



# Newcomb Newsletter

Term 2, Week 4, Friday 16th May



## IMPORTANT DATES

### MAY

16th - Assembly 2.50pm  
16th - Education Support Appreciation Day  
16<sup>th</sup> - Walk Safely to School Day  
19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Education Week  
19<sup>th</sup> - Lightning Prem Football & Netball (Yr 5/6)  
23<sup>rd</sup> - JSC Pyjama & Movie Fundraiser Day!  
30th - Assembly 2.50pm

### JUNE

2nd - Curriculum Day  
5<sup>th</sup> - Whole School Athletics Day (11.30am)  
9<sup>th</sup> June - Kings Birthday holiday  
13th - Assembly 2.50pm  
27th - Assembly 2.50pm  
30<sup>th</sup> - Student Led Conferences

### JULY

4th - Reports open on Compass  
4<sup>th</sup> - End of Term two 2.15pm finish



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful few weeks we have had across the school!

Last week we hosted leaders from Anakie PS, Surfside PS, Hamlyn Banks PS and Armstrong Creek School as part of our Community of Practice. We have been working closely with Brydon O'Neill exploring concept and skill development, mathematical vocabulary and concrete materials use whilst teaching Mathematics. We had a great day sharing and learning with colleagues.

We welcome Rigdzin who has joined our school community in 1/2V. We also welcome Gina Murphy, Blayke Poyser and Mariah Rowe who are all currently on teacher placements in classrooms across the school. This week we have hosted Portarlington PS, St Leonards PS and Wangala PS as we continue to share and celebrate our work in literacy.

At Newcomb PS we take pride in our work in supporting the learning and wellbeing of all students. Last week we had six staff attend the first two days of Berry Street Training. Berry Street Education Model focuses on creating trauma-informed, strengths-based learning environments. It equips our staff with knowledge and strategies to better understand and support students who have experienced trauma or who have complex learning needs.

We were delighted to hold some more prep 2026 enrolment tours this week. If you are yet to enrol your child please collect an enrolment kit from the office. Or if you know someone that lives in our zone please encourage them to contact us.

We hope you have a fantastic weekend and thank you for your continued support to our school community.

Blanche Denmead & Carmen Britnell  
Principal Team

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION & UPDATES

### DRINK BOTTLES

At Newcomb Primary, we encourage our students to stay healthy and hydrated throughout the day. To support this, we kindly remind all families that students should only be bringing water in their drink bottles. Water helps to keep their bodies energised, aids concentration in class, and ensures they are ready to learn and play. Sugary drinks or juices can contribute to energy crashes and are less effective at keeping students hydrated. Let's work together to make water the drink of choice for a healthy and focused school day!

### PYJAMA & MOVIE DAY - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Don't forget our next fundraiser for Story Dogs!

All students are welcome to wear their PJ's and watch movies in the BER.

Students are asked bring a gold coin donation to support a great cause.



Walk Ride Scoot Roll comes to Newcomb Primary School. We're excited to launch the Walk Ride Scoot Roll project at Newcomb PS!

This initiative, supported by the City of Greater Geelong and the Victorian Government's Kids Active Travel Program, is all about getting our students active on their journey to and from school – whether that's walking, riding, scooting or rolling.

Our Grade 3/4 students will be completing a fun classroom activity to share how they travel now and suggest ways we can make active travel easier, safer and more fun for everyone.

You'll see updates in our newsletter and on Class Dojo, and we encourage all families to get involved, starting with Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 16 May.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL 2025

Our School Council plays a vital role in our school. If you have any ideas, suggestions or feedback about our school please feel free to contact any member of school council or email our School Council President at [pinkpawprincess@hotmail.com](mailto:pinkpawprincess@hotmail.com). Our school council representatives for 2025 are:

- Natalie Edwards (President)
- Calista Davis (Vice President)
- Amanda Wright (Secretary)
- Allison Fogarty (Treasurer)
- Morgan Foster (Community Representative)
- Meagan Morris (Parent Representative)
- Lyn Wilcock (Parent Representative)
- Penny Winbolt (Parent Representative)
- Rachel Smith (Parent Representative)
- Donna Parsons (DET Representative)
- Michelle Stewart (DET Representative)

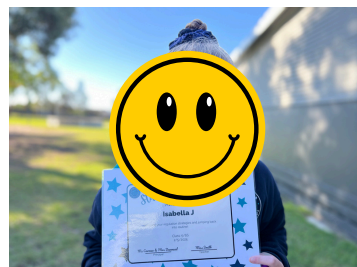
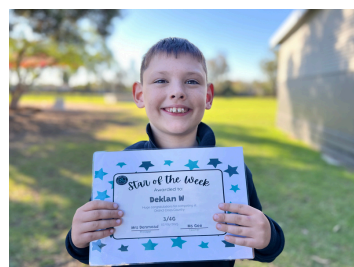
Our next School Council meeting for Term two will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 4.45pm.



