



Newcomb Newsletter

Term 1, Week 8, Friday 20th March 2026



IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

20th - Harmony Day
20th - P&F Meeting 2.15pm
20th - Assembly 2.50pm
24th - AEU Industrial Action Strike Day
26th - 100s Club
31st - 'The Protectors' Performance

APRIL

1st April - NPS School Review
2nd - 9am Assembly & Easter Raffle, 1.30pm
Colour Run, 2.15pm - Early Finish
20th - Curriculum Day
21st - First day of Term 2
24th - ANZAC Service 9am
27th - School Photo Day

MAY

1st - Undercover Area Opening & Assembly 9am
6th - Yr 5/6 Arts Centre Excursion
8th - Super Woman's Stall
12th - Family Maths Afternoon
12th - School Council Meeting
15th - Walk Safely to School Day
15th - Assembly 2.50pm
18th - 22nd - SSG Meetings



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and rewarding fortnight at Newcomb Primary School, with many opportunities for our students to learn, connect and shine. Over the last two weeks our Year 3 and Year 5 students have approached NAPLAN with a positive mindset and should be commended for the effort and persistence they demonstrated throughout the testing period. We are proud of the way they represented themselves and our school.

On Wednesday, students participated in our Cross Country event, expertly organised by Mr Benn. It was fantastic to see such high levels of participation, encouragement and school spirit across all year levels. Congratulations to our winning house [Winmaling](#) and to all students who placed or did their personal best! On Thursday we were excited to welcome Geelong Cats players to work with our Year 3-6 students. This visit was part of our ongoing connection with The Resilience Project, reinforcing important messages around gratitude, empathy and mindfulness.

On Friday we celebrated Harmony Week with a splash of fun through our Crazy Hair Day. This was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate diversity, inclusion and belonging within our school community, while also raising funds for Outpost, supporting people experiencing homelessness. We also celebrated the end of Ramadan for many members of our school community. Eid Mubarak!

Last week we both attended the Barwon Principal Forum which had focus' on student wellbeing and school reporting processes. It was a great day to connect with our colleagues in other schools and hear the latest updates from the department. In other leadership news we are pleased to announce our new School Vice Captain, Rohit Sharma and look forward to his leadership contributions.

Finally, we wish to inform families of the planned industrial action on Tuesday 24th March. Further communication will be provided to ensure families are well informed of any impacts on school operations. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support of our school.

Blanche Denmead & Carmen Britnell

IMPORTANT INFORMATION & UPDATES

TOYS AT SCHOOL

We understand that many students enjoy sharing their favourite toys and special items with friends. However, to support a focused and inclusive learning environment, we ask that toys are kept at home unless they are specifically requested by the classroom teacher for a planned activity.

Bringing toys to school can sometimes lead to distractions, accidental damage, or items being misplaced, which can be upsetting for students. We also want to ensure that all children feel included, as not every child is able to bring special items from home. Thank you for your support.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We kindly remind all families of the importance of students wearing the correct school uniform each day. Our uniform helps to build a sense of belonging, pride and equality across our school community. Makeup and jewellery are also not part of our school uniform.

Students are expected to wear full school uniform, including appropriate footwear and a broad brimmed hat every day unless otherwise advised. If there are any difficulties in meeting uniform requirements, please contact the school - we are here to support. Thank you for your continued support in helping our students represent our school with pride

DIARIES & HOME READING

We encourage all families to make checking student diaries part of the nightly routine. Diaries are an important communication tool between home and school and help students stay organised and on track with their learning.

Each night, please take a moment to:

- Check your child's diary for any messages or reminders
- Record their home reading - students can write the title of the book in themselves
- Sign the diary to show it has been reviewed

This simple routine supports strong learning habits and keeps everyone connected. Thank you for your ongoing support at home!

Junior School Council 2026



Harmony Day is on Saturday 21st of March this year. Harmony Day is a national celebration of cultural diversity, inclusion and belonging in Australia. It is a time to recognise and value the rich backgrounds, traditions and stories that make up our community, while reinforcing the message that everyone belongs.

This year's theme, "Everyone Belongs", reminds us that diversity is our strength and that respect, understanding and kindness help create a community where all people feel valued and included.

