



Newcomb Newsletter

Term 3, Week 4, Friday 7th August 2026



IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST

5th - 7th - Year 3/4 Camp at Cottage by the Sea
5th - 7th - Year 5/6 Camp at Kangarooobie
7th - Assembly 9.00am (F-2)
14th - When I grow up - JSC Dress Up Day!
17th - 21st - SSG Meetings
21st - Assembly 2.50pm
24th - 28th - Book Week & Book Fair (BER)
28th - Book Week Dress up Day!
28th August - Publishing Party

SEPTEMBER

4th - Superman Stall (P&F)
4th - P&F Meeting 2.15pm
10th - 100s Club!
11th - Footy Colours Day!
14th - 18th - Swimming Program
18th - Early Finish 2.15pm

OCTOBER

5th - Start of Term 4
16th Assembly 2.50pm
21st - Geelong Cup Holiday
23rd October - Grandparents Morning Tea
30th - JSC Halloween Dress Up day!



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has certainly been a busy and exciting time, with our Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 students enjoying their school camps this week. Camps provide incredible opportunities for students to develop independence, resilience and friendships while creating memories that will last a lifetime. Thank you to our dedicated staff who have given their time to make these experiences possible. Our students were incredible! Tackling all activities with a positive attitude and demonstrating our values in their interactions with staff and students alike.

As we move through August, our school calendar is packed with engaging learning opportunities and community events. Next Friday, our Junior School Council will host our 'When I Grow Up' Dress Up Day, raising funds for the wonderful Story Dogs organisation. We encourage all students to get involved by dressing as their future career aspiration and bringing along a gold coin donation. We are incredibly proud of our Junior School Council students for their leadership and commitment to making a positive difference in our community.

One of the highlights later this month will be Book Week, which includes our annual Book Fair in the BER, our ever-popular Book Week Dress Up Day, and our Publishing Party. These events celebrate reading, writing and creativity, and we look forward to seeing students share their love of books while showcasing their wonderful published work. Families are encouraged to visit the Book Fair throughout the week and support the development of reading resources for our school.

Finally, I would like to thank our families for the ongoing support you provide our staff and students each day. Whether it is ensuring students arrive ready to learn, volunteering at school events or simply encouraging a love of learning at home, your partnership makes a significant difference to the success of our school community.

We look forward to sharing these exciting weeks ahead with you and hope to see many of you at our upcoming events.

Thank you for your continued support.

Blanche Denmead & Carmen Britnell

IMPORTANT INFORMATION & UPDATES

HANDS ON LEARNING

Each Friday our Hands on Learners work with Donna on a range of projects. They recently completed our own community library which is located at the front office. We encourage you to take a book and feel free to add your own if you have any excess books to contribute.

We have also had some new hands on learners appointed for the second half of the school year. Thankyou to Ian Hughes and the Geelong East Men's Shed for their continued support of our program. We congratulate Harley, Willow, Ty and Hunter who are our new Hands on Learners for the rest of the year.



UNIFORM UPDATE

Our school uniform supplier, State Schools Relief (SSR), has rebranded its online store to Equal Threads which will continue to provide quality, affordable uniforms while supporting students across Victoria.

There's nothing you need to do. Our school uniform range, ordering process and service all remain the same. Families can continue to easily find and purchase items using the familiar 'Shop by School' option on the new website.

Every purchase made through Equal Threads helps support students experiencing disadvantage with the essentials they need to feel confident, included and ready to learn. Visit the new website at www.equalthreads.org.au

EQUAL

THREADS

Junior School Council 2026

Our Junior School Council do an exceptional job of organising our termly events. This term the group have organised a day for students to dress up as what they want to be when they grow up. This is another great opportunity for students to have fun and also to think about their future hopes and dreams!

All students are encouraged to dress up and to bring along a gold coin for this term's chosen charity 'Story Dogs.' We are incredibly lucky to have Graeme and Koby in each Friday and look forward to being able to support the foundation that helps them continue their important work in schools. This term Miss Hodge will be taking over the role of JSC coordinator. We would like to thank Miss Cayla for her amazing work with the group so far this year!

Parents & Friends 2026

The Parents and Friends group will be meeting on the 4th of **September 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.

NPS School Council 2026

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.

