Newcomb Newsletter

Term 3, Week 10 Friday 18th September



IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER

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,

What an incredible Term 3 we have had! There have been so many wonderful opportunities for our students to learn, grow, connect and showcase their achievements. We would like to thank our parents and carers for your ongoing support and involvement in the many events and activities throughout the term.

Over the past few weeks, we have also been busy planning for 2027, including finalising our staffing. We are pleased to congratulate Jess Fatone, Sherridan Woolard, Tyler Booys, Shannon Hodge and Poppy O'Shea on their appointments for 2027.

This week, our Swimming Program has been a fantastic way to finish the term, with students developing important water safety skills, confidence and independence. Thank you to our staff and families for helping the program run so smoothly. A reminder that Friday is the final day of Term 3, with an early finish at 2.15pm.

We are also preparing to welcome our newest Newcomb students, with our 2027 Prep Transition Program beginning early next term. There is plenty to look forward to in Term 4, including our Grandparents Morning Tea, Halloween Dress Up Day, Prep Transition sessions and our first Twilight Christmas Market.

Thank you to our wonderful students, staff and families for another busy and rewarding term. We hope everyone enjoys a safe, relaxing and well-deserved break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 5 October.
As always, please feel free to contact us or come and see us anytime.

Blanche Denmead & Carmen Britnell
Co-Principals

IMPORTANT INFORMATION & UPDATES

STAYING IN THE MOMENT

As we move towards the end of the year, it can be tempting to start looking ahead—thinking about next year's classes, teachers, friendships and plans. While there will be plenty of time for those conversations, we encourage everyone to stay in the moment and enjoy the term we are in.

There is still so much learning, growth and fun to come this year. For our students, particularly, too much focus on what might happen next year can sometimes create unnecessary worry or distraction from what is happening right now.

At the commencement of next term, our focus will be on staying in the moment to enjoy each day, celebrating progress, enjoying time with current classmates and teachers, and finishing the year strongly.

Next year will come soon enough - for now, let's enjoy where we are!

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.

Families & Friends 2026

Our Parents and Friends group has rebranded and will now be known as Families and Friends, reflecting the important role our whole school community plays in supporting Newcomb Primary School.

We would like to begin by thanking all of the parents and carers who supported our recent sausage sizzle. It was a fantastic day for our students, and the wonderful support from our volunteers ensured the event ran seamlessly.

In Term 4, Families and Friends will meet on 6 November, and we warmly welcome new parents and carers to come along and get involved. Our Christmas Market Planning Group will also meet early in the term on 9 October at 2.15pm. If you have ideas to share or would simply like to lend a hand, we would love to see you there!

Families and Friends provides an important opportunity for parents and carers to share feedback and ideas about day-to-day school activities, as well as help plan and support our annual events. Everyone is welcome, and we would love to have you involved!

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)

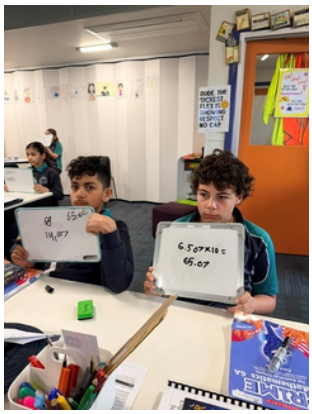
The remaining school council meeting dates for 2026 are:
Term 4 - Tuesday 20th October & Tuesday 1st December

LEARNING AT NEWCOMB

Maths at Newcomb

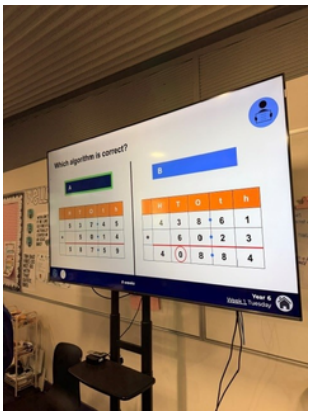
Lots of wonderful maths learning and teaching in all classrooms has continued over the first couple of weeks of Term 4. All teachers have been planning lessons that include 'Applying Prior Knowledge' and 'Concept Development'. We have had a particular focus on engagement norms. It has been wonderful to see knowledge from our Professional Learning meetings implemented in classrooms.

Please have a chat with your children about maths. I'm sure they will be excited to chat about the following:
Prep - Representing numbers to 20
Grade 1 - Comparing and ordering numbers within 120.
Grade 2 - Diving by 5 and 10
Grade 3 - Solving worded problems involving addition and subtraction.
Grade 4 - Multiplying a 2 digit number by a 1 digit number
Grade 5 - Decimals and measurement
Grade 6 - Multiplying a decimal with 2 or 3 decimal places by a 1-digit number

