



Newcomb Newsletter

Term 4, Week 6, Friday 14th November

IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

14th Nov - Assembly 2.50pm All welcome
21st - Curriculum Day - No School for Students
(Professional Practice)
28th - Publishing Party BER 12.30pm
28th - Assembly 2.50pm All welcome

DECEMBER

2nd - School Council Meeting 4.45pm
9th - Whole School Transition Day 9-12.30
10th - Volunteer Morning Tea 11.00am
12th - Assembly 2.50pm All welcome
15th - P-2 Christmas Lunch
16th - Year 6 Graduation
17th - End of year class celebrations
17th - Reports available on Compass
18th - Final Assembly & Xmas Spectacular! 9am
19th - Last day of Term 4 Early finish 2.15pm



Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week we held our school swimming program. It was a jam packed week of skill development, life saving, water safety and fun! Congratulations to all those students who participated and a big thank you to the team at Splashdown Leisure Centre! Well done to Paige Clay and Dillon Benn who organised the logistics of swimming groups and bus schedules for the whole school!

This week we have held our Student Support Group meetings for those students who require them. This is an incredible opportunity for classroom teachers to meet with families and discuss student progress, as well as next steps for learning. Thanks to all of those parents and carers who have attended this week.

We have received multiple messages of concern from families regarding parking around our school. Whilst we are unable to change the parking arrangements the safety of our students as they arrive/depart from school is the responsibility of everyone. We encourage all families to adhere to parking restrictions and talk to their children about safety on and around roads.

The school recognises that parking around our school can be problematic at drop-off and pick-up times and parents/carers may also be in a rush on their way to work. We urge families to adhere to the signs advising of parking restrictions (e.g. no standing areas) and refrain from 'double parking' whereby students are let out of cars from the street and are then required to walk between cars to access the footpath/nature strip. We have received reports of 'near misses' when children have run in front of cars, narrowly avoiding a serious accident.

We also encourage families to walk their children across roads using the designated crossing areas. It may take an extra minute or two, but it could also prevent a tragic accident and save lives. Thank you for your support!

Please come and see us anytime!

Blanche Denmead & Carmen Britnell - Principal Team

IMPORTANT INFORMATION & UPDATES

TRANSITION DAY - TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER

On Tuesday the 9th of December we have our annual whole school transition day. Our Year 6 students spend the day at their new school learning about all high school has to offer and meeting their peers for 2026.

Our students will spend the morning in their new classroom with their new class teacher for 2026. The transition session runs from 9am until 12.30pm. It aims to reduce anxiety about the coming school year and gives the opportunity to get to know their new classroom teacher and Education Support staff for the new school year.

Throughout the morning students will be involved in community and team building activities and will have the chance to share about themselves, while getting to know more about their peers. Our new Preps and students coming to us from other schools will also join us for the day. On this day all students will bring home a note so that parents are informed of their class teacher for 2026.

CLASS PLACEMENT FOR 2026

In 2026 we will have a mix of straight year level classes and some composite classes, based on our current and future enrolments. We decide on class composition with consideration to academic, social and behavioural considerations. This is a thorough process with great thought given to ensuring students are placed in a class that will provide optimal learning.

SUNSMART

There is a large number of students continuing to come to school without a hat. Please ensure you check with your child each morning to see that they have their hat packed for the day. Students who do not have a hat will need to play under cover.

Please also remember to put sunscreen on your child/ren each morning. If they have some in their school bag please remind them to re apply as required.

KELLY CLUB AVAILABILITY

We have a number of families that use our Kelly Club Program for before and after school care. There is still vacancies in both programs and we encourage families to explore the options available.

Before school care is available from 7-8.30am whilst after school care is available from 3.15-6.00pm. Both programs include provision of food (breakfast in the morning and snack in the afternoon) and a number of activities are available during the sessions.

There are subsidies available with some families having up to 90% reduction in Kelly club fees. Please follow the link to check out the Kelly Club page and to find out more information <https://kellyclub.com.au/newcomb>.

