

PURPOSE STATEMENT

Norwood Secondary College provides a vibrant teaching and learning environment

TERM 1
NUMBER 5
8 April, 2022

School Email Address: norwood.sc@education.vic.gov.au

College Phone No. 9871 0400 **Student Absence Line:** 9871 0401

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Assistant Principals: Mr Kris Johnson and Mrs Jackie Harris

College Council President: Ms Tammie Palmer

College Captains: Caitlin Weatherburn and Evan Barjak

School Web Address: www.norwood.vic.edu.au

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2022

TERM 2, 2022

Monday 25 April

Anzac Day Public Holiday - **No Classes**

Tuesday 26 April

First Day Term 2

College Anzac Day Assemblies

Wednesday 27 April

Year 9A and C Geography Excursion

Year 11 'Medea' Performance

Year 12 English Presentation

Thursday 28 April

Year 9G and E Geography Excursion

Year 11 Career Options Excursion

Wednesday 4 May

College Open Night

Students Dismissed at 12.30pm

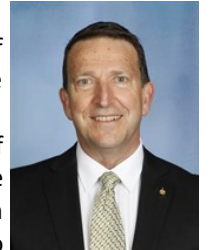
Friday 6 May

Year 9 Outdoor Rec - Rock Climbing

COLLEGE PRINCIPAL REPORT

END OF TERM 1

In spite of this term seeing many students and staff impacted by COVID (testing positive or being a close contact) it was wonderful to have all our students and staff back 'in-school' for the entire term. So many of our important events resumed and students were able to get involved in interschool sport, the music program and rehearsals for our Musical "Shrek". We were also reminded how important our Year 7 Camp is in helping our newest students settle into both their class and the school, make new friends and get to know their Mentor Team really well. Advance and Outdoor Education experiences have resumed, and our Year 7 Pancake Breakfast was able to run most successfully, much to the delight of students.



So....all in all, whilst there are many worn out students who really feel the need for a break, it is with great relief and pride that the College is able to say we have got back to business. The business not only teaching our students but giving them opportunities in a broad range of areas of endeavour that aim to develop the 'whole person'.

I hope all students and staff have a well-earned break and find ways to recharge in readiness for Term 2. I thank all the staff for the manner in which they have each sought to make our students and families' return to 'normal schooling' engaging and varied.

CROSS COUNTRY

We had an excellent turnout of students of all ages for the College's Cross Country run. Impressively, many students ran the full course – some in earnest competition with others in their cohort – and others completed the course at a comfortable pace. Irrespective of the rate at which the course was covered, it was wonderful to see the students participating in such good spirits. It reminded us of the many big events that have been lost through COVID over the past couple of years and how important it is to have the broadest possible range of activities available for students to be involved in.

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JUNIOR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL NEWS

YEAR 7 PANCAKE BREAKFAST

As always, the Year 7 Pancake Breakfast was a fantastic event that celebrated our Year 7 students completing their first term of secondary education and a successful transition from primary to secondary school.



Approximately 280 students, parents/carers, Norwood staff, Grade 6 teachers and local primary school principals joined in the celebration and enjoyed delicious pancakes.

A big congratulations to our Year 7 students on a great first term and thank you parents and carers for your support!

Enjoy the break!

Kris Johnson, Junior School Principal

PREFECT NEWS

TERM WRAP UP

First off, I just want to thank the staff and students for making Term 1 so fantastic. It has been great to finally be back to face-to-face learning after a couple of tough years, and the atmosphere at the school has been livelier than ever. Clubs have been thriving with groups like the Craft Club, STEM Club, Environmental Club and Gay Straight Alliances Club up and running – there has never been a better time to get yourself involved. A huge thank you to all of the students who have helped out on the school tours; your involvement is greatly appreciated.



For the Year 12s, I just wanted to say that you have all done an incredible job in the past few weeks, tackling SACs from every subject and working very hard. Though we unfortunately lost the two Staff versus Student Cup events, there is not a doubt in my mind that we will rebound for Term 2 and cut back the losses.

Term 2 is going to be a very exciting one. More staff versus student events, a Free Dress Day in Week 2, where the Year 12s dress up as if we are 100 years old for the 100th day of Year 12, and much more. I hope everybody has a relaxing break and comes back to Term 2 refreshed.