We celebrated on Friday 20th March. Students put in an incredible effort with their crazy hair and gold coins were collected by our JSC to donate to local program 'Outpost.' Thankyou to Miss Cayla for supporting our JSC with this event. Our students also decorated a rock each for our rock garden feature which represents our diversity and connectedness.

Parents & Friends 2026

On Friday our parents and friends group met before assembly to discuss upcoming events. We would like to thank all members of our community who have donated items for our Easter Raffle. We have had some incredible support, including a large donation from Bellarine Woolworths.

Please make sure that you have sold or returned your Easter Raffle tickets prior to our colour run on the 2nd of March for your chance to win some of the great prizes! Next term the Parents and Friends group will be running our Super Woman Stall.

Next meeting: Friday 12th June at 2.15pm

Values Awards

This weeks SWiG focus is.

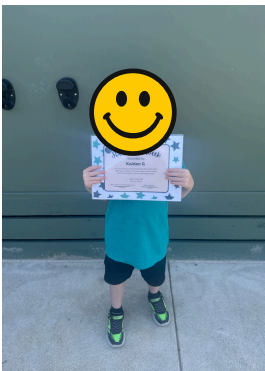
RESILIENCE

We persist with all tasks, demonstrating a growth mindset



Student of the Week Awards

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



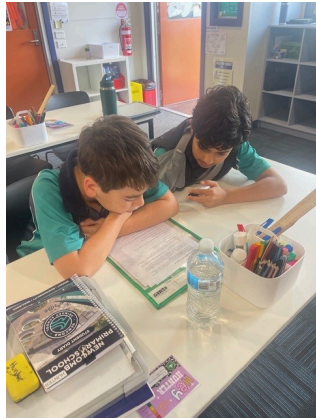
LEARNING AT NEWCOMB

Reading Fluency

Every day at NPS students complete reading fluency activities. All grades follow a set routine which consists of several steps

- Partners on display
- Partner A reads first
- Sit side by side
- Both students must track the text
- Use a timer
- Encouragement & feedback is given by the non-reading partner

Children practice using different types of texts and include teacher led choral reading, teacher led echo reading, partner reading and repeated reading. They read with accuracy, rate and expression.



GEM CHAT



HOW HAVE YOU BEEN A HELPER TODAY?

WHY DAILY REVIEWS?

Daily reviews help facilitate transfer to long-term memory thanks to:

- **Spaced practice:** Studying a topic in regular intervals provides greater retention than cramming all the information in at once.
- **Interleaved practice:** studying many different topics in short bursts is more effective than blocked practice (studying only one topic at a time).
- **Retrieval practice:** removing topics and bringing them back after a while makes memories more durable and flexible.



Professional Learning

Daily Review with David Morkunas

Last week Ms Chelsey and Mrs Woolard attending Northern Bay College for professional learning with David Morkunas. David is renowned for his work on primary mathematics teaching and the power of daily reviews. He spoke about how teachers can implement daily reviews well. It is important to move along the Instructional Hierarchy, by moving students once they have mastered the basics. David explained the key to long term knowledge is spaced, interleaved and retrieval practice.

Both Chelsey and Sherridan have come back to NPS with a lot of new learning and ideas to implement.

Thanks, and have a great week
Robyn Evans
Assistant Principal



INCLUSION AT NEWCOMB

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)

Focus Lessons - Term 2 Week 1&2 - Responsibility

We arrive on time, are organised and ready to learn with a positive attitude.



You might like to ask your child what they learned in their SWPBS lesson this week

Working together helps us build a safe, respectful and positive school community for everyone.

WELLBEING AT NEWCOMB

WHEN LIFE DOESN'T GO AS PLANNED
REACHOUT

5 ways to feel better about yourself



Self-confidence is all about believing in yourself and your abilities. It sounds simple, but it can be a tough thing to build up. Here are some tips to help you out.

