



# Newcomb Newsletter

Term 4, Week 10, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December



## IMPORTANT DATES

### DECEMBER

2<sup>nd</sup> - School Council Meeting 4.45pm  
9<sup>th</sup> - Whole School Transition Day 9-12.30  
10<sup>th</sup> - Volunteer Morning Tea 11.00am  
10<sup>th</sup> - Prep Christmas Lunch  
12<sup>th</sup> - Assembly 2.50pm All welcome  
16<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Graduation  
17<sup>th</sup> - End of year class celebrations/excursions  
17<sup>th</sup> - Reports available on Compass  
18<sup>th</sup> - Final Assembly & Xmas Spectacular! 9am  
19<sup>th</sup> - Last day of Term 4 Early finish 2.15pm

### JANUARY

28<sup>th</sup> - Assessment Day (individual time slots)  
29<sup>th</sup> - First day for all students (F-6)

### FEBRUARY

4<sup>th</sup> - No Preps at school today  
6<sup>th</sup> - NPS Dress Up day  
11<sup>th</sup> - No Preps at school today  
13<sup>th</sup> - Whole School Excursion  
18<sup>th</sup> - No Preps at school today  
15<sup>th</sup> - No Preps at school today



Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, we are heading towards our final week of 2025! What an incredible year we have had and what a lot we have achieved! We thank our families for their support of our school and our students throughout the year.

We have some further staffing updates to finalise our team for 2026. I am pleased to announce that Carmen Britnell has been appointed in the continuing role of Co-Principal for 2026. Carmen has brought a lot to the school and has become part of our community this year and we are lucky to have her continuing in 2026. In the new year Blanche will be on site on Monday, Tuesday and Friday and Carmen will be on site on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We'd also like to welcome Poppy O'Shea who will be teaching our Year 1 class in 2026. Poppy has been working in Horsham and is a graduate teacher with a real passion for teaching and learning. We are excited to welcome Poppy to our school!

We are also excited to share our Education Support Staff team for 2026:

- Prep - Malka Khan, Jasmine Southern and Kayley Whytcross
- Year 1 - Jo Hachem
- Year 1/2 - Georgie Goldie and Alysha Groenendaal
- Year 2 - Michelle Stewart
- Year 3 - Cate Alizzi
- Year 4 - Anna Yankos
- Year 5 - Keira West
- Year 6 - Donna Parsons
- Additional support: Arlee Bennett and Jemma Casey

We would like to say thank you to Mitch Davey who has been providing some additional support across the year. We wish him well as he heads on to a new work adventure with Airbnb! We would also like to thank McKenzie who joined us for term four and has provided support in many classrooms across the school. Thanks also to Lucy who we will continue to work with in her role as part of the Bluebird Foundation. Thank you team, we appreciate all you have done this year!  
Please come and see us anytime, Blanche Denmead & Carmen Britnell - Principal Team




# CHRISTMAS LUNCH



THE PREPS WERE VERY LUCKY TO HAVE A  
CHRISTMAS LUNCH THIS WEEK!

LUNCH INCLUDED DELICIOUS HAM,  
BROCCOLI, PEAS, PUMPKIN, POTATOES AND  
JELLY OR PAVLOVA FOR DESSERT.



IT WAS WONDERFUL TO SEE ALL STUDENTS  
HAVING A TRY OF NEW FOODS. THE SMILES,  
CONVERSATION AND LAUGHTER WERE THE  
HIGHLIGHT OF THE LUNCH!



A BIG THANK YOU TO MRS DENMEAD AND  
HER FAMILY FOR COOKING THE DELICIOUS  
LUNCH!



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION & UPDATES

## FINAL WEEK OF TERM

Next week we have a jam packed week! Our 5/6 have puberty sessions on Monday, Year 6 graduation on Tuesday, Class celebration excursions on Wednesday, our Christmas concert and assembly on Thursday and final day for the term on Friday!

