13th February 2017
A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

The 13th of February marks the ninth anniversary of the National Apology to the Indigenous peoples of Australia given by former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd in the Australian Parliament in 2008. In the spirit of reconciliation and as a symbol of bringing together Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal members of our school community, the Aboriginal flag flies today from our school flagpole. It is important to recognise this significant event as part of our Child Safety Commitment of ensuring our focus promotes the cultural safety of individuals from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

Today at assembly, Jerabek Sensei informed us of the upcoming visit of our Japanese guests who arrive next Monday. As such, we will hold a short assembly outside to welcome them to our country and our school. Japanese Cultural Day will be held on March 2nd, and all students are encouraged to wear costume depicting an aspect of Japanese culture. An order form for sushi lunch went home today with students so they can enjoy Japanese food on the day. These are required back by Friday the 24th of February. **Late orders cannot be accepted.**

Good luck to the 30 or so students who will be representing our school at the district swimming carnival. This will be held at the Werribee Outdoor Pool and we are sure these students will try their very best and do themselves and the school proud. Thank you to Fiona Kay and Mr. Coles for their training of the squad. We wish them all well.

Each student received an envelope today regarding school photos. School photos will be taken on Tuesday February 28th. The school does not handle money for school photos so please follow the directions on the envelope and adhere to the timeframe.

Today parents will receive a Compass newsfeed informing parents that the Learning Community newsletter for each community is on Compass. These newsletters let parents know the focus areas for the curriculum that term, important dates and a few reminders. In addition, homework will also be uploaded to Compass today. Each Community has uploaded the expectations relevant to their team. Please make sure you are aware of what is expected for your child/ren.

Finally, with lots of extra families dropping off and picking up children, please take that extra time to walk your child across the road rather than expecting them to cross by themselves. Their safety is our top priority.

Simon McGlade
Principal

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**Child Safety Statement**

Newport Gardens Primary School is committed to a zero tolerance of child abuse and creating an inclusive school culture that promotes child safety. Our vision of Nurturing Our Future supports our focus of including people of all abilities, and promotes the cultural safety of individuals from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

IMPROVEMENT
Taj Giannelis.

GROWTH
Olivia Claughton, Chloe Gawith, Myles Dragone, Ryder Maddy, Edward Stacey, Mia Ferguson, Pearl Sheppard & Norman Smith, Poppy Lee.

INCLUSION
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Archie Wiseman, Keanu Mihaka, Michael Di Lorenzo, Ella Cahill, Loren Felice, Grayson Bradfield, Conor Gowty, Zac Woolford & Estee Rossow.

WE HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY

PARENTS CLUB

Newport Gardens Primary School Parent Club News
President – Fiona Kay: bfirvine@yahoo.com, 0418572807

Monday 13/2/17
School assembly 8.50am
Parent’s Club AGM after assembly in the library

Tues 14/2/17
Inter School Swimming sports

Wed 15/2/17

Thurs 16/2/17

Friday 17/2/17

Monday 20/2/17
Tues 21/2/17
Wed 22/2/17
Thurs 23/2/17

SUSHI LUNCH ORDERS DUE BACK

TERM 1 Activities so far

Japanese Cultural Day + Sushi Lunch order - Thursday 2\textsuperscript{nd} March order forms will go out this week and must be returned by Friday 24/2/2017

ART

Hi everyone,
This year I have created an Art Blog website. All updates and other art related resources will now be located on this website.

Any suggestions on what parents/students would like to see are most welcome.

This address will be permanently in the newsletter for you to check every week. The address to the website is :


The password to enter the webstie is: art

Thank you - Marielle
ATTENTION PARENTS & KIDS

Team Vic (SSV Victorian Representative teams) for kids aged 12 and under is now open for registration. All nomination need to be processed online (please see link) [http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic](http://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic). There are lots of sports to look at so get online and check it out.

If you have any questions please see Mr Coles.