VSBA BUILDING WORKS

We would like to thank everyone for their patience in the completion of our undercover area works. The process has been much more detailed than we realised but the end product of the new ground cover is looking amazing!

We will hold a formal opening for the space in the near future, but in the meantime check it out next time you are in the school grounds!

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL 2025

Our Junior School Councillors have been incredibly busy this term! They set a great standard with our first Halloween Day, raising \$99.90 much needed funds for The Smith Family. Students had a wonderful time at the lunchtime disco and we thank parents/carers for their great efforts with the costumes!

Last week we once again held our 'Shine Blue' Day for River's Gift. A big thank you to Rhiannon Beales for providing some fun blue fairy floss to help acknowledge the day. We raised \$140 for the very important River's Gift Foundation. Well done JSC!

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2025

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 2025 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).

The next school council meeting for term 4 is on Tuesday 2nd of December.

LEARNING AT NEWCOMB

ENGLISH

All of our English classes at Newcomb PS start with a daily review.

The students in Prep - 2 revisit letter formation, high frequency words, phonetic knowledge, vocabulary and fluency. Students in Years 3 - 6 review spelling, reading fluency, vocabulary and syntax.

The purpose of our Daily Review is to assist students in consolidating knowledge and transferring this information to long term memory.

During our Daily Review children work on whiteboards and the teacher is giving them lots of opportunities to respond whilst checking for understanding.



WELCOME CIRCLE

Welcome Circle	
#1 Greeting	
#2 Acknowledgement to Country	
#3 Gratitude. Empathy. Mindfulness.	
#4 School Value Focus & Learning Expectations	
#5 Announcements	
#6 Positive Primer	
#7 What went well?	



TEACHER LEARNING

Berry Street training is now complete! Mrs Denmead, Miss Smith, Mrs Dennis, Miss Devlin, Miss Marino and Jo all had a fabulous couple of days completing this 4 day training.

The Berry Street Education Model (BSEM) focusses on using trauma-informed and strengths-based strategies to improve student wellbeing, relationships, and academic achievement.

We always begin our day with a Welcome Circle. Students and teachers start with greetings, discuss values and expectations, share announcements, and build a positive and safe learning environment to improve student engagement and wellbeing.

ASSESSMENT

Last week at our meetings teachers looked at writing samples the children had produced.

All children used a stimulus titled 'Fire!' and some wonderful writing was produced. Teachers compared the writing to the Victorian Curriculum strands and will now use this information to assist with reporting to families.

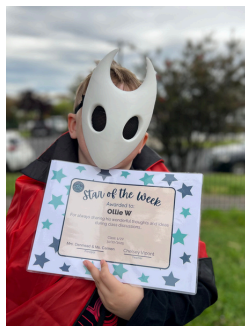
Thanks, and have a great week
Robyn Evans
Assistant Principal

Values Awards



Student of the Week Awards

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



THE OUTPOST

In Term 3 the Year 5/6 students participated in a program called **DASH**. This program was delivered by BlueLight Victoria and was all about our young people feeling heard, connected and safe to make change.

Two big focuses of the program are healthy engagement among peers and fostering community connections while empowering our students to become change makers.

Over the course of 8 weeks our students were engaged in a number of fun activities with the culmination being team projects focused on something they want to change in our community.



All groups presented their project idea to parents/carers, teachers and some of our community specialists. One of the groups that were selected as a project to run was this group of students - Daniel, Odin, Rohit, Aylah and Dan who gathered 30 bags of food/essential items to donate to the homeless people in Geelong.

We made contact with Outpost and they were delighted to host us for a tour of their facilities as we delivered the collated items. It was an incredible opportunity for our students to see the impact their project would have. Thanks to Grace at Outpost for allowing us to visit.

A BlueLight Victoria DASH Community project by "The Untitled"

Is CYBERBULLYING an issue to you?

Let's work together to keep each other safe and included on the internet.