Our school council representatives for 2026 are:

- Natalie Edwards (President)
- Penny Winbolt (Vice President)
- Sherridan Woolard (Secretary)
- Morgan Foster (Treasurer)
- Morgan Foster (Community Representative)
- Allison Fogarty (Parent Representative)
- Lyn Wilcock (Parent Representative)
- Glenda Human (Parent Representative)
- Calista Davis (Parent Representative)
- Rachel Smith (Parent Representative)
- Donna Parsons (DET Representative)
- Michelle Stewart (DET Representative)
- Carmen Britnell (Principal)

The remaining school council meeting dates for 2026 are:
Term 3 - Tuesday 1st September Term 4 - Tuesday 20th
October & Tuesday 1st December

LEARNING AT NEWCOMB

Reading and Writing

What are we learning this week?

In our English lessons this week students are reading and listening to some wonderful picture fiction books and novels from our school reading spine. Our explicit writing lessons are also related to these books

Prep - Wombat Stew

Learning to expand simple sentences using an adjective

One/Two - Jetty Jumping

Learning to combine sentence using conjunctions.

Two - The Snail and a Whale

Learning to expand sentences using who/what, where, when, how and why.

Three - Charlotte's Web

Learning about sentences, fragments and to write a concluding paragraph.

Four - Storm Boy

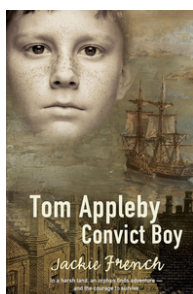
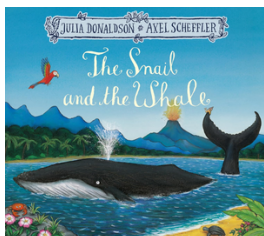
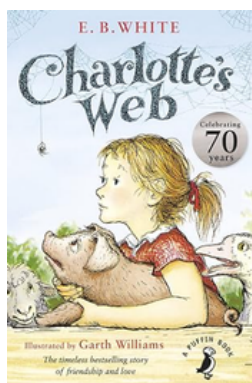
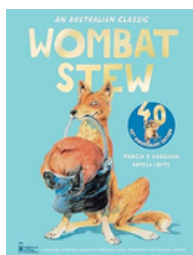
Learning to write a single paragraph outline to summarise the text.

Five - Tom Appleby Convict Boy

Learning to plan a body paragraph for an information report.

Six - Once

Learning to plan and write a body paragraph for an information report.



GEM Chat



WHAT KIND ACTS HAVE YOU SEEN TODAY?

Professional Learning

Activating Prior Knowledge:

Connecting to What Students already Know

For the last 5 weeks we have completed a teaching sprint during our professional learning meetings.

This has been expertly led by our middle leaders Jess Fatone and Sherridan Woolard.

We have focussed on Goal 1 in our school's Annual Implementation Plan (AIP)

'Improve student learning outcomes.'

The key improvement strategy from this is, **'To strengthen whole school instructional models across all curriculum areas to ensure consistent, evidence based best practice.'**

Our focus has been explicit teaching in maths and in particular 'activating prior knowledge' (APK). Teachers have reflected on their current planning and practice, researched best practice, developed a shared understanding and participated in peer observations.

Please have a chat with your children about their math lessons.

What have they been learning the last few weeks?

What prior knowledge was needed?

Thanks, and have a great weekend!

Robyn Evans

Assistant Principal



Value Awards



Student of the Week Awards

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





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PRIMARY SCHOOL

WHAT I WANT TO BE

WHEN I GROW UP

DRESS UP DAY!

Dream big, dress up
and show us your future!



FRIDAY
14TH AUGUST

Organised by
Junior School
Council



BRING A
GOLD COIN
DONATION

FUNDRAISING FOR A
DONATION TO
STORY DOGS


**Story
Dogs**
Fun Reading
Reading for Life



BOOK FAIR *is Coming!*

☆ **SAVE THE DATE!** ☆



**TUESDAY 25 AUGUST
TO FRIDAY 28 AUGUST**



BER BUILDING



**BEFORE &
AFTER SCHOOL**



**EXPLORE FANTASTIC
BOOKS FOR EVERY AGE!**



LET'S CELEBRATE THE JOY OF READING TOGETHER!

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN GRADE 5 & 6

IN GRADE 5

From the beginning of term 3 the grade 5's have been involved in creating a drama production for the end of the year. In our drama sessions each week we have been playing games to build our teamwork skills and learning how to use our bodies and gestures to convey meaning.



