

Neerim District Secondary College

News and Views

February 21, 2020



ATTENDANCE

STUDENT ABSENT NOTIFICATION

To meet our legal responsibility with DET Guidelines around notifying parents of student absences, we send out the student absent text at 9:20am each day. If your child will absent due to illness, appointment or parent choice please notify the school absent line before this time. Attendance contact details are: **0448 553 734 or 5628 1455 or on Compass**. Please contact the office if you require a Compass login or need your password reset..

The school day starts at 9:00 am making student attendance at Homegroup compulsory. This is a great opportunity for your child to interact with their learning coach and peers as well as giving them a voice in the many activities carried out during Homegroup. If your child arrives after 9:00 am they will need to sign in at the office to have their attendance updated.

Below is the attendance recordings for the first 4 weeks of this year.



School success starts
with attendance

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School Matters!



Attendance Percent	Percentage of Students with this Attendance	Number of Days Absent so far this year
100%	32.8%	0
95—100%	10.7%	1
90-95%	18.4%	2
80-90%	20.7%	4
Below 80%	17.4%	More than 4



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Staffing Update

Our teaching staff are almost all in place, with only a Maths/ Science position still to fill. Currently Leon Zajarski is filling in this role until an appointment is made. It is great to see Leon back with us and I thank him for helping us out.

This week our new Chinese Language teacher, Beth Huang began teaching with us. Beth is very enthusiastic and hardworking and we look forward to working with her.

Swimming Sports

I was reminded last week just how great our school is. Our annual swimming sports again highlighted what makes this school community so special. Once again I was humbled by the way our students supported and encouraged each other, assisted when required and maintained a really positive attitude.

Thanks to Tina Moonen for the great job she did organising and to all of the staff and students that helped out.

Resignation

On Wednesday I officially resigned from the DET after 36 years of trying to give my best to public education. I remain committed to the concept of public education and leave the profession with enthusiasm about our future generations. We are in good hands.

I can honestly say that I have loved every minute of my working life in schools in Gippsland. The young people I have met and friends I have made will remain with me forever and I have never regretted my choice of career. Teaching is the best.

I have, however, been fortunate in obtaining a position at Beyond Blue working to build the capacity of

Educators across Early Childhood to the end of Secondary to understand and work with young people with anxiety and depression. I am passionate about this and am excited by the opportunity.

NDSC is a great school. It is clearly the best I have ever worked in. The sense of community, respect and inclusion is simply amazing. I have loved the interaction with students, staff and families and will miss the school greatly. I hope that I have been able to make a positive impact even in my short time here.

Thanks for your support!

Brett Windsor
Executive Principal



CALENDAR DATES

February	Thursday 20	CEA9 Urbanknights - Botanic Gardens & Aboriginal Heritage Walk
	Wednesday 26	Year 7 & 8 Cricket
	Wednesday 26	School Council Nomination Close
March	Thursday 5	CEA9 Urbanknights - Old Melbourne Gaol
	Monday 9	Labour Day Public Holiday
	Tuesday 10—Friday 13	Year 7 Camp
	Thursday 19	CEA9 Urbanknights - Queen Victoria Market & State Library