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1 Look at what you've already achieved

Make a list of all the things you're proud of in your life – getting a good exam result, learning to surf, or some other achievement. And when you're low in confidence, pull the list out to remind yourself of all the awesome stuff you've done (big or small).
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2 Think of things you're good at

Think about your strengths and talents and write them down. Recognising what you're good at, and trying to build on those things, will help you to build confidence. You could even ask your friends what they think you're good at and add those things to your list, too.
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3 Set some goals

To build confidence in your ability to get stuff done, set some goals and work out the steps you need to take to achieve them. They don't have to be big either. Baking a cake or planning to hang out with friends definitely counts!
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4 Talk yourself up

It's pretty tricky to feel good about yourself with negative thoughts running through your mind telling you you're no good. Have a think about your self-talk, and how this might be affecting your self-confidence. Quick tip? Treat yourself like you would your best friend.
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5 Get into a hobby

Try to find something you're passionate about. It could be anything – cooking, sport, photography. When you've worked this out, commit yourself to spending time giving it a go. Chances are if you're into it, you'll be super motivated and build your skills quickly.

Life doesn't always go as planned.
That's why there's ReachOut – a safe online place to chat anonymously, get support and feel better.

Learn more at: 

Sometimes we don't feel very confident about things, above are some simple suggestions to talk with your kids about at home if you think they might need some reminders/tips.

When we feel confident we are more likely to "have a go" at things that challenge us. Which also builds resilience. If you feel like the confidence boost is more something that might be addressed at school, please talk to your class teachers or myself.

Thanks,
Kylie - Wellbeing Leader

Meet our School Council 2026



On Tuesday 17th of March our school council held the elections for the 2026 members. See below a bio and photo of some of our elected members of school council for 2026. On Tuesday all council members participated in school council governance training which was led by Meredith Nolte. It was a great opportunity for our council to learn about the functions of the school council across the school. The School Council plays a crucial role in supporting the school's decision-making process, working alongside staff and the wider community to improve the educational experience for all students. Council members help shape school policies, support fundraising efforts, and contribute ideas for school events and initiatives.

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.

Natalie - President

Hi everyone, I'm Natalie
School council president, and proud crazy chicken lady

I love big ideas, bright colours, and bringing our school community together to make great things happen. I'm also a proud school mum to Paisley in Grade 2 and Rylee in Prep.

Being involved isn't just something I do — it's something I genuinely care about. I'm always happy to chat, hear ideas, or work together to make our school an even better place for our kids.



Penny - Vice President

My name is Penny, I am a stay at home Mum who is busy doing DIY, crafting & many other things. One of our favourite things to do as a family is Cosplay.

Odin our eldest started at NPS in 2019 and Ridley joined in 2021. This is my second year on School council, I enjoy being part of council as it gives you insight into what it takes to keep the school running.

Morgan - Treasurer

Hi, I'm Morgan. I work as an Administrative Assistant and I'm married with three children, two of whom attend Newcomb Primary in Prep and Grade 4 — so you'll usually find me juggling school lunches, emails, and the occasional missing jumper.

I've been a proud member of the School Council since 2023 and really enjoy being involved in and supporting our wonderful small school community. I look forward to continuing to contribute and being part of what makes our school such a great place for our kids to learn and grow.



Meet our School Council 2026



Rachel

Hi everyone, I'm Rachel. I'm a full-time working mum with two very busy girls who keep me on my toes. Jessica is in Grade 2 here at Newcomb Primary School, and Georgia is in Year 11 at Geelong High School. I work full time as a Service Coordinator in the aged and disability sector, and I also work casually as a nurse. Advocacy is something I'm truly passionate about—especially when it comes to ensuring our children are heard and supported throughout their primary school years.

This is my third year on School Council at Newcomb Primary, and I've also been involved in school councils at my eldest daughter's school. I love being part of a team that helps shape a positive school environment for all our kids. Outside of work and school life, my biggest joy is travelling and creating special memories with my family. I'm always here to listen, support, and represent our school community—and always up for a chat.



Lyn

Hi, I'm Lyn Willcock and I love our delightful and inclusive school community. My work has involved being a registered nurse, outdoor educator, wilderness medicine instructor, conservationist and horticulturalist.

At the heart of all my experiences is a love of people and community! My life and work has afforded me a wide range of knowledge and skills that I love to share where possible. In my spare time I just love 'doin' stuff'!

Glenda

I have been a proud Newcomb resident since the late 80's, where I raised my four children and developed a deep love for our strong, supportive community. I now have the privilege of raising my grandson, Archer, who is in grade 2 this year.

