



Newcomb Newsletter

Term 3, Week 8 Friday 4th September



IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER

- 10th - 100s Club!
- 11th - Sports/Footy Colours Day!
- 14th - 18th September - Swimming Program
- 18th - Last day of Term (2.15pm Finish)

OCTOBER

- 5th - Start of Term 4
- 8th - Prep Transition Session #1 9am
- 16th - Assembly - 2.50pm - All Welcome
- 21st - Geelong Cup - Public Holiday - No School
- 22nd - Prep Transition Session #2 9am
- 23rd - Grandparents Morning Tea
- 27th - Prep Transition Session #3 9am
- 30th - JSC Event - Halloween Dress Up Day!
- 30th - Assembly - 2.50pm - All Welcome

NOVEMBER

- 5th - Prep Transition Session #4 9am
- 9th - 13th - SSG Meetings this week
- 12th - Prep Transition Session #5 9am
- 13th - Assembly - 2.50pm - All Welcome
- 20th - Curriculum Day
- 23rd - Yr 5/6 BioCats Excursion
- 27th - P&F Meeting 2.15pm



A NOTE FROM MRS. DENMEAD & MS. CARMEN

Dear Parents and carers,

It is hard to believe we are already heading into the final few weeks of Term 3! It has been another busy and rewarding fortnight at Newcomb Primary School, with plenty to celebrate and lots still to look forward to. A real highlight was our Book Publishing Party. It was wonderful to see our students so proudly sharing the books they have created and celebrating their growth as writers. Thank you to all of the families who joined us and helped make the occasion so special, and to our staff for the work they put into supporting our young authors throughout the term.

Behind the scenes, our teachers have continued their professional learning in mathematics, with a focus on concept development and ensuring students develop a deep understanding of the 'big ideas' in their learning. Thank you to Jess Fatone and Sherridan Woolard for continuing to lead this important work.

There is still plenty happening before we finish the term! Our Junior School Council Sports/Footy Colours Day will take place on Friday 11th September, followed by our whole school Swimming Program at Splashdown from 14th to 18th of September. We know swimming week is always an exciting one for students and a very busy one for staff and families, so please keep an eye on Compass for reminders and information.

We are also pleased to support former NPS student Zoey Davis, together with Emily Dunn from Newcomb Secondary College, with their donation drive for Our Village (formerly Geelong Mums). It is always lovely to see former students returning to our school and giving back to their community, and we encourage families who are able to contribute to support this worthwhile initiative.

As we begin looking towards Term 4, there is already plenty to be excited about. Our 2027 Prep Transition Program begins in October, and we are looking forward to welcoming our newest Newcomb families into the school! Thank you, as always, to our students, staff, families, Parents & Friends and wider community for everything you contribute to Newcomb Primary School. We look forward to a wonderful final few weeks of Term 3.

As always, please contact or come and see us anytime!

Blanche Denmead & Carmen Britnell - Co-Principals

IMPORTANT INFORMATION & UPDATES

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Carer Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey will be sent to a randomly selected group of parents and is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation.

Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies. The Parent / Carer Opinion Survey will be open online from Monday 17th August to Friday 18th September 2026.

MORNING ROUTINES

We recently shared on Compass some important reminders about our morning routines. All students enter their classrooms at 8.50am. Our teachers and ES are there to welcome them and assist them as they unpack and settle into the classroom. As our teachers are starting instruction at 8.50am we encourage parents to book a time after school with teachers if you are wanting to share any information or discuss your child's progress. Teachers have staff meetings on a Tuesday afternoon so any other night in the week is preferable.

If your child is late (after 8.50am) please ensure you walk your child to the office on the way in to sign them in. This ensures that they are accounted for in the morning roll. Students can then walk to class independently to start their day. If they are needing support the office can call an ES to come and collect them.

If you are dropping anything off to your child during the school day (ie. lunch) please ensure you also deliver this to the office. This ensures we are meeting our child safe standards and OH&S standards of knowing who is on site at any time during the school day. If you have any queries around the morning routine please feel free to get in touch with me or your classroom teacher. Thanks for your support in making our mornings a successful start to the school day!

HATS AT SCHOOL

School hats are to be worn during all outside activities, by all students and staff from the 1st of September. We encourage families to start searching for school hats in preparation for the spring/summer season ahead. Hats are also available from the school office for \$20.

Junior School Council 2026

Our Junior School Council do an exceptional job of organising our termly events. Later this term we will have our sport/footy colours dress up day. Due to our swimming program this will happen a little earlier than usual, on Friday 11th of September. Our Parents and Friends will support the day by organising a sausage sizzle lunch so please keep your eyes out for further information regarding this day.

