



Newcomb Newsletter

Term 2, Week 6, Friday 29th May 2026



IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

29th - Assmbly 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

23rd - Student Led Conferences

26th - Assembly 9.00am

26th - Children's Fair

26th - Early Finish 2.15pm

JULY

13th - Curriculum Day

13th - 17th - NAIDOC Week

14th - First day of Term 3

17th - Prep 2027 Enrolments Due

24th - Assembly 9.00am

27th - 100 Days of Prep Celebration!

28th - School Council Meeting 4.45pm



AUGUST

5th - 7th - Year 3/4 Camp at Cottage by the Sea

5th - 7th - Year 5/6 Camp at Kangarooie

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we celebrate Reconciliation Week. This year's national theme, "All In", invites every member of our school community to play an active role in strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous Australians. "All In" reminds us that reconciliation is not the work of a few - it is a shared commitment where every voice, action and choice contributes to a more just and connected future. We are incredibly proud of the work our staff and students are doing to connect with culture and our shared history. We encourage you to have conversations at home that build this knowledge and interest in the stories and histories.

This fortnight we have held a number of tours for our prospective 2027 Prep students. Our enrolments in the prep class are filling fast so if you or anyone you know has a child they are wanting to attend in 2027 please tell them to get in contact with the office and join one of our upcoming tours. We will send out enrolment confirmations at the end of June.

Last week we started the week with a special morning tea to honour our amazing Education Support Staff. We are lucky to have 16 incredible individuals who work tirelessly each day to support our students and staff across the school and this was a lovely way to acknowledge them. This week we have submitted an application to the Victorian Education Excellence Awards under the category of Outstanding Education Support Team. This is a sign of our dedication and gratitude to our ES staff who are at the heart of the support we provide students at NPS.

Last week we also held all of our SSG meetings for the term. We would like to thank all of the parents and carers who came along to discuss their child's progress and goals moving forward. We will host our student led conferences at the end of term, please keep your eyes out on Compass next week for booking details.

We have spent Thursday and Friday this week at the Victorian Principal Conference with thousands of colleagues. This is always a great opportunity to hear from the Department about the latest initiatives and also a chance to see some Victorian schools being showcased. We look forward to being back at school next week!

Blanche Denmead & Carmen Britnell

IMPORTANT INFORMATION & UPDATES

REGULATION TOOLS AT SCHOOL

To support a calm, focused and inclusive learning environment, fidget tools at school will be reserved for students with identified learning, sensory or regulation needs, where their use has been recommended by an Occupational Therapist, specialist or through school-based support processes. We understand that fidgets can be an important strategy for some students, and we are committed to supporting their use where they are genuinely required.

However, when brought to school more generally, fidgets can often become a distraction from learning, interrupt classroom routines, and lead to disagreements between students around sharing, trading or ownership. We appreciate families working in partnership with us to ensure all students are able to learn in a settled and productive environment.

THANKYOU HELPERS

On Sunday we held a Working Bee at the school as we do each school term. These days are essential for us to be able to maintain our large school grounds. We would like to thank the Sheldon/Edwards, Reid, McPherson and Coles families, Lucy Jones, Donna, Ms. Carmen and Mr. Boots for their tireless work in our front garden beds. We also welcomed the Hill family from Geelong East PS who donated their time in a wonderful show of kindness and community.

Many plants/grasses that were originally planted along with our new building in 2020 were removed and the large garden beds were filled with fresh compost. This is in preparation for some planting sessions that are coming up.

Lucy Jones (Bluebird Foundation) will be planting with some students over the coming weeks and we will also be having our tree planting day next term as part of National Tree Planting Day!

If any parents are ever looking for a job to do please come and see Blanche/Carmen/Natalie at the school office as we always have paths that need tending or gardens that need a bit of love and are happy for extra helpers!

Thanks again to those who came along, every bit of help ensures we can make our school grounds something we are all proud of.

Parents & Friends 2026

The Parents and Friends group will be meeting on the **12th of June at 2.15pm**. Please get in contact with Calista Davis if you would like to get involved with the Parents and Friends Group. Through their regular meetings this group talk about any feedback/suggestions from parents about both day to day school activities and also our annual school events.

In Term 4 we are going to be holding a twilight Christmas market which will include our students performing their Christmas songs. We are going to be needing lots of helpers to bring this to life so if you are interested please get in contact.

Junior School Council 2026

We would like to thank our Junior School Council group for their incredible leadership with this term's fundraiser. Our National Geographic Animal Dress Up day raised \$122 for the 'Save our Turtles' foundation. It was lovely to see all of the students and staff really embrace this day and have a lot of fun together!

Our next big event for the JSC is on Friday 26th of June. The JSC have organised a movie morning for students with classes watching various movies as staff and student groups get prepared for our annual Children's Fair! This is a kids only event with lots of fun activities organised and run by each class. Teachers have begun discussing with their classes what they would like to do for their Children's Fair stall so keep your eye on Class Dojo as they may request some donations for their chosen activity.