Evan B, College Captain

STAFFING CHANGES

As the term finishes we will be farewelling several key support staff as each moves on to try new experiences.

After 22 years at Norwood, most recently as our Health Centre Attendant, Sandy Stranger has decided to reduce her work hours and move to a Receptionist position at another secondary college. That position is until the end of 2022.

Mel Ruddick has been Norwood's Laboratory Technician for 7 years and has also decided to take a position requiring fewer hours of work at another school.

Lucy Naphthali, our Resource Centre Manager/Librarian has accepted a secondment at La Trobe University for the remainder of the year and we look forward to her return to Norwood armed with all she learns about digital aspects of her role.

We have been very fortunate in being able to employ Sam Harkin for the Lab Tech role and Sashi Reddy for the Library role. They will both commence in Term 2. The selection process for the Health Centre role will commence early next term but, in the first two weeks of Term 2, while the process is conducted, we have organised for a replacement with nursing qualifications to fill the role.

COMMENCEMENT OF STAGE 1 OF NORWOOD'S MASTER PLAN

The best laid plans.....

Dustin Halse MP was to 'turn the first sod' of Stage 1 of our re-build, last week, but was unable to attend having been impacted, like the Premier and the Leader of the Opposition, by COVID. While we will look for another occasion for Dustin to polish up his spade work, the preparations for the project will continue.

Over the break there will be some asbestos removal: all done within the very strict government guidelines and some demolition. The work site is now established (and fenced off from the community) and we look forward to the start of our transition to our new facilities.

COVID

We will no doubt receive a new Operations Guide from DET, over the break, that will outline any changes to the way we must run the school to accommodate COVID-risks. We enter the break believing most of the current guidelines will continue, RAT tests will continue to be distributed for at least the first four weeks and there will be some constraints on large gatherings of people (in events such as our Open Night.) As we have been doing so far, we will do our best to provide as many of our important events as we can with a minimum of changes to processes and a focus on each persons health and wellbeing.

Andrew Sloane, College Principal



STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL YEAR 9 REPORT

The Year 9s got off to a strong start in 2022, working with our new Head of Year Level, Mr Flack, and our Year 9 Coordinator, Mr Given, to complete a variety of activities.



Unlike past years, students are gradually adapting to the new experience of being in elective classes such as Biotechnology, Art Practices, Ceramics, Music, and so on, rather than being in a class group. Given the additional social opportunities, we were able to enhance our communication skills and self-confidence, while Advance and Outdoor Rec students have departed for camp to practice life skills and experience adventure in nature.

Exciting events in Term 1 included the Swimming Carnival, interschool sports activities and Cross County, in which large numbers of participants were involved. We are all very proud of the enthusiastic contributions from Year 9 students.

We are becoming more independent as we familiarise ourselves with the concepts and responsibilities we must take on as an adult. In our career-related elective, students practice writing resumes and cover letters, which is very useful for our future. Regarding picking a career path option, students answered a series of questions for the 'Morrisby test' and are scheduled for a follow-up job interview in Term 2. We are very much looking forward to embarking on our adventures at Norwood as a team and will continue to thrive while upholding the College's values.

Amy R, Year 9 SRC

YEAR 7 REPORT

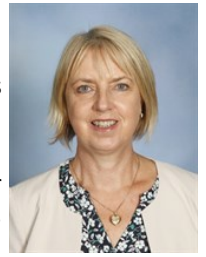
The Year 7s had their Pancake Breakfast on Wednesday, 6 April. It was a great morning to meet and catch up with our Grade 6 teachers. There were tasty pancakes with lots of toppings such as maple syrup, ice cream and sprinkles. There was lots of Year 7s and parents there nice and early in the morning to eat pancakes and have a chat. It was great fun and I hope everyone enjoyed it too. This was a fantastic way to end a positive first term of secondary school.