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 4 - Tuesday 20th October & Tuesday 1st December

LEARNING AT NEWCOMB

Book Publishing Party

Every year we look forward to the annual book publishing party and this year was no exception!

There were many wonderful books on display with some amazing storylines and plots. Well done to all the students who showcased their talents and included the incredible writing skills they have learnt throughout the year.

Thank you to the teachers for supporting our young authors and all the parents, carers and friends who came along to celebrate on the day.

The lunch you provided was delicious!



GEM Chat



WHAT KIND ACTS HAVE
YOU SEEN TODAY?

Professional Learning Concept Development: These Are the Big Ideas

Our professional learning meetings are now focussed on our 2nd teaching sprint for term 3.

Once again we have been expertly led by our middle leaders Jess Fatone and Sherridan Woolard.

We have continued to focus 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.'

Throughout this sprint we have been learning how to design and teach concept development.

Teachers define the concepts that are contained in the Learning Objective, provide labelled examples and then ask check for understanding questions.

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

What have they been learning the last few weeks?

Did they learn any new vocabulary or concepts?

PERIMETER

Definition
Perimeter is the total distance all the way around the outside of a 2D shape.

Example

Non-example

This is area, not perimeter.

Gesture: trace your finger around the edge, back to where you started

Check for understanding
Sam coloured in all the squares inside the shape and said, 'That's the perimeter.' Is Sam right? Explain what perimeter actually is.

Thanks, and have a great weekend!

Robyn Evans
Assistant Principal

Congratulations
to our 2026 Book Cover design winners....

Prep - Riley W & Austin

1PO - Mia & Braxton

1/2JF - Harvey & Alice

2MG - Charlie & Arel

3CV - Alfie & Ishal

4TB - June & Bea

5CM - Hattie & Lola J

6SW - Elda & Willow



As part of our School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) program, we are focusing on the expectation:
We keep our hands, feet and objects to ourselves.



This means students are learning to:

Keep their hands and feet to themselves.

Give others personal space.

Use playground and classroom equipment safely.

Use words to solve problems.

Ask an adult for help when needed.

How families can help

You can support this focus at home by talking with your child about what safe hands, safe feet and safe use of objects look like.

Ask questions such as:

“What can you do if someone makes you angry?”

“How can you ask for space?”

“What can you do if you need help?”

Thank you for helping us build a safe, respectful and positive school community!

WELLBEING AT NEWCOMB

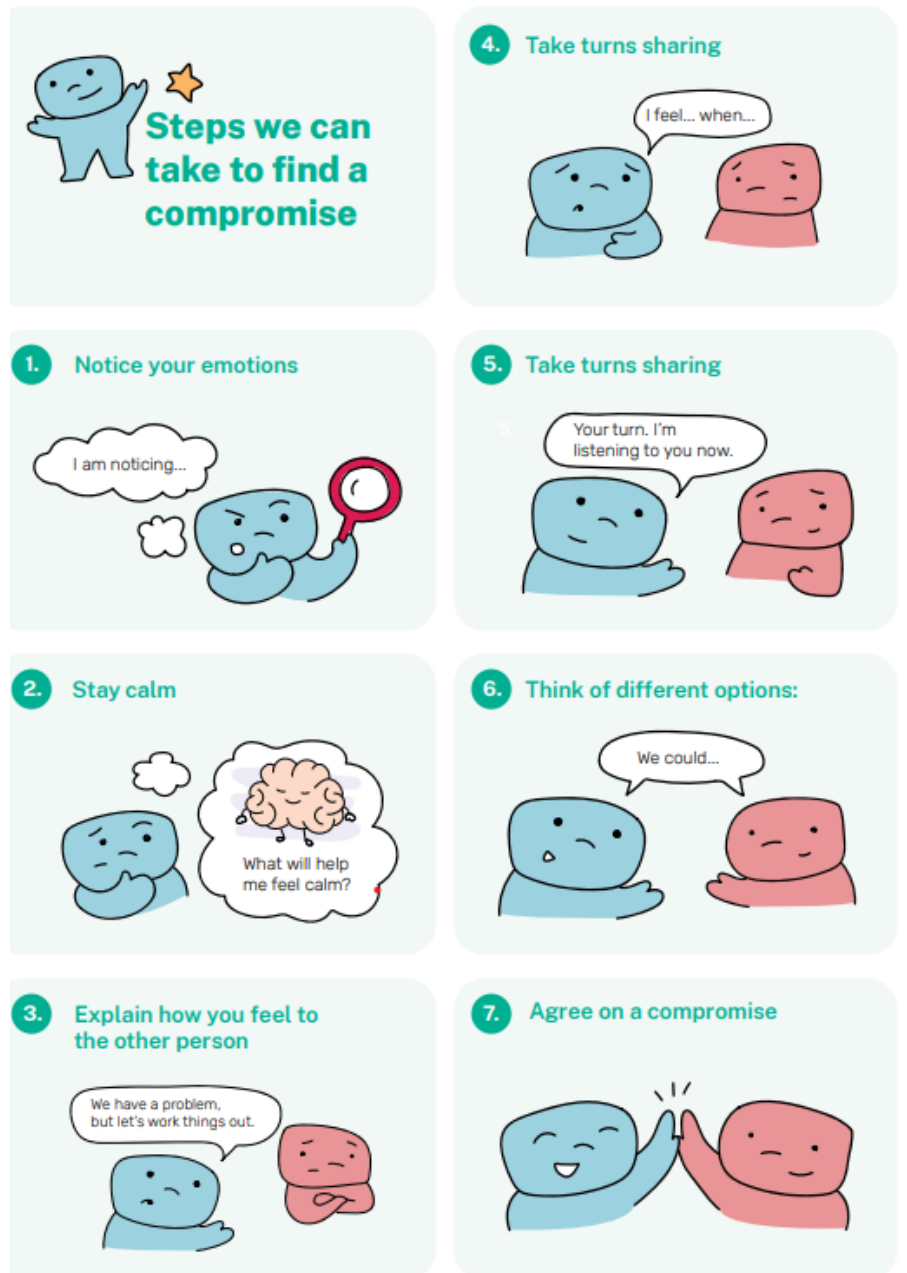
KYLIE SCANDOLERA - MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING LEADER