With a background in social work, which includes, Child Protection, Barwon Child, Youth and Family, Youth Justice and the TAFE environment, I am passionate about advocacy, education and student well-being. I look forward to the opportunity to be part of the Newcomb Primary School Council, to promote our wonderful school and all it has to offer families. In my down time, I enjoy staying active through yoga, swimming, walking and travel. I also enjoy settling in with a good book.



Cross Country 2026



Yesterday we held our annual Newcomb Primary School Cross Country event, enjoying wonderful weather that made for a fantastic day of competition. All students demonstrated great effort, determination, and sportsmanship as they took part in their races. It was pleasing to see such strong participation and encouragement across all year levels. Congratulations to all competitors on their efforts and to our individual award winners.

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| <p>Prep</p> <p>1st Leif & Audrey 2nd - Hamza & Riley 3rd - Austin & Evie 4th - Kyle & Bella</p> | <p>Grade 1</p> <p>1st Hudson & Aliza 2nd Stefanos & Isabelle 3rd Theo & Harriet 4th Veer & Darcy</p> | <p>Grade 2</p> <p>1st Eli & Jessica 2nd DJ & Paisley 3rd Rex & Charlie 4th Arel & Andi</p> |
| <p>9/10</p> <p>1st Alfie & Alanza 2nd Sev & Ella 3rd Bjorn & Camryn 4th Amir & Amelia-Rose</p> | <p>11</p> <p>1st Aayam & Ivy 2nd Deklan & Aylah 3rd Ridley & Scarlett J 4th Jade</p> | <p>12/13</p> <p>1st Isaac & Elda 2nd Ari 3rd Harley</p> |

In the final results, Wryn (Red House) finished in third place(570), Ngubitj (Blue House) secured second(650), and Winmaling (Green House) were crowned overall champions(740). Thank you to the families for your support and the staff to help make it memorable for our students. A great day was had by all involved.





Prep MD



NEWS

Our Preppies at NPS have done an absolutely amazing job at learning school routines and expectations! We are superstars at lining up in line order and responding to attention signals.



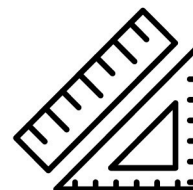
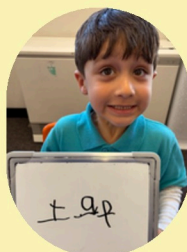
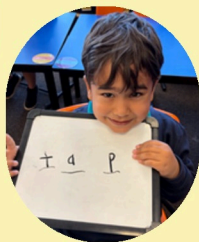
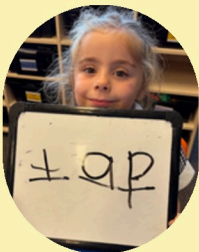
MATHS LEARNING

We have learned how to count, read and write numbers 0 - 10.



LITERACY LEARNING

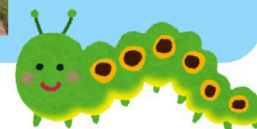
We have smashed our phonics lessons and know 12 letter sounds. We have practised reading and writing words with these sounds.



EXCITING NEWS



We have experienced our first ever NPS dress up day and went on our first excursion to Eastern Gardens Playground and walked to the Geelong Botanical Gardens.





With Miss Notley

The students have been engaged in many fun learning experiences in Art so far this year. It has been a wonderful privilege to witness each student's individual artistic talent and expression. Below is a snapshot of some of the skills each year level has explored and developed.

Foundation

- Used patterns and shapes in their artwork. Experimented with different types of lines
- such as zigzags, loops and curves, and learned how lines can be used to form
- pictures. Learned about the colour wheel, including the primary colours and how
- they can be mixed to create other colours. Explored how colours can be expressive and used to show feelings and emotions.

Grades 1/2

- Learned about the colour wheel and the difference between primary and secondary
- colours. Learned about and used complementary colours to enhance their artwork.
- Experimented with different types of lines and how they can be used to illustrate real-
- life objects. Explored colours and patterns to create texture in their artwork.

Grades 3/4

- Learned about the colour wheel, including primary, secondary and tertiary colours.
- Created warm and cool landscapes featuring a middle ground and background. Used
- colours and lines to express feelings and emotions. Explored colours and patterns to
- create both actual and implied texture in their artwork.