# Values Awards



# Student of the Week Awards





# Fire Safety Tip: Stop, Drop, Cover, Roll

At Geelong City CFA, we're always looking for ways to keep our community safe! A key fire safety message we share with kids is the simple but effective Stop, Drop, Cover, Roll technique.

- **Stop** – If your clothes catch fire, don't run!
- 🔥 **Drop** – Drop to the ground to reduce the risk of flames spreading.
- 🧑 **Cover** – Protect your face and airways with your hands and arms.
- 🔄 **Roll** – Roll on the ground to put out the flames and protect yourself.

This technique can save lives, and it's one every child should know! If you'd like more fire safety tips or would like our brigade to visit your school, feel free to reach out!

Stay safe,  
Geelong City CFA



## RECONCILIATION IN THE PARK

COME AND CONNECT AT JOHNSTONE PARK



**Djilang|Geelong**

**MUSIC  
FOOD  
MARKETS**

**Sunday  
May 25<sup>th</sup>  
10am to 3pm**

**Bridging Now to Next**







# 1/2 Newsletter

What a wild and wonderful start to the term it's been for our curious 1/2s! We kicked things off with a roar at the Werribee Zoo, where we explored the savannah and spotted some amazing animals up close. Back in the classroom, we've jumped into the extended code in Sounds-Write, stretching our brains and our words! In AUSLAN, we've been signing up a storm – learning how to sign different foods and shapes. We've also been diving deep into our emotions, learning how to name them, understand them, and manage them —especially when it comes to tricky conflicts. It's been a term full of learning, growing, and lots of fun! We also had a lovely visit from the RACV safety squad!