Please have a discussion at home about this poster from The Resilience Project.

It provides students with a simple, practical guide to finding a compromise when disagreements or conflicts arise. It encourages students to first notice and understand their emotions, stay calm, and explain how they are feeling to the other person.

Students are then encouraged to take turns listening and sharing, consider different options and work together to find a solution that is fair and respectful to everyone involved.

These steps support students to develop important skills in communication, emotional regulation, empathy and problem-solving, helping them build positive relationships and confidently manage conflict in a constructive way.



3 & 4 Newsletter

Camp

One of the biggest highlights was our Grade 3 and 4 camp at Cottage by the Sea in Queenscliff. We had three action-packed days filled with adventures, laughter and plenty of wonderful memories. We discovered amazing sea creatures, went boogie boarding and even headed out on a boat where we were lucky enough to spot seals! Safe to say, it was a BIG three days, but an incredibly memorable experience for everyone.





Publishing Party

We also celebrated our Publishing Party, where students had the opportunity to showcase some of the amazing work they have been creating in the classroom. We enjoyed reading animal fact files and learning all about some very interesting and unique animals. It was fantastic to see students so proud of their work and excited to share their learning with others.





Book Week

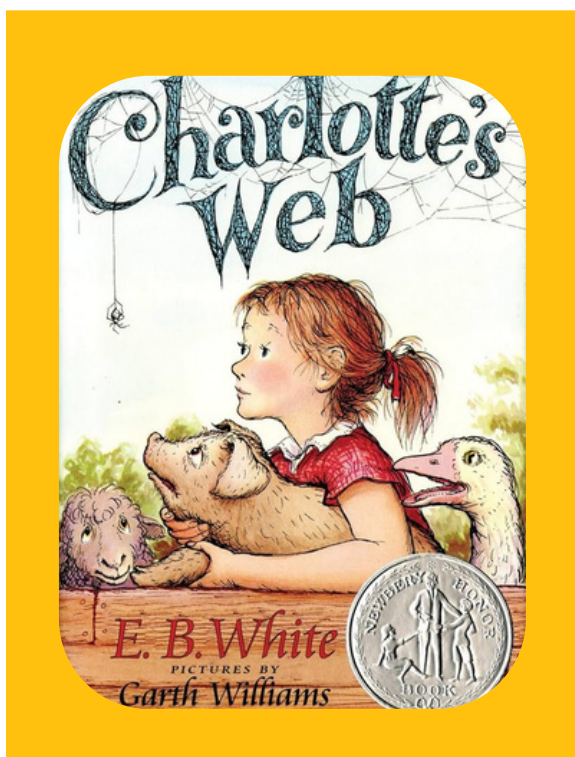
We then celebrated Book Week, with a fabulous turnout of creative and imaginative costumes! It was wonderful to see the students embrace their favourite books and characters and share their love of reading.





