

KINDNESS

WELLBEING

INTEGRITY

RESILIENCE

TERM TWO

Sat 18 May	Election Day Sausage Sizzle
Wed 22 May	Prep Traffic School Excursion
Thu 23 May	Casual Day – Newcombe House – Blue
Mon 27 May	Italian Day (no canteen – Italian lunch orders only)
Thu 30 May	Cultural Dance Performance (no cost)
Fri 7 June	Preps – RACV Safety Visit (at school)
Mon 10 June	Queen’s Birthday – Public Holiday
Fri 21 June	Assembly – Whole School Song
Thu 27 June	Student Conferences
Fri 28 June	Preps – Responsible Pet Ownership (at school)
Fri 28 June	Last Day of Term

EDUCATION WEEK – May 27th to May 31st

Election Day Sausage Sizzle

Saturday 18th May - 8am to 4pm

Come along and help support our school by purchasing a sausage and drink, or enjoy a barista made coffee or hot chocolate.



Newcombe House Casual Day



Students in Newcombe (Blue) House are invited to wear casual clothes on Thursday 23rd May to celebrate the birthday of their house eponym, John Newcombe. Students may choose to wear casual clothes of their choice or dress as a tennis player.

Through casual clothes days for their houses and work done in class we aim to promote the school house system and continue to develop student engagement and connection with school.

You can support your child by talking with them about John Newcombe and his achievements as a champion Australian tennis player.

John David Newcombe, AO, OBE is a former tennis player from Australia who is one of the few men to have attained a world No. 1 ranking in both singles and doubles. At the majors he won seven singles titles and a former record 17 men's doubles titles.

Curriculum Day



Our staff made the most of a student free day yesterday to work on priority areas of the school curriculum. The Positive School Wide Behaviour school

team presented with staff from the PSWB unit at the Department of Education. Staff explored different aspects of student behaviour and decided to support the School Values with three school wide expectations – be safe, be respectful, be a learner.



The STEM action team looked at our vision for science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Staff also had an opportunity to explore school resources and applications to enrich classroom lessons.

We finished the day working with one of our Region Support Staff on ways to develop and enhance vocabulary. Vocabulary development is essential for comprehension in all areas of the curriculum and as such is a focus for the school.

Behind each of these presentations, our three action teams have worked hard to provide staff with what was an engaging and worthwhile curriculum day. Thanks goes to our action team leaders, Samantha, Nicole and Scott for their work in leading the school in these areas.

School Review



Our School Review is well underway. On May 7th, Suzy and I met with the reviewer and our Senior Education Improvement Leader to look over registration requirements and finalise arrangements for the Validation Day on May 30th.

Members of the school review panel, met on Friday 10th May to discuss the pre-review self-evaluation and complete further data analysis. Our school review panel consists of our leadership team (Samantha Steele and Michelle Rizk) and team leaders (Jodie, Brett and Alex).

The Validation Day on May 30th will be extremely busy with classroom observations, student focus groups and lots of discussion to validate where the school is currently in relation to the Framework for School Improvement (a Department initiative which sets out best practice).

Following the Validation Day we will have at least two field days during which members of the review team conduct further investigations to determine the future direction for the school.

School Council News

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

Unfortunately, one of our generous sponsors for the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle was not recognised in the newsletter last week. We would like to extend our thanks to:

Duttons DG, Port Melbourne

For donating a one hour luxury car ride for the raffle

Sausage Sizzle Raffle

The raffle conducted at the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle was drawn at the School Council meeting on Tuesday 7th May. The winner, Jeremy G, has been notified.

NAPLAN



Students in years three and five commenced their NAPLAN tests this week. This year was our first time using the NAPLAN online testing format for all tests, except for year three writing. Prior to the testing readiness tests were carried out and teachers ensured everything was as well organised as it could be on each day. For us, the online testing was a positive experience. A small number of students had a 'drop out' issue with the connection, however this only lasted up to 30 seconds and they were back on track.

Mothers' Day Stall Thank You

A huge thank you to the parents who volunteered to help with our Mothers' Day Stall and to Amanda for once again organising a wonderful range of gifts for the special people in our children's lives.

Prep Enrolments for 2020 – Enrol Now!

