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Dear Parents/Carers,

**Our COVID year**

Wow!! What a crazy 12 months. 12 months ago today was the last normal day for the school year. We have learnt so many things about ourselves, our students and our families over this time. I could not be more thankful of our whole school community over this period, we have worked together, learnt together and have been there for each other. There have been some really tough, trying times but we have made it through the last year. I am thankful for everything we have learned but I hope we don't have to do it ever again.

**Tired students and staff**

It is really important to remember, as teachers and parents, that our students are very tired. This is the first time in a year that they have been at school for 8 weeks straight (minus the couple of lockdown days). Traditionally, in my experience, from week 6 students start getting tired and grumpy and get upset over small things. We are still incredibly conscious of the needs of our students but keep in mind that their emotions can be a little more tested. If your child is super tired (or grumpy) and the situation allows for it, please don't feel guilty if they need a sleep in, even if you bring them in a little later in the morning.

We also have several bugs going through the school, sniffles and tummy bugs. If your child comes to the office complaining of any of these we are going to have to call to send them home – with COVID we are not allowed to keep students with the little sniffles at school.

**Grade 2 2020 sleepover**

As this year's Grade 3s were unable to have their sleepover last year, my plan is to have it before we head to camp this year. This will need to be endorsed by School Council – I will update you after our next meeting on March 29<sup>th</sup>. The sleepover is a really important part of our camping program, it helps our students who don't spend a lot of time away from home feel more comfortable when it comes to them going on a two day camp.

Our last day of term is on Thursday April 1. Students will be finishing at 2:15pm. We don't think buses will be running as Lowanna College has no school on this day, but they are yet to confirm this. We'll let you know when they tell us.

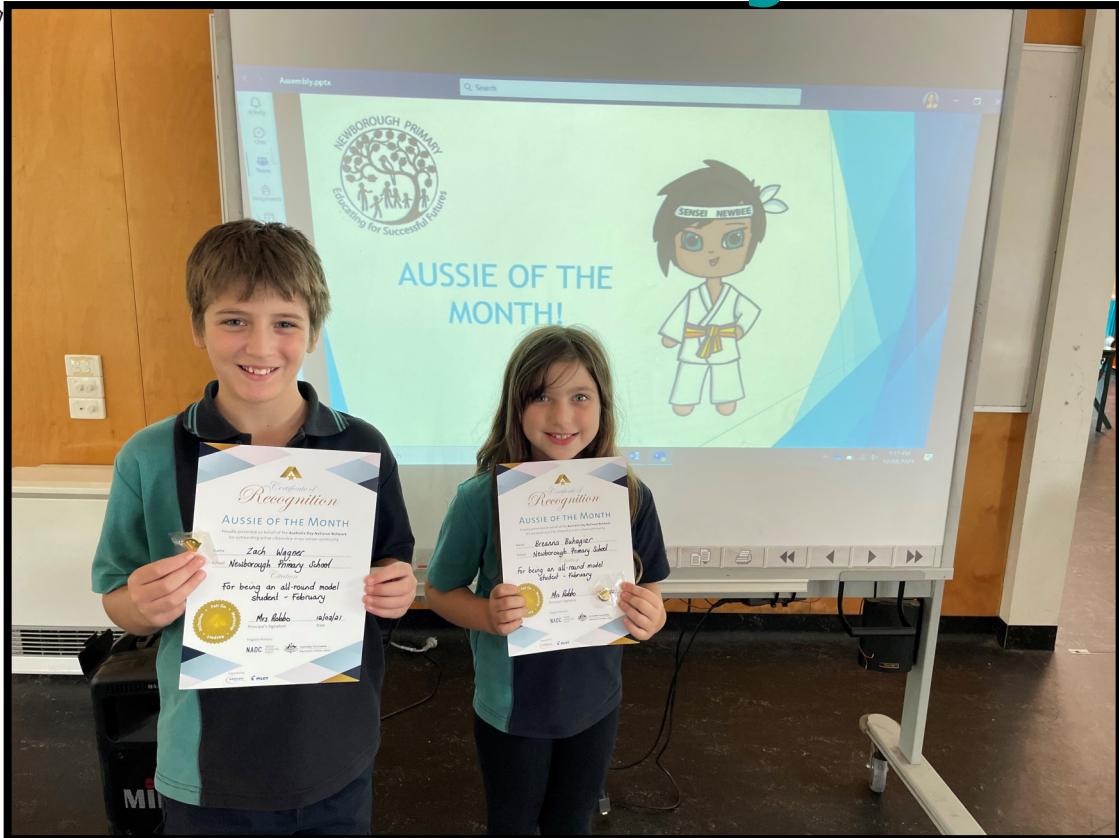
Have a nice weekend,

Christine.



# Aussie of the Month

## February



Aussie of the Month is a primary school recognition program, that's been running for more than 20 years.

The Aussie of the Month program encourages primary school students to be proud of themselves, their school and their community.

The program recognises personal endeavour, achievement and contribution to the community.

The program also reflects some of the values we share, like fair go, mateship, respect and inclusion.

