



# Newcomb Newsletter

Term 4, Week 4, Friday 31st October



## IMPORTANT DATES

### NOVEMBER

- 6<sup>th</sup> - Prep 2026 #4 Transition Session 9-10am
- 7<sup>th</sup> - Shine blue for River's Gift
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Prep 2026 #5 Transition Session 9-10am & Prep Parent Information Session
- 14<sup>th</sup> Nov - Assembly 2.50pm All welcome
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Curriculum Day (Professional Practice)
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Publishing Party BER 12.30pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Assembly 2.50pm All welcome

### DECEMBER

- 2<sup>nd</sup> - School Council Meeting 4.45pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Whole School Transition Day 9-12.30
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Assembly 2.50pm All welcome
- 15<sup>th</sup> - P-2 Christmas Lunch
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Graduation
- 17<sup>th</sup> - End of year class celebrations
- 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



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is incredible to think we are heading into the start of November and we are well underway with our planning for 2026!

Over the past few weeks we have appointed some new staff for the new school year. We are pleased to announce that Bronwen Miller will be joining us as our Inclusion Learning Specialist three days a week from the beginning of 2026. Bronwen is an experienced educator and has been a Learning Specialist for the last five years at Torquay College. She brings a wealth of expertise and we look forward to welcoming her in the new year!

We would also like to share that Marion Perdrisat will be retiring at the end of the year. Marion has been a committed and hardworking staff member at Newcomb Primary school with roles in the classroom, intervention support and Physical Education. We will miss Marion's presence at school but look forward to celebrating the next exciting chapter for her! Dillon Benn has been appointed as our Physical Education and Sport teacher and we are thrilled to have him continuing with us in the new year.



Kit Hyland will also be moving into semi-retirement in the new year and is looking forward to some much anticipated time with her grandson. Kit has been an incredible teacher for our students for many years and we know she has inspired many young artists in her time. We will miss her creativity and positivity but wish her well on her next chapter in life! We will announce our new art teacher in the coming weeks.

On Monday we have our whole school swimming program happening which is a wonderful opportunity for our students. We encourage you to come along and watch one day if you can make it! Teachers will also be conducting a number of summative assessments over the next few weeks as we begin to work on end of year reporting. We hope you have a wonderful weekend. Please come and see us anytime!

Blanche Denmead & Carmen Britnell - Principal Team

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION & UPDATES

## SOCIAL MEDIA USAGE

We would like to once again remind parents of the importance of your children not having access to social media platforms that are only available to children 13 years and older (many will increase to 16 in December.)

In recent times we have had a number of social issues arising between students based on their interactions online outside of school. Many of these are occurring on Tiktok and Snapchat and we are seeing content that is not appropriate for students their age to be viewing or sharing. There is a significant amount of time being spent following up and restoring relationships based on these reports. The eCommissioner has also been notified of any inappropriate content/activity.

We ask that all parents spend some time this week with their children exploring what they are accessing and what they are contributing online and please adjust accordingly.

## SUNSMART REMINDER FOR TERM 4



This term students are required to wear hats when playing outside. There are a number of students who are coming to school without a hat and are then limited in their play as they need to stay in the shade.

Hats are now available to purchase direct from the office for \$20. Based on feedback from our recent student uniform survey, we have recently changed provider for our hats and our wide-brim hats are available in the more comfortable style. Please pop into the office if your child needs a new hat for Term 4.

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.

## 2026 ENROLMENTS

We are looking to finalise our class structures for 2026 in the coming weeks. Please let us know as soon as possible if your child/ren will not be returning to NPS in 2026. If you have any children who are yet to enrol for Prep in 2026 please ensure you do so as soon as possible to ensure we can place your child.

We also have some spots available for enrolments in Year 3 and Year 4 in 2026. If you know of anyone looking to enrol please get them to contact the school office as soon as possible so they can be considered in our class placements.

## SSG MEETINGS

In week 6 we will be holding our termly SSG meetings. These meetings are a great opportunity for teachers, ES, leadership, parents, KESOs and any specialists to share the progress of students in regards to both their social and academics.

We conduct approximately 40 SSG meetings each term. Times have been sent out for these meetings have been sent out so please confirm your attendance if you haven't already and put the date in your diary.

As we move towards transition for the new school year this is also a great opportunity to discuss supports we put in place as part of the transition process. For year 6 students we also invite the secondary school to have a staff member come along where possible.

## PETS ON SITE

A reminder that if you are bringing a pet on site it is important to maintain control at all times and help our students learn about behaviours around pets. Some children may be unsure and we encourage you to help teach them to ask before patting and saying hello. Please also ensure you clean up after your pets in the school ground to ensure our space is ready for all to play!

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> of December.