As we reach the end of term some of your children may be feeling tired and a bit overwhelmed. Although there are lots of exciting things happening this can be a bit overwhelming for some students. We encourage you to plan some quiet/early nights next week so your child can thoroughly enjoy the last week of 2025 and all it has to offer!

## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

Last week we had a morning tea for our numerous volunteers who help us throughout the year. Our reading volunteers, The Smith Family, Ed Connect Mentors and Reading Dogs just to name a few. This year we have also had our gardening club led by Lyn Wilcock who have been working hard around the school. We are grateful for all volunteers and thank them for all they do.



## HOLIDAY WORKS ON SITE

Over the school holidays we will have some work being done around the school. Prior to students returning we have Cloverdale coming in to fill all of our playgrounds with soft fall. They will also replace soft fall under our stand alone play equipment. This is a big job and will mean our playgrounds are fresh and safe when the students return!

We are also lucky to be getting our new bike shelter erected in mid January. This will provide more shelter where our bike storage is currently located. We are grateful to Active Schools and the Geelong City Council for their generous sponsorship of this work.

## PASS THE SNACKS

This amazing local organisation provided us with 20 boxes of snacks for our families over the school holidays. We are very grateful to Pass the Snacks for their continued support and contribution which helps make holidays a little easier financially. If you were a family selected to receive a box this holiday we hope you enjoy it and it helps with those snack requests over the break!



## 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](mailto:pinkpawprincess@hotmail.com).

Our school council representatives for 2026 are:

Natalie Edwards (President),  
Calista Davis (Vice President),  
Amanda Wright (Secretary),  
Allison Fogarty (Treasurer),  
Morgan Foster (Community Representative),  
Meagan Morris (Parent Representative),  
Lyn Wilcock (Parent Representative),  
Penny Winbolt (Parent Representative),  
Rachel Smith (Parent Representative),  
Donna Parsons (DET Representative),  
Michelle Stewart (DET Representative),  
Carmen Britnell (Principal).

We would like to sincerely thank our school councillors for their commitment and contributions to our school in 2025.

The school council meeting dates for 2026 are:

Term 1

- 10th February
- 17th March (AGM)

Term 2

- Tuesday 13th May
- Tuesday 17th June

Term 3

- Tuesday 28th July
- Tuesday 1st September

Term 4

- Tuesday 20th October
- Tuesday 1st December



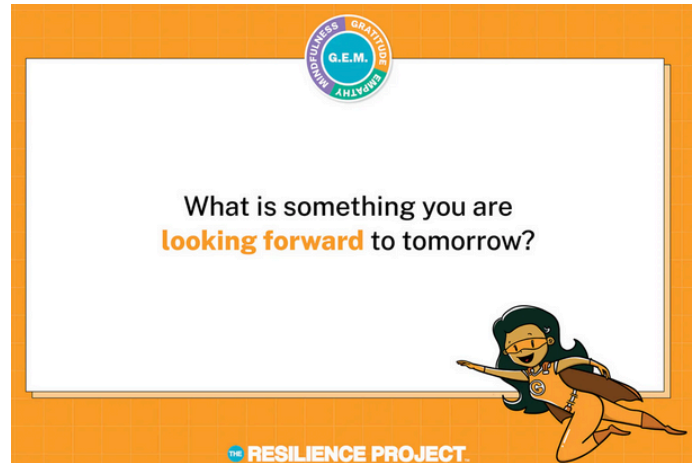
## ENGLISH

### Publishing Party Fun!

This is always a highlight for our annual school calendar. There were many wonderful books on display. Students from all classes put in a lot of effort to showcase their writing skills. Thankyou to all families who attended and brought along a wonderful lunch to share.



## GEM CHAT



## ASSESSMENT

### Reporting to Parents

All schools are required to formally report student achievement and progress. Teachers provide a judgement against the achievement standards, assigned as a score, that accurately reflects where each student is along the relevant learning continuum for all curriculum areas taught during the reporting period.

At NPS we have an extensive assessment schedule to inform teaching; teachers check student's understanding and triangulate data to make these judgements against the Victorian Curriculum. Semester 2 Student Reports will be released on Compass next week.

