



# Narrabundah Early Childhood School

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Week 2, Term 4 2020

## Principal's Message

I want to start this newsletter with a reflection. Yesterday morning I stood out on the playground before school and I had an enormous sense of joy. It is so lovely each morning to see the children playing together on the playground, younger siblings playing and experiencing school for the first time, family members kicking balls with children, families talking together and staff interacting and playing with children. The time before 9am each day is such a valuable learning time. Many of the children's ball skills have improved enormously throughout the year simply by kicking each morning with willing and patient adults. Many of the children love chatting to other parents of a morning, having someone new to hear their stories brings a smile to their face. We have a really lovely sense of community at NECS right now and I am so proud to be a part of it.

Term 4 is always a busy time of year. This week we have celebrated Book Week. The theme this year is 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds'. Book Week is a time to spend one glorious week celebrating books and Australian children's authors and illustrators. Each morning at 10am this week adults in the school have read one of the Children's Book Council of Australia shortlisted books over the loudspeaker. The children have loved trying to guess who the mystery reader was each day. Some of the books we have read are



The purpose of Book Week is not to create elaborate costumes but to celebrate the positive impact books can have on our learning, wellbeing and lives! As such we tried to take some pressure off families. Children have had the opportunity to create simple masks in class to wear for the Book Week

parade. We had an array of costumes and masks at our parades.



Families we also wanted to remind you that we have a range of books to suit you. In the library we have a 'family section'. There are a large amount of books on nutrition, recipe books, parenting books etc. You are welcome to browse the collection and if anything sparks your interest please speak to a staff member. We can arrange to loan you the book through your child's library barcode. Here is a small sample of books that may interest you:



World Teachers' Day is celebrated on the last Friday of October in Australia. World Teachers' Day provides a time to stop and say thank you to our teachers for their work and dedication. 2020 has been a challenging year for us all and we are so proud of the resilience and flexibility our teachers have shown to help students continue to learn.

I am so proud of all of our educators at NECS. We encourage you to say thanks to your child's teacher.

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Lastly, we are currently working on creating class groups for 2021. In order to create well balanced classes, it is important that we have up to date information regarding your child. We assume preschool children are transitioning to kindergarten at NECS unless we are otherwise informed. Likewise, for children currently enrolled in kindergarten and year 1, we assume they are remaining at NECS unless we are informed. Please take the time to email us at [info@necs.act.edu.au](mailto:info@necs.act.edu.au) or give Audrey or Cathy a call in the front office on 6142 3828 to share your 2021 plans with us.

Warm Regards

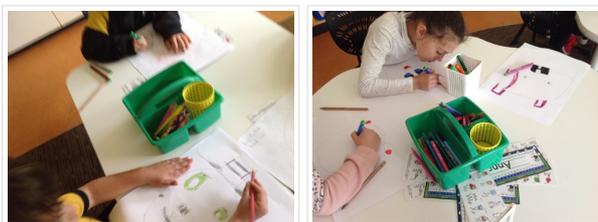
Julie

## Hoverflies and Wombats

The Hoverflies and Wombats have come back to school ready for the last term of 2020.

They have demonstrated how much they have learnt this year with their enthusiastic reading and writing; and in maths they are enjoying learning about new concepts including money; position and location; and chance and probability.

The highlight over the this week has been reading all of the quality literature for Book Week, listening to the Mystery Reader daily and making hats and masks to align with the this year's theme of Curious Creatures, Wild Minds. We are looking forward to wearing them at the parade on Friday.



## COVID Safe

As students return to school from school holidays, it is as important as ever to be COVID-safe, especially if you have travelled interstate.

If students begin to feel unwell, they should stay home from school and if they have even the mildest of COVID-19 symptoms, they should get tested just in case and self-isolate until they receive their results.

If you travelled interstate over the school holidays, monitor the COVID-19 website of the state or territory you visited for two weeks after returning to see if there are any new cases where

you visited. Keep up to date and follow the website's advice about testing and self-isolation, if required.

If you had interstate friends and family visit, ensure they keep you up to date if they are feeling unwell or if there are any new positive COVID cases reported in their area.

If we keep being diligent and follow the public health advice, we can continue to keep our schools, students and staff safe.

For more information about interstate areas that have had recent COVID-19 cases and what symptoms to monitor, visit [www.covid19.act.gov.au](http://www.covid19.act.gov.au)

## Food Pantry

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## Kindergarten Health Checks

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