I DIDN'T KNOW MY CHILD COULD DANCE!





SGK UPDATE



What a busy and fun start to the term it has been!

Year 2P, 5 and 6 have been replacing pens and pencils for gardening tools and gloves. We have loved making the most of being outdoors and embracing the journey of the 'during' process until we compare BEFORE and AFTER photos.

We are extremely grateful to the Victorian Schools Garden Program, as we have received a \$500.00 grant to put toward our garden maintenance.

It is also wonderful to have started up our 'GREEN TEAM' again, each year level has four captains who represent their class. We meet on Wednesday mornings and continue working on projects around the school and in our garden. As we find a groove, we look forward to more eager gardeners who would love to help us throughout snack and lunch times.

For now, here are some snapshots of our wonderful students hard at work and working fantastically as a team.

I look forward to updating you throughout the term!



AWARDS

Name	Grade	Award
Syndelle	3Q	For using her wonderful communication skills to share her thinking with her friends, take part in class discussions and support her learning. Keep it up, Syndelle!
Layla	3W	For being open-minded, prepared to take on new information and to look into different cultures. Well done, Layla.
Macy	4CW	For demonstrating much enthusiasm in preparation for our school concert. Macy was a supportive and kind friend who assisted her peers in mastering the class dance moves. Well done, Macy!
Rachael	4T	For showing curiosity in all of her learning by researching her wonderings about the First Fleet.
Cooper	5WG	For being principled in his learning, respecting others and showing responsibility when completing his role in group tasks. Well done on always trying your best, Cooper!
Indiana	5W	For being open-minded in her learning. Indiana always seeks feedback on her work and strives to improve where possible. Well done Indiana!
Pearl	6ED	For always demonstrating integrity. Whether it is producing work to a high standard, communicating with others or being a role model, Pearl is an exemplar member of our community. Well done, Pearl.
Jensen	6TD	His positive attitude toward his learning and his efforts to be supportive and encouraging of his peers. Jensen has worked hard to approach tasks with a growth mindset and work toward his goals.
Isabelle	Junior Art	For approaching each art project with care and consideration resulting in excellent outcomes. Your faceted diamond was of inspiration for me and the class. Well done, Isabelle!
Leo	SGK	For his determination to work hard on improving our vegetable garden. Leo has remained driven and focused when taking part in various tasks and his hard work is greatly appreciated. Keep shining, Leo!
Alex	Senior Art	For his admirable effort to be a principled artist. Alexander has actively engaged in each session, ready to explore his creativity. He is doing so in a respectful and supportive manner to his peers and should be proud. Keep shining, Alexander!
Ariane	Japanese	For her caring and friendly manner when our visitor from Japan, Riko, visited our school. Ariane made her feel welcome, and later write a beautiful card for Riko. Very thoughtful, Ariane!

COMMUNITY UPDATES

COLOUR RUN

Incentive Prizes

Fundraising for our Colour Explosion School Run 4 Fun is entirely online. At the end of the fundraiser, student's incentive prizes are ordered automatically based on their fundraising total and Golden Coins. Students can win up to 15 unique incentive prizes!

You only need to raise \$10 to achieve your first incentive prize. From there, you will win more and more as your fundraising total soars! For example, if you raise \$100, you will win incentive prizes A, B, C, D & E!

Monty the Monstar Prizes!

Monty the MonSTAR is giving away lots of extra prizes to help you reach for the fundraising STARS! Will you collect them all? Check out your sponsorship booklet to see what Monty has up for grabs.

\$10,000 Budget Booster Bonanza Shopping Spree!

What would your family buy with a \$10,000?! The highest fundraising student in our school will go into the draw to win: \$2,500 Coles Card, \$2,500 Woolworths Fuel Card, \$2,500 Harvey Norman Card and a \$2,500 Visa Card.

Win a PlayStation 5 Gaming Bundle!

Do you have a need for speed? The highest fundraising student in Australia will take home an awesome PlayStation 5 gaming bundle, complete with a NEW PlayStation 5 Console, VR2 Headset and Sense Controllers!

You have to be in it to win it! If you haven't already, make sure you start fundraising online at www.australianfundraising.com.au. Happy fundraising!



**FIRST SESSION IS FREE!
ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED!
CALL OR EMAIL FOR DETAILS!**

Club: Hockey Ballarat
Venue: Ballarat High School (1726 Sturt St, Lake Gardens, VIC, 3355)
First Session: Friday 9 August
Last Session: Friday 13 September
Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm
No. of Weeks: 6
Price: \$80 OR \$135 (with equipment pack)

Coordinator Name: Zac Smith
Coordinator Email: admin@hockeyballarat.com.au
Coordinator Phone: 0491 029 002



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CBCA Children's BOOK WEEK August 19th - 23rd

Dress up as your favourite book or movie character. Bring a copy of your book on the day!

Dress Up Day

Friday 23rd August

Start planning NOW for your Book Week costume.



BOOK SWAP
GIVE A BOOK! TAKE A BOOK!

Newington will be having a Book Swap Event in TERM 3 (Aug 19th - 23rd).

We would love donations of children's books in gently used condition!

Please ensure book donations are age appropriate (primary school level). No magazines, adult, coloring, or sticker books. No damaged books please.

Please drop donations off at the office or 2P classroom.

Readers gonna read!
Books should be gently used and on grade level!

Inter Club
320 Pleasant Street South
Ballarat 3350
0447 907 662 or 5331 7776

August Book Week BookFest

All books \$3 each

Come dressed as your favourite book character.

Enter the draw for your chance to win \$500.00 for your school library

When:
Saturday 17th of August- 10:00am- 4:00pm
Sunday 18th of August- 10:00am- 2:00pm

Where:
320 Pleasant Street South,
Ballarat 3350

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