COME n TRY HOCKEY

COME n TRY HOCKEY CLINICS @ FOOTSCRAY HOCKEY CLUB

**Who:** 4-12 year olds NEW to the game of hockey

**Where:** Footscray Hockey Club, Fogarty Ave Yarraville (Down by the Westgate Freeway)

**Time:**
- U6 & U8: 5.15 – 6.00pm
- U10 & U12 and above: 6.00 – 6.45

**Dates:** Wednesdays 15th Feb, 22nd Feb, 1st Mar, 8th Mar

**Cost:** FREE!

**Equipment:** Hockey sticks and shin guards are available to borrow by new players. Please arrive 10-15 minutes early to have a hockey stick fitted.

**Enquiries:** Contact Come n Try Coordinator
Nicole Virtuoso
0424132715
nicolevirtuoso@gmail.com
www.footscrayhockey.com.au
Facebook: @footscrayhockey
Hi everyone,

I hope everybody had a great break!

I have decided to stop publishing ‘Jerabek-sensei’s Japanese Corner’ in the weekly newsletter. Instead, I have created a website that will include everything that is happening in the Japanese Specialist Program – weekly updates, resources for students – for school or for at home, videos, pictures, you name it – everything Japanese related will be here on this site.

I will put the address to this website in the newsletter permanently so you can check it every week – and I will also add a message on the newsletter to let you know of any major updates to the site. The address to the website is:

http://ngpsjapanese.global2.vic.edu.au/

**The password to enter the website is:** japan

Looking forward to having another amazing year in Japanese!

Thanks!

Jerabek Sensai

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**TECHNOLOGY & DESIGN**

As part of Technology and Design classes, students will be making stop animations.

Materials will be needed to complete their projects, therefore we would like to ask if parents can help by making some homemade play dough and if possible please bring to the school by Monday 20th February.

The recipe is as follows:

**Ingredients.**

- 1/2 cup salt
- 1 cup plain flour
- 2 tbs cream of tartar
- 1 cup water
- 1 tbs oil
- 3 drops liquid food colouring

**Method.**

1 - Mix all ingredients together in a medium sized saucepan.
2 - Stir over heat until dough is pliable.
3 - Allow to cool and store in a well sealed plastic bag or container.

Any help will be very much appreciated!

Thank You

Brad Morgan
Sushi Lunch Day
Thursday 2nd March 2017

Dear Parents,

As part of our Japanese Cultural Day our school is offering a special Sushi Lunch on Thursday 2nd March.

Cost $3.00 per sushi roll.

Options available: Tuna, Chicken, Avocado and Plain rice in a nori roll.

Sushi Lunch Order Form

Student Name .................................................................

Grade..............Teacher’s Name ..........................................

Quantity

☐ Tuna Roll @ 3.00

☐ Chicken Roll @ 3.00

☐ Avocado Roll @ 3.00

☐ Plain Rice in a nori Roll @ 3.00

Total

Note: Cash only please (correct amount required)

ALL ORDER FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BY
Friday 24th February 3pm

Sorry - Late Orders cannot be accepted !!!!
STUDENT BANKING

SCHOOL BANKING WILL BEGIN
WEDNESDAY MARCH 1st.
For information please contact the front office.

IMPORTANT TO PARENTS

PICK UP AND DROP OFF PARKING
Please ensure when dropping off and picking up your child you are not parked illegally over drive ways or on residents nature strips. Council will be issuing fines after next week to any vehicle parked illegally.

Thank You
Newport Gardens Parents Club President’s Report for 2016

2016 was another busy year for the Parents Club! Firstly I would like to thank my fellow Executive Committee members: Nicole Polson – Secretary and Penny Lewis who was treasurer but has since moved away and Mel Coca for attending to the treasurers reports at the end of last year.

Newport Gardens is extremely lucky to have such a great bunch of parents who are willing to volunteer their time and/or services to ensure the children of this school have great experiences. I would like to give a massive thankyou to all of you who volunteered throughout the year on various events as they wouldn’t have been possible without your participation.

