Newcomb Newsletter

Term 4, Week 2 Friday 16th October



IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER

16th - Assembly - 2.50pm - All Welcome
21st - Geelong Cup - Public Holiday - No School
22nd - Prep Transition Session #2 9am
23rd - Grandparents Morning Tea
26th- 30th SSG Meetings this week
27th - Prep Transition Session #3 9am
30th - JSC Event - Halloween Dress Up Day!
30th - Assembly - 2.50pm - All Welcome

NOVEMBER

1st - Term 4 Working Bee 10am
5th - Prep Transition Session #4 9am
12th - Prep Transition Session #5 9am
13th - Assembly - 2.50pm - All Welcome
19th - Year 5/6 Job Jump Excursion
20th - Curriculum Day
23rd - Yr 5/6 BioCats Excursion
27th - P&F Meeting 2.15pm
27th - Assembly - 2.50pm - All Welcome

DECEMBER

2nd - Volunteer Morning Tea
4th - Christmas Concert & Market 4.30pm
11th - Assembly - 2.50pm - All Welcome
8th - Whole School Transition Day
15th - Yr 6 Graduation
16th - Class Celebrations
17th - Final Assembly 9am
18th - Last day of school 2.15pm



A NOTE FROM MRS. DENMEAD & & MS. CARMEN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4! We hope all our students and families enjoyed a relaxing and refreshing holiday break. It has been wonderful to see our students return to school with enthusiasm, ready for another exciting term of learning. Term 4 is always a busy and rewarding time, with plenty of opportunities to celebrate student achievements, strengthen connections and finish the year on a positive note.

We are very excited to welcome four new students and their families to Newcomb Primary School this term. A big welcome to Aayam in Prep, Hadi and Rihan in Year 2, and Anaisha in Year 5! It has been lovely to see our students helping their newest classmates settle in, make friends and feel part of our school community. We hope our new families enjoy being part of the Newcomb Primary School community and look forward to getting to know you all.

There are also some fantastic community events coming up, including our Grandparents Morning Tea, Halloween Dress Up Day and our very first Twilight Christmas Market. Our Christmas Market committee has been working hard behind the scenes to plan what promises to be a wonderful evening for our school community. We encourage families to get involved and put our Christmas Market date in your diary!

As we move through the final term, our staff are continuing to focus on high-quality teaching and learning, while also preparing for a successful start to 2027. We look forward to celebrating the progress and achievements of all our students throughout the term. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support of our wonderful school. We look forward to another fantastic term together. As always, please feel free to contact us or come and see us anytime.

Blanche Denmead & Carmen Britnell
Co-Principals

IMPORTANT INFORMATION & UPDATES

STAFFING UPDATES

At the end of last term, we farewelled two valued members of our Education Support team. Billy Henderson has headed off on an exciting new adventure in the Northern Territory, where he will be taking on both a teaching role and a football role. We thank Billy for the wonderful connections he has built with our students and the positive contribution he has made to our school.

We also farewelled Arlee Bennett as she continues her teaching degree. We thank Arlee for her care, enthusiasm and dedication to supporting our students and wish both Billy and Arlee every success in their next chapters.

This term, we have been delighted to welcome Isabell Cook to our Education Support team. Isabell is working primarily across Year 3 and Prep, supporting students in their learning and daily routines.

This week, we have also welcomed Alexandra Rowley, who will be providing Education Support in Year 4 and across other classrooms as needed. We are excited to have both Isabell and Alexandra join our wonderful team and encourage families to make them feel welcome.

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

SCHOOL PRIDE AND GROUNDS

At Newcomb Primary School, we are incredibly fortunate to have beautiful outdoor spaces for our students to learn, play and explore. Keeping our school grounds looking their best is a shared responsibility, and we would love the support of our whole school community to help make our school a place we can all be proud of.

Many hands make light work, and even the smallest contributions can make a big difference! We encourage all families to help us care for our school grounds in simple ways, including:

- Lending a hand on weekends - Parents and carers are very welcome to pop in and spend some time weeding garden beds, raking leaves or collecting fallen sticks.
- Encouraging children to take responsibility - Reminding children to return sandpit toys to the sandpit, put rubbish in the bins and clearing rocks off the basketball courts.
- Taking pride in our environment – Helping children understand that looking after our school is everyone's responsibility and that small actions contribute to a cleaner, safer and more welcoming environment.

TERM 4 WORKING BEE

We also invite all families to join us for our upcoming School Working Bee on Sunday 1st November, from 10:00am – 1:00pm. This will be a wonderful opportunity to come together, tackle some gardening and general tidying jobs, and make a real difference to our school environment. Whether you can spare half an hour or the full three hours, we would love to see you there!