Grades 5/6

- Learned about the colour wheel, including primary, secondary and tertiary colours, as
- well as tints and shades. Created warm and cool landscapes that include a background,
- middle ground and foreground. Used typography and grid designs to represent
- complementary colour pairs in their artwork. Explored colours and patterns to create
- both actual and implied texture in their artwork.



STEM

With Mr. Noonan.

This term in STEM, students at Newcomb Primary have been exploring the world of chemical science through a series of hands-on and engaging experiments. In the first part of the term we have been learning how different substances behave, particularly which materials mix and which do not.

One highlight was our lava lamp experiment, where students combined liquids such as oil, water, and food colouring to observe how some substances remain separate. Whilst providing an opportunity for learning it was also fun to watch.

We also explored paper marbling, using shaving foam and dyes to create vibrant patterns. As students swirled colours together, they discovered how some substances blend while others don't, resulting in unique and beautiful designs.

In the second half of the term, students investigated chromatography using tissues, Skittles, and paper towel. By adding water, they observed how colours separate into different components, revealing that what appears to be a single colour is often made up of many.

Overall, it's been a great term of hands-on learning and discovery. Students have grown their understanding of chemical science while building confidence in asking questions, making predictions, and exploring how things work.





NEWCOMB PS COLOUR RUN

THURSDAY 2nd APRIL

1.30 - 2.15 pm

- Get your fundraising page set up and help us fundraise for a astro turf in front of the 3/4 portables
- Students are encouraged to wear a white Tshirt on the day so their colours shine!
- We are looking for some parent volunteers to help out on the colour stations. Please contact the office to add your name to the list.



Parenting Programs

Connect, Share, Thrive

Term 2, 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.



Bringing Up Great - After Family Violence

Bringing Up Great Kids After Family Violence is a six-week program supporting mothers after family violence, to reconnect with their parenting strengths and foster their resilience as mothers in a supportive and safe nurturing space. The program enhances communication skills building positive interactions between mum and children and nurtures a strong sense of identity for both mother and child.



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 is a six-week program for 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 evidence-based program delivered by Meli 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 seven-week evidence-based program delivered by Meli 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 evidence-based program delivered by Meli 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.



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

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

Scan the QR code to register for our free Meli Parenting Programs.



| GROUP | VENUE | DATES | DAYS/TIMES |
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|  <p>Circle of Security</p> | <p>Melb 16 Ballarat Rd Hamlyn Heights</p> | <p>29 April – 17 June</p> | <p>Wednesdays 12.30pm – 2.30pm</p> |
|  <p>Dads Tuning In to Kids™</p> | <p>Melb Poa Banyul 110 Unity Dr Mt Duneed</p> | <p>5 May – 16 June</p> | <p>Tuesdays 5.30pm – 7.30pm</p> |
|  <p>Tuning In to Kids®</p> | <p>Kurrambee Myaring Community Centre 1 Merrilg Drive Torquay</p> | <p>7 May – 11 June</p> | <p>Thursdays 10.30am – 12.30pm</p> |
|  <p>Tuning In to Teens®</p> | <p>Whittington Neighbourhood House 20 Worden Court Whittington</p> | <p>6 May – 10 June</p> | <p>Thursdays 12.30pm – 2.30pm</p> |
|  <p>Bumps to Bubs Corio</p> | <p>Northern Bay Family Learning Centre Goldsworthy Rd, Corio (Early Help)</p> | <p>Every school term Term 2 dates: 20 April – 26 June</p> | <p>Wednesdays 1.30pm – 3pm</p> |
|  <p>Bumps to Bubs Whittington</p> | <p>Whittington Neighbourhood House 20 Worden Court Whittington</p> | <p>Every school term Term 2 dates: 20 April – 26 June</p> | <p>Tuesdays 10am – 11.30am</p> |
|  <p>Bubs to Tots</p> | <p>Northern Bay Family Learning Centre Goldsworthy Rd, Corio (Early Help)</p> | <p>Every school term Term 2 dates: 20 April – 26 June</p> | <p>Thursdays 10am – 11.30am</p> |
|  <p>Bringing Up Great Kids</p> | <p>Korayn Birralee Family Centre 146 Purnell Rd Corio</p> | <p>5 May – 9 June</p> | <p>Tuesdays 9.30am – 11.30am</p> |
|  <p>Navigating Separation & Co-parenting navigatingseparation@meli.org.au</p> | <p>Melb 25 Gordon Ave Geelong West</p> | <p>20 May – 24 June</p> | <p>Wednesdays 11am – 12.30pm</p> |
|  <p>Bringing Up Great Kids After Family Violence</p> | <p>Melb 16 Ballarat Rd Hamlyn Heights</p> | <p>4 May – 15 June</p> | <p>Mondays 12.30pm – 2.30pm</p> |