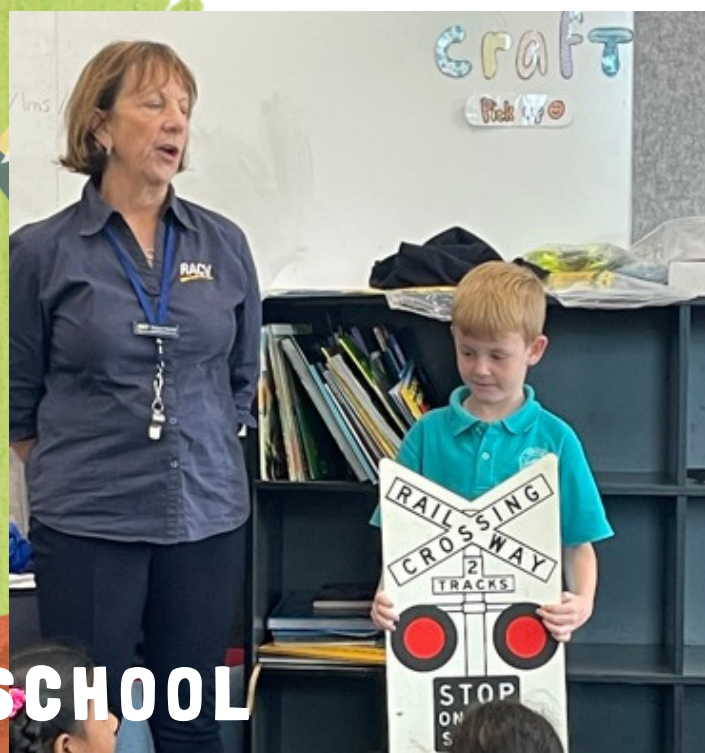




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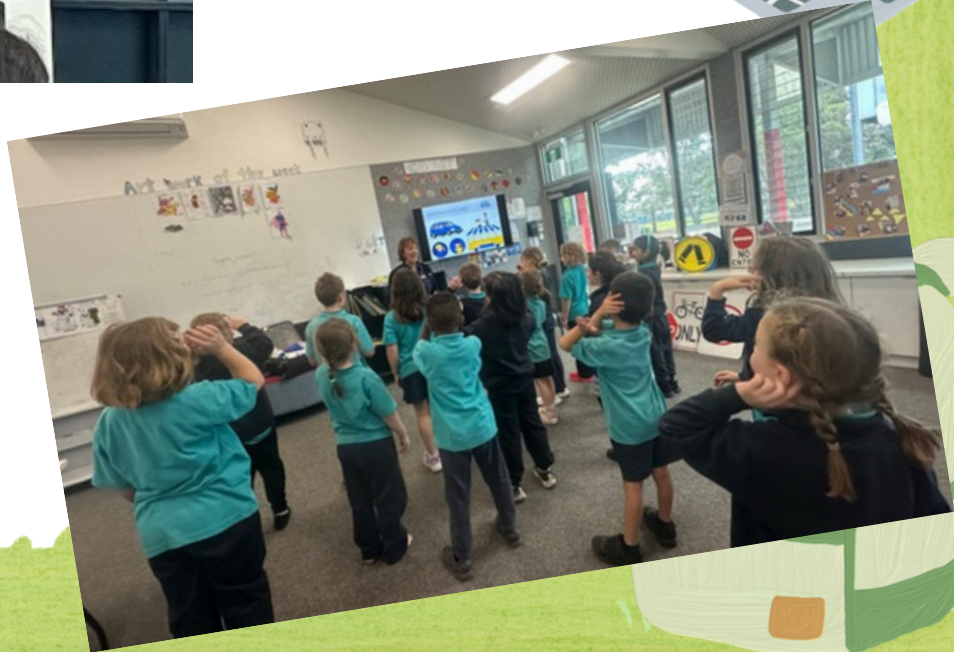






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Thank You!







## Term 2 2025

|    | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday                                  | Friday  |
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| 1  | 21st April<br>Easter Monday                           | 22 <sup>nd</sup> April<br>First day Term 2<br>2026 Prep enrolments<br>Open     | 23rd April   | 24th April<br>School ANZAC<br>Service 9am | 25th April<br>ANZAC Day<br>Public Holiday                             |
| 2  | 28th April  | 29th April   | 30th April   | 1st May<br>RACV Safety Squad<br>Incursion | 2nd May<br>2:50pm: Assembly<br>All welcome                            |
| 3  | 5th May   | 6th May  | 7th May  | 8th May                                   | 9th May<br>Mother's Day Stall   |
| 4  | 12th May  | 13th May   | 14th May   | 15th May                                  | 16th May<br>2:50pm: Assembly<br>All welcome                           |
| 5  | 19th May<br>District Football and<br>Netball (Yr 5/6) | 20th May<br>All Day: Leading School<br>Improvement PL: BD &<br>CB attending    | 21st May   | 22nd May                                  | 23rd May<br>JSC Fundraiser<br>PJ & Movie Day!                         |
| 6  | 26th May<br>SSG Meetings                              | 27th May<br>SSG Meetings   | 28th May<br>SSG Meetings   | 29th May<br>SSG Meetings                  | 30th May<br>2:50pm: Assembly<br>All welcome                           |
| 7  | 2nd June<br>Curriculum Day:<br>Emina McLean           | 3rd June<br>All Day: State Wide<br>Principal Conference<br>– CB & BD attending | 4th June<br>All Day: State Wide<br>Principal Conference<br>– CB & BD attending | 5th June<br>Whole School<br>Athletics Day | 6th June  |
| 8  | 9th June<br>Kings Birthday<br>Public Holiday          | 10th June  | 11th June  | 12th June                                 | 13th June<br>2:50pm: Assembly<br>All welcome                          |
| 9  | 16th June   | 17th June  | 18th June  | 19th June                                 | 20th June   |
| 10 | 23rd June   | 24th June  | 25th June  | 26th June                                 | 27th June<br>Assembly 2:50pm<br>All welcome                           |
| 11 | 30th June<br>Student Led<br>Conferences               | 1st July   | 2nd July   | 3rd July                                  | 4th July<br>Reports on Compass<br>Last day of Term 2<br>2.15pm finish |



Register online now to be notified  
when images are ready to view!