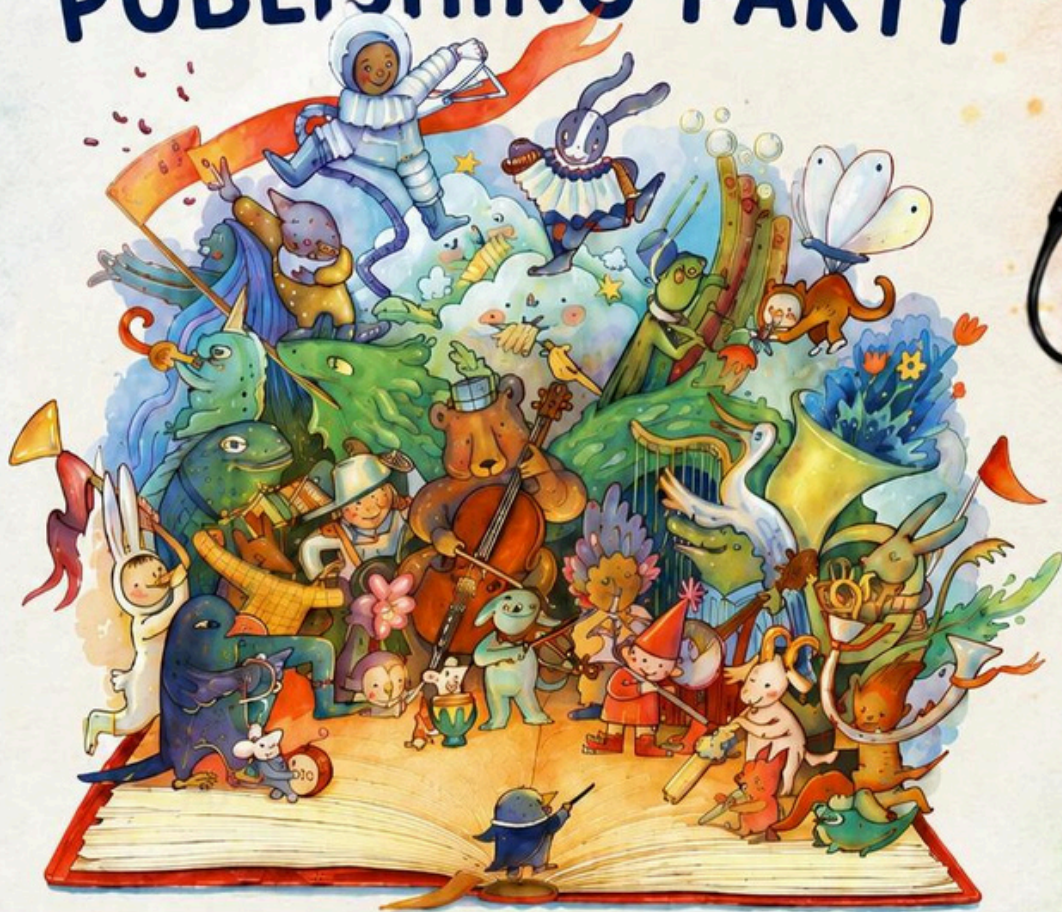
IN GRADE 6

This term, our Year 6 students are excited to be taking part in The Smith Family's Passport to Success program. This valuable program is designed to support students as they prepare for the transition to secondary school by building confidence, organisation skills and strategies for success. Throughout the term, students will participate in engaging sessions that focus on goal setting, resilience, developing positive study habits and what to expect in high school. We look forward to seeing our students grow in confidence as they get ready for this exciting next chapter.



2026 CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

NEWCOMB PS BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY & PUBLISHING PARTY



Friday 28th August 2026



PUBLISHING PARTY

12.30pm – Sharing stories
1.00pm – Lunch
in the BER building

Come and see the incredible work of our young authors! The students will be sharing the stories they have created as part of their literacy program.

BOOK FAIR

All week in the
BER building

Come and explore
a wonderful range
of books!

DRESS UP DAY!

Dress up as your
favourite book
character and
bring stories to life!

Families are asked to bring along
a plate of food to share for lunch.



SWPBS Focus: This week students have been Introduced to the -
Wheel of Choice

At Newcomb Primary School, we teach students positive ways to solve everyday problems. One of the tools we use is our Wheel of Choice, which helps students make safe, respectful and responsible choices.

When a problem happens, we encourage students to:

- 🛑 Stop
- 🤔 Think
- ✅ Do the Right Thing

Students are encouraged to try at least two strategies from the Wheel of Choice before asking an adult for help (unless someone is unsafe).



Families can support this learning at home by asking:
What strategy from the Wheel of Choice could you try?
Did you try two strategies before asking for help?
What was a good choice you made today?