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MELI



Playgroups

We run a number of free playgroups across the region for families with children under five years.

Our playgroups are a safe, welcoming space for parents, caregivers and preschool children to come together to:

- share quality time together
- socialise
- encourage children to learn through play in a group environment.

Breakwater

Thomson Playgroup

201 St Albans Rd, Breakwater

Fridays: 9.30am–11.30am

Contact: Charlotte – 0491 771 171

Corio

Northern Bay College Hendy P-8 Campus

38 Hendy St, Corio

Fridays: 9am–10.30am

Contact: Lauren – 0491 137 194

Korayn Birralee Family Centre

146-152 Purnell Rd, Corio

(Northern Bay College Wexford Campus)

Tuesdays: 9.30am–11.30am

Contact: Marlies – 0490 786 076

Thursdays: 9.30am–11.30am

Contact: Marlies – 0490 786 076

Fridays (Baby Playgroup): 9.30am–11.30am

Contact: Sally – 0493 494 707

Colac

Colac Neighbourhood House

23 Miller St, Colac

Tuesdays: 9am–10.45am

Contact: early.years@meli.org.au

Fridays: 10am–12pm

Contact: early.years@meli.org.au

Other locations

Airey's Inlet Community Centre

6 Great Ocean Rd, Airey's Inlet

Mondays: 10am–12pm

Contact: early.years@meli.org.au

Camperdown Mechanics Institute

218 Manifold St, Camperdown

Wednesdays: 9.30am–11.30am

Contact: early.years@meli.org.au

Lorne Community House

16 Mountjoy Parade, Lorne

Wednesdays: 10am–12pm

Contact: early.years@meli.org.au

Skipton Mechanics Hall

5 Anderson St, Skipton

Thursdays: 9.30am–11.30am

Contact: early.years@meli.org.au

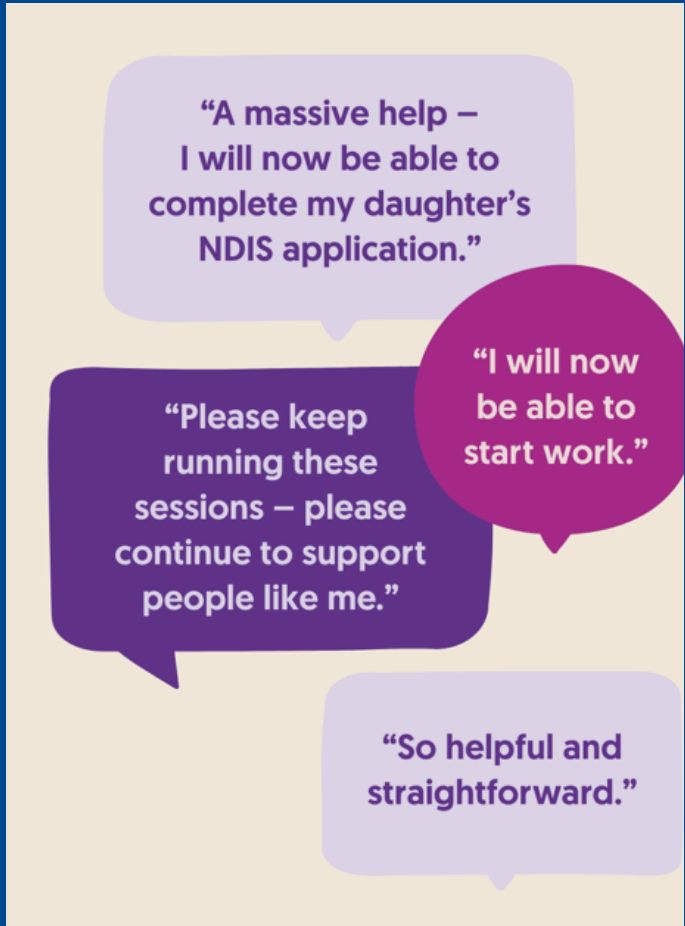


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This has made my year!
Meli staff made it happen
in 20 minutes.