# School Photos - easy as 1 2 3

1 Go to **order.arphotos.com.au** and enter your child's **2025 image code**



2 Tap on 'Add another child' to enter the image codes of any siblings



3 Fill in your contact details & review before confirming your registration\*



**That's it! You'll receive an email and/or SMS when images are ready to view in our secure webshop**

Registration is required each year to link student images for the current year with your contact details.

Arthur Reed Photos Pty. Ltd.  
A.B.N 48 528 494 590

\*This information will only be used for distribution of personal image codes and ordering details.  
Telephone: (03) 5243 4390 Enquiries: [customerservice@arphotos.com.au](mailto:customerservice@arphotos.com.au)

## School Photos 2025 – Newcomb Primary School

Annual school photos have been taken by Arthur Reed Photos.

To view the images of your child and order photos, you will need to first register online.

1. Go to <https://order.arphotos.com.au> and enter the 2025 image code for your child (from their personalized flyer)

2. Tap on 'Add another child' to enter the image codes of any siblings

3. Fill in your email and mobile details and then review all details before confirming your registration

That's it! When 2025 photos are ready, you will be notified by email and SMS.

Even if you registered last year, it's important that you do it again each year using your child's new image code to link their photos for the current year with your contact details.

**To ensure you are ordering school photos for the current year, please wait for notifications that 2025 images are online before placing orders.**

In the webshop you can view photos and customize your photo package; Choose ANY layout, ANY image and purchase multiple digital image downloads.

**All photo orders will be sent directly to the address you provide when ordering.**

REGISTER ONLINE NOW to be notified when 2025 school photos can be viewed and ordered.





## LORIKEET SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP

The playgroup will help you support your child's learning in the early years by building:

- everyday communication
- parenting confidence
- ideas to connect to your community
- a learning environment at home.

\*Eligibility criteria applies, contact us if you would like join the playgroup.

**FRIDAY**  
**9.30AM–11.30AM**

Newcomb Hall,  
82 Wilsons Road, Newcomb

**MORE INFORMATION**  
scan the QR code





# Child Safety

Child safety and wellbeing at Newcomb PS: information for families and the school community.

The Victorian Government announced new Child Safe Standards in 2023 to further strengthen child safety across organisations, including schools. The new standards recognise the critical importance of families and the broader school community in maintaining and promoting child safety and wellbeing.

Newcomb Primary School has reviewed and updated our child safety policies and procedures to ensure they meet the requirements of the new standards. These are available to view in the Schools Policies Folder under the School Documentation Section of Compass. These policies are also available on our school website at

<https://www.newcombps.vic.edu.au/page/114/Policies>

We are committed to continuous improvement in our approach to child safety and wellbeing and welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways we can further strengthen our child safety policies, procedures and practices.

If you have any suggestions, comments or questions about Child Safety at Newcomb Primary School, please contact the school office.

## PROTECT

**Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse.**

No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community.

Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.



**It's everyone's responsibility.**

Adults at school must listen and respond to concerns about child abuse.

If you suspect abuse of any child or young person, you have a responsibility to report it, even if you are not sure.

**Further information & resources**

[www.education.vic.gov.au/protect](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/protect)





## INTRODUCTION TO MINDFULNESS AND MEDITATION

Discover the benefits of mindfulness as we try:

- mind-balancing yoga poses
- breathing exercises and
- simple steps to bring present moment awareness.

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**Tuesday 27 May**  
**4:00pm – 5:00pm**  
**Corio Library**

book  
now



**Ages 8-12**  
**Book now to reserve your place.**



[grlc.vic.gov.au](http://grlc.vic.gov.au)

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All events are **FREE** unless otherwise specified.

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# We're working with The Resilience Project

We're proud to be implementing TRP's evidence-based whole school wellbeing program. Students will engage in weekly lessons to understand and strengthen their practice of **Gratitude**, **Empathy**, **Mindfulness** and **Emotional Literacy**.

## Gratitude



Gratitude involves recognising and expressing appreciation for the people, places and things in our lives. Practising gratitude allows us to pay attention to what we have, increasing feelings of happiness and leading to a more positive outlook on life.

## Empathy



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## Mindfulness



The practice of mindfulness is about an awareness of life as we are living it.

It allows us to be responsive to our experiences rather than being reactive, and to live with greater balance, presence and connection.

