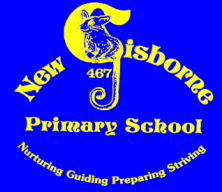


Newsletter

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DIARY DATES

16th July

Regional Cross Country

20th & 27th July

Year 6 Preparation for Puberty

21st July

Division Netball

Early dismissal 12:30pm

Parent/Teacher Interviews

22nd July

Division AFL

23rd July

Division Soccer

27th July

Year 5 Scienceworks excursion

28th July

Year 6 GSC excursion

30th July

School Disco

12th August

District Athletics

Dear Parents,

Well, here we possibly go again! The latest COVID-19 Delta outbreak is causing quite a bit of concern across Melbourne and Victoria. As of Thursday morning, we are still not sure what restrictions might be put in place by the State Government over the next few days. Mask wearing has been reintroduced and teachers are required to wear masks while indoors (except when teaching) and outdoors where they can't maintain 1.5m social distancing.

Mr West has, unfortunately, been forced into quarantine for the next fortnight. His wife works at Bacchus Marsh Grammar and is also in quarantine. They have both been tested and are awaiting results, however, they are still required to isolate and be retested on Day 13.

Parents are reminded to wear masks while on school grounds and what happens over the next few days will dictate how a number of school events will run in coming days and weeks. I'll try to cover all contingencies below...

Parent/Teacher Interviews

We are still planning on having face-to-face P/T interviews next Wednesday afternoon/evening – unless further restrictions are put in place. If we are unable to have face-to-face, teachers will arrange to phone parents at their designated times and have conversations that way. **Either way, students will still be dismissed at 12.30pm next Wednesday 21st July as planned. Interviews will start at 1.00pm.**

Division Netball/Regional Cross Country

Plan for these to go ahead but if this changes, we will let everyone know.

Tree/s Removal

The Victorian School Building Authority is still working on removing the trees but there is no news on when this will take place. It is just a matter of waiting unfortunately.

Student Absences

Being regularly absent from school can have an enormous impact on a child's education. If your child is absent for, let's say, 20% (20 days each Semester) they miss a year and a half of school in primary school and another year and a quarter in secondary school – a total of just under 3 years lost. We currently have students who are recording absence percentages of 30 – 50%! A child away for 40% of a school year loses close to 6 years of learning across primary and secondary school!

We are currently going over the absent data and notifying parents whose children are over 20%. We are aware that sometimes there are medical issues involved and the increased absences are only temporary. However, some students have a pattern of large absences over a number of years and usually it is because they have become used to having days off for birthdays, special occasions, going shopping with mum, taking a regular long weekend, etc. Please consider the percentages I gave above and realise that allowing your children to have regular days off could impact their entire lives.

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Early Finish Wednesday 21st July!

As mentioned earlier, school finishes at 12.30pm next Wednesday so Parent/Teacher Interviews can start at 1.00pm – either in person or via phone!

Finally, I have some extended leave coming up from the 4th August with an earliest return. After 44 years of teaching and school leadership I need a decent break – and need to get a few ailments fixed up (age and wear and tear). Shane West will be Acting Principal in my absence and Jenni Boyd will step out of her classroom teaching role and be the Acting Assistant Principal. Details on Jenni's replacement in the classroom will be sent out to her class' families next week.

Andy Kozak



Sport - District netball

On Wednesday we sent 3 teams to the district netball competition. We all had great success on the day, winning most of our matches. All three teams reached the top 2 of each of their ladders and made it to the grand finals. Unfortunately the Girls A team lost to Holy Cross and the B team lost to Riddells Creek by just a couple of goals. However, the boys team was successful beating Gisborne Primary to win their final. Everyone had a great time on the day and showed great team spirit and sportsmanship, despite some tough opponents.



INDO LINGO

Selamat Datang,

We have a very busy term planned in Indonesian, including celebrating Indonesian Independence Day in August. The students will have the opportunity to participate in associated activities, however, the big event will be the whole school Indonesian lunch being catered for by The Flying Woks on Thursday 19th August.

This term the students will be studying the following topics:

Foundation - The body (badan)

Year 1 - Days of the week, seasons and the weather (cuaca)

Year 2 - Adjectives and opposites

Year 3 - Olahraga (sport) dan hobi (hobbies/leisure activities)

Year 4 - Comparing country and city life in Indonesia

Year 5 - Ordering in a restaurant

Year 6 - The weather (cuaca) and seasons.

All year levels are constantly revising vocabulary, phrases and topics previously studied.

They also participate in a range of activities to revise their listening, reading and conversation skills.

Sampai jumpa,

Ibu Dawson & Ibu Hager



Library

A big thank you for recent donations of popular books to the library!



Canteen



Sushi Tuesday
Order on Qkr!
before 8:30am Tuesday



Wednesday & Friday
Order on Qkr!
before 9am on the day

HUNGRY POSSUM ROSTER

Wednesday



21st July

Yvonne McKerley

28th July

Malwina Patton

Friday

16th July

Melissa Kroker, Michelle Fix & Deb Kelly

23rd July

Louis Mooney & 2 volunteers needed

30th July

Erin Grogan, Heidi Theuerle & Michelle Fix



Abigail, a Year 1 student at New Gisborne PS, is raising money for the Leukaemia Foundation and will be cutting off her beautiful ponytail this Friday afternoon at assembly. The hair will be used to make a wig in support of World's Greatest Shave. If you would like to support Abigail, please follow this link to make a donation...

<http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/abigailking>

Andrew Fuller
Clinical Psychologist
Author and Speaker
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www.mylearningstrengths.com

Parent/Carer Evening

Come and have a fun session with well-known Clinical Psychologist Andrew Fuller. Andrew's talks are always entertaining and informative. Andrew's work aims to have people create futures they can fall in love with!

Andrew Fuller is a clinical psychologist, family therapist, author, speaker and creator of Learning Strengths™.



Andrew has worked with over 3,500 schools in Australia, NZ, Asia and the UK and with more than 500,000 young people on core elements of resilience - connect, protect and respect (CPR) and building The Resilient Mindset, which he defined as "the happy knack of being able to Bungo jump through the pitfalls of life to rise above adversity and obstacles". Having worked with people who were at their last hopes, Andrew has always been inspired to help people create futures they can fall in love with.

Andrew Fuller is an Honorary Fellow at the University of Melbourne and has been a scientific consultant for the ABC and a regular presenter on Radio National. He has established programs for neuroscience and education, promoting mental health in schools, substance abuse prevention, reducing violence and bullying, suicide prevention programs, and assisting homeless young people.

When: Monday 9th August 2021

Where: Campbells Creek Community Centre 45 Elizabeth St.
Time: 6 pm – 9 pm with light refreshments, tea & coffee provided

Please register to Jacqui Carter @
Jacqueline.carter@scchc.org.au or call 0428 480 587

We will have a limit on numbers due to COVID restrictions, so get in early!
I am looking forward to learning with you.

To maximise your learning from the session, please complete the learning strengths analysis at www.mylearningstrengths.com for yourself before coming. Have the letter or full report with you (refer to- not to share!) during the session.

Open Rehearsal



Children from the age of 5 are invited to an Open Rehearsal with **Young Voices of Macedon**.

Thursday 15 July @ 4.15 pm
Norma Richardson Hall, Buckland Street, Woodend.

Come along!

- * take part in our warm ups
- * hear the choir sing a couple of great songs
- * learn a new song in 3 parts
- * have some afternoon tea!