Families & Friends 2026

Our Parents and Friends group has rebranded and will now be known as Families and Friends, reflecting the important role
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 each Monday after school. If you have ideas to share or would simply like to lend a hand, we would love to see you there!

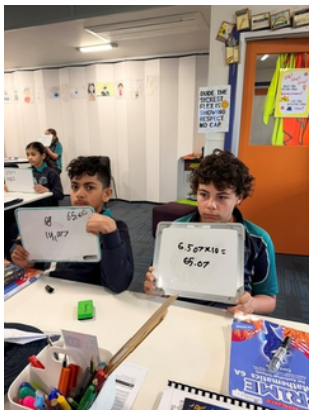
Families and Friends provides an important opportunity for parents and carers to share feedback and ideas about day-to-day school activities, as well as help plan and support our annual events. Everyone is welcome, and we would love to have you involved!

LEARNING AT NEWCOMB

Maths at Newcomb

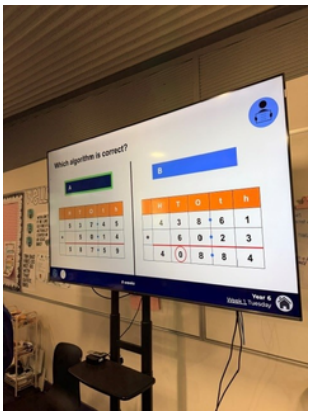
Lots of wonderful maths learning and teaching in all classrooms has continued over the first couple of weeks of Term 4. All teachers have been planning lessons that include 'Applying Prior Knowledge' and 'Concept Development'. We have had a particular focus on engagement norms. It has been wonderful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

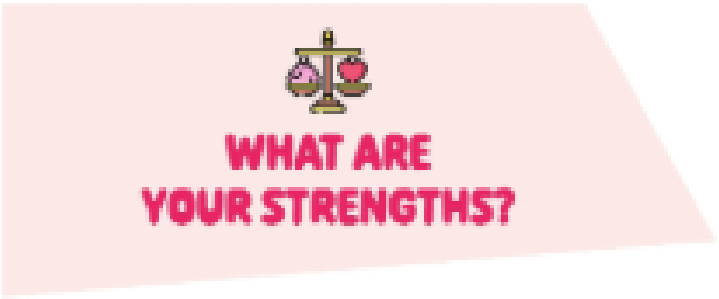








GEM Chat



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

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CHRISTMAS Concert & COMMUNITY NIGHT MARKET

FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER • 4.30PM – 7.30PM

- LIVE PERFORMANCES
- MARKET STALLS
- KIDS ACTIVITIES
- FOOD
- COFFEE & DRINKS
- PLANT SALE
- CHRISTMAS FUN

Bring your picnic rug and chairs and join us for a festive evening!

Uniform, Hat and Sun Protection

Wearing our school uniform helps us feel part of our school community, shows pride in our school and keeps us looking smart and ready to learn.

Wear Your School Uniform Every Day!



- Wear the correct uniform, including our school colours.
- Look neat, clean and be proud to represent Newcomb Primary School.
- Uniform helps us feel a sense of belonging and shows we are ready to learn!

Don't Forget Your Hat!



Wear your hat whenever you are outside, especially during Terms 1 and 4, to help protect yourself from the sun.

Use Suncream



Apply suncream before school and reapply it during the day, especially when spending time outdoors.

Use Insect Repellent



Apply insect repellent to help protect yourself from mosquitoes and other insects, particularly when outdoors.



ART

With Miss Notley



Students have thoroughly enjoyed creating their sculptures in preparation for this year's Royal Geelong Show! Each year level has explored different artists and stories for inspiration.

Our Grade 5/6 students created clay flower sculptures inspired by Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama, while our Grade 3/4 students made abstract clay cows inspired by Dutch artist Peter Diem. The Grade 1/2 students created their own delicious-looking clay doughnuts inspired by Arnie the Doughnut by Laurie Keller, and our Foundation students made clay caterpillars inspired by The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle.

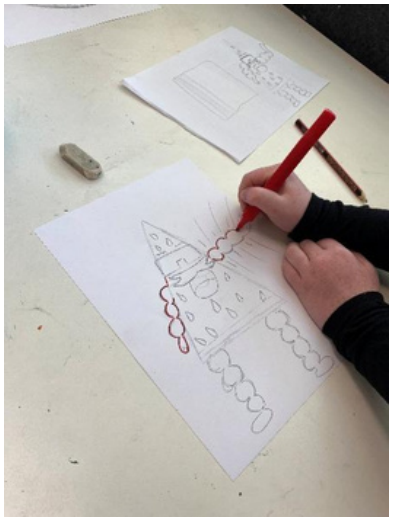
If you have the opportunity, I encourage you to visit the Royal Geelong Show this week, from Thursday 15 October to Sunday 18 October, to see our students' wonderful creations on display in the Education Pavilion. It is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate their creativity, hard work and artistic achievements!

