



Newcomb Newsletter

Term 2, Week 4, Friday 15th May 2026



IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

- 15th - Assembly 2.50pm
- 22nd - Walk Safely to School Day
- 22nd - JSC Nat Geo/Animal Dress up day!
- 18th - 22nd - SSG Meetings
- 24th - Working Bee 10am-1pm
- 27th - Yr 5/6 District Football & Netball
- 29th - Assmby 2.50pm

JUNE

- 4th - NPS Athletics Day
- 8th - King's Birthday Public Holiday
- 9th - Curriculum Day (Professional Practice Day)
- 12th - P&F Meeting 2.15pm
- 12th - Assembly 2.50pm
- 16th - School Council Meeting 4.45pm
- 22nd - Student Led Conferences
- 26th - Assembly 9.00am
- 26th - Children's Fair
- 26th - Early Finish 2.15pm

JULY

- 13th - Curriculum Day
- 14th - First day of Term 3



Dear Parents and Carers,

The school has been a busy little place the last few weeks with lots of things happening! This term we have welcomed a few new students with Kira joining us in year 6 and Bentley and Hattie joining us in year 5. Over the last few weeks we have been lucky to host a number of student teachers from Deakin university. We would like to thank Cassandra Bishop who has been teaching in 1/2JF and Caitlyn Cuthbert who has been teaching in 2MG. Our first year students Anna Wilson and Samantha Bunn have experienced all of the classes and specialists across this week. This week we've also welcomed Ada Keilar who is in her final year of university to 3CV. We are incredibly lucky to have these pre service teachers supporting and learning on placement within our school and thank our teachers and education support staff for sharing their work so openly with them.

Last week our Year 5 and Year 6 students visited the Arts Centre in Melbourne where they were involved in a number of dance and performing arts workshops. They were also lucky enough to visit the National Gallery of Victoria. We were proud of our students for the way they represented our school and engaged in these fun new experiences. This week the Year 5 and 6 classes also had a visit from Senior Constable Leonie Hill from Victoria Polive. Leonie was able to share lots of useful advice regarding online safety, social media age restrictions and how to respond to cyberbullying. The students were very engaged and we look forward to continuing to work alongside families to keep our students safe online.

Next week we have our SSG meetings running across the school. Thanks to Bronwen Miller (Inclusion Learning Specialist) for coordinating these. Please make sure you have your time in your calendar and if you are unsure of your day/time please contact the office or your classroom teacher to confirm.

This Monday, 18th May is Education Support Day! Please join us in celebrating our wonderful Education Support Staff who do so much to help our students learn and thrive every day. If you get a chance, please take a moment to say a quick thank you to an ES staff member for their incredible support and dedication.

We hope all of our families have a relaxing weekend!
Blanche Denmead & Carmen Britnell

IMPORTANT INFORMATION & UPDATES

WATER ONLY

Parents and carers are reminded that we are a water only school when it comes to drinks for our students. Please ensure that drink bottles only contain water and that drink bottles are labelled. We have also asked our new canteen provider to take other drinks off the menu option as we prioritise healthy options for our students.

ATTENDANCE

As we all know consistent attendance at school is essential in order for our children to make both academic progress and strong social connections. We understand that there may be times of illness or appointments that are unavailable during other times but we encourage families to prioritise attendance at school wherever possible.

If for some reason your child is unable to attend school please make sure you record the reason for attendance in Compass or contact the school office. This helps us to maintain accurate records and ensure we are meeting Department requirements when reporting attendance accurately and following up inattendance.

ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE	No. OF DAYS ABSENT	No. OF WEEKS ABSENT	NUMBER OF LEARNING SESSIONS MISSED
90%	19	4	95
85%	29	6	145
80%	39	8	195
75%	49	10	245
70%	59	12	295
65%	69	14	345
60%	79	16	395
55%	89	18	445

Parents & Friends 2026

We would like to thank our Parents & Friends group who did a brilliant job once again of our Superwoman Stall.