Working together helps children develop the skills they need to solve problems calmly and confidently. ☀️

WELLBEING AT NEWCOMB

KYLIE SCANDOLERA - MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING LEADER

♥ The Resilience Project – Emotional Literacy

Our students have been exploring emotional literacy through The Resilience Project. We have been learning that all emotions are important and that feelings are our body's way of communicating with us. Students have been encouraged to recognise and talk about their feelings, understand that it is normal to experience a range of emotions, and identify trusted adults they can turn to when they have worries or concerns. We encourage families to continue these conversations at home by talking about feelings around the dinner table and completing the Handprint Worries activity together. This is a wonderful opportunity to help children build confidence in expressing their emotions and knowing who they can reach out to when they need support.



TAKE IT HOME ACTIVITY

EMOTIONAL LITERACY | LESSON #1





Hi Families,

This week in our Emotional Literacy lesson, we discussed the emotions we are currently feeling at the beginning of the new school year. We discussed how change is a part of life and it is normal to experience various emotions. We then all contributed a page to a class book to explore how emotions are not good or bad, but rather our body's way of communicating with us how we feel about something.

Working on our emotional literacy skills provides us with opportunities to enhance our understanding and expression of various emotions. As we improve our emotional literacy skills, we can better recognise our own feelings and enhance our ability to manage them. This equips us to navigate diverse experiences, including handling conflicts, forming friendships, coping with challenging circumstances, and maintaining resilience when faced with change.

TRY IT AT HOME FAMILY ACTIVITY:

HANDPRINT WORRIES

WHAT TO DO:

- As a family, talk about the fact that sometimes we have worries and it is important to talk to someone about.
- Discuss some trusted adults who family members could talk to about their worries (this could be other family members, family friends or teachers).
- Each family member is to trace around their hand on a blank piece of paper.
- On each finger, write down a person who you trust to speak to if you have worries.
- Each family member should have identified five people they can talk to if they have any worries.

YOU WILL NEED:

- Time together as a family.
- Plain paper to trace your own hand.
- Textas and pencils.

Family Emotional Literacy habit builder:

Around the dinner table, ask everyone to share a feeling they felt during that day. Discuss how they dealt with that feeling and then share strategies you could use when faced with particular feelings.

We would love to see what you are doing at home. Please share some photos or let your child's teacher know what you have enjoyed.



For more activities to complete as a family, check out theresilienceproject.com.au/at-home



SWIMMING LESSONS 2026



14 SEPT TO 18 SEPT 2026

12.00pm-12.45PM ~4TB/5CM/6SW

12.45PM-1:30PM - 1/2JF/2MG/3CV

1.30PM - 2.15PM Prep and 1PO

SPLASHDOWN

- PLEASE WEAR YOUR BATHERS UNDER SCHOOL UNIFORM
- BRING A TOWEL, UNDERWEAR, GOGGLES AND A PLASTIC BAG FOR WET BATHERS/TOWEL
- CHILDREN MAY WEAR THONGS TO THE POOL
- PARENTS/CARERS ARE WELCOME



Term 3 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	13th July Curriculum Day NAIDOC Week	14th July First Day Term 3 NAIDOC Week	15th July NAIDOC Week	16th July NAIDOC Week	17th July 2027 Prep enrolments due today!
2	20th July 10am Yr 5 Script Writing Week	21st July 10am Yr 5 Script Writing Week	22nd July 10am Yr 5 Script Writing Week	23rd July 10am Yr 5 Script Writing Week	24th July Tree Planting Day 11.30- 1.30pm 2:50pm Assembly
3	27th July Prep 100 Days Celebration!	28th July 4.45pm School Council Meeting	29th July	30th July	31st July
4	3rd August	4th August 3.15 Consultative Meeting	5th August 3/4 Camp 5/6 Camp	6th August 3/4 Camp 5/6 Camp	7th August 3/4 & 5/6 Camp 9.00am F-2 Assembly All welcome
5	10th August	11th August Off Site Evacuation Drill	12th August	13th August	14th August JSC Event: What you want to be when you grow up!
6	17th August SSG Meetings (KESO)	18th August SSG Meetings	19th August SSG Meetings	20th August SSG Meetings	21st August SSG Meetings 2:50pm Assembly
7	24th August Book Week!	25th August Book Fair 3.15 Consultative Meeting	26th August Book Fair 5&6 District Basketball Gymnastics Program	27th August Book Fair	28th August Book Fair Publishing Party
8	31st August	1st September 4.45pm School Council Meeting	2nd September Division Athletics Gymnastics Program	3rd September	4th September Superman Day Stall! 2:15pm - P&F Meeting 2:50pm Assembly All welcome
9	7th September	8th September	9th September Gymnastics Program	10th September 11am 100s Club	11th September Footy Colours Day! P&F Sausage Sizzle
10	14th September Swimming Program	15th September Swimming Program	16th September Swimming Program Gymnastics Program	17th September Swimming Program	18th September Swimming Program Last Day of Term 2:15pm finish

Term 3 Working Bee - Sunday 16th August 10-1pm

KELLY CLUB NEWCOMBUPDATE

A fun-filled Term 3...