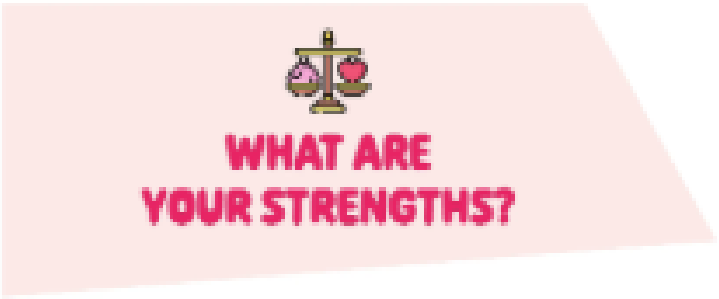








GEM Chat



Professional Learning
Instructional Coaching

At our school we have an instructional coaching program in place where all teachers participate in an identify, learn and improve cycle.
Our vision for instructional coaching at Newcomb Primary School is to create a supportive, collaborative culture where every teacher feels empowered to improve.
We prioritise personalised support, evidence based pedagogy, and equity. We aim to foster excellence in both teaching and student learning. Instructional coaching at Newcomb Primary School is embedded and ongoing; classroom teachers are offered two cycles of instructional coaching for every year they teach with us. With such an intensive model of coaching in place, we prioritise openness and curiosity about practice. Being in one another's classrooms is just part and parcel of what it means to be on the team at Newcomb Primary School.

In Grade 6 this week we are focussing on all learners joining in quickly 100% of the time.



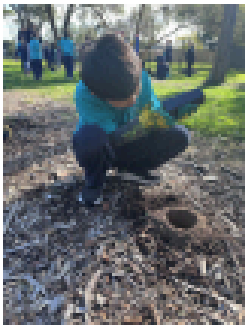
Thanks, and have a wonderful weekend!

Robyn Evans
Assistant Principal

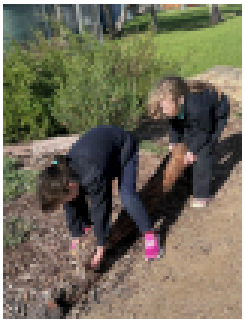
What have we been up to in 12JF?

Term 3 has absolutely flown by, but that hasn't stopped us taking part in lots of great activities, dress up days and learning that we are very proud of!

Towards the start of the term we were lucky and grateful to have Lyn come to school and share her knowledge about native plants for National Tree Day. We spent time planting new plants, tidying the paths and the school grounds. Many hands made light work and we all did a great job!







We've had lots of chances to dress up, like showing off what we would like to be when we grow up. From working at Typo Headoffice, snake catchers, footy players and scientists. It was great sharing our excitement for the future.

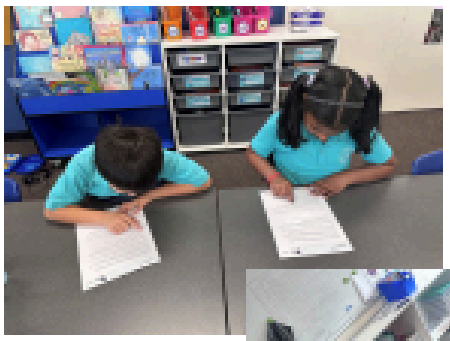








We have been continuing to pracitse our reading fluency every day with a partner. We read a passage we have practised as a class and our partner tracks and gives feedback to help us to improve.

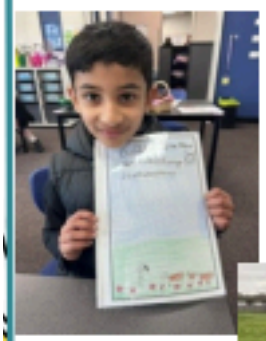




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In Literacy have been learning about the structure of narratives and recreating a known text. We each chose a fairytale such as The Three Little Pigs, Little Red Riding Hood and Goldilocks and the Three Bears and changed some of the story to make it our own. We had such a great time showing these off to students, parents and teachers during the Publishing Party and Book Week dress up day!



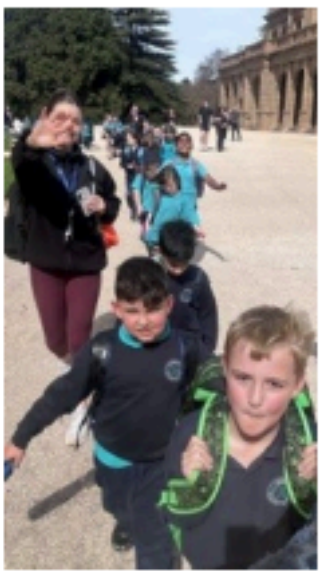






We also ventured out on an excursion to Velisha Farms in Werribee. Here we learnt the importance of the agricultural land in the surrounding areas, water and many facts about fruits and vegetables. It was exciting to see the harvesting and packaging process and learning about how much produce such as lettuce and brussel sprouts is supplied to our supermarkets. Some of us were even brave enough to try a raw brussel sprout! After a very successful day, we headed to the grounds of Werribee Mansion to have lunch and play- what a fantastic day!