Tommy M, Year 7 SRC

LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

In the last edition of the newsletter I shared the news that Caitlin Weatherburn had progressed to the Regional Final. Whilst she was not the winner on the night, we were informed that less than one point separated her from the winner. Norwood has competed in this competition for many years and this is the first time a student has progressed as far as Caitlin has progressed. We know that the judging panel scored her strongly and that they were impressed by her personal qualities and public speaking ability. As a College we are incredibly proud of Caitlin. She has juggled this commitment, alongside her Year 12 studies and her role as College Captain. She is an outstanding role model to younger students and we know that she will make a difference in her life. Congratulations Caitlin and thank you for representing Norwood at such an elite level.



UNIFORM MATTERS

As Term 1 draws to a close, we continue to experience warm weather. It would be reasonable to expect that this may continue into next term. Students will have the choice to choose to wear either the summer or winter uniform for the first 2 weeks of Term 2. This will therefore mean that Monday, 9 May will be the first day of official winter uniform.

Please ensure that hemlines are checked and adjustments for students who have grown taller are made in the holiday period. This applies to both skirts and trousers. Please check the College Website for Uniform Shop hours and online purchasing options.

On another note, students are reminded that undershirts are an optional uniform item. Students not complying with wearing this item correctly will lose the privilege. Undershirts can only be plain white in colour and are not to hang below College shirts.

Finally, it is important to note that students are not permitted to wear additional layers, other than College jumpers and College jackets. Any student wearing hoodies/windcheaters, will have these confiscated. Students are expected to wear College uniform to and from school, not just within the school grounds. We appreciate your support with these issues.

Jackie Harris, Senior School Principal



STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS



Talking Tweens

A Parents Building Solutions Program
For Parents of Children Aged 8 to 12 years

Do you want to:

- Improve communication with your child and resolve power struggles?
- Learn effective ways to deal with anger and anxiety - both yours and theirs
- Establish boundaries with your child around screen use and other challenging behaviors?
- Understand tween development and prepare for puberty?

When: Tuesday evenings (6 sessions)

Mon 10th May to Mon 14th June 2022

Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Where: Online via Zoom. Participants will need access to a device with video and audio in order to participate

Cost: Free of charge

Registrations

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Join us online to learn strategies and take some time out for you.

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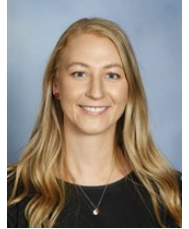
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END OF TERM 1

The end of term is here, and for some students this will be the longest continuous stretch they have been at school for a *very* long time! It is the time of term when students are starting to feel a bit out of sorts – whether that is illness, higher than normal stress, overtiredness, or just general irritability. Here are a few tips from our Student Wellbeing team that may help resting and revitalising over the next two weeks;

- Reach out for support if you need it.
- Try to get a full nights' sleep – use a regular sleep routine to encourage this.
- Drink plenty of water, and eat lots of fruit and vegetables.
- Be patient and kind to the people around you, you never know what someone may be experiencing and a kind attitude can make the world of difference.



GAY STRAIGHT ALLIANCE

Over 50 students attended the first Gay Straight Alliance meeting last Tuesday. The students will be meeting every Tuesday lunchtime on the Wellbeing Deck, supervised by Mx Sultmann. Keep an eye out for future newsletter contributions from the GSA!

ARTS AND CRAFT GROUP

The Art and Craft Group started last week, focussing on sensory exploration whilst celebrating the Easter festive period through craft. The group will be running weekly in the Wellbeing Pod for all students who want to have a calm space and use a range of senses, or for those who enjoy art and craft. The group will be run by Miss Miranda Maginness (from the Student Wellbeing team) and Mrs Alison Ward, Head of Year 8 and Art teacher.

FOR OUR YEAR 7 PARENTS

'Talking Tweens' is an online webinar run by Anglicare that aims to help parents improve communication, enhance conflict resolution skills and establishing boundaries. If you are interested, please read the additional information and sign up through [this link](#).

**Jacki Landy, Miranda Maginness, Chayna Dight-Stone and Annie Hearne,
The Student Wellbeing Team**



YEAR 9 OUTDOOR REC NEWS

The Year 9 Outdoor Rec classes visited the Cathedral Ranges last week from Wednesday, 30 March to Friday, 1 April . Over the three days, students and staff completed the Cathedral Peak Track and Wells Cave Track up to the top of Sugarloaf Saddle.



