

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

Our students shone on stage a few weeks ago, and it was a very proud moment for all the staff after they worked with the students to build the performances to be what they were on the big night. Many thanks to our families for coming along to support the event and sharing in this big achievement. Congratulations to all students!

The concert flowed beautifully thanks to the wonderful teamwork that our School Captains Ella and Jack displayed on and off the stage throughout rehearsals and the big night. These two students were exemplary in the way they led our school, providing a well-presented storyline for the audience to follow. Congratulations to the two of them.

A further big thank you goes to Joy Hill for all her work behind the scenes. Joy lived the concert over the last few weeks, and I would like to extend a very big thank you to her and all the staff for their work behind the scenes, so your children could shine.

Pie Drive

We had an amazing effort put in by the Newington community for the Pie Drive. Last Thursday, the staffroom was overtaken by 445 pies, and our wonderful School Council members worked tirelessly in sorting them out in record time to get them to families quickly. At this stage, we believe our profit is \$1,700.00. This would not have been possible without the parents in our Fundraising Committee (Chromequest) organizing it for us. A massive thank you goes out to them.

Parent Opinion Survey

The Parent Opinion Survey is now open and we ask for as many families as possible to please contribute to the data.

The link to the survey - <https://research.orima.com/parent>

Our School Unique PIN – 934689

Parents/carers should select the following for our school-

School Name: Newington Primary School

Campus Name: Newington Primary School

2027

As we now start to plan for 2027, we ask families to let us know if they will be departing from Newington Primary School for any reason or if there is anything else you feel would be important for us to know regarding your child's enrolment for 2027. It is appreciated if this can be done in writing via email at newington.ps@education.vic.gov.au. With the subject **ATTENTION Sam Streeter for 2027**.

Book Week

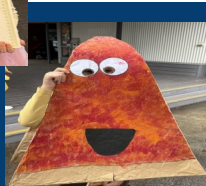
Last Friday, seeing many of our students opt to wear costumes as part of Fun Friday certainly added to a fun day, filled with smiles and discussions around books, plus an afternoon filled with activities across all year levels. Many thanks to the parents who assisted their children in having costumes if they chose to be involved.

Kind Regards

Sam Streeter
Principal

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STEMS

EXPLORE • DISCOVER • INNOVATE

This term our STEMS program has seen another addition to the classroom, and we welcome our **male Spiny Leaf Stick Insect** to our little bubble.

JUNIOR UNIT

Our Junior Unit have been wonderful investigators while searching for the science in **Fairy tales.**

RAPUNZEL
FORCES

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

LIVING & NON-LIVING THINGS

THE GINGERBREAD MAN

MATERIALS & PROPERTIES

Many experiments, observations, recorded evidence and discussions have been taking up our time.

After taking a brain break and thinking like engineers last week, we have moved onto the next stage of fairy tales.

OUR NEXT ADVENTURES:

THE THREE LITTLE PIGS

GOLDILOCKS AND THE THREE BEARS

THE THREE BILLY GOATS GRUFF

SENIOR UNIT

Our Senior Unit have continued diving deep and building on their understanding of **RENEWABLE & NON-RENEWABLE ENERGY.**

We have currently put this on pause to alter our sessions and make them more engaging and hands on.

In doing so, we have taken part in **ENGINEERING COMPETITIONS** last week!

This week we enjoyed the opportunity to test out **LITTLEBITS** – circuit kits which saw many fans, alarms, lights, counters and a mixture of the previous being created and functional.

Senior Students will resume **FRESH AIR INNOVATORS** FROM WEEK 8

and are excited to see where **it takes us!**

Performing Arts - Term 3 - 2026

Term 3 is always busy in the Music room, but is especially busy for the school Choir! We prepared our songs for the concert in week 6, including a new piece that is sung entirely in the Wadawarrung Language. This piece was written by Aboriginal Australian soprano and composer Deborah Cheetham OAM for kids just like us to sing across Australia.

On the Day after the concert, the choir came back to school and hopped on the bus to South Street where they performed in front of a large audience made up of family, friends, other choir members and people from the wider community of Ballarat. They sang in 2

sections and were awarded a 1st place and a 3rd Place. Then they listened to choirs singing in the next section including choirs from Melbourne, Bendigo and a range of schools across Ballarat. This was an amazing opportunity for our singers to see what is possible when you sing in a choir! Thanks to Mr. Edwards and Ms Macdonald for assisting us with this excursion and to Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Hearn and our family members who were in the audience to cheer us on.



The choir is now accepting new members from grades 1-5 to begin preparing for 2027. In Term 4 any students Foundation/Grade 6 who would like to be part of our carols season will also be able to join us at rehearsals each week.

In other Music Room News, the F-2 Students are about to commence work on the MUSIC TREE unit. Make sure you ask your learner about how this connects to the science inquiry they have been working on throughout Term 3!