Please note the Education Pavilion closing times: Thursday: 4 pm, Friday and Saturday: 8 pm, Sunday: 4 pm

We hope you get the chance to visit and enjoy our students' amazing artwork!

Second Prize! Newcomb Primary School Art display at the Royal Geelong Show this year.







Art Donations Needed!

Newcomb Primary School will once again be participating in the annual **School Decorated Christmas Trees** as part of the 2026 Christmas in Geelong program!

Our students will be decorating a wooden Christmas tree, which will be displayed at **Johnstone Park Forecourt, beside City Hall in Central Geelong**, as part of the City's Christmas display throughout November and December.

To help bring our Christmas tree to life, Ms Notley, our Art teacher, would greatly appreciate donations of **bottle/jar lids and caps**. These can be any size, colour or material, including plastic or metal.

Donations can be dropped off at the school office.

The more donations, the merrier! Any contributions would be greatly appreciated, so please send them in **as soon as possible.**

Thank you for supporting our students and helping us spread some Christmas cheer throughout Geelong!






GRANDPARENTS' MORNING
Friday 23rd October
Newcomb PS | 10-11am
Visit the classrooms and then join us for some morning tea!
We welcome all grandparents and special people to attend.
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HALLOWEEN DRESS UP DAY

FRIDAY THE 30TH OF OCTOBER



30.10.2026

WE ARE RAISING MONEY FOR
TYPE 1 DIABETES FOUNDATION

GOLD COIN DONATION

KELLY CLUB

NEWCOMB PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWCOMB@KELLYCLUB.COM.AU
0448 058 160 | 1300 535 590

CCS PROGRAM SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE!
*Conditions apply



BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

7:00AM - 8:30AM

$2.30

*AFTER 90% CCS OR
$22.97 FULL FEE

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

3:15PM - 6:00PM

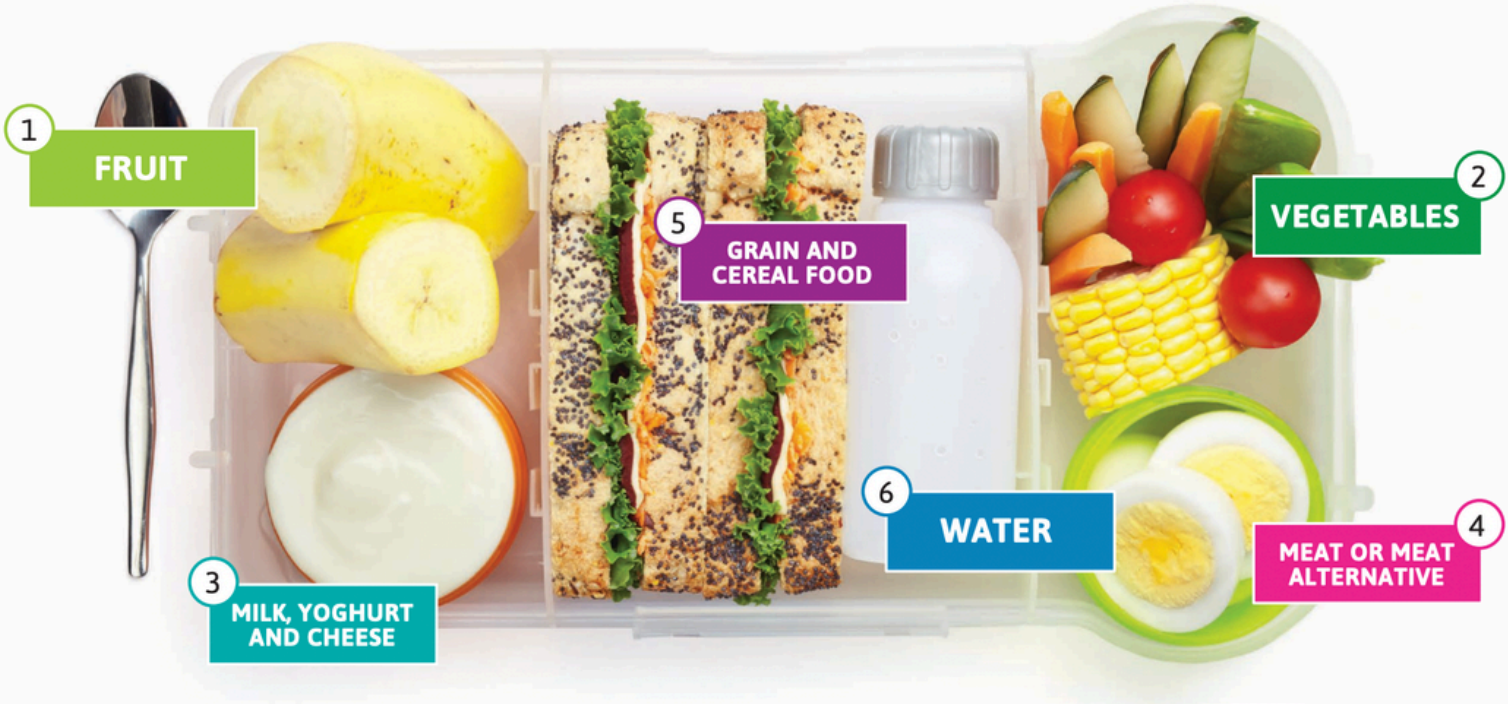
$3.03

*AFTER 90% CCS OR
$30.28 FULL FEE

ENROL NOW AND JOIN THE KELLY CLUB FUN!

SCAN HERE

FOR A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX PICK & MIX SOMETHING FROM EACH GROUP 1-6!



Developed in conjunction with the Achievement Program to support a whole-school approach to healthy eating.

NATIONAL NUTRITION FOUNDATION

Healthy Eating Advisory Service

VICTORIA State Government

FOR A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX PICK & MIX SOMETHING FROM EACH GROUP 1-6!

FRUIT 1

FRESH FRUIT
- Apple
- Banana
- Mandarin
- Orange quarters
- Passionfruit halves (with spoon)
- Watermelon, honeydew, rockmelon chunks
- Pineapple chunks
- Grapes
- Plums
- Nectarines, peaches, Apricots
- Strawberries
- Cherries
- Kiwifruit halves (with spoon)
- Pear

MIXED FRUIT
- Fruit salad
- Fruit kebabs

DRIED FRUIT
- Dried fruit, nut, popcorn mixes*

TINNED FRUIT/SNACK PACKS/CUPS
- In natural juice (not syrup)



VEGETABLES 2

FRESH CRUNCHY VEGIES
- Corn cobs
- Carrot sticks
- Capsicum sticks
- Green beans
- Cucumber sticks
- Celery sticks
- Snow peas
- Tomatoes (e.g. cherry and Roma tomatoes)
- Mushroom pieces

Can serve with either:
- Hommus
- Tomato salsa
- Tatziki
- Beetroot dip
- Natural yoghurt

SALADS
- Coleslaw and potato salad (reduced fat dressing)
- Mexican bean, tomato, lettuce and cheese salad
- Pesto pasta salad*

BAKED ITEMS
- Grilled or roasted vegetables
- Wholemeal vegetable muffins or scones
- Vegetable slice (with grated zucchini and carrot)
- Popcorn

SOUP (In small thermos)
- Pumpkin soup
- Potato and leak soup
- Chicken and corn soup

MILK, YOGHURT AND CHEESE 3

- Milk
- Calcium-enriched soy and other plant-based milks
- Yoghurt (frozen overnight)
- Custard

Tip:
- Freeze the night before to keep cool during the day

- Cheese cubes, sticks or slices
- Cottage or ricotta cheese
- Cream cheese
- Tatziki dip

Can serve with either:
- Fruit
- Wholegrain cereal, low in sugar
- Vegetable sticks
- Rice and corn cakes
- Wholegrain wheat crackers

MEAT OR MEAT ALTERNATIVE 4

- Tinned tuna or salmon in springwater
- Lean roast or grilled meats (e.g. beef, chicken, kangaroo)
- Falafel balls
- Lean meat or chicken patties
- Tinned tuna or salmon patties
- Lentil patties
- Lean deli meats (e.g. ham, silverside, chicken)
- Boiled eggs
- Baked beans (canned)
- Tofu cubes
- Hommus dip
- Lean meat or chicken kebab sticks
- Peanut butter*

Can serve with:
- Wholegrain sandwich, roll, pita or wrap bread with salad
- Rice and corn cakes
- Wholegrain wheat crackers
- Side salad

- Vegetable frittata
- Skinless chicken drumsticks
- Savoury muffins or scones (e.g. lean ham, cheese and shallots)
- Homemade pizzas with lean roast or deli meats and vegetables

Can serve with:
- Side salad
- Steamed or roasted vegetables

GRAIN AND CEREAL FOOD 5

MAINS
- Wraps
- Sandwiches
- Rolls
- Toasted sandwiches

Tip: Use breads such as wholemeal, multigrain, rye, sourdough, pita, flat, corn, mountain, lavash, white fibre-enriched, soy and linseed, herb, naan, bagels, foccacias, fruit bread and English muffins.