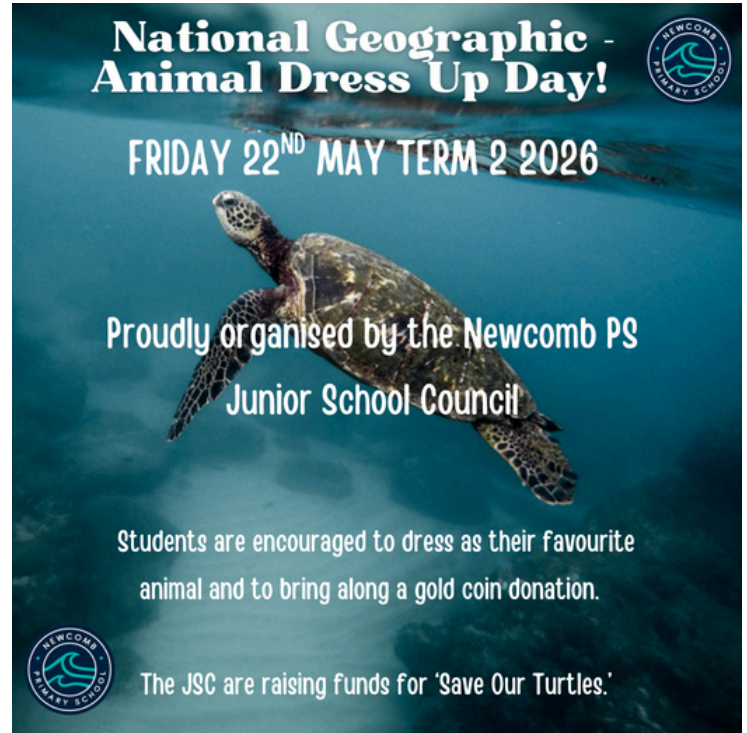
We would like to thank our P&F for their fundraising efforts. We were recently able to lay some astro turf out the front of the 3/4 portable as a result of our great fundraising efforts. We have also been able to remove the yarning circle and make plans for it's rebuild with the input of some fundraising.

Our Colour Run was very successful with our school raising \$3445. We'd like to congratulate Malakai Bryans who was our highest fundraiser contributing a whopping \$560!

Next meeting: Friday 12th June at 2.15pm

Junior School Council 2026

In Term 2 the Junior School Council have planned two brilliant events! On Friday 22nd of May we will be holding a National Geographic Animal Dress Up day. The JSC have decided to raise funds on this day for 'Save our Turtles.'



On Friday 26th of June we will finish off the term with our second event, our annual Children's Fair! This is a kids only event with lots of fun activities organised and run by each class. We will provide further information closer to the day.

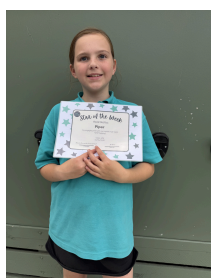


Values Awards



Student of the Week Awards

Congratulations to these students who have shown a positive approach to their schooling!



School Council Update

Hi everyone!

Nat here (School Council President), I wanted to share a little more about what School Council has been working on behind the scenes this year.

We know parents often only see the finished events or announcements, but there is a lot of planning, discussion and teamwork that goes into helping our school community continue to grow.

Some of the things we have been working on so far include:

🌱 Introducing one Working Bee per term for 2026, led by our wonderful garden guru Lyn. We hope to continue growing our gardening community and welcome more families and students along throughout the year.

👉 Strengthening communication and collaboration with Kelly Club to continue improving before and after school care and help welcome more families into the program.

👉 Introducing Parents & Friends Meetings once per term. We have already seen some fantastic turnouts from new parent volunteers helping with raffle making, the Superwoman's Stall and other school events.

👉 Reviewing school uniforms, including quality, pricing and overall parent feedback and satisfaction.

📱 Looking into social media, mobile phone and smartwatch use both in and outside of school, with student wellbeing and safety being a strong focus.

📄 Reviewing school policies to ensure they remain updated, relevant and effective for our school community.

👉 Participating in training to help School Council run meetings more efficiently and effectively moving forward.

👉 Working with local business Winston & Co to introduce school lunch orders to N.P.S. We are continuing to gather feedback during the trial period and appreciate all families who have supported the program so far.

🌍 Introducing new N.P.S sub-committees including Environmental and Finance to help strengthen future planning and school initiatives.

