

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



NEWDEGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL'S VISION IS TO PREPARE STUDENTS TO BE PRODUCTIVE COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO ACHIEVE THEIR BEST THROUGH LIFELONG LEARNING.



Dear Parents and Carers

After a very wet and trying few days, it is time to say thank you to our Bus Contractors and Drivers for all the work you've done over the last week, including the weekend, to ensure the safety of our children.

It is reassuring to know that your dedication and knowledge of the roads and conditions has kept the children of Newdegate safe.

Thank you also to all our parents for your understanding and flexibility as we waited for clearance from the Shire, Main roads and School Bus Services to reinstate our Bus Service.

Welcome back to Cat Messer our cleaner. It was a long and sometimes treacherous trip but you managed to get here at last. Thank you to Bridget for filling in during Cat's absence.

It was unfortunate that the wet conditions forced the cancellation of the "Get to Know Asia" performance on Thursday. We will try and book another performance sometime in the future.

We are still seeking a gardener for the school so if you can advertise through 'word of mouth' around the region it would be appreciated. Thank you to Roz Lloyd and Sandra Guelfi for covering some of the many jobs in the garden.

We are fortunate that Liam Thompson will be working at the school over the next few weeks, for 2 days each week and doing some of the gardening jobs as part of his work experience program. Welcome Liam.

Parent Meetings are happening this week so make sure you take the opportunity to listen to what teachers are planning for your children.

I will be away from Thursday afternoon to attend the Wheatbelt Regions first Principals Briefing for the year, in York.

Regards

Ann

## COMING EVENTS

Tues 21st Feb	Early Close	Thurs 9th Mar	'Happy Birthday' Desiree
Tues 28th Feb	Early Close	Wed 9th Mar	P&C Meeting—1:30 pm @ the CRC
Wed 1st Mar	'Happy Birthday' Eli	Fri 10th Mar	T20 Cricket Carnival @ LG
Thurs 2nd Mar	Assembly 2:45pm	Mon 13th Mar	'Happy Birthday' Jareth
Mon 6th Mar	Labour Day Holiday	Tues 14th Mar	Early Close
Tues 7th Mar	Early Close	Fri 17th Mar	Swimming Carnival
Wed 8th Mar	'Happy Birthday' Jesse		

## Principal's Report cont .....

### **School Aquatic Activities**

Starting this Friday 24th February all students from Pre Primary to Year 6 will be participating in **School Aquatic Activities** at the Newdegate Swimming Pool between 2:00pm and 3:00pm (weather permitted). This is during the timetabled sport period. Please ensure your children have their bathers and towel with them, sunscreen will be provided.

Please return permission forms before Friday.



## **The Rock and the Waayrgle (Rainbow serpent)**

Many, many years ago there was a young boy and he would sit around the fire and listen to his old nans and pops stories.

One night he was told the story of Boyagin Rock which is a sacred place to our people. If you can climb to the top without stopping you will live a long life.

The next day the boy decided to climb Boyagin Rock on his own. He climbed as high as he could and was getting tired but he said to himself if I stop I wont live a long life.

Then out of nowhere the Waayrgle came to help the boy and said "I see you are getting tired, let me help you."

So the boy jumped onto the Waayrgles back and the boy said, "lets go to the top of the Boyagin Rock."

The Waagrgle took the boy to the top and said, "I live inside this rock and I will always be helping you and your family."

The boy said, "thank you for everything ."

The Waayrgle went back inside the rock.

The boy climbed down the rock and ran home as fast as he could to tell his nan and pop the amazing day he had.

By Meikhi Humphries



**There is still Information Privacy and Security Permission and Internet Policy Agreement forms yet to be handed in.**

**Can parents please send them in ASAP.**

### **Voluntary Contributions: REMINDER**

In accordance with the Department of Education Contributions, Charges and Fees Policy September 2001, schools can request up to a maximum contribution of \$60.00 for years K-6.

*A Contribution is 'voluntary' and the funds are used towards the cost of materials, services and facilities used by students in the educational program. Please see the itemised 'Charges & Voluntary Contributions Year K - 6 2017' included in this newsletter.*

<b>1 child</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>2 children</b>	<b>\$70.00</b>
<b>3 children</b>	<b>\$90.00</b>

Voluntary Contributions can be paid through the office or by direct deposit into the following school bank account.

**Bank: BankWest Lake Grace**

**BSB: 306019**

**Account No: 0077735**

**Account Name: Newdegate Primary School**

**Please use your Surname and eldest child's first name as reference**

### **Student Council**

Congratulations to Saffron Brennan, Fletcher Cugley, Koby Hams, Trenton Hams, Meiki Humphries, Jareth Turner and Laura Ness for been elected as Semester one Student Councillors



### **Gardener/Handyperson**

Newdegate Primary School (PS) is seeking a passionate and committed gardener - handyperson to maintain and present the school ground and gardens.

We are seeking an individual who would be required to maintain and present the school grounds and gardens in a clean and tidy condition, providing a suitable growing environment for both soft and hard landscaping and including turf management. In addition the successful applicant ensures that they will maintain tools and horticultural equipment and performs minor repairs and maintenance in accordance with the Department's policies and guidelines.

For more information regarding the job or applications please visit:

**<https://jobs.wa.gov.au/>**

## Community News

### Junior Cricket

Available for kids again this week.

Starting at 5pm.

Thanks to Fletcher for playing with the seniors on Saturday. Well done.

For more information please contact Jarrad Offer on 0459 034 028



Please come along and support the boys in the final game before finals this Saturday at home.

### Junior Basketball

Junior Basketball training this **Thursday 23rd** February at 6:15pm.



Seniors to follow.

### **TUCKSHOP**

Week 4

23rd February 2017

Fish Fingers & Salad	\$3.50
Ice Cream	\$2.00
LOL	\$2.00
Juice	\$2.00
Milo	\$2.00



Penny Hall & Davina Hams



## Kids GYMFIT!

Newdegate Gym Club is running a series of 'GYMFIT'

afterschool classes for the following 5 week period: 21/2, 28/2, 7/3, 14/3 & 21/3.

**Classes held at the Newdegate Town Hall**

**PP-Yr 2      Tuesdays      2:45pm – 3:30pm**

**Yr 3 – 6      Tuesdays      3:30pm – 4:15pm**

**COST: \$25 per child**

**(Payable by cash or online to Newdegate  
Gymnastics Club)**

Any queries, contact Robyn Orr on 0419 980 091.



### P&C AGM

**Thursday 9th March 2017**

**1:30pm in the CRC**

**Any agenda item to Davina  
0488 720 062.**

**We would like to encourage  
new members to come along  
to support the P&C.**