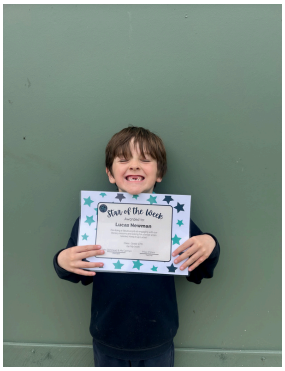



Newcomb PS Value Awards
















Student of the Week Awards





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






Bronwen Miller – Inclusion Learning Specialist



Newcomb Primary School

How SWPBS Supports Your Child

A positive, safe and supportive school for everyone



Respect
Responsibility
Resilience

Strive for knowledge

What is SWPBS?

School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) is a whole-school approach that helps us all learn, work and play together in a safe, respectful and positive way.

We focus on three key areas:

Respect
Be kind and considerate

Responsibility
Make safe and positive choices

Resilience
Keep trying and be your best

Programs and Curriculum

We use a range of programs and curriculum approaches to support your child's wellbeing, learning and success.

- SWPBS (school-wide behaviour expectations)
- Zones of Regulation (emotions and regulation)
- Berry Street Education Model (wellbeing and engagement)
- The Resilience Project (wellbeing and resilience)
- Respectful Relationships (social and emotional skills)
- Learning to Learn Program (routines and learning behaviours)
- Student Voice and Agency (Junior School Council)
- Literacy / English Curriculum (Victorian Curriculum with adjustments)
- Individual Education Plan (IEP) / Individual Learning Plan (personalised goals)

Learning at your level

Strategies, Supports and Resources

We use evidence-based strategies and practical supports to help every student be calm, connected and ready to learn.

Teaching and Learning

- Explicit teaching and modelling
- Clear goals and success criteria
- Small steps and scaffolds
- Differentiation and adjustments
- Extra time and practice

Routines and Environment

- Visual timetables and schedules
- First-Then supports
- Visual cues and prompts
- Predictable routines and transitions
- Movement and brain breaks

Wellbeing and Regulation

- Regulation tools and strategies
- Calm spaces
- Social stories and visual supports
- Emotions and friendship skills
- Access to wellbeing supports

Support Team and Resources

- Classroom teacher and ES
- Learning Specialist – Inclusion
- Speech Pathologist / Allied Health
- Wellbeing team
- Leadership and school teams
- External support services (where needed)

We also listen to your child's voice

We run a regular student voice pulse check to find out what's working well and what could be even better. This helps us:

- Support student wellbeing and connection
- Make learning more engaging
- Keep our school safe, respectful and inclusive

Students can share their thoughts through a short survey and class discussions.

Your child's voice matters!

Together, we can help every student belong, learn and thrive.

Respect | Responsibility | Resilience

Strive for knowledge

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What's been happening...

...aaand that's a wrap for Term3! ☀️

We have had such a fun and busy final week at Kelly Club! With the beautiful sunny weather, we have spent lots of time outside making the most of all three of our playgrounds. The children have enjoyed free play, group games and challenging themselves with time trials on our ninja playground.

We have also been busy getting creative with beaded name keychains, origami and paper creations, drawing, colouring and LEGO building. Just Dance has also been a favourite, with everyone getting involved and showing off their best dance moves!

It has been a great way to finish another wonderful term. We hope all our Kelly Club children and families have a safe and enjoyable school holidays, and we can't wait to see everyone again in Term 4!☀️💛💛








Booking Reminder:

If you need a **holiday program these school holidays**, you can book your child in at our neighbouring **Geelong East Kelly Club**, or come and visit **Ava at Hamlyn Banks**! ❤️

📧 **Geelong East:** geelongeast@kellyclub.com.au
📧 **Hamlyn Banks:** hamlynbanks@kellyclub.com.au

Don't forget to book your children in for term 4, as places are filling quickly and we would hate for you to miss out! 🌟

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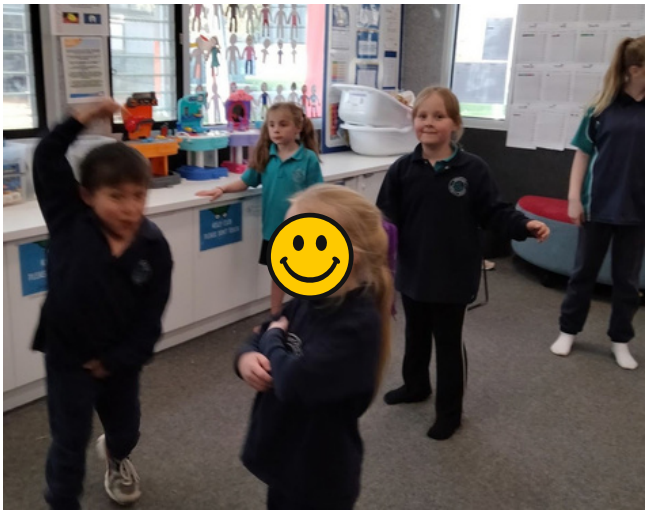
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✓ **Local supports** when you need them

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About Your Presenter

Leigh Bartlett has more than 35 years' experience working alongside young people, families and schools. She is known for delivering practical, engaging workshops that combine professional knowledge with real-world experience.

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Thur 15 Oct	6.30-8.00pm	Wed 28 Oct	7.00-8.15pm

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