We are also continuing to explore new ideas, projects and ways to better engage with our school community through surveys, polls and social media. One of our biggest goals is making sure parents feel informed, included and connected to what is happening within our school.

Thank you to everyone who volunteers, supports events, shares ideas or simply cheers us on – it truly makes a difference to our school community.

– Natalie Edwards
School Council President



Dogs at NPS

Recently, our School Council introduced a new 'Dogs at Newcomb Primary School' policy to promote the safety of children and our community between 7:00am-6:00pm on school days. We will be getting new signage to place at each entrance to ensure members of the community are aware of our new rules. If you bring your dog to school, please ensure you read the policy below carefully, and adhere to our expectations.

Dogs at Newcomb Primary School Policy

Purpose

To explain to our school community the rules and procedures we have in place in relation to dogs attending our school grounds.

Scope

This policy only applies to pet and stray dogs on school grounds. For policy information on wellbeing and engagement animals, refer to the department's Wellbeing and Engagement Animals policy on PAL.

Policy Definitions

A pet dog relates to any dog that is privately owned in the community for companionship reasons, rather than as a support function that requires specific skills or training.

A stray dog is any dog that is not accompanied by their owner.

Wellbeing dogs

For information on Wellbeing and Engagement animals, please refer to the Wellbeing and Engagement Animal policy on PAL.

Pet dogs

Newcomb Primary School is not a public place, and our Principal has the authority to permit or decline entry to school grounds and impose conditions of entry.

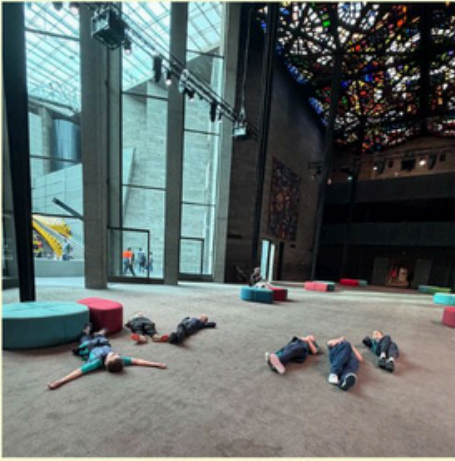
Whilst Newcomb Primary School understands that many families in our school community keep dogs as pets, to ensure that our school remains a safe and inclusive place for everyone, we have in place a number of rules that we expect all families to follow if they wish to bring their pet dog onto school grounds:

- pet dogs must be leashed at all times and in the control of a responsible adult
- pet dogs must not be tied up on school grounds or left unaccompanied
- families that bring dogs to school that exhibit signs of aggressive behaviour, bark, or jump may be asked to leave.

The Principal has the authority to prohibit certain dogs from school grounds or modify this policy to ensure the safety and wellbeing of staff, students and members of our school community at any time.

Stray dogs

Unaccompanied or stray dogs sighted at our school should be reported immediately to Newcomb Primary School staff. Staff will contact municipal authorities and/or Victoria police for assistance in managing and removing a stray dog from school grounds, and ensure staff and students remain safe at school.



GRADE 5/6 EXCURSION TO THE ARTS CENTRE AND NGV

This week the grade 5s and 6s were lucky to be invited to the Arts Centre in Melbourne for dance and drama workshops. For half the day they learned how to express themselves through movement, actions and dance. The other half of the day involved a self guided tour around the National Gallery of Victoria, where they saw Picasso's Weeping Woman and one of Andy Warhol's self portraits. It was a great day out!



INCLUSION AT NEWCOMB

Our School Wide Positive Behaviour (SWPBS)
focus over the next few weeks is

Resilience

We use the calm zone to self-regulate.

Students will be learning and practising ways to manage their emotions
and respond calmly when faced with challenges or frustrations.

By building these skills, we are helping students develop confidence,
independence, and positive coping strategies for everyday situations.