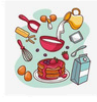
Can you believe we're already **halfway through Term 3**? Time has absolutely flown by! We've loved welcoming a few new faces to Kelly Club and watching new friendships blossom.

With all the cold and rainy weather, we've been spending plenty of time indoors, but that hasn't stopped the fun! The children have been loving our **clay creations**, and we even made our own **green sparkly playdough**, which was a huge hit. We've also coloured what feels like hundreds of colouring pages and had lots of fun baking delicious **LCM slice** and **pancakes** together.

Our **nacho afternoon teas**, always served with fresh fruit, have been a favourite, and games like **Charades** and **Dead Fish** have kept everyone laughing and having a great time.

It's been a fantastic start to the term, and we can't wait to see what the rest of Term 3 has in store! 🌟



 THEME: ART and Craft Term 3 week 5 10/08/2026					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 - 8:00 am	Breakfast: Variety of cereals; Cornflakes; Rice bubbles ; Nutri-grain. Toast or Toasties				
7:00 - 8:25 am	Breakfast Club!	Breakfast Club!	Breakfast Club!	Breakfast Club!	Breakfast Club!
8:25 - 8:45 am	Tidy up & Game	Tidy up & Game	Tidy up & Game	Tidy up & Game	Tidy up & Game
3:15 - 3:30 pm	Sign in & Mindfulness	Sign in & Mindfulness	Sign in & Mindfulness	Sign in & Mindfulness	Sign in & Mindfulness
3:30 - 4:00 pm	Afternoon Tea	Afternoon Tea	Afternoon Tea	Afternoon Tea	Afternoon Tea
4:00 - 4:30 pm	DIY CD SUNCATCHER 	BAKING 	SLIME 	SCIENCE 	OUTSIDE GAMES 
4:30 pm- 5:00 PM	Tidy Up/Outside	Tidy Up/ Outside	Tidy Up/Outside Play	Tidy Up/Outside Play	Tidy up/Outside Play
5:10- 5:30 pm	Late snack & group game	Late snack & group game	Late snack & group game	Late snack & group game	Late snack & group game
5:30 - 6.00 p.	Homework & quiet activities.	Homework & quiet activities.	Homework & quiet activities.	Homework & quiet activities.	Homework & quiet activities.

Friendly Reminder

A friendly reminder to all families to **please remember to book** your children in before attending Kelly Club for before and after school care. This helps us keep track of numbers and ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable experience. We can't wait to see all your smiling faces soon!



NEWCOMB PRIMARY SCHOOL

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BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

7:00AM - 8:30AM

\$2.30

***AFTER 90% CCS OR
\$22.97 FULL FEE**

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

3:15PM - 6:00PM

\$3.03

***AFTER 90% CCS OR
\$30.28 FULL FEE**

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RAISING GRATEFUL HEARTS- FREE FAMILY FORUM

**PRESENTED BY POSITIVE PARENTING
EXPERT ROD SOPER**

What if small, everyday moments could help your child grow into a kind, resilient and grateful person? Join us for a practical and engaging session to learn simple ways to nurture gratitude in your family.



Join us for a practical and engaging session to learn simple ways to nurture gratitude in your family. Discover how everyday routines like mealtimes, school runs and bedtime can become meaningful moments of connection and appreciation. You'll gain age-appropriate ideas for children from birth to 12 years, including easy conversation starters, quick activities and strategies grounded in research and real-life practice.

Support your child to build empathy, resilience and a strong sense of connection, and leave with a mini gratitude toolkit you can start using at home straight away.

This forum supports our ongoing commitment to strengthening family wellbeing, empowering parents, and building connected communities.

THURSDAY 20 AUGUST

7.00pm–9.00pm

VENUE

Norlane ARC
1/9 Cox Rd, Norlane

BOOKINGS

Scan the QR code
or visit



geelong.link/GratefulHearts

This is a FREE event but
bookings are essential.