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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,

This morning's assembly featured a variety of characters from a wide range of books. We had the adventurous, the funny, and the sweet, with most students participating in today's Book Week Costume Dress Up Day. Many thanks to the parents and caregivers who assisted their children in organising and making costumes for today. Amanda Perrett has done a wonderful job preparing our school for this event and we extend our appreciation to her.

Learning Conferences

Thank you to all the families that came along to our Learning Conferences last week. It was wonderful for our students to have the opportunity to celebrate their learning and achieved goals. If you were unable to make it please reach out to your child's class teacher for another time.

Parent Opinion Survey

We have had 50% of our parents contribute to the Parent Opinion Survey, which is open for one more week. Please take a moment to let us know your thoughts by completing the survey.

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
26/8/24 - 30/8/24	5WG Swimming Week
30/8/24	Father's Day Celebrations 9am - 10am
2/9/24 - 6/9/24	National Child Protection Week
4/9/24	Colour Run 12pm - 1:30pm
6/9/24	Year 1 History Box Incursion
9/9/24	Sovereign/Eureka District Sports
11/9/24	Grade 6 Ballarat Grammar PYP
20/9/24	Footy Colours Day End of Term 3

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Primary Years Programme

Reading is Magic

What an amazing week Book Week was this year! Thank you to all of our wonderful families that put in so much effort to create their student's costumes and attend the Costume Parade. Here are some photos from the week.





What is bullying?

Sometimes, people get confused about what is and isn't bullying.

People can think that someone saying something they don't like is bullying – but it's not. Bullying is different from conflict or unkindness.

Bullying is mean, but being mean doesn't always mean bullying.

Bullying behaviours:

- Are aggressive, unkind or mean behaviours
- Are repeated behaviours (it must happen multiple times, in an ongoing way to be defined as bullying)
- Happen on purpose
- Must have a power imbalance – which means that people bullying and the people being bullied aren't seen as being 'equal', e.g. older, bigger people picking



Bullying is not the same as

- **Being rude** – saying or doing something hurtful that wasn't planned or meant to hurt someone, e.g. someone pushing in front of you in the canteen line
- **Being mean** – doing something hurtful to someone on purpose once or twice, e.g. a friend refusing to play with you one day
- **Conflict** – having a disagreement with a friend, e.g. two friends getting into an argument and saying mean things to each other
- **Respectful feedback** on behaviours you're doing that aren't ok, e.g. "It's not ok roll your eyes every time they talk about sport."

I'm being bullied - what should I do?

- **Stay calm** - don't react emotionally (people who bully usually want you to get angry or upset)
- **Report it** - tell trustworthy adults and keep talking to them until the bullying stops; reporting it helps keep people safe (and isn't the same as 'dobbing' which is about getting someone in trouble over nothing)

Sovereign District Basketball Competition

On Friday the 9th of August, we had 3 teams represent Newington Primary School at the Winter Sports Basketball competition. All of our students played amazingly on the day, coming away with many wins.

A special thanks to Tiara and Ryan Mckenzie, who came in each Wednesday and Thursday recess and lunch to coach each of our teams. Your time and enthusiasm was very much appreciated.

We also had many parent helpers on the day with Tiara, Ryan and Brett being fabulous coaches to each of our teams. It was great to have many other parents jump in to score and support our students. We love having our parents help us out on these days, and we couldn't do it without you. Thank you!



Orienteering

Students have enjoyed learning to read and follow maps as part of our unit on orienteering. Our senior grades competed in a timed course putting their skills and teamwork to the test. Congratulations Ruby and Connor coming in first place with 18:36 and Will and Tom in second place with a time of 18:59.



Sovereign and Eureka Track and Field

Congratulations to the following students that have made it to the Sovereign and District Track and Field on Thursday the 12th of September.

Sullivan - 1500m
 Ruby - Hurdles
 Joe - 100m Sprint and Hurdles
 Blade - 100m Sprint, Relay and High jump
 Maxx - 1500m and Relay
 Jake - Long jump and Relay
 Leo - Relay
 Kobe - High jump
 Darama - Discus

AWARDS

Name	Grade	Award
Wren	FM	For being a reflective learner who continually uses feedback from her teacher to improve as a reader and writer.
Holly	FM	For being a communicator who uses expression when she reads, making her sound like a storyteller.
Lincoln	FW	For being a reflective learner, who works very hard to keep improving his writing. Keep it up, Lincoln!
Anna	FW	For being a reflective learner, who is proud of everything she achieves and works hard to keep getting better at both her reading and writing.
Pippa	1ND	For demonstrating her incredible writing skills to develop her quest narrative, including characters, setting, problem and solution. Keep up your amazing work!
Scarlett	1W	For being a courageous learner who is always willing to listen carefully to others, seek help when needed and try new strategies in order to improve her knowledge and understanding.
Leeah	2D	For being a courageous dancer in our concert. Leeah was confident and energetic, shining onstage. Well done, Leeah!
Alice	2P	For being courageous and working hard in showing resilience in the classroom when teachers ask you to try new things. Keep shining, Alice!

COMMUNITY UPDATES



COLOUR RUN

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!

The class that raises the highest amount will receive pizza for lunch on Wednesday 4th September!

Additionally, **if we reach our target goal of \$5000, Mr Paxton will be getting SLIMED in front of the entire school!** This is an event you won't want to miss!