## Emotional Literacy



Emotional Literacy involves learning to identify and label our emotions, as well as developing emotional regulation skills. When we can accurately name our feelings and emotions, it reduces the impact of uncomfortable emotions and enhances the effect of positive ones.

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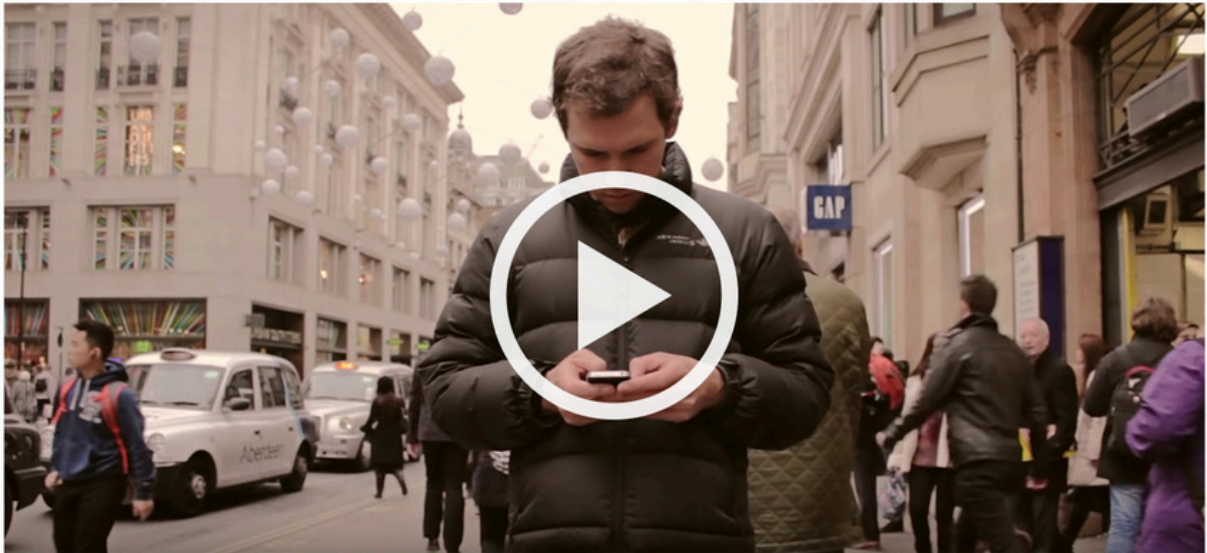
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## FOR STUDENTS

### **WATCH:** *Look Up*

A engaging clip demonstrating to students in particular all the things they may miss if they spend too much time looking down, on their device.



### **WATCH:** *What are you missing?*

In a hyperconnected world, where devices have become such a huge part of our lives, human interaction is sacrificed daily in favour of digital exchanges.



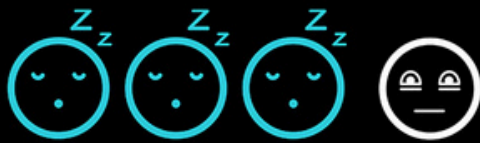




## Schools Newsletter

### SPOTLIGHT ON: DEVICES & SLEEP

#### THE STATS:



**1 in 4** Australian primary school students  
is losing sleep through worry.



**1 in 3** Australian secondary school students  
is losing sleep through worry.



**1 in 7** Australian primary school students  
use their phone  
between 10pm & 6am  
three or more times per week



**1 in 3** Australian secondary school students  
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## FOR PARENTS

**READ:** *Are teens choosing screen time over sleep?*

[READ HERE ►](#)

**READ:** *Reasons kids are bored, entitled & impatient*

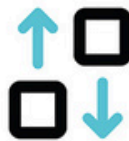
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## WHAT CAN WE DO?



Kids should have  
**ALL notifications  
turned OFF**



**Rearrange the  
home screen**  
to remove social media  
apps from view



**Schedule time  
for phone use**  
instead of scheduling  
time off your phone

## SOME OTHER TOOLS FOR PARENTS:

1. Limit technology, and re-connect with your kids emotionally through play or other activities they are interested in.
  2. Role model the behaviour you would like to see.
  3. Limit your own time on your device to enable you to have special time with your kids that is not interrupted by a work email!
  4. Don't be afraid to set limits! Turning off the Wifi and leaving devices on the kitchen bench are great ways to help your child get quality sleep.
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