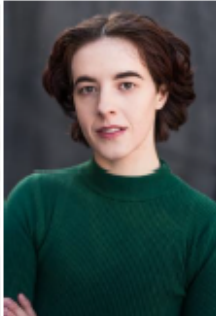


Instrumental Music - Term 3 - 2026

Our Instrumental Music Program continues to go from strength to strength thanks to the hard work and dedication of our visiting staff. Here are our current instrumental offerings and teachers:



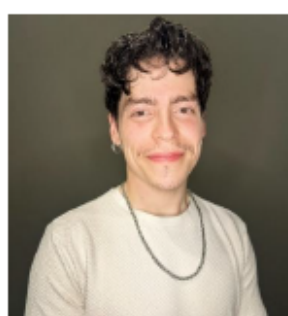
Will Stephens



Leif Taylor



Ellen Sorensen



Felipe Naranjo

Piano and guitar lessons are offered on an individual basis while Drums and Violin can be learned individually and in small groups.

If you would like to take advantage of the opportunity to learn an instrument at school, please collect, complete and return the instrumental application from the office.

Just a few reminders for families taking advantage of the opportunity to take instrumental lessons at school:

- 1) If your student is going to be **away from school** on the day of their lesson for whatever reason (camp, excursion, family holiday, illness etc) **PLEASE CONTACT** your teacher **PRIOR** to the date of their lesson, as a courtesy to them. They will try and arrange a make up lesson if they have been given notice or at least adjust their day to reflect the absence. (If you **don't** let your teacher know in advance, you will be expected to pay for the lesson even if you don't attend.)
- 2) If you decide to cease lessons at the end of a term, please remember to give notice to both the teacher and the school in writing confirming this. Lessons will continue to be organised and charged if you don't let the school/teacher know that you are wanting to stop.
- 3) If you want to adjust the lesson grouping for your child, please contact the teacher directly to discuss this. Groups are arranged based on the students preferences, but a group cannot be formed if there is no-one to partner with. If you have any concerns, please contact Mrs. Allen via the office.

Jump Off Day Tuesday September 1st



JUMP ROPE
for **HEART**



We're skipping through the term!

Well done, Newington! I can't believe how much skipping is happening at school - So many new tricks and skills are being learnt.

Jump Rope for Heart is well underway and it's great to see so many children out in the playground skipping with smiles on their faces. Newington has already raised **\$1400** so far. WOW!

It's not long until our Jump Off Day which is being held on Tuesday 1st September, so keep on practicing those tricks! And don't forget to share your online fundraising page with friends and family to raise money for a great cause!

More information about the jump off day will be sent out closer to the date.

Still need to sign up online? It's easy just follow this link and enter your details at www.jumprope.org.au/parents

Jumprope.org.au
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SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

On behalf of School Council, I would like to congratulate and thank everyone involved in our school concert.

It was a wonderful night and a real privilege to see our students up on stage, having fun, showing plenty of courage and sharing what they had worked so hard to put together.

A huge thank you to our teachers and staff for the enormous amount of work that happens behind the scenes, to our parents and families for their support, and to everyone in our school community who came along and made the night such a great occasion.

Most importantly, **congratulations** to all of our students. You should be very proud of yourselves.

School Council would also like to say a big thank you to everyone who recently took the time to complete our road safety survey. We had a fantastic response from our school community, and the information and feedback provided will be extremely valuable as we continue working to improve safety around our school.

Tim Menz

President, Newington Primary School Council



Footy Colours Day Lunch!!!

18th September

HOT DOGS - \$5

VEGGIE DOGS - \$5

JUICE BOX - \$1.50

TOMATO SAUCE - 50c

Ways to pay: Cash / EFT / BSB: 063502 ACC:10326623

Orders & Payment due: Thursday 10th Sept

All Proceeds go towards NPS "Chromequest"



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KEY DATES FOR TERM 3

Date	Event
Friday August 28 th	ASSEMBLY – 2:30pm – /Newsletter sent home
Tuesday September 1st	Jump Rope For Heart—Jump Off Day
Thursday 3 rd September	3-6 Indoor Soccer competition for participating students
Friday September 4 th	Staff Professional Practice Day – Student Free day
Monday September 7th	Father's Day Open Morning
Wednesday September 9th	Division Athletics
Thursday September 10th	Grade 5 & 6 Inquiry Showcase 2.45—4.15
Friday September 18 th	FOOTY CLOURS DAY 8:45am – 9:15am Open morning to celebrate term of learning 9:20 – End of term assembly HOT DOG DAY - EARLIER LUNCH for all students 1:30 Students finish for the term.
Monday October 5th	First day of Term 4 for all students.

(Not all excursions and incursions are on this list, as they only effect some cohorts, class teachers will keep families updated on these dates)



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