This day will be a Pyjama day or casual dress is preferred. Students will be encouraged to bring up to \$20 for both the Children's Fair and a donation to Canteen Australia.



RECONCILIATION WEEK

This week, our school proudly recognised National Reconciliation Week - a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to reflect on how we can contribute to reconciliation in our everyday lives. This year's theme, "All In", reminds us that reconciliation is a shared responsibility and that every person can play a role in building respectful relationships and a more connected future for all Australians.

Throughout the week, students participated in a range of learning experiences designed to deepen their understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and perspectives. We are incredibly proud of the thoughtful conversations and curiosity shown by our students as they engaged with these important topics. Our Indigenous Mentor Group also created beautiful wind chimes this week, providing students with an opportunity to connect creativity, culture and reflection in a meaningful way. We encourage families to continue these conversations at home by asking children what they have learnt so far during Reconciliation Week and discussing why reconciliation matters. Taking the time to listen, learn and reflect together helps strengthen understanding and empathy within our community. Here are some facts that all Australians should know:

- National Reconciliation Week is held from 27 May to 3 June because these dates recognise two important events in Australia's history - the 1967 Referendum and the 1992 Mabo Decision.
- In the 1967 Referendum, more than 90% of Australians voted 'Yes' to change the Constitution so Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples could be counted in the national census.
- The Mabo Decision in 1992 recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have lived on and cared for this land for tens of thousands of years and that Native Title could exist in Australia.
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are the oldest continuing cultures in the world, with cultural traditions and connections to Country dating back more than 65,000 years.
- There are more than 250 distinct Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander language groups across Australia, each with their own traditions, stories and cultural practices.
- The Aboriginal Flag was designed by Harold Thomas in 1971. The black symbolises Aboriginal people, the red represents the earth and spiritual connection to Country, and the yellow circle represents the sun.
- The Torres Strait Islander Flag was designed by Bernard Namok in 1992. The white dhari (headdress) symbolises Torres Strait Islander culture and the five-pointed star represents the island groups and navigation.
- 'Country' is an important concept for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It includes land, waterways, skies, animals, plants, stories, spirituality and cultural identity.
- The word "Wadawurrung" refers to the Traditional Owners of the Geelong region, including the land on which Newcomb Primary School stands.



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2026

27 MAY – 3 JUNE

ALL IN

FOR RECONCILIATION



#NRW2026

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RECONCILIATION
AUSTRALIA

Attendance - Every Minute Matters

This week, staff have completed the Attendance Fidelity Tool to audit our current practice to promote and achieve high level attendance at school. This audit will help us determine what we are current doing well when measured against the Departments expectations, as well future refinement that we may need to support our systems and processes.

So far this term we have the following statistics:

- **79.8%** attendance across P-6
- **186** late arrivals (including 10 unexplained late arrivals)
- **265** unexplained absences (Please update Compass to explain your child's non-attendance)
- **369** days non-attendance due to medical reasons



Please help us improve our school attendance by encouraging your child/ren to arrive on time each and every day and providing a reason for your child's non attendance via Compass on the day of their non-attendance.

Keeping Our School Community Safe Around Crossings

We need your help to keep our students safe during drop-off and pick-up times. When vehicles park too close to school crossings, nature strips, or driveways, it reduces visibility for everyone. Approaching drivers and our crossing supervisors cannot see small children clearly when their view is blocked by parked cars.

Please remember to use designated parking spaces and drop-off zones, keeping the areas around our crossings completely clear. Taking an extra minute to park safely ensures all of our children can arrive and leave school securely. Thank you for your cooperation and care.

We would also like to thank Song (front of school) and Monica (Wilsons Road) for always looking after our families at our school crossings.



Value Awards



Student of the Week Awards

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

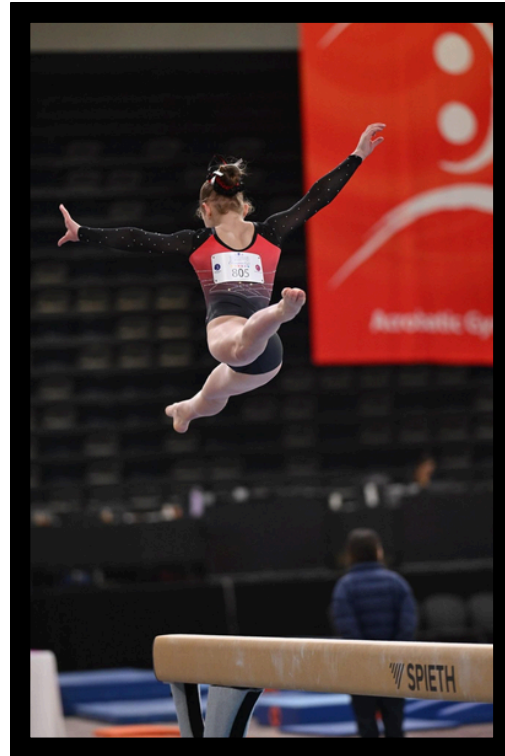


Gymnastics State Championships

Ivy Alford is a talented gymnast who demonstrates exceptional dedication and commitment to her sport. Balancing her schoolwork alongside a demanding training schedule, Ivy trains multiple times each week in pursuit of her goals.

