

**FRIDAY 14TH MAY 2021**

**Newcomb Park Primary School**  
Respect - Responsibility - Resilience

Hello families!

There is so much I am grateful for this week. I have noticed so many moments in our community where we have displayed our values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.

- Thanks to staff for all their efforts in coordinating the unexpected and very exciting Cottage by the Sea Camp that is on next week for our Year 3, 4 and 5 students. All families returned their forms on time too which makes things much easier to coordinate. We are so excited for our students who are away from Tuesday to Friday next week.
- For the staff and students who were involved in NAPLAN this week. I do love how we care about NAPLAN but don't want to put extra pressure on students or create a stressful environment for them. Everyone did an amazing job!
- Thanks to our student leader who have helped shape the next chapter of our token system. You will find the latest copy of our token rewards in this newsletter. Your child should be able to explain how this works.

**Superwoman Stall:** Thanks to everyone who donated gifts and to everyone that sent their children to school with money for our stall. Parents and Friends raised just over \$700 for the school. An amazing effort from Calista, Michelle, Jason and Tamara who made the stall such a success. We are grateful for your efforts.

**Staffing:** We are pleased to welcome Alicia Purcell to the Education Support role at Newcomb park PS. Alicia will be working in our 2/3RL and 3/4W classrooms.

**Active Morning Breakfast:** Pencil in the 4<sup>th</sup> of June for our Winter Active Morning. Families are invited to the school to walk laps of our oval and join us for a free healthy breakfast afterwards. We are in the process of organising caterers and (hopefully!) a coffee van.

**Building Update:** The demolition of the old building is very close to completion and the plastering crew have also been onsite this week. It's quite remarkable to see how much light now comes into the undercover area.

**Prep 2022:** We continue to have a great deal of interest in Newcomb Park PS as the school of choice for 2022. This doesn't happen by accident. It's a community effort to promote our school and tell others the good news stories about our school. Thanks to everyone for all your efforts. If you know of anyone starting Prep next year, please tell them to be in touch with the school. This week alone I took 5 prospective families on a tour of our school. It's such a joy to talk about all we have to offer.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Jackie

# Positive Behaviour Incentives



100

100 Club – Picture in the newsletter, certificate at assembly, casual dress for the day and ice-cream surprise with the principal

75

Cooking class with Annette  
Mug of milo and 30mins of TV

50

Throne in the classroom for a day OR  
Teacher assistant for the day

40

Go with a friend to another class for lunch OR  
Visit another class for a session

30

Office assistant for 1 hour OR  
Your favourite piece of school work in the newsletter

25

Make the daily P.A. announcements OR  
Prize from the Principal's prize box

20

Listen to music for a session OR  
Prize box (junior) OR  
Art room at lunch (senior)

15

iPad for 15 minutes OR  
Icy Pole

10

iPad for 10 minutes OR  
10 minutes extra recess



# Discovering Wadawurrung Country: You Yangs Excursion

By Mia Pfarrer

On the 3rd of May the senior classes took a 50 minute bus ride to the You Yangs. It was a fun short-feeling bus ride. First up we had to wait a bit at the picnic spot: we played around on rocks and ate some snacks and fruit. After a little bit we were thankful to have found a park ranger to teach us and show us around.

We started walking around Big Rock and our first stop was the cherry bollard tree. We learnt it is: one of the hardest woods and is great for making tools like clubs, it's great for food when the plants go pink, the aboriginals would use the sap to glue their cuts together.

Next we walked past a lot of huts that people have made against trees, if the trees are too small to be built on the rangers take them down. After that we learnt about the emu caller: it's a small hollowed out stick that makes the same noise as an emu, emus making a gulping kind of sound and the emu is quite curious so looks for the sound and gets hunted.

At the end when it was lunch time we got to throw boomerangs, some people were AMAZING! Others accidentally hit the Rangers car...

Overall this was a great experience and thank you to all the teachers and staff who organised and helped us.



# SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS

EVERY CHILD DESERVES AN EDUCATION

**YOUR CHILDREN NEED YOUR HELP TO DO WELL AT SCHOOL. YOU CAN HELP BY:**

- Ensuring children get a good night's sleep and get ready for school in the morning
- Getting children to school every day
- Asking questions to find what your child likes about school
- Talking about going to school every day and how it helps children reach their dreams.
- Talking about how school can be fun

**EVERY DAY THEY MISS ADDS UP!**

Skip 1 day a week	Skip 2 days a week	Skip 3 days a week	Skip 4 days a week	Skip 5 days a week
Miss 3 Years	Miss 5 Years	Miss 7 Years	Miss 10 Years	Miss 12 Years



## WHITTINGTON EARLY YEARS OPEN DAY

Come with us on a journey to explore what is happening in Whittington.

**THURSDAY 27 MAY**  
10.00am to 12.00pm

**Whittington Child & Family Centre**  
27 Apollo Place, Whittington

More information  
Karen Butterworth on  
0423 057 878

Our open day will give you the chance to chat with our local Early Years team and your friendly local community organisations on what is available for families.

We will also be celebrating Reconciliation Week.

Enjoy fun activities and adventures with us:

- Collect your 'passport' to find local landmarks
- Art & Craft
- Music and dance
- Story time
- Gardening
- Giveaways

This event is on the lands of the Wadawurrung and we pay our respects to the Wadawurrung People and all other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

# Reconciliation in the Park 2021

## FREE EVENT - Everyone welcome



**SUNDAY 30 MAY**  
**10am – 3pm**  
**Johnstone Park**  
**Geelong**



*More than a word.  
Reconciliation takes action*

Featuring:

- Welcome to Country
- Local performers
- Dilly bag making
- Native food plants
- Wildlife Xposure
- Indigenous Outreach Project
- Kids activities
- FREE BBQ

And plenty more....

*Coffee van will be on site for buying drinks*

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Wadawurrung