Literacy in grade 3 & 4

In our literacy sessions, the Grade 4s have been busy exploring the wonderful story of Storm Boy, while the Grade 3s have been enjoying the classic tale Charlotte's Web. Both classes have been engaging in rich discussions, exploring characters and themes, and developing their understanding of these much-loved stories. It has certainly been a term full of fun, adventure, learning and excitement, and we are so proud of all the wonderful things our students have achieved. What a term to remember!





THE NEWCOMB PS JSC PRESENTS...

SPORTS COLOURS DAY



FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2026



STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO
WEAR THEIR FAVOURITE
SPORTS UNIFORM/COLOURS.



**A REMINDER TO RETURN YOUR
SAUSAGE SIZZLE ORDER FORM!**



THANKS P&F FOR ORGANISING
LUNCH FOR THIS SPECIAL DAY!





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What's been happening...

Spring has officially arrived at Kelly Club Newcomb PS, and we have been loving the warmer weather, longer afternoons and all the fresh energy that comes with a new season! 🌞🌸🌻🌺

Over the past fortnight, we have also been very excited to welcome a few new Kelly Club members into our little community. We absolutely love seeing fresh faces come through our doors and watching our children make new friends, help one another settle in and make everyone feel welcome. 💙💙

📖 Book Week has kept us jam-packed with activities! Our children got creative designing their very own DIY acrylic bookmarks and decorating delicious biscuits. After reading *The Three Little Pigs*, we put our engineering skills to the test by creating our own houses and structures, experimenting with different materials and seeing just how strong we could make them! 🏠🏠🏠

With spring finally here, we have also brought plenty of seasonal fun into our program. The children have been busy creating their own colourful spring bugs, getting creative with different arts and crafts, and putting their construction skills to work with our very popular marshmallow building challenge. It has been wonderful seeing all the different ideas the children come up with and watching them work together to bring their creations to life. 🐛🌻

Of course, we couldn't welcome spring without making the most of the beautiful weather! We have been making our way across all three playgrounds, enjoying plenty of outdoor play and, most importantly, playing what feels like an unlimited number of rounds of Gaga! 😄 The 🧸Gaga pit continues to be a Kelly Club favourite, with some very competitive games taking place each afternoon.

It has been another busy and fun-filled fortnight at Kelly Club Newcomb PS, and we have loved seeing the children's creativity, friendships and confidence continue to grow. We are so excited for more sunny afternoons, outdoor adventures and creative activities as we head further into spring! 🌸🌞🌺🌻

Booking Reminder:

Don't forget to book your children in, as places are filling quickly and we would hate for you to miss out! 🌞

THEME: SPRING HAS SPRUNG Term 3 week 07/09/2026					
Weekly Activities Plan Kelly Club Newcomb PS					
	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	GA GA SHOWDOWN 	HAMA BEADS 	NATURE ART 	CLAY CREATIONS 	SPRING BINGO
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.

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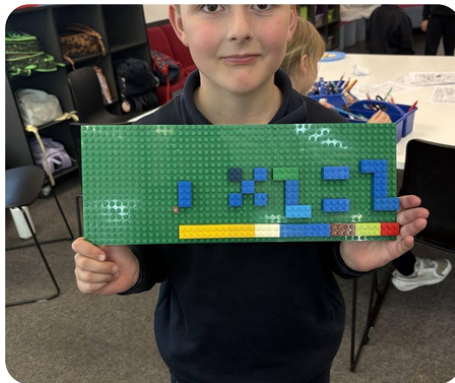
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KELLY CLUB NEWCOMB UPDATE



GEELONG MUMS - DONATION DRIVE

Newcomb Secondary School students Zoey Davis (past NPS student) and Emily Dunn are completing their VCE VM project this term. As part of their learning they have organised a donation drive for Our Village (formerly Geelong Mums.)

The donation tubs are in our administration office and we encourage our students and families to bring in any items they can contribute. Zoey and Emily will be visiting on Tuesday 8th of September to promote the drive and volunteer with selling icy poles on this day.

Donations needed



Help fill our school donation bin

- Look for the donation bin at school **from Monday** — every item goes to **Our Village**, supporting local families and children in need.