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FREE
Pop-Up Birth Certificate
Support Day



“A massive help –
I will now be able to
complete my daughter’s
NDIS application.”

“Please keep
running these
sessions – please
continue to support
people like me.”

“I will now
be able to
start work.”

“So helpful and
straightforward.”

**Free if you have one of the
following documents:**

- Health Care Card (HCC)
- Pension
- Disability Support Pension (DSP)

*Please note other documents are required. Please refer to details on Humanitix when booking

The following will be provided:



Justice of the Peace on-site to certify your identification documents



Stations set up to support with each step of the application process



Printer, scanner, postage on-site to complete birth certificate application

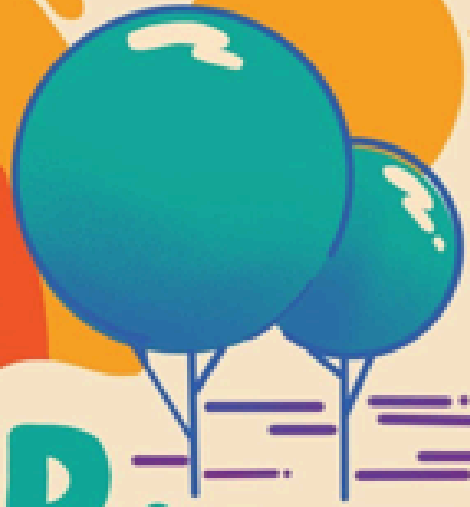
For more information call Claire on **0491 093 539**



Tuesday 31 March 2026
10am-1pm
Whittington Neighbourhood House
20 Worden Court, Whittington 3219



GATEWAYS
PRESENTS



EASTER FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL



ACCESSIBLE FUN FOR ALL!

[GET YOUR FREE TICKET HERE](#)

SUNDAY MARCH 29TH

10AM - 3PM

QUIET HOUR: 10AM - 11AM

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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**

ENROL NOW AND JOIN THE
KELLY CLUB FUN!
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Early childhood approach

As an NDIS partner delivering the early childhood approach, Meli is your main contact point for the NDIS. Meli will help you understand and access the most appropriate supports for your child.

Meli gives you information about how we can help your child with early childhood supports.

Meli works with you to make sure you and your child get the right support if they are:

- younger than 6 years and have developmental delays or concerns, or
- younger than 9 years and have a disability.

Meli can make recommendations about what early connections will be best for your child. These may include:

- connection with other mainstream and community supports
- practical information that is relevant to your child's development
- connecting you with other families for peer support
- early supports
- help to apply to the NDIS.

Early connections are for children who have delays in their development or have a disability.

Early connections are supports that will meet your child's needs and build upon their strengths.

You can refer your child yourself through the Meli website, or you can ask someone who is supporting your family to assist you.

Contact the Meli team

By email:
meli.earlychildhood@ndis.gov.au

By phone: 1300 012 293

By mail or in person:

Meli Early Childhood
W7/8 33 Mackey St
North Geelong
Victoria, 3215

Want to know more?

Scan the QR code or visit meli.org.au/early-childhood/early-childhood-approach-ndia





Friend in Me

GEELONG FAMILY

FUN DAY

COME &
JOIN US!



**SATURDAY
28TH MARCH 2026
11-2PM . GEELONG RACECOURSE**

Tickets \$10.50pp (Family Pass \$30 for 2 adults and up to 5 kids)
kids two and under free

TICKETS





BLUEBIRD
FOUNDATION INC.

EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS



Hand-Drawn Magic: Animation Cel

Create your own animation cel using acetate layers. A framed piece to take home.
With Melissa O'Shea
8yrs+ 10-1pm (3 hours)
\$80 incl. materials

TUESDAY
9
APRIL



Sew Sweet: Donut Cushion

Create your own soft, huggable donut cushion to brighten your room.
With Simone Amethyst
9yrs+ 10-2pm (4 hours)
\$95 incl. materials and a sweet treat!

