# eNews @ Nedlands Primary School

### 13 March 2022

Going into

week 7

Hello beautiful community

The respect and care you show your children is to be applauded. Thank you.

Mrs Fullgrabe thanks everyone for the good wishes as she recovers from Covid-19. Thanks for caring.

The swimming carnival is on Friday week and we'll post pics on Dojo. We won't be livestreaming to maintain student privacy in bathers. Our P&C are creating packaged snacks which you'll see further in this mail.

I will continue to update you with the latest regulations. Students and staff wearing masks being able to return to school if asymptomatic has been with a sigh of relief from us all. It's slightly more complex that this sentence but those affected will have had the communication.

We continue to be flexible in how we operate in this High Case Load Setting and our staff deserve a big 'shout out' for flowing with the changes. Their flexibility while still worrying about their own children has been incredible.

I thank you as a community for your immediate response time and understanding that our decisions are based on the directives from the Health- and Education Department respectively.

I feel enormously appreciative of all staff and their continued positivity despite the continual change of goalposts during Covid-19. This past week in particular Nicola and Andy were the pillars who double checked my communications around Covid-19 at 8:30pm at night. I feel a deep gratitude and respect for the team I work within. Thank you.

Despite Chloe and I making magic insect seed balls for Kevin the kookaburra, he's been nowhere to be seen the past week.

LINDA GRIFFIN

Principal



# **UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES**

### WEEK 7

- Friday 18 Swimming
   Carnival Yrs 2-6 (sadly a student only event owing to Covid-19 conditions
- We continue to talk about our love language and in week 7 we'll continue to clean up our school not because it's a special event but because it's the right thing to do. Teaching our students that our actions is the best love language of all. Each time we don't ignore a wrapper and pick it up, we as a community say

'Neddies we love you'.

### **WEEK 8**

- Parent Interviews
- Yr 4's Boola Bardip excursion

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Thank you very much for supporting your P&C!!



### **COVID-19 UPDATES**

I'm maintaining the previous message as below as it still important. Thank you for communicating with the school when your child has tested positive even when they have not attended. During this period, we appreciate you are wanting to keep your children safe and they may not attend school for Covid-19 precautionary reasons. We will consider this to be reasonable but need to be notified in writing. Teachers are at school teaching and cannot teach in two modes simultaneously. If you self-elect to keep your asymptomatic child at home, then the department resources for learning are available to you. Please do not make special requests to teachers so that we can ensure a balanced workload for our staff.

### Calm Communicated Covid-19 informed remains our mantra.

The following links support those who are wanting to understand how to respond ahead of any contact in the future. The links have a clear action plan for you.

### https://www.healthvwa.wa.gov.au

You have understood that it is important to

- Communicate your Covid-19 circumstances directly to the principal either by phone or email. Thank you for not making it the teacher's role to manage this.
   If I am not available, please speak to either Nicola Holt or Andrew Gould. We are the Nedlands Incident Management Response Team at Nedlands.
- **Be informed by reading the Covid-**19 information that is specifically shared and generally publicly available to you. Learning from home Department of Education

Please follow these links to understand how all schools in WA will proceed should there be an identified cases of Covid-19 at the school. <a href="https://www.education.wa.edu.au/managing-covid-19-in-a-school">https://www.education.wa.edu.au/managing-covid-19-in-a-school</a>. High case load protocols for schools <a href="https://www.education.wa.edu.au/covid-19">https://www.education.wa.edu.au/covid-19</a>

# COVID-19 Parents Helpline: 1800 882 345

### Mask Wearing

Our staff are now wearing masks full time even while giving instructions. **We strongly encourage our students Pre Primary to year 2 to also wear masks.** Our school has experienced positive cases in Pre Primary, year 1 and 2 this past week.



# Nicola Holt and Andrew Gould Associate Principals Updates

Swimming Carnival instructions will come home this week. All the questions of what to pack, what to wear etc will be answered. Please ensure your child is wearing sunscreen and has more to apply on the day. This picture shows a handy sun lotion which can be hooked on to a child's bag.



Check lost property – Lost property will be emptied at the end of week 8 Please name all items of clothing especially as the weather cools down and for the swimming carnival

# **Waste Wise Wednesday**

At Nedlands we are celebrating the initiative of our students, by reintroducing some of our past sustainable practices, such as Waste Wise Wednesday lunch. The healthy zero waste lunch day encourages our students and school community to reduce the amount of waste we produce. This initiative has been raised by some of our very proactive sustainability warriors, who will be meeting regularly to look at other ways to promote sustainability across the school

A zero waste lunch contains no throwaway packaging and produces no food waste. It also reduces the amount of litter, as there is less waste to become litter. The typical homemade zero waste lunch is packed in a lunch box or bag. The food is put in reuseable containers rather than wrapped in disposable packaging. A drink is in a refillable bottle. All containers are resealable, so that leftover food and drink can be saved for later.