Can donate

- Baby and kids' clothes
- Baby shoes up to youth size 7
- Household cots meeting strict safety standards
- Clean cot and bassinet mattresses, no stains or damage
- Good-quality toys
- Puzzles
- Children's books
- Activity mats
- Baby gyms
- Bouncers
- High chairs
- Portable cots

Can not donate

- ✗ Adult clothes
- ✗ Bath stands or seats
- ✗ Battery operated toys
- ✗ Booster seats
- ✗ Breastfeeding or pregnancy pillows
- ✗ Electrical items
- ✗ Formula
- ✗ Household furniture
- ✗ Playpens
- ✗ Portacots
- ✗ Soft bedding: pillows, quilts, duvets, bumpers
- ✗ White goods

Thank you for supporting our village community

NEWCOMB PRIMARY SCHOOL



SWIMMING LESSONS 2026



14 SEPT TO 18 SEPT 2026

10.30am-11.00AM ~ Prep and 1PO

11.00AM-11:30AM - 1/2JF/2MG/3CV

11.30AM - 12.00PM - 4TB/5CM/6SW

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



NPS

SunshineCircles Playgroup

**AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED - HOSTED BY HAYLEY DAVIS
KIRRALEE KINDER ATTENDEES & NPS SIBLINGS INVITED**

Upcoming sessions:

Monday 24th August

This week we will have an animal theme. Explore our dinosaurs, ocean animals and farm animals in a range of play activities.

Monday 31st August

This week we have 5 senses theme. We will be tasting sweet and sour foods (free afternoon tea provided), listening to and using musical instruments and using scented playdough!

Monday 7th September

This week we encourage you all to bring a teddy bear from home for our very own teddy bears picnic! We will have music, teddy bear crafts and some teddy bear biscuits to munch on!



Term 3

Monday- 2:15pm-3pm



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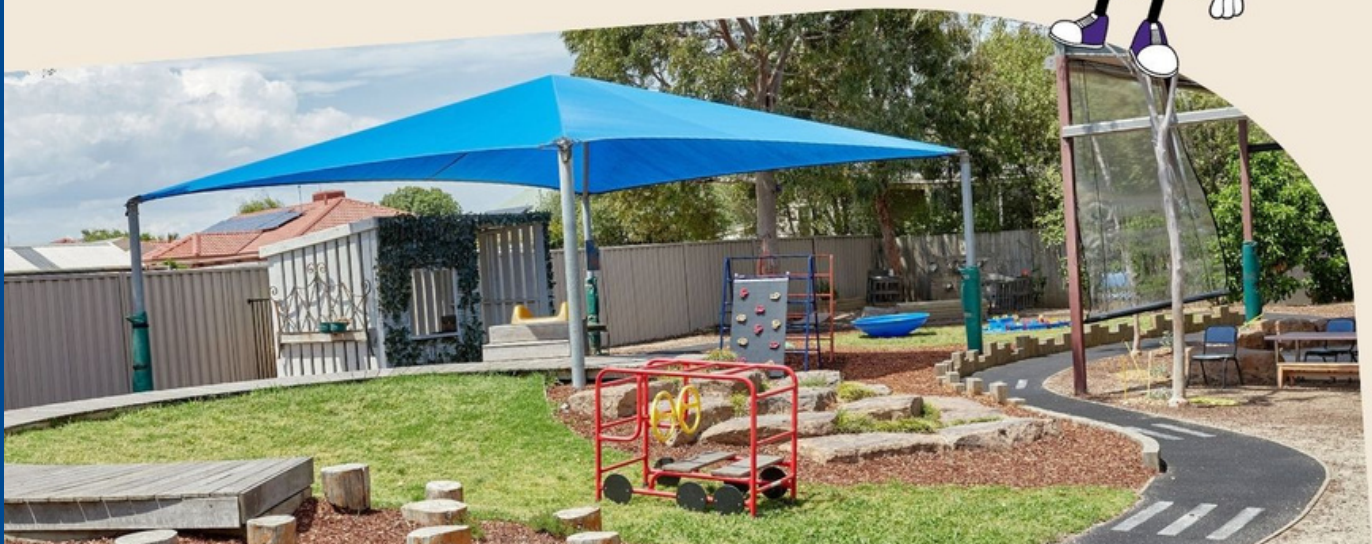
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- ✓ **Stronger connections** with your child's learning community
- ✓ **Local supports** when you need them

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About Your Presenter

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Thur 3 Sept 6.30-8.00pm

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Thur 15 Oct 6.30-8.00pm

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Wed 28 Oct 7.00-8.15pm

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SUNDAY
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9:00AM – 10:30AM (5-13YRS)

**COME ALONG AND GIVE
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- ✓ NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED
- ✓ ALL ABILITIES WELCOME



SUNDAY
6TH & 13TH SEPTEMBER

10:30AM – 12:30PM (14-19YRS)

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**WEDNESDAY NIGHT
COMPETITION**
(GEELONG ONLY)

For 9-13 year olds

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to develop skills, make friends
and have fun.



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