Last year we did things slightly differently with 1-2 members taking ownership of an activity or fundraising event throughout the year and I can honestly say it made a huge difference to the workload from previous years. I will now go over the numerous events that the Parents Club organized in 2016 what our profits were from each.

One of the largest activities throughout the year is Fresh Fruit Friday. With $2333.77 being spent on this. Dale Fincke has coordinated this for the past 2 years and places the orders each week and heads up a very dedicated team of fruit cutters including Milly, Angela, Shu and Julie. 2016 saw a slight change in how this was provided due to the increasing size of the school and increasing cost. 1 platter was shared between 2 classes as apposed to the previous 1 per class. I’d like to thank Dale Fincke for once again taking on the responsibility of organizing this throughout the year.

In March Bec Bosnack organized the Sushi lunch for Japanese Cultural Day and it was plainly evident how much the children really enjoy the diversity this day brings. Although not really a fundraiser the day made a profit of $451.82 so thank you to Bec and her team of sushi packers.

The end of first Term was the Easter Raffle which Holly Melissi and Maritza Fabiola Martinez Cruz organized. What an improvement with personalized envelopes and professional raffle book covers. A great job, making a big profit of $3340.95. This wouldn’t have been possible had it not been for all the donations. So thank you to the entire school community.

The Althetics Day Bakers Delight lunch order in April was another activity geared toward community spirit not fundraising however there was a profit of $530.90. Lots of parents at the track on the day helped give out the lunches so thanks to everyone involved.

In May we held the Mother’s Day Stall and thanks goes to Sarah Barlow for coordinating the volunteers. We were not expecting the frenzied Boxing Day like sales that we experienced and had to purchase more supplies on the day. A very fun and successful event which made a profit of $1734.36

Last year Linda Fincke and Abbey Lee organize a Movie Fundraiser through the Sun Theatre for “Bad Moms” The movie was a great laugh with champagnes and prize giveaways and it proved successful with a profit of $474.00

Linda also organized another movie fundraiser for the kids in September with “The secret Life of Pets” which made a profit of $428. The movie days are always great fun so thank you Dale and Linda for the hours you spend collating and dispensing all the tickets.
Election day at the school was a great opportunity to run a sausage sizzle outside the voting booths. As a seasoned sausage sizzle organizer I took on this activity with the help of many parents throughout the day. It was a great success raising $1475.74 for our school.

The school community also got behind 2 students who made the Victorian Primary School State Softball team and raised $1000 from another sausage sizzle held at school. What great comradery everyone showed in supporting these budding athletes.

Sarah McNair organized the School disco in July which is always one of the year’s highlights for the kids. Thank you to those parents who helped out in the canteen and with signing kids in and out. We changed the logistics last year and the new admission and collection process and canteen set up really improved the event. So great work to everyone involved. Profit from this event was $1523.27

Last year we ran a Father’s day stall and although not as successful as the mother’s day stall did make a profit of $695.31. Sarah Barlow again coordinated all the volunteers.

In Term 4 we decided to try and eco friendly fundraiser selling tins of herbs. I coordinated this event and with the company allowing a refund on unsold tins it was a win win situation. Although there were over 20 families who did not return their 10 tins, we still made a profit of $3386

October was World Teachers Day for which Sarah Mcnair and myself organized morning tea for all the staff at the school. It was also Children’s Week and Parents Club provided sausage rolls and packets of biscuits for recess all delivered to their classrooms by some lovely parent helpers. The kids thought this was great.

Parents club was also invited to run the sausage sizzle at Mamma Knows West Kids Market in Williamstown in November. The extreme weather conditions on the day proved a deterrent too many and we unfortunately made very little from this event.

Thanks you to Gretchen Szabat and her team of wrappers for organizing our last fundraiser for the year with the Christmas raffle. Another successful event with 25 sensational hampers won by the staff and kids. Making a profit of $2523.30 What a fun way to end the year!!

One last thank you goes to Clara Browell who designs nearly all the posters and order forms through the year. Her graphic design talents are greatly appreciated!