By bringing less waste into schools we can minimise litter, reduce waste, save money, and develop healthy eating habits. The intention is to reduce the amount of waste we would normally throw away, and to look for alternative packaging for our food. Although the main goal is to educate the students about the need to reduce waste, parents are the ones who often buy the food and pack the lunches. Please consider using reusable containers and avoiding disposable packaging on Wednesdays (however we would all benefit from applying this alternative as often as possible). The Student Sustainability Committee thank you for your support.



PEAC
Our students doing PEAC (Primary Extension and Academic Challenge) at school during Covid-19 times





time, home use and device responsibility.

**BYOD** (Bring your own Device)

Today, a huge number of students' BYOD devices arrived ready for collection by some very excited families! The Year 4 & 5 BYOD program has been designed to ensure that students get the best, continuous digital experience in learning. Teachers have been upskilling themselves to ensure that they can best utilise the iPad in the classroom setting, especially with devices that are student owned.

The program will teach our students many skills before they are expected to buy a very expensive (sometimes thousands of dollars) laptop in high school. They will be given lessons in Digital Medial Literacy, Cyber Safety, Online Etiquette, and explicitly taught the skills required to manage this device, screen

What can you do at home to ensure the success of your child in the BYOD Program?

- Upskill yourself in how to manage devices at home the Office of the eSafety Commissioner is a great place to start! https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents
- Create a 'Family Tech Agreement' to ensure that everyone in the house is on the same page when it comes to expectations around technology use.
- Limiting access at home to certain areas, times and content.
- Monitor their screen time, ensuring that usage forms part of your home agreement.
- Helping your child by training them to charge their iPad each night, and it goes into the school bag ready for the school day.

Thank you families for building your child's digital future.

## **Andrew Gould**

Associate Principal



### Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge - CSIRO Digital Careers

Bebras is an international initiative aiming to promote Computer Science among school students at all ages. The Bebras challenge is open twice a year to Australian Students in Years 3-12, and engages students' computational thinking and problem solving skills in a fun, interactive environment.

Last year students from Year 4 to 6 joined the challenge for the first time and we have 3 students with exceptional computational thinking skills who received full marks in the BEBRAS Australia Computational Thinking Challenge. They were awarded a certificate from the CEO and had their names placed on the CSIRO Honour Roll 2021. They put Nedlands PS on the map for Informatics and Computational Thinking!

Round 1 of Bebras Challenge will run from **14**<sup>th</sup> **to the 27**<sup>th</sup> **of March.**Round 2 will be held from the **22**<sup>nd</sup> **to the 4**<sup>th</sup> **September**.

Looking forward to students putting their computing (thinking) caps on.

**Jay Gan** 

Digital Tech Specialist Nedlands Primary School



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I am in school every THURSDAY.



Here For You is a state wide confidential, non-

judgemental, telephone service for anyone concerned about their own or another person's alcohol and other drug use and/or mental health issues (mhc.wa.gov.au)

# **Noongar Language Sharing**

Kaya (Hello),

This week we celebrated International Women's Day and we would like to pay our respects to the female Elders in our local community.

We had plenty of Birdiya Yokas (Boss Ladies) on Tuesday at school.

This week's words in Noongar relate to the Swimming Carnival.

Faction colours are-yellow = yournt; red = mirda; green = nodjam; blue = wooyan

The word for swimming is djiba-djobaliny (don't pronounce the 'd' in front of the 'j' or say the 'y' at the end of the word.) swim = djiba- djobal; diving = yekaniny; water = kep

Boordawan (Talk later), Mrs Margaret Parker

# Clean Up Australia for Schools

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March saw Nedlands Primary School stepping up and getting involved for Clean Up Australia Day for schools which always occurs at the beginning of March before our long weekend.

It was wonderful to have something positive to look forward to and be part of an awesome community. Over the years, over 19 million Australians have joined Clean Up Australia activities. Each year, Nedlands Primary School students and staff get involved, to scout around the school grounds and safely pick up any unwanted rubbish, whether it has been dropped accidently or blown into the school grounds. Everyone



enthusiastically did their part to be environmentally responsible and ensure the school's environment looked great. Clean Up Australia provided us with some bags and gloves. Some students brought in their own gloves and tongs to school for the 'clean up'. Soft plastics seemed to be the main offender and of major concern, so that is perhaps something to consider not going into lunch boxes. A big 'Thank You' to everyone involved throughout the school, in all the year levels and to Mrs Sahai for co-ordinating the Year 6 Environmental Group's waste audit.

Mrs Margaret Parker (Clean Up Australia for Schools Co-ordinator at Nedlands Primary School)



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**Nedlands P&C** 

Contact us on: pccommnedlands@gmail.com

# **Swimming Carnival Cafe 18 March**

Our wonderful Carnival Cafe is going ahead!