NEWCOMB PRIMARY SCHOOL

You are invited to join our

WORKING BEE

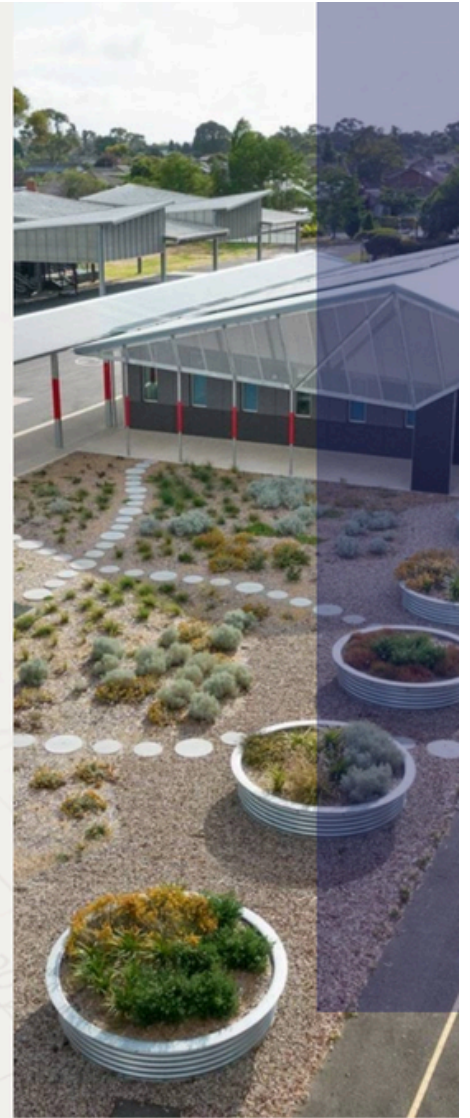
**SUNDAY 24TH MAY
10:00AM-1:00PM**

What to bring:

- Gardening gloves
- Gardening tools e.g. weeding tools, shovel, wheelbarrow, clippers - only if you have them!
- Sunscreen and hat!

Come along, meet new families and help make our school beautiful for our children to enjoy.

Light refreshments will be provided by the school.



Newcomb Primary Lunch Menu

Yoghurt and granola \$4
 Ham and cheese toastie \$4.5 gf available
 Cheese toastie \$3.5 gf available
 Fruit salad \$4.5
 Ham salad wrap \$6 gf available
 Chicken salad wrap \$6
 Chicken Caesar wrap \$6.50
 Salad wrap \$5.50
 Party pie \$2.50
 Sausage roll \$6
 Meat Pie \$6
 Vegemite sandwich \$3 gf available
 Cheese sandwich \$3 gf available
 Ham and cheese sandwich \$4 GF available
 Egg & lettuce sandwich \$4
 Nuggets \$4 (4 pieces)
 Carrot sticks and hommus \$3
 Chicken salad bowl \$6
 Picky plate cherry tomato cucumber
 cheese cubes celery carrot sticks capsicum sticks ham
 boiled egg \$6.50

 Apple \$2
 Banana \$2
 Popcorn \$2

Choc chip cookie \$3
 Blueberry muffin \$4
 Banana Bread (toasted & buttered) \$4

Lunch Orders

provided by
local cafe
Winston &
Co


Available on
Mondays

Get your orders
in using the
Flexischools
app

Order by 8am

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Our school is online with Flexischools



Scan the QR
code to
download
the app


Step 1
Register with Flexischools

- 1 Download the Flexischools app and click "Sign Up."
- 2 Enter your email to **create an account**.
- 3 Go to your inbox and click the link to **verify your email**.
- 4 Follow the prompts to complete your registration.




Step 2
Enter your child's details

- 1 In the navigation bar, add your student(s) under "Profile" > "Students" > "Add new."
- 2 Add your child's details to the new student profile.



Step 3
Place an order

- 1 On the home page, click the "Order food" button.
- 2 **Select the student** you would like to order for. Choose a **service** and **order date**.
- 3 **Select the items** you would like to order
- 4 Click "View order" and select "Checkout and pay" to place your order.