It was a fantastic opportunity for students to demonstrate the skills learnt during the class, including cooking on Trangias, packing light with minimal impact camping. A big thank you to out camp assistants Mr Paul Duncan, Ms Annie Hearne, Jac and Britt for accompanying the classes.

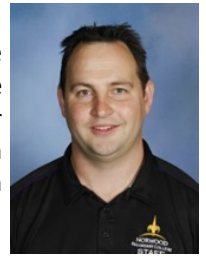
Rod Mitchell, Year 9 Outdoor Rec Coordinator





TERM 1 INTERSCHOOL SPORT

It has been wonderful to see our students return once again to Interschool Sport in 2022. Teachers have returned from many successful days full of praise for our students on, not just our performances, but also on the way our students have conducted themselves with their exemplary sportsmanship.



The following teams were successful in Term 1:

- Senior Girls' Cricket
- Senior Boys' Baseball
- Intermediate Boys' Cricket
- Intermediate Boys' Baseball
- Junior Girls' Swimming Team
- Year 8 Boys' Baseball
- Year 7 Boys' Mixed Tennis
- Year 7 Boys' Cricket
- Year 7 Girls' Cricket

All our students should be congratulated for their success and participation in the sport program. I would like to encourage all our students to sign up and participate in the Term 2 sports which will include Netball, Football, Soccer and Badminton. The Norwood Athletics Carnival will be held in Term 2 as will the Maroondah Division Cross Country for those who have qualified.

John Jagin, Interschool Sports Coordinator



Although we were most happy with our bowling and fielding, Ringwood's 128 off 20 overs for the loss of 6 wickets was a formidable target to chase.

Niki and India strolled to the crease, with the extra support of 8E, cheering from P12! (School portable.) India was looking comfortable when the best ball of Ringwood's innings, an almost unplayable Yorker, snuck under her bat. Ella P subsequently joined Niki. In what was to be possibly a match winning partnership, one that lasted the next 15 overs, our two girls displayed both flair and determination to stay at the crease, as they knocked up six 4s and consistent quickly run singles. After Ella was unfortunately given run out (now 2/100) and Hazel T and Brianna K followed suit quite quickly, a focused Lily joined her skipper. Needing a further 26 runs for victory, the girls' sensible calling and, at times courageous running, saw them needing 9 runs off the final over to win the premiership. Both teams were most vociferous and playing to their max in this thrilling 20th over, one in which we made the most of pressured over throws and extra runs from nervous no balls.

The announcement of the final score: Ringwood 6/128; Norwood 4/132 was received with the utmost elation and excitement from our girls, as the loudest "3,2,1... GO NORWOOD!" of the day bounced off all surrounding buildings. It had been a lot of fun and a great contest...a day to remember. A special mention must be given to Captain Niki who led impressively throughout. Niki hit the first run of the day and the last run of the day, accumulating exactly 40 runs, on which she would have had to retire if there had been another over....perfect timing!

Cricket History: Norwood Year 7 girls were involved in their first Cricket Premiership in 1991. They have been undefeated in the last 32 years at Division Level and consequently have brought home 32 Premiership Pennants. 1991-2022. Go Norwood!

Mick Wilson, Cricket Coach



YEAR 7 GIRLS' CRICKET 2022: DIVISION PREMIERS

After three weeks of enthusiastic lunchtime and after school training, our keen squad had shown progressive improvement in skills and understanding of a game that, for many, was a brand new experience. Then last Friday, 1 April, we welcomed Ringwood SC to our oval, won the toss and decided to bowl. After circa ten years of the format of Super 8s cricket for Year 7 and Year 8 girls, the competition had reverted to 20/20 hard ball, and we were ready to enjoy the experience.



Ringwood SC opened with their two best batters. Their productive partnership of 57 was broken by a needed run out in the 8th over when Amelia D threw accurately to bowler Lily T. When their most experienced and competent club cricketer retired compulsorily at 41, we very much looked forward to increasing our wicket tally and, at the same time, restricting their run rate.