Diedre and Kellie also do so much behind the scenes for all the activities Parents Club organize. Printing and distributing forms and posters. Collecting money. Keeping accounts. I personally couldn’t do without them so a big thank you to them.

I hope I have not forgotten anyone and if I have I apologise. I think you would all agree 2016 was a very fun and successful year for The Parents Club and I hope this years Club the best of luck.

Many Thanks,

Fiona Kay.
Weekly public speaking & drama program for children aged 6 - 15

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Parenting Ideas

Insights

Developing independence in primary school

By Michael Grose

Practical ideas for parents to encourage real independence in children.

Your goal as a parent should be for your child to be completely self-managing by the end of primary school. That is, he can get himself and others up each morning, make his own breakfast, prepare his own schoolbag, collect his own school uniform; put any notes under your nose to be signed and returned to school; and so it goes on. Now, that doesn’t mean that kids will do all this all the time, because other factors come into play such as busy schedules and early starts; children will need some assistance at times. However, it’s good to keep in mind that children, when left to their own devices, generally do remarkably well at organising their daily tasks. Sometimes they just need the opportunity.

Here are four practical ways to develop real independence in primary school-aged children:

1. Involve them in mealtimes
Mealtimes are the fulcrum around which healthy families operate. A shared meal is more than food. It’s a ritual that binds people together; it’s a vehicle for parents to influence their children, and it’s an expression of love and care. It is also fundamental to children’s wellbeing because there is a strong correlation between good mental health in young people and those who regularly share a family meal. Mealtimes also offer plenty of opportunities for children to help including running errands, preparing the meal, setting the table, clearing the table, packing the dishwasher and other jobs. There’s something for everyone!

2. Use pocket money to develop independence
A regular allowance is a fabulous way to promote real independence in children. Start in lower primary school and gradually increase their allowance the older they become. Importantly, you need to increase the areas that their allowance covers. For instance, in lower primary school a child’s pocket money might go towards the purchase of some sweets and one or two other items each week. However, in middle primary school it might increase to cover the cost of one or two lunch orders each week, their bus money and some treats.

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In later primary school it could even cover some of their clothing purchases as well. The important thing is not to cover for kids if, for instance, they don’t budget appropriately and run out of money for school-canteen lunches. They can either make their own lunches at home or perhaps borrow from a sibling and repay out of their next allowance. Pocket money used well is a fantastic way to develop independence in kids.

3. Look after pets
It’s a quirk of life that most children want a pet, but they just don’t want to look after it in the long term. Many kids discover that following the initial flush of enthusiasm looking after a pet can be a grind – walking the family pooch, cleaning out the guinea-pig cage, or feeding the family feline. But pet care offers priceless lessons in the development of grit, responsibility and nurturance – all necessary attributes for independent success.

4. Walk, ride or take public transport to school
The opportunity to go to school on your own devices was a luxury that previous generations enjoyed. While it may have seemed at the time like something to be endured rather than enjoyed, most people I discuss this matter with look back with fondness and nostalgia.

For most people it meant freedom, friendship and fun. For a short time each day kids experienced a delicious type of freedom away from both teachers and parents – a time to muck around, dawdle and mess around with mates. It also gave kids some familiarity with their neighbourhood. It’s well established that currently more children are driven to school than ride or walk, which denies children the same opportunity for friendship, fun and freedom. Busy schedules, less child-friendly neighbourhood layouts and working parents are just some of the reasons that prevent kids walking to school. If possible, look for ways to allow your child to get to school on their own. It’s fantastic for their independence and wellbeing. If children are too young, walk or ride with them some of the way until they are old enough and skilled enough to make the trip without you.

The age of opportunity
Children in this stage have an outward orientation and are exploring their place in the world. This is an age and stage for greater neighbourhood exploration, for taking on real responsibility and for developing personal confidence and efficacy before adolescence starts.

Visit our website for more ideas and information to help you raise confident and resilient young people.

Special note: I’m thrilled to announce that my latest book, Spoonfed Generation: How to raise independent children is out. It’s available at parentingideas.com.au