



Narrabundah Early Childhood School

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Week 2, Term 2, 2021

Principal's Message

Term 2 has been very productive so far. Last week the NECS P&C hosted the Annual General Meeting. We had a number of families show interest in the P&C by attending this meeting. The 2022 P&C office bearers are:

President – Shannon Birch

Treasurer – Barney Briggs

Secretary – TBC

The P&C will meet approximately 1-2 times each term to support the work of the school. We are very much looking forward to working with the new NECS P&C. Meetings will be advertised in upcoming school newsletters. If you wish to communicate with the P&C please email them on necspandc@gmail.com



Later in the newsletter there is information regarding the upcoming **enrolment** period. Dr Sue Packer AM recently worked with the Early Childhood Schools to share the benefits of enrolling in an early childhood school. Dr Packer AM was awarded Senior Australian of the Year in 2019. She is a paediatrician and has worked tirelessly to advocate for the rights of children. Dr Packer AM has been a leader in child abuse prevention and treatment and a champion of the importance of early childhood environments for developing the brain. Dr Packer is the Appointed Member of the Lyons Early Childhood School Board.

We encourage families enrolled in Communities@Work, or families that may be looking for a school to view the video to learn more about our school - https://www.dropbox.com/s/ncd1qjpjivjzu2h/ECS%20Combined%20Schools%20Video_Smaller.mp4?dl=0

Developing consistent school wide literacy practices is a priority in the NECS 2021 Annual Action Plan. In January kindergarten, year 1 and year 2 staff participated in **Readers' Workshop** professional learning with Mitchell Parker from the University of Wollongong. In term 1 staff worked to embed the model in the classroom to improve reading outcomes. Last week Mitchell returned to NECS and conducted observations in each K-2 classroom, provided individualised feedback to each class teacher and modelled lessons for staff.

Mitchell provided feedback that teachers at NECS have adopted the workshop model quicker and with more rigour than previously observed in other schools. He observed that staff had been proactive in actioning tasks that emerged from discussions in January, demonstrating a strong commitment to improving reading outcomes. Mitchell also noted that NECS' approach to Readers' Workshop allows for individual teaching styles and adjustments for needs under an umbrella of shared expectations. We are so proud of our staff and congratulate them on their commitment to implementing high quality pedagogy and improving reading outcomes for children at NECS. Mitch has helped us to identify our next focus area. We will now concentrate on refining the conferencing aspect of the model which is where teachers provide targeted and individualised feedback to each student. We will invite Mitchell back to NECS in term 3 to continually receive feedback and refine our implementation of Readers' Workshop.

Warm Regards

Julie

2022 Enrolments



**EVERY
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ENROLMENTS OPEN 27 APRIL

2022 Enrolments are now open.

Your best source of information for enrolling is the Education Directorate website education.act.gov.au or the Enrolments Telephone Service (02) 6205 5429. You can also contact us about enrolments directly by emailing info.NECS@ed.act.edu.au

Discover what makes your local school a great school. NECS will be hosting school tours on a variety of dates, please contact the front office on 6142 3828 to book. You'll have the opportunity to see our school facilities, ask questions about our school, programs and get a sense of what it means to be a part of our school community. We look forward to seeing you there.

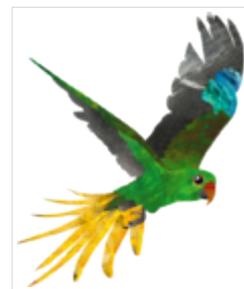
NECS offers:

- A 3 year old preschool program on Mondays and Tuesdays for selected students.
- Enrol for preschool in 2022 if your child turns four on or before 30 April 2022. Every four-year-old in the ACT is guaranteed 15 hours of preschool. NECS offers preschool groups 9am-3pm at the start of the week (Monday, Tuesday and alternate Wednesdays) and at the end of the week (alternate Wednesdays, Thursdays and Friday). We also offer a Koori preschool group at the end of the week for children that identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
- Kindergarten, year 1 and year 2.

View a promotional video of our school on the school webpage: <http://www.necs.act.edu.au/>

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The Red Parrots have had a great start to term 2. We have been very busy making a special present and card for Mother's Day. The children also enjoyed exploring the properties of 'slime' in the trays. This term we changed our dramatic play area to a shop and many enjoyed dramatic play in the shop area taking on the role of shopper and shop keeper/cashier. Several of the children have made great constructions with the Mobilo construction set and the wooden blocks. Small groups have enjoyed playing with the dominoes, connect 4 and Ludo games. Outside we enjoyed drawing with chalk on the pavement and rocks and playing with the pipes in the sandpit. We read two books by Colin West "Have you seen the crocodile?" and "Pardon?" said the Giraffe.