Our 6 bowlers: India C, Niki D, Amelia D, Lily T, ReINETTE B and Chiara G all performed very well for the team, bowling at times accurate, good line and length deliveries which had their opponents on their toes. India's very quick swinging deliveries troubled all batters. Lily's accuracy was vital in restricting the score, with only one 'no ball' in her four valuable overs. Captain Niki only conceded 4 runs in her final over, just when required. Amelia sent down some lively rising deliveries to keep their batters thinking. ReINETTE captured the valuable wicket of their #4 when she had her playing on. Chiara was most economical with only 6 runs off her two overs, in which there were two run outs. No doubt this was due to her bowling pressure, as well as swift fielding responses from all players, such as Mia B, Peyton D and Angela H. Skye O' D, at square leg, initiated both of these run outs when she whipped the 142 gram ball into wicket keeper Aroha P, who had taken over from Bella V at the drinks break.



SCIENCE NEWS

IT IS ALL ABOUT BALANCE!

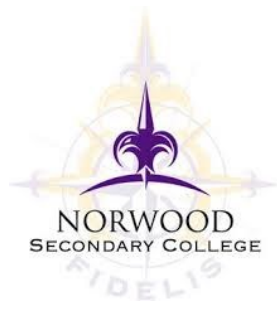
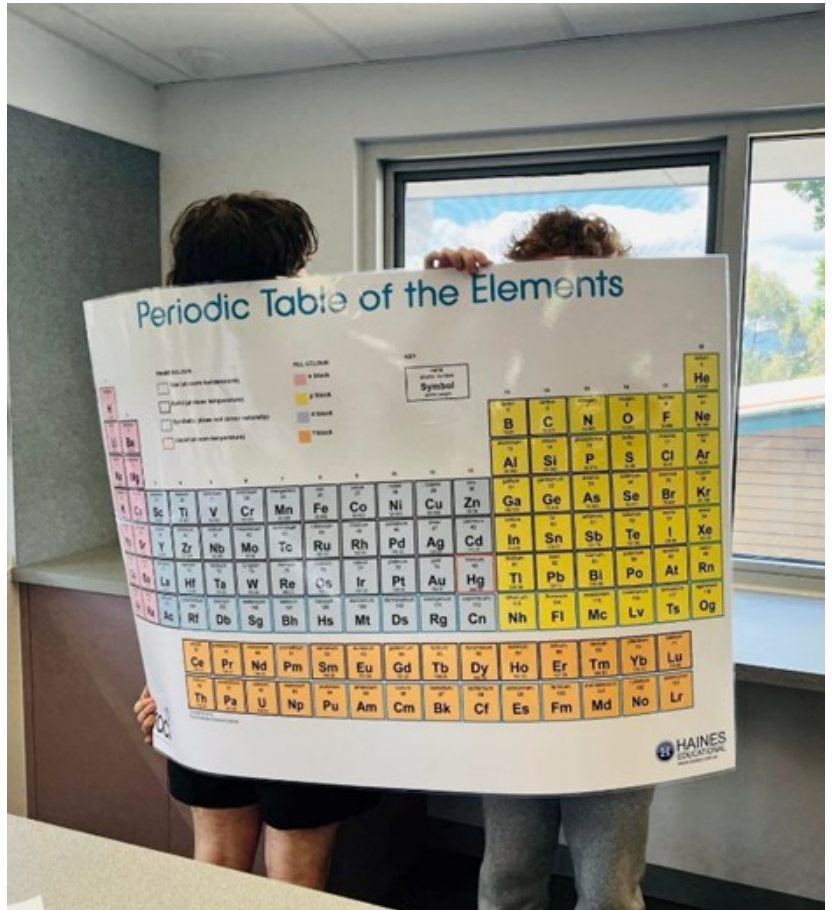
Year 10 Biochemical Science students are learning about conservation of mass and the need to have balanced chemical equations. They have been observing different types of chemical reactions that are important in life. In class they modelled balancing a variety of reactions by using coloured counters. Students felt that visualising the reactions helped them understand the concept better.



It has been a fun term in Biochemical Science and we look forward to carrying out more practicals in Term 2.

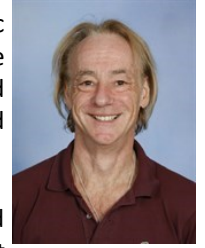
Wishing all our students a wonderful Easter break and happy holidays!

Shalini Singh, Head of Science



SCIENCE NEWS

Students in Year 7 have been studying the scientific method and learning how to use all the Science apparatus in the laboratories. Students were then asked to work in groups to perform a fair test, controlled investigation into the absorbency of paper towel brands.