### 2026 CLASSES

Our whole school transition morning on Tuesday was a lot of fun.

Students visited their new classroom and met teachers for a morning of activities. These included 'Welcome Circle' 'getting to know me', 'getting to know my teacher' and 'our community'. All children were given a Social Story about their grade to take home and share with families.

Grade 6 students also had a great day visiting their secondary schools. We wish them all the best for next year.

Thanks, and have a great week  
Robyn Evans  
Assistant Principal

# Values Awards



# Student of the Week Awards

Congratulations to these students who have been working hard this fortnight!





# Term 1 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	26th Jan AustraliaDay	27th Jan WholeStaff PD Day 11.30am ES PD	28th Jan Assessment Day	29th Jan Firstday for students Grade F-6	30th Jan
2	2nd Feb	3rd Feb	4th Feb Noschoolfor preps	5th Feb	6th Feb NPSDressUp Day 9:00amParade
3	9th Feb	10th Feb 4.45pm School Council	11th Feb No school for preps	12th Feb	13th Feb 9:00am-12:00pm Eastern Gardens Excursion
4	16th Feb	17th Feb BraveheartsProgram Noschoolforpreps (F-2)	18th Feb	19th Feb 9-11am Open Morning AllWelcome	20th Feb 2:50pm-Assembly All welcome 27th Feb
5	23rd Feb	24th Feb 3.15Consultative Meeting 3rd March	25th Feb No school for preps	26th Feb	CleanUp Australia Day JSC Event: TBC
6	2nd March SSG Meetings	SSG Meetings Parent TeacherMeet & Greet	4th March SSG Meetings	5th March SSG Meetings	6th March SSG Meetings
7	9th March Labour Day	10th March 3.15 Consultative Meeting	11th March NAPLAN Begins	12th March	13th March
8	16th March	17th March 4.45pm School Council (AGM)	18th March Whole school Cross Country (Ervin Reserve)	19th March	20th March Harmony Day 2:15pm - P&FMeeting 2:50pm- Assembly Allwelcome
9	23rd March NAPLAN Finishes	24th March School Review	25th March	26th March 11am 100s Club	27th March
10	30th March	31st March 2.15pm Brainstorm Productions - whole school show 'The Protectors'	1st April	2nd April Lastday of term! 9:00am Assembly Glowtastic Disco Party! Easter Raffle 1:30pm-2:15pm 2:15 Finish	3rd of April GoodFriday



# 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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KELLY CLUB FUN!  
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## Parenting Education Programs Term 1, 2026



All of our  
programs  
are FREE!



### Bumps to Bubs

Pre-birth – 12 months

Bumps to Bubs brings together young mothers and mothers-to-be up to age 25 with babies zero to one, in a supportive environment. This enables a relaxed opportunity to build friendships and share in the journey of parenting.



### Bubs to Tots

12 months – two years

Bubs to Tots offers support and education to mothers (up to 24 years old) of children one to two years old. Through the use of play, the program informs parents about children's early development and helps them navigate the toddler years.



### Circle of Security

Birth – five years

Circle of Security is an eight-week program for parents of children aged zero to five years. The program helps parents build a secure and safe foundation for their children during the early years.



### Bringing Up Great Kids

12 months – 12 years

Bringing Up Great Kids helps parents of children aged 12 months to 12 years. The program helps parents enhance their communication skills to ensure they're having positive interactions with their children and fostering a strong sense of self-identity.



### Tuning In to Kids

Three years – 12 years

Tuning in to Kids is a six-week supportive program for parents of children aged three to 12 years. The program helps parents work with their children to better understand and express their emotions. This aims to maximise social, behavioural and learning outcomes.



### Dads Tuning In to Kids

Three years – 12 years

Dads Tuning in to Kids is a six-week program for fathers of children aged three to 12 years. The program helps fathers tune into their child's emotions and develops their confidence to manage and respond to the emotional needs of their child.