Kangaroos



It has been wonderful to see the Kangaroos return to Narrabundah Preschool after the Easter break with positive attitudes towards their learning and an eagerness to develop their skills across a range of learning areas. The children have had a wonderful time catching up with their friends and filling each other in on what they have been up to during our time away from preschool.

The children have returned settled and eager to continue to enjoy their preschool year. We have seen some wonderful developments in the children's interest in learning topics and skills throughout the year. Close friendships are developing, and the children are showing they are keen to expand their social circles and share their knowledge and learnings with their peers.

Red Grass Parrots

For the rest of the year, we will be working on a range of areas, including early literacy and numeracy skills, motor skills and social interaction skills.

The children will have many opportunities to explore their interests and engage with new learning to further their knowledge and skills.

Matt & Zahra



PE @ NECS

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Front Office Notices



Bush School starts on Thursday the 6th May 2021 for all K-2 students. Please ensure that permission notes are returned to the front office.

Outside School Hours Care - Communities at Work

The OSHC children have had a great first 2 weeks. They have been creating new relationships with their educators and peers. They have been focusing on their emotions and learning new leadership skills by running their own group times and group experiences.



Imagine More Workshop

Building a context for relationship  **ImagineMORE**
A free, on-demand Workshop Replay available to watch for a limited time
"You cannot create relationship... but you can recognise, encourage, and design opportunities in which the miracle of friendship is more likely to occur." Janet Klees, presenter
This free two-hour workshop is suitable for anyone who wants to help people with disability build meaningful and enduring relationships with others in their neighbourhood, schools, and workplaces, including
• families of students with disability
• classroom teachers and school leaders
• learning support teams
Available from **Monday, May 3 at 9:00 AM** until **Monday, May 10, at 5:00 PM**
The replay and accompanying resources can be accessed 24/7 during this time.
To register for this free event, please visit our website [imagemore.org.au/events/bac-replay-event/](https://www.imagemore.org.au/events/bac-replay-event/)

Fresh Taste

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Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)

Playing our part to build a national picture of child health

In early 2021, our school, along with thousands of others across the country will begin preparations for the fifth Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).

The AEDC gives us a national picture of the development, health and wellbeing of children in their first year of full-time school. Since 2009, the census results have helped communities, schools and governments plan services and develop better policies to target support for children and families.

Children don't miss any class time, and parents/carers don't need to supply schools with any new information for the census. The AEDC gives us data at a school and community level - it isn't an assessment of individual children.

The previous AEDC census results have helped the leadership team at NECS to select specialist subject areas to improve identified areas. In 2020 and 2021 the K-2 children have 45 minutes each week of Physical Education and Social and Emotional Learning and Music with specialist teachers.

Some teachers have noticed that completing the assessments made them more aware of the needs of individual children and the class as a whole and that the census results are useful in planning for transitions to Year 1 and developing class programs.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary. Parents/carers don't need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census.

To find out more about the census and how communities are using the data to help children and families visit the AEDC website: www.aedc.gov.au.

If you have any questions, you can contact Julie Dixon on julie.dixon@ed.act.edu.au

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Anzac Day

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ACT Together

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MoneySmart

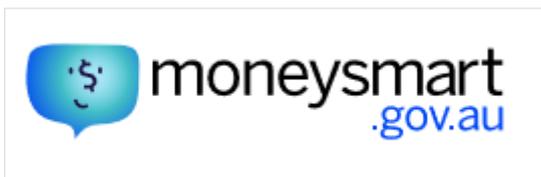
MoneySmart for Consumers and Investors.

The *MoneySmart* website was created by Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC) to help all Australians to improve personal finances. The website offers impartial guidance and online tools to help users to be better informed when making financial decisions.

No matter your circumstances, ASIC's *MoneySmart* website has tips and tools to help you manage your money. The website has targeted calculators and many pages of guidance on:

- borrowing and credit
- superannuation and retirement
- budgeting and saving
- investing
- scams
- free and confidential financial counselling offered by community organisations, community legal centres and some government agencies.

The *MoneySmart* website can be accessed at <https://moneysmart.gov.au/>



Managing Hazardous Materials @ NECS

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Be You

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