1. Be safe, curious, kind and secure
2. Think before you express
3. Be an upstander

www.esafety.gov.au/kids

Icons: Game controller, Smartphone, Laptop

Logos: BlueLight, Kids Helpline 13 11 14



The second group that was chosen to complete their project was Loki, Sam and Issac. They created these brilliant Cyber Safety posters for display in local community centres.

They have been distributed far and wide and can be found in some of the local school newsletters too.



Grade 3's and 4's have been sewing and making foil people ready for animation



Christmas Trees for Johnstone Park



Andi Afford receiving her certificate and framed artwork from Barwon Health



ART



Grade 5 and 6 trip to the Archibald's at Geelong Gallery



Newcomb artwork Geelong Show



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.



Contact: Program Coordinator: Ava
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Website: kellyclub.com./newcomb



KELLY CLUB NEWCOMB UPDATE

A fun-filled Term 4...

As we reach the halfway mark of Term 4, the fun has been nonstop.. and there's still plenty more to come! With the warm weather and extra sunshine from daylight savings, we've been soaking up every moment outdoors, playing games, exploring, and enjoying those longer afternoons together.

The children have loved joining in on Kelly Sports, making truffles, origami, charades, bingo, and even a few rounds of dead fish! Outside play has been a huge hit too, with favourites like hide and seek on the playground and octopus keeping everyone active and laughing.

We've also been embracing our creative side this term, from candle making and painting canvases to designing photo frames and endless colouring-ins, our budding artists have been busy bringing their imaginations to life.

Term 4 has truly been one for the memories – and the best part is, it's not over yet! 🌞




KELLY CLUB		THEME: CHARACTER FUN!					Weekly Activities Plan Kelly Club Newcomb PS	
		Term 4 week 7 17/11/2025						
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday			
7:00 - 8:00 am	Breakfast Variety of cereals; Weetbix; Cornflakes; Rice bubbles ; Nutri-grain. Toast or Raisin Toast with a variety of spreads.							
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/ GEM Cards	Afternoon Tea/ GEM Cards	Afternoon Tea/ GEM Cards	Afternoon Tea/ GEM Cards	Afternoon Tea/ GEM Cards			
4:00 - 4:30 pm	FAVOURITE CHARACTER DRAWING!! 	CREATE A MONSTER! 	CHARACTER CUPCAKES!! 	SET THE SCENE!! 	FARMER SAM (CHARACTER STUPE) 			
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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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!



BOOK ONLINE NOW AT www.kellyclub.com.au

PARENTING YOUNG MINDS



Read the Play

PHONES, SOCIAL MEDIA & ONLINE RISKS

Join us for an eye-opening and practical evening with leading psychologist and Read the Play Patron Dr Michael Carr-Gregg.



MONDAY 17 NOVEMBER, 2025
06:00 PM - 07:30 PM
GEELONG WEST TOWN HALL
\$15 PER PERSON



This session will cover:

- When is the “right” time to give your child a phone
- How to introduce devices safely and set clear expectations
- Essential tips for managing social media use
- How to identify and respond to online risks (e.g. predators, cyberbullying, privacy breaches)
- Apps that help support your child’s digital behaviour
- Setting healthy family rules around phone use



REGISTER NOW

MELI

Parenting Support

Hear from Meli about their evidence-based parenting programs – from newborns to teens. Build resilience, confidence and connection through communication. Programs include Circle of Security, Bringing Up Great Kids, Tuning into Kids and Tuning into Teens.



MELI



Read the Play

readtheplay.org.au/events



Publishing Party NEWCOMB PRIMARY SCHOOL



**Friday, November 28th
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.**

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





MULTI SPORTS

Newcomb P.S
Term 4 2025



PROGRAM INFORMATION

This weekly programme gives children sport-specific skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings – giving them confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future.