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

GOOD NEWS POSTCARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received a good news postcard: Jordyn Allen, Charles Aspinall, Jourdane Atkins (3), Darcy Beecroft (2), Holly Behncke, Cadman Benetti (2), Brodie Broadbent, Claude Bromilow (2), Riley Brown, Laura Brown (3), Maddison Brown (3), Tyler Burns, Holly Carey (2), Dakota Clancy (2), Luka Cook (2), Jason Cox (2), Dakota Dawson (2), Elias de Graaf (2), Mitchell Dowling (2), Gracie Drummond (2), Riley Duck, Arielle Eades (2), Cameron Eades (2), Sara Ellis (3), Ibrahim Faisal-Wahid, Annabelle Furneaux, Tobias Furneaux (2), Isaac Gallo, Miranda Hamilton (2), Rhys Hansen (2), Breanna Harris (2), Mia Higgs (2), Paige Hill (3), Elijah Hume (2), Amy Jones (2), Megan Jones (3), Raynor Jose, Holly Kuhnell, Ruby Kuhnell, Ruby Kuhnell (2), Nikkol Letts, Jazzmyn Letts (3), Jayden Lewis, Maddison Lewis, Abbey Lineham (2), Jennifer Mackay-Ritchie (2), Eleah Maddison (4), Isla Maddison (4), Kate Mahoney (3), Evelyn Marks (3), Jack Marshall, Karin Martin (2), Tameka-Rose Martin (2), Maverick Matheson (2), Tiffany-Blossom Matheson (2), Tiffany-Blossom Matheson (2), Chelsea Maxwell, Shae Maxwell (2), Charlotte McConachy (3), Blake Meulen (4), Aaron Mooney, Jackson Morehu, Matthew Nickels (2), Thomas Oldham (2), Jeremiah Orwin, Noah Osler, Stuart Ottrey, Fletcher Pallot, Mikayla Pateman (3), Stephanie Quigley, Lachlan Reaper, Hannah Rhodes, Joe Richardson, Hudson Rintoule (3), Tahlia Robinson (2), Baylin Rourke, Bethany Sayburn, Jack Scadden (6), Sally Sgarbossa, Bertie Showers (3), Harry Showers (6), Alice-Ann Simon, Summer Sinclair (3), Riley Smart, Beau Smith, Rylen Smith (2), Zekiel Tame, Ally Taylor (4), Ashleigh Thompson, Ashleigh Thompson, Ella Van Raalte, Chelsea Wadley-Ross (2), Mariam Wahid (4), Blake Wells (2) & Jahman Whiteley (3).

What a great start to the year! Keep up the great work!

[PBS LINK IS HERE!](#)

Don't forget to register that you received a postcard with the library staff on 5628 1455 to go in the draw to win the Sponsor of the Week \$30 voucher provided by our community sponsors.

PBS IS A MARATHON. NOT A SPRINT.

CANTEEN VOUCHER

This week's winner is Harry Showers of year 7.

Harry was nominated by Ms Smith, she been working very well in both Humanities and English! Keep up the good work!

Well done on your efforts Harry, a \$5 canteen voucher is on its way to you.



AAA AWARD

The AAA award rewards consistent effort and citizenship in our students and recognizes the contribution that they make to the life of the College.

This week's winner is Laura Brown of year 10.

Laura was nominated by Ms E Williams for her report writing in Biology! She worked very productively and asked questions to ensure she was on the right track!

Well done Laura, a reward is on its way to you courtesy of the Walter Haines Foundation.



CAPTAIN'S CORNER

It was great to see so many people participate in last week's swimming carnival. A special thank you to everyone who helped organise the event, as well as the Neerim South pool for letting us use their facilities, and Neerim South IGA for providing the sausages and bread for the sausage sizzle. Another big thank you to my fellow captain Shakira Kimm for cooking all of the sausages on the day.



STAG, or the Student Teacher Action Group, is looking for new members for 2020. This leadership group gives students the opportunity to voice concerns within our school as well as the concerns of the broader community, while playing a pivotal role in the running and organisation of our school, alongside fellow peers and teachers. Members of STAG should be role models within the school and should follow our PBS values, and will be required to attend meetings once every three weeks during lunchtime on Thursdays. We are looking for at least one male and one female from every year level. If you are interested in being part of STAG, come see one of the captains or Mrs Williams. Listen out for announcement about STAG at lunch time.

Our buses are pivotal in ensuring that students are able to get to and from school every day. It is important that everyone displays respectful behaviour on the buses, as we don't want our bus drivers getting distracted and potentially ending up in a crash. You should not be walking around and moving seats on the bus as this is very distracting and disrespectful not only for the bus driver and peers, but you are also putting yourself in danger.

We now have a suggestion box located at the school's general office. If you have any suggestions on how we could improve the school or if you have any potential fundraising ideas, please write them down and place them in the suggestion box. We want this to be a useful tool for us school captains so please make sure suggestions are appropriate.

CHANGES TO CASUAL BUS PASSES

To access bus travel on the Neerim South Bus Network, an application must be completed and approved by the Bus Co-Ordinator prior to travel.

Any student trying to utilise bus travel without approval will be denied access and parents will be informed. These conditions are put in place for the safety of the students.