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Term 2 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	20th April Curriculum Day 2027 Prep enrolments Open	21st April First day Term 2 for students	22nd April Dr Billy Garvey PL	23rd April	24th April ANZAC Day Service 9:00am.
2	27th April All Day: Whole School Photo Day - ARP	28th April	29th April District Cross Country	30th April	1st May 2:50PM Assembly All welcome
3	4th May	5th May 3.15 Consultative Meeting	6th May 5/6 Excursion to The Arts Centre	7th May	8th May Super Woman's Day Stall
4	11th May Lockdown Drill 10.50am	12th May Family Maths Afternoon 4.45pm School Council	13th May	14th May	15th May 2:50PM Assembly All welcome
5	18th May SSG Meetings (KESO)	19th May SSG Meetings Division X-Country	20th May SSG Meetings	21st May SSG Meetings	22nd May SSG Meetings Walk Safely to School Day JSC Event: Nat Geo/Animal Dress Up Day!
6	25th May	26th May National Sorry Day	27th May District Football and Netball (Yr5/6) Reconciliation Week	28th May Reconciliation Week	29th May 2:50PM Assembly All welcome
7	1st June Reconciliation Week	2nd June Reconciliation Week	3rd June Reconciliation Week	4th June Whole School Athletics Day	5th June
8	8th June King's Birthday	9th June Curriculum Day (Professional Practice Day) 3.15 Consultative Meeting	10th June	11th June	12th June 2:15pm - P&F Meeting 2:50PM Assembly All welcome
9	15th June	16th June 4.45pm School Council	17th June	18th June 11am 100s Club	19th June
10	22nd June Student Led Conferences	23rd June	24th June Reports on Compass	25th June	26th June Last day of Term 2 9:00am Assembly 11.30 Children's Fair 2:15pm finish



Hope, Healing & Heart - A Learning Day in Paediatric Palliative Care

This is **FREE** for Professionals & Carers

A dynamic Paediatric Palliative Care Learning Day showcasing expert perspectives, innovative practices, and emerging models of care designed to strengthen support for children with life-limiting conditions and their families, including bereavement care across Victoria.

Program/Speakers:

- MC | **Jess Holmes**, Mother of Henry, sharing lived experience and connection to all organisations
- Very Special Kids | **Dr Katie Moore**, Chief Medical Officer and the Barwon Region Family Support Practitioner
- Victorian Paediatric Palliative Care Program, Royal Children's Hospital | **Mel Heywood**
- Starlight Moments | **Sarah Sivaraman**
- Ronald McDonald House Victoria & Tasmania | **Fiona Giles**, Education Coordinator
- Precious Wings | **Kerry Gordon**
- Precious Touch | **Gail Johnson**
- River's Gift & The Compassionate Friends Victoria (TCFV) | **Alexandra Hamilton**
- Memory Making Session | **Kerry & Gail**

- **Thursday 11 June 2026**
- **09.00am to 3.00pm**
- **Mount Duneed Estate**
65 Pettavel Road
Waurin Ponds Victoria
Morning tea & light lunch provided
- **Parking available at venue**

**REGISTER BY SCANNING
OR CLICKING THE QR CODE!**



Registrations close on 27th May



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FREE 2026 Program for Primary & Secondary Students

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Open to students aged 8-18 from Geelong region
- No interruption to school - weekends only
- Fully supervised - no teacher needed
- Parent/Guardian to complete enrolment form
- Massed choir performance with orchestra
- Digital learning materials sent to student and nominated teacher with support available
- Great development or extension opportunity
- Individuals, small groups or full choirs welcome



Program Schedule

Workshop 1

Sunday 24 May
2-4pm
Deakin Uni
Waurin Ponds

Workshop 2

Sunday 31 May
2-4pm
Deakin Uni
Waurin Ponds

Performance Day

Saturday 13 June
10am-4pm
Katsumata Centre
Bell Post Hill

Performance
Day Audience
Tickets
Adult: \$5
Under 18: free

Deadline
Extended
ENROL BY
10 MAY!

Sign Up Now!



PARENT/GUARDIAN
Scan the QR code
to ENROL YOUR
CHILD

Support available. Information
video sent to participants.

Enquiries

Genevieve Newton
GYC Project Manager
geelongyouthchoir@gmail.com

HOW SCHOOLS CAN BE INVOLVED

- Promote the program to your school community using this flyer and in your school newsletter
- Talk to your students about getting involved
- Encourage parents to enrol one or more child
- Teach the two massed-choir songs at school using the digital learning materials provided
- Refer students to GYC's Wednesday rehearsals held after school during term 2 (no charge for program participants)



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7:00AM - 8:30AM

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AFTER SCHOOL CARE

3:15PM - 6:00PM

\$3.03

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