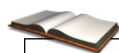




NARRE WARREN NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter No. 6 – 7th May, 2020



DIARY DATES

Sunday, 10th May
Mothers' Day



Tuesday, 12th May
School Council Meeting – online
at 5.30pm

Monday, 18th May
Gleneagles Secondary College
Year 7 SEAL (Select Entry
Accelerated Learning) Program
Applications close at 4.00pm




Friday, 29th May
Last day for 2021 Year 7
Applications for Secondary School
Placement







Principal Pen

We are now into Week 4 of students learning remotely from home. As a school we have made a few changes based on feedback from parents about their children's learning to make it easier for parents and students. An email was sent out by the classroom teachers last Friday. Fridays will now be a Catch Up day for students so that they can complete any work they couldn't complete during the week and spend the afternoons having their own 'Bonus Play' at home. Teachers will be available to students as usual until 12pm. After this time the teachers will be organising their planning, including making videos on explicit teaching, in readiness for the following week.

A reminder that the daily minimum guidelines schools are expected to meet for students in **Prep to Grade 2** are:

-  Literacy activities that take a total of about 45-60 minutes;
-  Numeracy activities of about 30-45 minutes; and
-  Additional learning areas, play-based learning and physical activity of about 30-45 minutes.

For students in **Grades 3 to 6**:

-  Literacy: 45-60 minutes
-  Numeracy: 30-45 minutes
-  Physical activities: 30 minutes
-  Additional curriculum areas, e.g. Inquiry: 90 minutes

As parents it is your choice as to whether your children complete other learning tasks over the week. My suggestion is that you ensure your children complete the daily requirements in Literacy (Reading, Writing and Spelling) and Mathematics each day and then the other learning in Inquiry, ICT, Specialist sessions, etc. if time or on the Fridays. Your children do not have to be learning all day. You may decide that in the afternoons they have had enough and need a break from learning.

If you have any questions please contact your child's teacher.

Mothers' Day – 10th May

I hope the children who attended this year's very different Mothers' Day stall enjoyed coming into school to purchase a gift.

Wishing all our mums and grandmothers a very happy Mothers' Day on Sunday.

Connie vanderVoort
Principal.

Multi-purpose Room Upgrade

In Term 4 last year, our school was successful in obtaining some funding through a grant provided by the Federal Government. The funding was for targeted facility upgrades and in our grant application we focussed on improving the Multi-purpose Room. Over the Summer we had the ceiling repaired, the old heaters removed and protective covers fitted to the windows, lights and air-conditioning units.

Over the last two weeks we have had a new floor covering laid. We are extremely pleased with the way the floor has transformed our Multipurpose Room. We cannot wait to see the students using this space for Physical Education lessons and other activities when they return to school.

Ben Zimmerle, Assistant Principal



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Grade 3/4 Camp Manyung 2020

Unfortunately at this stage we have been unable to reschedule the Grade 3/4 camp after the cancellation of Camp Manyung for this year. An additional camp in 2021 for Grade 3/4 is something we need to talk about at School Council. We tried to organise another camp for next year for the Grade 3/4 students at Camp Manyung but they are booked out until 2022 which is our normal timeslot. The booked camp for Grade 5/6 students in 2021 is Woorabinda. This camp has been scheduled for March 2021.

Currently we are contacting a number of camps to see if there are vacancies. Most camps are booked out well in advance.

If we cannot find a Grade 3/4 camp for 2020/21 we will organise an exciting day out to Amaze'n'Things, Phillip Island in Term 4 for our Grade 3/4 students. We will be transferring any money paid for the camp to a future camp or excursion and parents may choose to have a refund or a credit for the balance.

Please contact our Business Manager, Lorraine Woodward, if you have any queries regarding the camp.

Attention Grade 6 Parents - Year 7 Secondary College Applications for 2021

An email was sent to Grade 6 parents on Thursday, 23rd April regarding the Applications for 2021 Year 7 Applications for Secondary College. If you did not receive this email, please contact our office.

Families can complete the Application forms, either electronically or in a printed hard copy, and return it via email/post to our school/or in a drop box outside our school office during school hours by **Friday 29th May 2020**. Our postal address is PO Box 129, Narre Warren North 3804. If posting please allow sufficient time for the forms to arrive on or before the due date.

If you choose to return the Application forms via email, but are unable to sign the form, you should clearly indicate in your return email that you authorise the Application form without a signature.

Should you require assistance or you are unable to print these forms please contact our school office on 9796 8261.

To locate your child's designated neighbourhood school for Year 7 in 2021, enter your permanent residential address at www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au

The VSN (Victorian School Number) will be completed by our office staff.



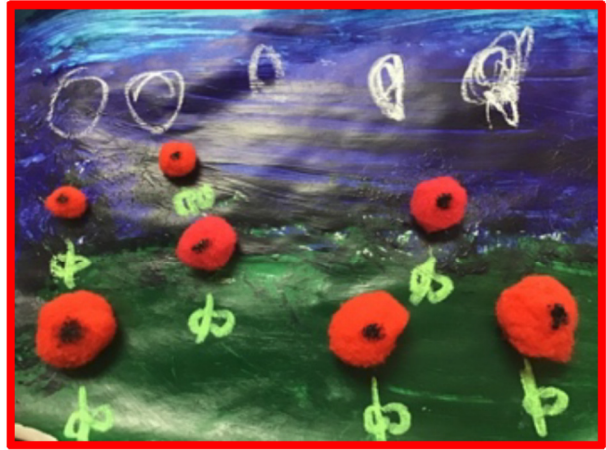
ANZAC DAY
Let Us Forget

ANZAC ART

To commemorate ANZAC Day while at home students from NWNPS completed ANZAC based art activities. The amount and caliber of work submitted was simply outstanding! Many, many families also took part in the ANZAC Day dawn service in their driveways with all their beautiful art on display especially their hand made lanterns. Creativity, community spirit and a sense of gratitude for the sacrifices made by others for our freedom is well and truly alive in our community. To be sitting at home all week in front of my computer opening hundreds upon hundreds of photographs of beautiful artworks by our students has been humbling to say the least. Well done to all the students and parents that assisted with the creation of this art.

Kelly Stevens
(Art Teacher)







The Camp Australia Blog: Advice, Activities and Articles!

Our OSHC service is open and operating for those that need our care, with engaging programs that have an increased focus on hygiene and social distancing.

For families who require care, childcare will be provided free of charge until 30th June as per the Federal Government's announcement on the 2nd April. Whilst care is free, we still need to know if you are coming. We ask that you get your bookings in as soon as you can.

It's FREE to Register. (and if you want to use OSHC, you first need to register).

Register at pp.campaustalia.com.au/account/login. Once registered, it's easy to make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal.

Visit the Camp Australia blog for some inspiration when it comes to finding fun activities for children during COVID-19. New articles are added each week to provide ideas for parents, and advice too. Go to the blog: <https://www.campaustalia.com.au/blog>.

Here are our top picks:

Keeping the Family Active in Isolation



Great ways for parents and children to keep moving and maintain their fitness. Give it your best shot at the 7 minute workout and more!

[Take me to the article!](#)

Healthy Eating for Children



Staying healthy is extra important during the COVID-19 outbreak. With the children at home, it's important you know how to support their nutrition.

[Take me to the article!](#)

8 Autumn Activities for Children



Don't rely on the same activities each day. Bring in some fun activities this autumn to keep your children entertained at home all day long.

[Take me to the article!](#)

How to Remain Calm During Coronavirus



Remaining calm during coronavirus times is challenging. We've collaborated with Andrew Fuller, leading child psychologist for some advice and reassurance.

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