FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

#### Matrix of Expectations

Over the past six weeks, staff have engaged in professional learning opportunities facilitated by the School Improvement Team to develop a Noble Park Primary School Matrix of Expectations. One of the key features of the school-wide positive behaviour support framework is to clearly define a set of expected behaviours that apply at all times at school. The students and staff have worked collaboratively to define a set of expected behaviours that are related to:

- ✓ We are Respectful.
- ✓ We are Safe.
- ✓ We are Responsible.

The final copy of the Noble Park Primary School Matrix of Expectations will be displayed in all classrooms and office areas and will be used by students and staff to routinely affirm positive behaviours. During the last week of Term 3, there will be a specific focus on 'We line up for class ready to learn'. Worked examples, explicit teaching and positive affirmations related to the Matrix of Expectations promote high expectations across the school. At our final assembly for the term a raffle ticket draw will take place. Students will receive raffle tickets from staff throughout the week when they demonstrate their ability to line up for class ready to learn. I am excited to see how many raffle tickets are collected at the end of the week by Student Representative

#### Allergies and Food Sharing Reminder

Due to the possibility of unidentified students with allergies, and in response to the Department's Anaphylaxis Policy, students sharing food is not permitted at school. This is particularly relevant to birthday celebrations in home groups. As an alternative, sharing pens, pencils, stickers or any other 'non-food' related items is appropriate.

#### Staffing Update

Council members!

Michelle Evans has been provisionally appointed as the Learning Specialist position at Noble Park Primary School. Michelle has been acting in this role this year and has led the successful introduction of the Little Learners Love Literacy program in the Junior Learning House. Congratulations to Michelle! Melissa Rotstayn and Domenic Van Boxtel are the successful applicants of the internal ongoing positions at Noble Park Primary School. Congratulations to both Mel and Dom!

#### Last day of Term 3

The last day of Term 3 is on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm. Our Patch is available from 2:30pm. Our final assembly will take place at 2pm.

### Curriculum Day Term 4

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October is a curriculum day. This is a student free day.



Until next time, stay safe and take care. Jodie Pyman Principal



## **Matrix of Expectations**

At Noble Park Primary School, we encourage all community members (students, staff and families) to act in a manner that is respectful, safe and responsible at all times.

	WE ARE RESPECTFUL	WE ARE SAFE	WE ARE RESPONSIBLE
	We look after our property We look after others property	We protect ourselves We protect others	We behave sensibly We make positive choices
CLASSROOM	We ask a teacher for permission before leaving the classroom.  We focus on learning during class time  We listen to others when it is their turn to speak  We are supportive and inclusive of others  We look after our classroom and equipment  We use manners when we speak to others	We stay in places where we can be seen by a staff member  We use classroom equipment how it should be used  We eat the food we bring to school  We follow instructions and routines	We keep our hands and feet to ourselves  We encourage and support the learning of others  We line up for class ready to learn  We have our learning materials ready at the start of a lesson  We ask for help when we need it
OUTDOORS	We are kind and include others in our play      We use manners when we speak to others      We take turns and share withothers	<ul> <li>We are SunSmart</li> <li>We play in the designated play areas</li> <li>We use playground equipment how it should be used</li> <li>We follow instructions and routines</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>We keep our hands and feet toourselves</li> <li>We line up for class ready to learn</li> <li>We follow the rules of a game</li> <li>We keep our school grounds clean</li> <li>We put rubbish in the bin</li> <li>We ask for help when we need it</li> <li>We keep sticks, rocks, sand and tan bark on the ground</li> </ul>
TOILETS	We keep the toilets and sinks clean      We respect people's privacy	We ask permission to go to the toilet and we go with a partner      We wash our hands with soap and water	<ul> <li>We return from the toilet in a timely manner</li> <li>We flush the toilet after using it</li> <li>We put paper in the toilet or the bin</li> </ul>



# What's happening in the Senior Learning House?



We have been learning about **Chemical Science** this term and had a visit from the 'Forensic Detectives' where we helped solve a crime using clues left by the main characters along the way. We had so much fun conducting experiments to prove our theories and solve the crime to catch the thief!

We have been working hard in our learning house to use our leadership skills at school and demonstrate positive behaviours that all students at **Noble Park Primary School** should enact. We created a social story and shared this with the rest of the school. It was great to see how all of the students enjoyed our story.

Next week the Matrix of Expectations will be introduced across the school. We have been working collaboratively to identify what values are important to us and how we can demonstrate them in the classroom and when we are playing outside.



During **Walish** lessons we have been working on building up suspense and tension in our creative writing to publish our own narrative texts. We have used many resources to help us complete the final product. Make sure to ask us all about our wonderful writing!