Families looking at enrolling Prep students for next year are encouraged to complete and submit enrolment forms now to assist us with planning for 2020. Enrolment forms are available from the office.

Education Week - May 27th to May 31st

Monday 27th May – Italian Day

9.10am parade – dress with a mask or an Italian theme.
2.30pm – performance in the gym – Pippo and Pasquale
Throughout the day - art and cooking activities
Lunch time – pizza and gelati cups (pre-ordered)



Tuesday 28th May – Career Ideas

Students will investigate their thoughts on possible careers through art activities.

Wednesday 29th May – Competition Time

Prep – coloring competition
1 to 6 – guess the teacher competition



Thursday 30th May – Community Speakers

We hope to have members of our school community talk to the students about their career. If you would be interested in doing this please contact Teagan, Ruby or Trent, or leave a message at the office.

Friday 31st May – Game Time

The Education Week committee are organising a game of bingo for the whole school.

Cultural Dance Performance – Thursday 30th May

An indigenous performance which provides an introduction to the rich, ancient traditions of Australia's first inhabitants.

Parents/carers are invited (and encouraged to attend).

Prep to 2 performance - 1.10pm to 2.00pm

3 to 6 performance – 2.40pm to 3.30pm

There is no cost to families for this activity.

Cereal Boxes and Lego

We are collecting cereal boxes and pre-loved Lego for school activities.



Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge



Prep to year 2 - read or 'experience' 30 books

Year 3 to year 10 - read 15 books.

www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

Winter Tunics

Please contact the office as soon as possible if you would like to order a winter tunic. These items are not kept in stock at school.

Green and Gold Uniforms

The following green and gold uniforms are available for purchase at a discounted rate of \$2 per item. Gold polo shirts long sleeve, gold polo shirts short sleeve, green rugby windcheater, green windcheater, green bomber jacket. Please contact the office if you are interested in these items.

See Our School Zone Online

The Department has released a new website that helps parents identify their local public school online.

Findmyschool.vic.gov.au launched on 24 April and shows every school zone across the state. The new website highlights the choice of public schools available in the Victorian community.

If your child is preparing to enter year 7 and you want to know more about the public secondary school options in our area, or you know someone who is interested in enrolling at our school, try findmyschool.vic.gov.au today.

If you have questions about the website, contact the Victorian School Building Authority Hotline on 1800 896 950 or email ysba@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Please note: if the child you are enrolling has siblings that currently reside at the same address as a student at Gladstone Views your enrolment will be accepted even if you are outside our designated zone.

Curriculum News – Never Stop Reading

Reading is a skill that is learnt, and it needs to be practiced. Parents often ask how they can support their child to read at home.

Here are some great ideas for reading at home.

Have a special place at home to keep books and other reading materials.

Encourage your child to choose what they would like to read. Be positive about their choices.

Let your child see you reading-for enjoyment and to learn.

Encourage your child to set aside a regular time for reading each day. Model this yourself so your child sees you as a reader.

Be interested in what your child is reading, and ask them to recommend books for you to read.

Visit your local library regularly so your child can browse the huge range of reading materials.

Try out books in a series. If your child gets 'hooked' by the first book, they are more likely to continue reading the series.

Here are some great series your child will love!

The Weir Do series by Anh Do: This series is about a young boy called Weir Do. No that's not a typo, that's his name! Read about Weir's crazy family and his friends Bella, Hand Some and Henry. Books in this series are packed with funny illustrations and hilarious jokes!

The Treehouse Series by Andy Griffiths: This children's hideaway has everything from a bowling alley to a tank full of man-eating sharks, a library full of comics and a secret underground laboratory. Books in this series are a wonderfully funny read.

The Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney: Greg Heffley is currently in grade six. He dreams of being the most popular kid in school. A series of bad decisions, unfortunate events and a dose of bad luck sees him struggle to fit in. Excellent book choice for children in upper primary levels (3-6).

The Bad Guys by Aaron Blabey: *The Bad Guys* series is a great read for those starting out with chapter books and reluctant readers. The voracious young readers I know love them too! There are currently five books in this graphic novel style series.

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume: Read about Peter's embarrassing family and his hilarious three-year-old brother Fudge. This series was Ms Steele's favourite when she was in grade four! These books are located in our school library