### Strengthening Family Connections

Eight years – 12 years

Strengthening Family Connections is an eight-week program for parents and their children aged eight to 12 years. The program helps improve communication among family members through focusing on family culture and routines to enhance the home environment.



### Bringing Up Great Kids - Parenting Adolescents

Eight years – 12 years

Bringing Up Great Kids - Parenting Adolescents is a six-week program for parents of children aged 10 years to 18 years. The program helps parents build positive relationships, better understand the adolescent brain and explore the changing role from 'custodian' to 'consultant'.



### Tuning In to Teens

10 years – 18 years

Tuning in to Teens is a six-week program for parents of adolescents aged 10 years to 18 years. The program helps parents connect and communicate with their teen and assists them with strategies to foster emotional intelligence and support them through this period of their lives.



### Bringing Up Great Kids in the First 1000 Days

Birth – two years

Bringing Up Great Kids in the First 1000 Days is a six-week program for expectant parents and parents of children up to two years, aimed at increasing parental knowledge during the first 1000 days of a child's life. Parents will be educated about how speech and actions impact on behaviour and development.



### Navigating Separation and Co-parenting

Birth – adolescence

Navigating Separation and Co-parenting is a free six-week parenting after separation program to assist parents adjusting to separation, improving the co-parenting relationship, and supporting their children after separation. Please direct enquires to [navigatingseparation@meli.org.au](mailto:navigatingseparation@meli.org.au)



'Hope of Christmas'

# No Ordinary Christmas

**FAMILY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

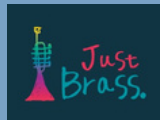
**Dec 14th at 10am**

239 Malop St Geelong



Christmas  
Crafts

Just Brass Bands  
performing



Cookie Decorating

World Premiere of  
our Nativity Play



Face painting

Sausage Sizzle



Photo with Santa



## Christmas Dessert Competition

Bring along your most special Christmas dessert



Awards will be given for  
Most Creative People's Choice  
Most Delicious Best Decorated



and more.....

Think cupcakes, choc ripple cake, decorated cookies, pavlova,  
whatever your family's favourite Christmas dessert is.

Please note: The desserts will be shared on the day,  
so please keep them kid friendly

Flyer content

About this survey

**BLUEBIRD**  
FOUNDATION INC.



## Survey Information Sheet

Throughout November 2025 we are gathering information about the quality and impact of our programs. To do this we are asking you to complete a short survey. The information you provide us will help us understand the impacts we are having and how we can improve our programs.

### What you need to do

You can use the QR code or the web link below. These will take you to the online survey. IF YOU CANNOT ACCESS THE SURVEY, PLEASE LET US KNOW; WE CAN HELP

Please remember:

- This survey is voluntary. You do not have to complete it.
- You will not be asked to provide any personal information.
- The survey is anonymous.
- If you have questions or any difficulties with the survey, please ask for help.
- The survey takes about 5-10 minutes to complete.

Here is the QR code which you can scan with your mobile phone.



Or you can type in this link into your mobile phone or computer.

<http://tiny.cc/BBimpact25>

Thank you so much for your time and your thoughts. The information you give us really helps improve the work we do.



## SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS



### Messy Art: Beneath the Waves

Dive into colourful, messy ocean-inspired art with Natalie Iacono & Luke Matthews.  
7yrs+ 9:30 - 1:30pm (4 hours)  
\$90 per day or \$175 for both days

JANUARY  
6&7



### K-POP Character Illustration

Step into the colourful world of K-Pop in this fun and energetic character illustration workshop!  
Led by artist Melissa O'Shea.

8yrs+ 10-12noon \$55 incl. materials

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### Character Illustration

Led by artist Melissa O'Shea, this fun and interactive session is perfect for young creatives who love to draw, invent stories, and bring characters to life.

8yrs+ 10-12noon \$55 incl. materials

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[bluebirdfoundationinc.org.au/workshops](http://bluebirdfoundationinc.org.au/workshops)

# FREE FOOD & FREE TAFE FOOD HANDLING CERTIFICATE



## FOOD 4 FUTURE

Food 4Future brings youngpeople together for three free workshops on food and life skills — including meal planning, budgeting, shopping, and cooking.