In emergency situations, a bus pass can be provided by seeking approval from the Bus Co-Ordinator in the General Office. Ideally, 24 hours' notice should be given so that the bus company and drivers can be provided with the relevant details.

A bus pass will NOT be provided for sport activities or work purposes, alternative arrangements will need to be made for these type of circumstances, however if you are interested in catching a bus regularly the appropriate paper work needs to be filled out and a fee of \$120 per term will be charged accordingly.

Please note that students utilising town bus services, i.e. Warragul (PM Only) do not need to go through the application and approval process, however, \$2.40 is required for travel.

If you have any queries in regards to bus travel please contact the College on (03) 5628 1455 and speak with the Bus Co-Ordinator



SWIMMING SPORTS

An exciting day was held at the college on Thursday the 13th Feb, with the annual school swim sports at the Neerim South Outdoor pool. The house captains and VCAL class were very helpful with the running of the day and our new school captains did a great job cooking up sausage sizzle for all that attended. The results were as follows:

- Senior Girls Champion: Jordy Allen
- Junior Girls Champion: Tiff Matheson
- Senior Boys Champion: Maverick Matheson
- Junior Boys Champion: Jack Marshall & Riley Morehu



The “house spirit” was evident with the winning house being Kurnai. The house results were as follows:

- Kurnai: 264 points
- Tarago: 213 points
- Monash: 195 points
- Strzelecki: 142 points

All students got involved and it was great to see them all participating and supporting each other. Jack Marshall from Tarago house had a successful day, breaking the school record for boy’s backstroke under 15 years with a time of 44.01 seconds. Well done Jack!



SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Schedule 4: Notice of election and call for nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of
NEERIM DISTRICT SECONDARY COLLEGE
Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00pm on Wednesday 26 th February 2020
The ballot will close at 4.00pm Wednesday 4 th March 2020

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

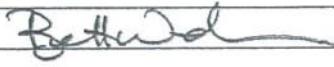
Membership category	
Parent member	
Term of office	Year
From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in	2020
to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in	2022
Number of positions:	2

Membership category	
DET employee member	
Term of office	Year
From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in	2020
to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in	2022
Number of positions:	2

Membership category	
Student member	
Term of office	Year
From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in	2020
to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in	2022
Number of positions:	

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Principal signature	

Schedule 5A: Self-nomination form for Parent member category

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a Parent member on the Neerim District Secondary College school council
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Name

Residential Address:

Contact phone (mobile or landline):
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Email:

I am the parent/guardian of
who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

Statement	Yes (Mark with an x)	No (Mark with an x)
I am an employee of the Department of Education and Training and not engaged in work at and for the school:		

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council.

I hereby declare that I am not:

- an undischarged bankrupt
- of unsound mind
- currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence; or
- a registrable offender within the meaning of the *Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004*.

Signature of Candidate

Date:	
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You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable). Further, the name, membership category, gender (optional), term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Training by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on: 56281455
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If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested your nomination may not be accepted.

If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.

STUDENT MEMBERS ON SCHOOL COUNCIL

This year students are going to be given the opportunity to nominate to be a part of the school council. There will be two spots on the council for students with a vote being held if there is more than two nominations for the spots are received. The term for a student school council member is 2 years.

It is a great opportunity to represent the student voice on council and understand how the school works behind the scenes. It will also look great on a resume and help to build a base of knowledge around a range of different areas such as finance and school operation. Below is a comment from the Department of Education on student members on school council.

- All schools with year 7 students and above have a mandated student member category. Students in year 7 and above enrolled at the school are eligible to nominate for membership.
- If a year 12 student, who has been elected to the student member category, has completed the normal school year and ceases to be enrolled at the school, that student may continue to be a member of the council until the next council election, at the beginning of the next year.

If you are interested in becoming a member please collect a self-nomination form from the office.

Brett Windsor

Executive Principal

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Warragul Football and Netball Club

SUNDAY 1 MARCH | 10AM

LARDNER PARK | BURNT STORE ROAD, LARDNER

WALK, RUN, HOP OR SKIP THE 5KM COURSE WHILE
GETTING SPLASHED WITH COLOUR AND HAVING FUN!!!!



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