Students used a variety of non prescriptive open ended methods, identifying independent and dependant variables whilst recording multiple trials and ensuring the investigation was fair.

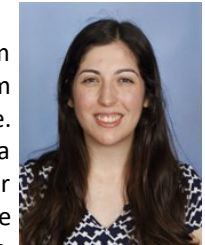
Students are now sharing the work on their notebooks and will produce an 'Extended Investigation Practical' poster written up in correct scientific format.

Alex Papanotas, Science Teacher

STEM NEWS

BUILD A SHELTER CHALLENGE

Our Year 7 STEM superstars have worked hard this term to develop their collaboration, creativity and problem solving skills through our 'Build a Shelter' challenge. Teams first empathised with their end users who are a fictional family in a flooded town who required shelter from the heavy rain, significant floods and severe summer sun. We launched into brainstorm and designs, making sure to consider the needs of the family and as well as engineering principles. With a plan in place each team worked on their prototype to demonstrate their ideas, and then tested each aspect using the simulated rain, flood and sun exposure – mostly with great success! Well done to all teams who worked hard on the project and tried their best to build a suitable shelter for their family.



STEM CLUB

We have finally started our Sphero Olympics which was planned to run during the real Olympics last year! Our club participants organised themselves into groups to represent both real and made up countries, and created a flag to proudly show their choices. Each team paraded their Sphero with their flag in our Opening Ceremony, complete with national anthems! After the ceremony we moved straight into the first event: Sphero Soccer! A decisive victory of 4-1 by our first group who have earned points for their teams towards the gold. Come and join us every Tuesday at lunch in S4 to get involved – All students from all year levels welcome!

Elisabeth Collins, STEM Coordinator



UNIFORM SHOP

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THURSDAYS 1.30PM - 4.30PM

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TERM DATES 2022

Term 1, 2022

31 January - Years 7, 10-12

1 February - Years 8-9
to

Friday, 8 April

Term 2, 2022

Anzac Day Monday, 25 April - Public Holiday

Tuesday 26 April to 24 June

Term 3, 2022

11 July to 16 September

Term 4, 2022

3 October to 20 December 2022

CRAFT CLUB NEWS

CRAFT CLUB 2022

This term "happy crafters" spent time creating Easter Eggs with sequins. We have a colourful Easter Egg display for the library foyer. Please join us in Term 2, for a range of activities and fun. Happy Easter everyone!

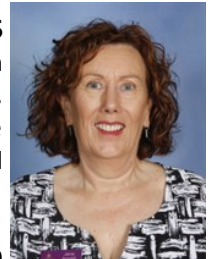
Lisa-Jane Walmsley, Craft Club Coordinator



GENERAL OFFICE NEWS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – COMPASS EVENTS

The process of using 'Camps, Sports, and Excursion Funds' (CSEF), and credits held on your family accounts, has recently changed. The option previously available in Compass to "use CSEF for an event" will be removed due to this new process.



Due to the numerous cancelled camps/events in 2020 and 2021, we hold an amount of funds in credit for certain families that can be used towards camps/events in 2022.

The new process is as follows:-

The NSC General Office will now automatically allocate credits and CSEF towards events where applicable. **Please contact the General Office to notify us if you do not want this automatic allocation towards camps/events to occur for your child/children.**

For example:

- An event cost is \$25 and you have a credit or CSEF of \$15, the amount owing for the event will be reduced for your child to \$10, therefore using the credit available to offset the cost of the event
- An event cost is \$25 and you have credit or CSEF greater than \$25, the full amount will be offset against the event and future credits or CSEF will be used in the same way.

Please note that consent **MUST** still be given on Compass for your child to participate in any event.

If you have any questions about this new process, or have a credit and would prefer a refund directly into your bank account, please contact Ms Megha Malhotra, Assistant Business Manager, on 9871 0400.

Jane Arnold, Business Manager



NORWOOD 2022

BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS



Please join us in our efforts to collect bread tags - tags collected will be recycled to fund wheelchairs in South Africa.



Bread tags are collected Australia wide and recycled into a range of products. See the website below for more information.



Re-made in Robe!



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