Send your child along with \$5 (exact change please) and they can buy a snack pack (juice box and a choice of chips, popcorn or cookie, all pre-packaged).

All proceeds go to the P&C, to fund ongoing improvements and initiatives at our school.

Many thanks to our year 1 parents for their donations and organisation of this event.



# Save the Date!

All community members are invited to attend the next P&C general meeting to be held on Wednesday 23 March at 6pm. Venue TBA.

This is your chance to hear what our hard working team has been up to, and about our plans for the year.

Want to get involved? Check out the positions vacant below

# **Positions Vacant**

Does one of these sound like you? Email Gemma (<a href="mailto:nedlandspca@gmail.com">nedlandspca@gmail.com</a>) for more info, or come along to the meeting. On the job training available.

Role	Description
Vice President	Supports the President and other P&C members. May be required to step into the role of President or Secretary from time to time.
Secretary	Meeting administration, including minute taking and document distribution. Maintenance of P&C membership list.
Uniform Shop Coordinator	Operates the uniform shop each week, with a team of volunteers. Manages stock and processes online orders. Maintenance of sales records.
Building and Grounds Sub- Committee Member	Works closely with the school's leadership team and board to identify future projects and areas of need. Assists with planning of works, including funding arrangements.

Anyone stepping into a role would be given a thorough hand over, with ongoing support.

If you can see yourself in one of these roles, please get in touch via pccommnedlands@gmail.com



# SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS COMING!

Dear Parents,

Your school photo day is coming! Approximately two weeks prior to the photo day every student will receive a personalised flyer to bring home from Kapture Photography containing your child's unique codes for ordering school photos online.

# KEEP YOUR FLYER SECURE!

The unique codes contained on the flyer will be issued only once.

# Order **EARLY** for sibling photography

Sibling photos can ONLY be ordered online. Once you receive the personalised flyers for your children, it is imperative that you order your sibling photo early to avoid missing out! There is a physical limit in the school schedule to how many sibling photos can be taken. Once the maximum capacity of sibling orders has been reached, no more sibling orders can be placed.

If maximum capacity is not reached, sibling orders close 12pm midday sharp, one business day prior to the first photo day.

The school or the photographers <u>cannot</u> accept late orders for sibling photography. Please do not ask as your request simply cannot be accommodated.

# Order **EARLY** for discount photo day prices

Order your photos within 10 calendar days of photo day to receive discount photo day prices. Late orders are handled separately to the school delivery and incur a \$30 custom service charge.

# Other information

Your school will notify you in a few weeks when team and special group photos are available to view and purchase on the Kapture website. Please note; class, individual and sibling portraits are not available to view online prior to purchase.

Kapture offer a money back guarantee for any parent who is not fully satisfied with their photo package. Should you have any queries before or after photo day, please check the FAQ's on the Kapture website.

All students will be photographed individually on photo day for school administration records AS WELL as included in their class group presentation available for purchase to all families. Should there be any reason why your child should <u>NOT</u> be included in the photo shoot—please contact the school office.

### If COVID is still active in WA:

For the duration of Covid-19 in WA, please be aware that Kapture are following all recommended health guidelines and safe practices. Our photographers are acutely aware of the evolving situation surrounding Covid-19 and abide by each individual school's Covid-19 policies. Where possible, the photographers will use verbal queues and instructions in an effort to uphold our high standard of student presentation. Students may be instructed by photographers to use single use sterile combs, wet wipes or tissues or to fix their own collars, buttons and stray hairs.

# KidzBiz Out of School Hours Care

We welcome all children aged from 4 to 12 years of age. The service opens at 6.30am for Before School Care and closes at 6pm for After School Care. During the school holidays our Vacation Care program operates all day from 6.30am to 6pm, Monday to Friday. The service will offer the Child Care Subsidy to reduce childcare costs for families.



Our programs are fun and interactive with a focus on sport activities. Every day at Kidz Biz we provide a varied program offering children a choice of exciting incursions, excursions, swimming sessions, arts & crafts, sports skill training, cooking, drama and so many more fun activities!

Our fee includes all nutritious meals prepared by our onsite cook. Breakfast for before school care, Afternoon Tea for after school care and all meals during Vacation Care.

We look forward to supporting Nedlands Primary School and forming excellent relationships with its' families and children. To make enquiries and bookings please email: <a href="mailto:sheila.v@kidzbiz.net.au">sheila.v@kidzbiz.net.au</a> Please visit our website: <a href="mailto:kidzbiz.net.au">kidzbiz.net.au</a>.

# **Community News**

# Neddies Chess Club

runs every Monday at 7:30am for students from year two and older in the library. Please contact John Pimenov for details on 0449173087 or by email johnpimenov.au@gmail.com