- Free food
- Free TAFE Food Handling Certificate
- Free kitchen kit and veggie box
- Ages 15–24
- Free to attend

Running in January 2026 at:

- Newcomb Library
- Biyal-a Armstrong Creek Library
- Corio Library

Book your  
spot here:













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GROUP	VENUE	DATES	DAYS/TIMES
 <b>Circle of Security</b>	Norlane Child & Family Centre 52-56 Gerbera Avenue Norlane	5 February – 26 March	Thursdays 10am – 12pm
 <b>Dads Tuning Into Kids</b>	Mell 16 Ballarat Road Hamlyn Heights	11 February – 18 March	Wednesdays 5.30pm – 7.30pm
 <b>Tuning In to Kids</b>	Mell 16 Ballarat Rd Hamlyn Heights	10 February – 17 March	Tuesdays 10am – 12pm
 <b>Tuning in to Teens</b>	Mell Poa Banyul 110 Unity Dr Mt Duneed	12 February – 19 March	Thursdays 1.00pm – 3.00pm
 <b>Bumps to Bubs Armstrong Creek</b>	Armstrong Creek East Community Hub 46 Central Boulevard Armstrong Creek	Every school term Term 1 dates: 28 January – 1 April	Wednesdays 1pm – 2.30pm
 <b>Bumps to Bubs Corio</b>	Northern Bay Family Learning Centre Goldsworthy Rd Corio (Early Help)	Every school term Term 1 dates: 28 January – 1 April	Wednesdays 1.30pm – 3pm
 <b>Bumps to Bubs Whittington</b>	Whittington Child and Family Centre 27 Apollo Place Whittington	Every school term Term 1 dates: 28 January – 1 April	Wednesdays 1pm – 2.30pm
 <b>Bubs to Tots</b>	Northern Bay Family Learning Centre Goldsworthy Rd Corio (Early Help)	Every school term Term 1 dates: 29 January – 2 April	Thursdays 10am – 11:30am
 <b>Strengthening Family Connections</b>	Mell 16 Ballarat Road Hamlyn Heights	Term 1 dates: 5 February – 26 March (8 weeks)	Thursdays 4:30pm – 7.30pm
 <b>Navigating Separation &amp; Co-parenting</b> <small>g <a href="mailto:navigatingseparation@meli.org.au">navigatingseparation@meli.org.au</a></small>	Mell 25 Gordon Ave Geelong West	4 February – 18 March	Wednesdays 11am – 12:30pm

To avoid disappointment please register early.  
Registrations close 2 weeks prior to group start date.

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Programs. →



# SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

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REGIONAL  
LIBRARIES



## JOIN IN THE FUN AT NEWCOMB LIBRARY

We've got your kids covered these school holidays!

Explore our exciting range of events and activities covering literacy, STEM, social connections, and creative exploration. There is something to entertain children of all ages and interests.

Scan the QR code for the full details of all events on our website. Bookings open two weeks before school holidays start.



- **Creative Colour (Ages: Preschool)**  
Tue 6 Jan, 10:30am - 11:30am
- **'In-Awe' - Light show landscapes (Ages: 8+)**  
Wed 7 Jan, 2:30pm - 3:30pm
- **Baby Time (Ages: Preschool)**  
Thur 8 Jan, 11:30am - 11:50am
- **How to be an Astronaut (Ages: Preschool)**  
Tue 13 Jan, 10:30am - 11:30am
- **Lego Architects (Ages: 8+)**  
Wed 14 Jan, 2:30pm - 3:30pm
- **Baby Time (Ages: Preschool)**  
Thur 15 Jan, 11:30am - 11:50am

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**\$250 | JAN 22 & 23**

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**RENEGADES CAMP | AGES 7 TO 10**  
**\$89 | JAN 21**

**INCL. 2-GAME BBL MEMBERSHIP**

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