Last week, Ivy travelled to Melbourne to compete in the national trials, where she delivered an outstanding performance. Ivy was crowned Victorian State Champion across all four apparatus and was also awarded the overall all-around champion title for the competition.

As a result of her remarkable achievements, Ivy has earned a place in the Victorian State Team and will compete at the National Championships at the end of June. We are incredibly proud of Ivy's accomplishments and look forward to supporting her and following her journey at Nationals.



INCLUSION AT NEWCOMB

Our School Wide Positive Behaviour (SWPBS) focus over the next few weeks is Resilience
We play fairly and follow the rules.

Students will be learning and practising ways play fairly and follow the rules and to play the Friendship Game



PLAYING THE FRIENDSHIP GAME

When we play games with our friends, we are actually playing two games at the same time. We are playing the sport or board game or card game:



And, we are playing the **FRIENDSHIP GAME**.

When you play sports or other games, winning and losing is often just chance – you are in the right spot at the right time – or you, by chance, pick the highest card or roll the highest number on the dice. It's just luck or chance.



When you are playing these two games, there are four ways the games can go.

1. **Win** the game and **win** the friendship game
2. **Win** the game and **lose** the friendship game
3. **Lose** the game and **win** the friendship game
4. **Lose** the game and **lose** the friendship game.



Let's think about each of these "outcomes":

Win-Win



It is so much fun to win a game. But, when you win at a sport or board game, you have to be a good sport to also win at **THE FRIENDSHIP GAME**. What are some things you should remember about being a good sport when you win?

Win - Lose



If you cheat or are not honest in a game, you might win the game, but you will lose **THE FRIENDSHIP GAME**. Even if you win the game, you could lose **THE FRIENDSHIP GAME** if you laugh at or make fun of your friends that lost at the sport or board game.

Lose - Win



Even when the Steelers lose, Mike Tomlin shakes hands and congratulates the other team's coach. He is winning **THE FRIENDSHIP GAME**.

When you lose the sport or game, you can still win **THE FRIENDSHIP GAME**.



What are some things you can do to win **THE FRIENDSHIP GAME** when you lose a game?

Lose - Lose

It is no fun to lose a game. But, if you lose a game and you are also not a good sport about it, you could lose **THE FRIENDSHIP GAME**, too. If you lose a game, it is important to congratulate the other players so they will want to play the game again. You might be a little upset, but you can say something respectful to the other players:

Oh, well -
Nice game!

You really played
well, rematch
tomorrow?

If it is too hard to say something kind because you are upset, it is better to walk away quietly and ask your teacher for a break. Don't say something you will regret later.



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



ABILITY
Disability Networks

People First. Community Driven.

June/July School Holiday Program

Welcoming, inclusive days where children can connect, build confidence, and enjoy meaningful experiences.

Every day is thoughtfully planned to help children feel included, supported, and excited to take part. Our people-first programs create opportunities for friendship, independence, social growth, and joyful community experiences — with caring staff who adapt support to each child's needs, interests, and energy levels.



29 June –
10 July 2026



8:00am –
4:00pm



Book one day,
a few days, or
the full program



Meaningful connection

Build friendships, feel included, and be part of a supportive community.



Experienced & caring staff

People-first support that adapts to each child's needs, interests, and energy.



Flexible day bookings

Book one day, a few days, or the full program to suit your family.



Creative days



Outings



Cooking



Science



Bowling

Book Now



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A FUN PROGRAM
THAT KIDS **LOVE!**



TUESDAY 9th June
**PUPIL-FREE DAY
PROGRAM**

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AVAILABLE!**

**Conditions apply*

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We're planning a fun-filled day packed with baking, creative crafts, exciting games and more for everyone to enjoy! **Please note: the program will only go ahead with a minimum of 10 bookings, so be sure to secure your spot and spread the word to friends and families!**

SESSION TIME + PRICE

7:00am to 6:00pm \$76.14

Contact: Ava

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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

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local cafe
Winston &
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Mondays

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the app


Step 1
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- 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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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**

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- 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!

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Support available. Information
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Enquiries

Genevieve Newton
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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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Parents & Carers

DURATION
75 minutes

WHERE?
Online Webinar

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Discover valuable tools and insights in this Connected Parenting Webinar with educator and **parenting expert Lael Stone**. This session aims to support you in **building stronger relationships** with your children through **positive communication**.

You will leave this session with:



Practical strategies to foster cooperation and deepen connections with your child.



Ideas to support your child when they are facing adversity.



Ways to assist your child in building emotional resilience.



Helpful tips for managing your own triggers as a parent or carer.

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