MONDAY
13
APRIL



Furry Friends Painting

Celebrate your furry friend and love of animals in this hands-on drawing & painting workshop. With Natalie Iacono & Luke Matthews. 7yrs+ 9:30am - 1:30pm
\$90 incl. materials (4 hours)

TUESDAY
14
APRIL



Character T-Shirt Making

Introduction to lino cut, and fabric printing, perfect for young creatives who love fashion, drawing, and making.
With Michelle Attwood
8yrs+ 10-1pm \$85 incl. materials (3 hours)

WEDNESDAY
15
APRIL

About our Workshops:

Our small-group, artist-led workshops are designed to spark creativity and provide hands-on experiences while teaching real artistic skills guided by professional artists.

Hosted in our cosy Bluebird House studio, each session nurtures creativity, confidence, and self-expression in a gentle, welcoming space.

✓ NDIS invoices available

Check out our Adult & Term long Afternoon Classes.

We can't wait to welcome you to Bluebird House!

Enrol via: bluebirdfoundationinc.org.au/workshops

COME AND TRY FREE TENNIS SESSION!

Newcomb Tennis Club Ervin Reserve, 26 Richard St Newcomb

SUNDAY 29TH MARCH 10-12PM

All ages & skill levels
Limited Racquets provided
Fun Games & Coaching
Sausage sizzle
Register via text to 0493 003 328

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

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HOLIDAY FUN AT THE 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

Bookings open two weeks before school holidays start.

All events are **FREE**. Scan the QR code for the complete list of school holiday sessions at all library locations on our website, including any booking information.



www.grlc.vic.gov.au

book
now

All events are **FREE** unless otherwise specified.
Bookings essential.
Online www.grlc.vic.gov.au/events.
In person at any library or phone



WHAT'S ON AT YOUR LIBRARY

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WHAT'S ON IN TERM 2

Each month at **Newcomb Library**, we host a fantastic range of in-person and online events and programs for children and adults alike.

Check out what's happening this month and book to join in today!

All events are FREE unless otherwise specified. Scan the QR code for full details on our website, including any booking information.



Toddler Time (Preschool)

Tuesday's, 10:30am - 11:00am



Play with OSMO (Ages 8+)

Wed 29 Apr - 20 May, 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Code Club (Ages 8+)

Wed 27 May - 24 June, 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Baby Time (Preschool)

Thursday's, 11:30am - 11:50am

Artists Assemble! (Ages 5+)

Thur 30 Apr - 25 June, 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Preschool Storytime (Preschool)

Friday's, 10:30am - 11:15am

National Simultaneous Storytime

Wed 27 May, 11:30am-12:15pm

Homeschool: Play with OSMO (Ages 8+)

Thur 30 Apr - 21 May, 9:30am - 10:30am

Technology and Library help sessions

Book a Librarian 30-minute one-on-one available.

book
now

Online www.grlc.vic.gov.au/events
in person, or phone 0395 800 000

www.grlc.vic.gov.au

AUSKICK COME & TRY

COME AND TRY DAY
Saturday March
28th
9:30AM
Grinter Reserve



NAB AFL Auskick is Australia's premier introductory football program for children, typically aged 4 to 8, designed to teach basic Australian Rules Football skills through, safe, game-based activities. It focuses on fun, fitness, and building skills like kicking and marking in a non-contact environment.



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COACH NUJ GIUFFRE

JUNIOR FOOTY COME & TRY



Looking to play footy in 2026 ? Do you want to join a family friendly club and feel part of something ?

WE WANT YOU !

Newcomb Power FNC is the place to be. We are super excited to welcome juniors ranging from Under 9's to Under 14's to our come and try day. Come along and see what it is all about. No experience needed, just bring a can do attitude and a massive smile !

Saturday 28th
March
9:30AM - 10:30AM
Grinter Reserve
Under 9's - 14's

SCAN TO REGISTER





Year 7 Enrolment Information Evening

Tuesday 3 March, 2026 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Selected Entry Advanced Learning Program Information Evening

Tuesday 31 Mar, 2026: 6:30pm to 7:30pm

School Tours

Tuesday Mornings at 9:30am - see website to book

For further information, contact our office on
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