AGE GROUPS

Prep to Grade 4

SESSION DETAILS

MULTI SPORTS

COST: \$160+GST 10 WEEKS

DAY: FRIDAY'S

TIME: 3:30PM – 4:30PM

START DATE: 10TH OCTOBER

END DATE: 12TH

DECEMBER SPORTS:

**CRICKET, AFL,
BASKETBALL & SOCCER**

- **LEARN NEW SPORTS SKILLS**
- **UNDERSTAND SPORT-SPECIFIC RULES**
- **GAME BASED ACTIVITIES**
- **BUILD CONFIDENCE TO JOIN COMMUNITY SPORTING CLUBS**

***Families are welcome to enrol at any stage of the program & pay for the weeks remaining.**

FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT:
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GET 40% OFF SELECTED NEW BALANCE PRODUCTS, JUST FOR BOOKING WITH KELLY SPORTS IN TERM 4



World Teacher's Day - October 31st 2025

Last week we celebrated World Teacher's Day! It was a busy day for our staff with our Halloween fundraiser, assembly and some staff at Professional Learning. This day was an example of all of the incredible contributions our teachers make each day, not just in the classroom but across our school community. We are grateful to have a team of teachers who work together to support our students at every opportunity. To our dedicated team, thank you.





MELI



NPS

We would like to invite all younger siblings of NPS students



Sunshine Circles



What is Sunshine Circles?

Sunshine Circles® group gives you the opportunity to support your child to practice self-regulation skills and to feel encouraged to have a go at achievable challenges. Facilitators will lead playful, cooperative, and nurturing activities to create a fun, caring, accepting and encouraging experience. The goal is to enhance children's social, emotional and cognitive development while creating an opportunity for joyful moments together.

AFTERNOON
TEA
PROVIDED

 **Term 3**

Wednesday- 2:15pm-3pm

 0352484176

 Newcomb Primary School

 Richard Street, Newcomb

Schools Round – Geelong Venom WNBL Home Game

It's not just about basketball – we've got a wild lineup of entertainment including a special Venom appearance from Wildlife Exposure! Meet pythons, crocodiles, and more up close. Plus, enjoy giveaways and surprises throughout the day.

**NEXT
GAME**

GEELONG VENOM vs MELBOURNE CAPITALS

**SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER
12:30PM AEDT**

Geelong Arena

Scan Me

gawko

athletic

WNBL

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The poster features a close-up of a female basketball player in a blue Geelong Venom jersey. The background shows a crowd of fans at a game. The text 'NEXT GAME' is prominently displayed in green and white. Below it, the matchup 'GEELONG VENOM vs MELBOURNE CAPITALS' is shown with their respective logos. The date and time 'SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER 12:30PM AEDT' and the venue 'Geelong Arena' are also included. A QR code with a 'Scan Me' button is provided for more information. The player's jersey has 'gawko' and 'athletic' logos. At the bottom, the WNBL logo and sponsors 'IEF INFASTECH Engineered Fastening' and 'W' are visible.

Help shape our long-term strategies

**Complete
the survey**

for your chance to win a
\$100 gift card!

Survey now open, have your say on our future

Barwon Water services a region that is an amazing place to live, work and play. We're proud to play our part in making our region great.

Long-term planning is critical to deliver sustainable, affordable and innovative services that support thriving communities.

We need your help to shape our exciting next period of growth and transition.

We want to hear your ideas and priorities, as we plan our next long-term strategies - Strategy 2040, Urban Water Strategy 2027 and Price Submission 2028-2033.

The survey is easy to undertake and should take no longer than 14 minutes to complete.

The survey is open until 5pm, Monday 24 November 2025.

Hard copies are available on request.

As a token of our gratitude for your participation, you'll have the option to go in the draw to win one of ten \$100 gift cards.

To learn more and have your say, please visit:
www.yoursay.barwonwater.vic.gov.au/strategies



**CHRIST CHURCH GEELONG
ANNUAL**

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Stalls

Cakes

Baked Goods

Craft

**Cakes, Plants,
Craft, Decorations,**

Coffee Van,

Music

**Sausage
Sizzle**

GIFTS

WHEN?

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 6
9:30pm - 1:00pm**

WHERE?

**GARDENS AND CHURCH HALL
Cnr Moorabool &
McKillop Streets Geelong**