- Pasta dishes
- Rice, quinoa or cous cous dishes
- Noodle dishes
- Sushi

SAVORY BAKED ITEMS
- Homemade pizzas
- Wholemeal savoury muffins or scones (e.g. ham, cheese and corn muffins)
- Vegetable based muffins
- Pasta or noodle bake

SWEET BAKED ITEMS
- Fruit loaf
- Wholemeal fruit based muffins

SNACKS
- High fibre, low sugar cereal (e.g. muesli)
- English muffins
- Crackers
- Crispreads
- Rice cakes
- Corn thins
- Wholemeal scones
- Pikelets
- Crumpets
- Hot cross buns (no icing)

WATER 6

- Take a water bottle (for refilling throughout the day)

Tip:
- Freeze overnight to keep foods cool in lunchboxes

Sweet and savoury snack foods (e.g. muesli/fruit/nut bars, biscuits, crisps, cakes, muffins, slices) should be limited in lunchboxes. They can lead to excess energy intake if consumed in large amounts.

Sugar sweetened drinks and confectionery should not be provided in lunchboxes. They can lead to excess energy intake and tooth decay.



Check your school's policy regarding the use of nuts and products containing nuts.

For more information about healthy eating and for many tasty recipes, visit the the Healthy Eating Advisory Service:
http://heas.health.vic.gov.au/

Term 4 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	5th October First day of Term 4	6th October	7th October	8th October #1Prep 2027Transition Session 9-10am	9th October
2	12th October	13th October	14th October	15th October	16th October 2:50pm-Assembly All welcome
3	19th October OnSite Evacuation Drill	20th October 3.15Consultative 4.45pm School Council Meeting	21st October Geelong Cup	22nd October #2Prep 2027Transition Session 9-10am	23rd October 10-11am Grandparents morning
4	26th October SSGMeetings(KESO)	27th October SSG Meetings #3 Prep 2027 Transition Session 9-10am 3.15Consultative	28th October SSG Meetings 3.30 Staff Celebration	29th October SSG Meetings	30th October JSC Event:Halloween Dress Up Day 2:50pm-Assembly
5	2nd November	3rd November	4th November	5th November #4Prep 2027 Transition Session 9-10am	6th November
6	9th November	10th November	11th November	12th November #5 Prep 2027Transition Session 9-10am	13th November 2:50pm-Assembly All welcome
7	16th November	17th November	18th November	19th November Yr 5/6 at Leopold PS for Job Jump event	20th November Curriculum Day Leadership Offsite - 2027 Planning
8	23rd November VIT	24th November	25th November	26th November	27th November 2:15pm - P&FMeeting 2:50pm- Assembly All welcome
9	30th November Yr5 rehearsalweek 9-11 School Gymnastics	1st December Yr 5 rehearsal week 4.45pm School Council Meeting	2nd December Yr5 rehearsalweek Leadership Planning Day: PLC/Wellbeing 11am Volunteer morning tea School Gymnastics	3rdDecember Yr 5 rehearsal week 9-11	4th December 4.30pm - 7:30pm Christmas Twilight Market
10	7th December 1pmPrepChristmas Lunch School Gymnastics	8th December #6Prep 2027Transition Session 9-12.30pm Statewide transition	9th December School Gymnastics	10th December 11am 100s Club	11th December 2:50pm-Assembly All welcome
11	14th December	15th December Grade6 Graduation 1-3.30pm	16th December ClassCelebrations	17th December 9amFinal Assembly	18th December Last day of term 4

Term 4 Working Bee - Sunday 1st November 10-1pm

Children's Week

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AGED 0-12

FREE FUN FAMILY EVENTS



ATTEND AS MANY EVENTS AS YOU LIKE!

Children's Week is a vibrant community celebration of children's rights, wellbeing, and creativity. Featuring over 20 free activities, including cultural experiences, play, and creative workshops by local organisations and supported by the City of Greater Geelong.

MUSIC & DANCE

NATURE PLAY

ARTS & CREATIVITY

CULTURE & COMMUNITY

FUN FOR ALL AGES!

Scan the QR to find a fun, family friendly event near you.

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