Our Aussies for the month of February are Zach in Gr 5/6 and Breanna in Gr 2/3.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**



# Important Dates to Remember



## March 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 Preps start full time	2	3	4	5 Kaboom Sports Day Icy Poles	6	7
8 Public Holiday—No School	9	10	11	12 Icy Poles	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Icy Poles	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Icy Poles Casual Clothes Day	27	28
29 School Council AGM	30	31 Easter Raffle drawn				

## April 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1 Last Day of Term 1- 2:15pm finish	2 Good Friday	3	4 Easter
5 Easter Monday	6	7	8	9	10	11
			<b>School Holidays</b>			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			<b>School Holidays</b>			
19 Term 2 begins	20	21	22	23	24	25 Anzac Day
26	27	28	29	30		



### Student Absences

Regular attendance at school is very important for your child's learning and social development. Of course, sometimes children are sick and need to stay home to get well - and that's OK! But other than that, children need to be at school as much as possible to ensure the BEST opportunity for learning. If your child is absent please enter their absence via the Compass parent portal or alternatively call the school on 51271448 as soon as possible.



We'd like to wish all our amazing Newbees a very  
Happy Birthday!

## March

- 19 Lydia Prep/1
- Aryan Gr 2/3
- 23 Ryan Prep/1
- 24 Sharnee Gr 3/4
- 29 Tyrese Gr 3/4
- 30 Kate Gr 2/3

## April

- 8 Xander P/1
- 12 Ruby Gr 2/3
- 14 Xavier Gr 4/5
- 15 Grace Gr 3/4
- 18 Kirra Gr 5/6
- 19 Noah H. Gr 1/2
- 22 Oliver P/1
- 29 Mitchell Gr 4/5
- 30 Harper B. P/1



# Easter Raffle

## Casual Clothes Day



It's that time of year again! Easter raffle tickets are being sent home with the eldest student in the family. We couldn't do this without your on going support so on Friday March 26th we will be having a Casual Clothes Day for all of our students. We kindly ask for a donation towards to the Easter raffle. Donations can be left at the school office on any day.

Tickets are \$1 each and all sold/unsold tickets need to be returned no later than Monday March 29th. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday March 31st.

One of our lovely neighbours approached us asking if we would become a collection point for Bread Tags for Wheelchairs. We thought this would be a great idea for a worthy cause because we all go through a lot of bread.

A box will be located at the office for anyone wanting to contribute. It will take some time to fill up the box but we're sure that by the end of the year we'll have plenty to send away.

Thank you.



## BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS



Please save your bread tags - they will be recycled to fund wheelchairs in South Africa.



We collect bread tags Australia-wide, and recycle these in Robe, SA. All funds raised through recycling are used to supply wheelchairs in South Africa.



### What can I do?

It's easy ..... save your bread tags for a while and then drop them off at one of our collection points. Ask your family, friends, school and local café to help.



Visit our website for signage, to find your nearest collection point, or to host a collection point.



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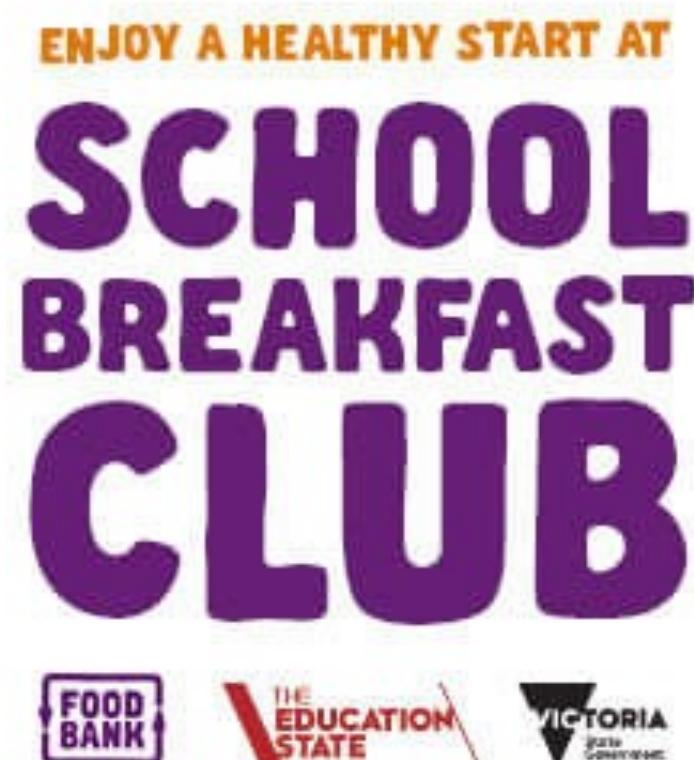
[@aussiebreadtags](#)



[ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au](http://ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au)

Local Contact: .....

# **Breakfast Club is open from 8:00am-8:30am every morning in the MPR kitchen.**



**All students welcome!**



## **School Hats**

Does your child need a school hat?

We now have navy bucket hats with adjustable toggles available to purchase at the school office. They are \$10 each and students can pay at the office or you can pay via direct deposit to the school account .

If you need further details please call the office on 51271448.



## CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts this year are **\$125 for eligible primary school students**. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 51271448 and ask for an application form.

You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page.

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.