# LEARNING AT NEWCOMB

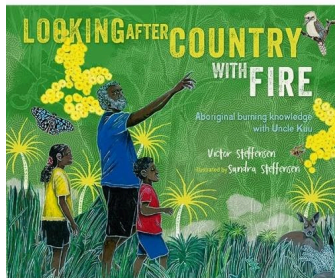
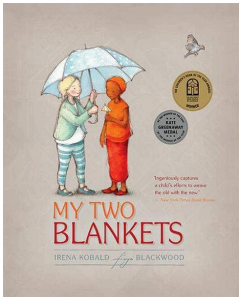
## ENGLISH

Children in Years Prep to two have continued to enjoy reading and listening to books from our Reading Spine.

Preps have been learning to generate a simple sentence. They are looking at a picture and saying who it is and what they are doing.

The Year one and two students have been looking at the different types of sentences and including correct punctuation e.g. proper nouns, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks.

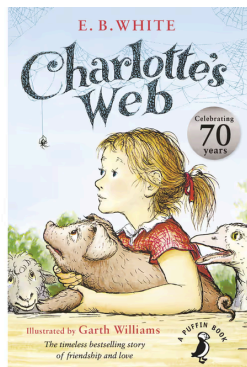
Listening to and learning the rich vocabulary in both these books has been lots of fun.



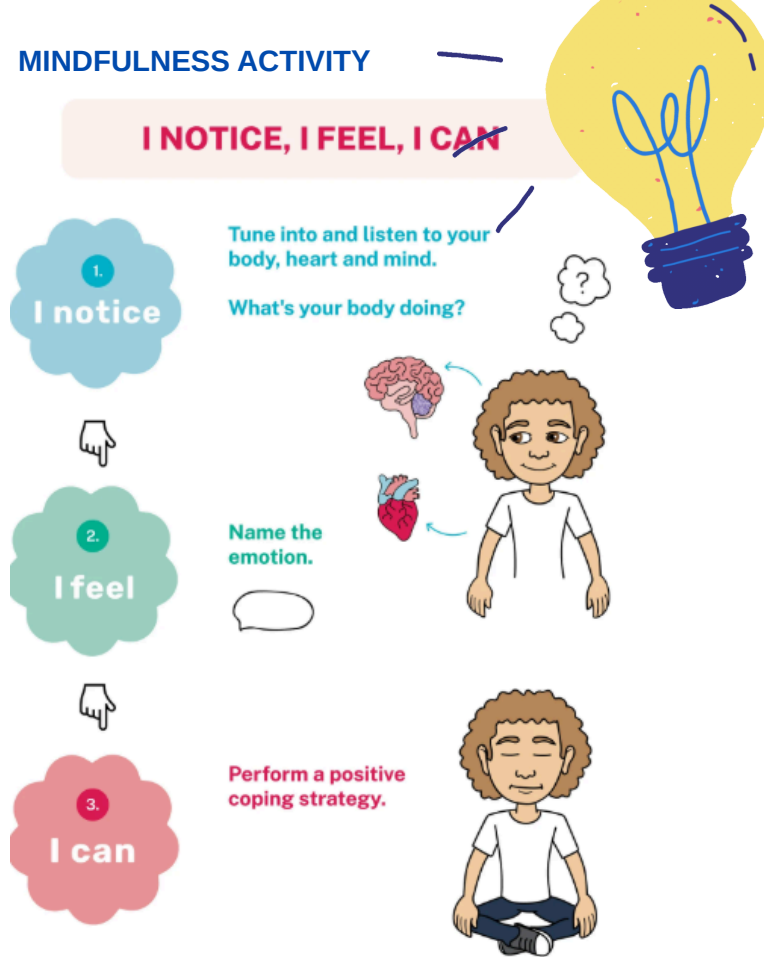
Grades Three to Six children are enjoying reading novels as a class.

The Year 3/4 students are reading 'Charlotte's Web' and the Year 5/6 students are reading 'The Last Bear'.

Here are some great words they have learnt: darted, awkward, immense, spouted, encompassing, imposing and unfurled.



## MINDFULNESS ACTIVITY



## TEACHER LEARNING

Last Friday Ms Wright, Ms Vipont, Miss Devlin and Mrs Evans visited the Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership for a day of professional development with Bron Rylie Jones. We unpacked the new 'Victorian Teaching and Learning Model' (VTLM 2.0) and discussed the Elements of Learning and Elements of Teaching.

We are already doing an excellent job of implementing this at Newcomb PS. Our teachers are always checking for understanding and responding to student learning needs.

## ASSESSMENT

Over the next 3 weeks classroom teachers will be busy completing our end of year assessments. These include phonemic awareness, reading fluency, comprehension, spelling, writing and mathematics. Teachers will use this data along with other judgements to inform reporting to parents.

Thanks, and have a great week  
Robyn Evans  
Assistant Principal

# 3/4

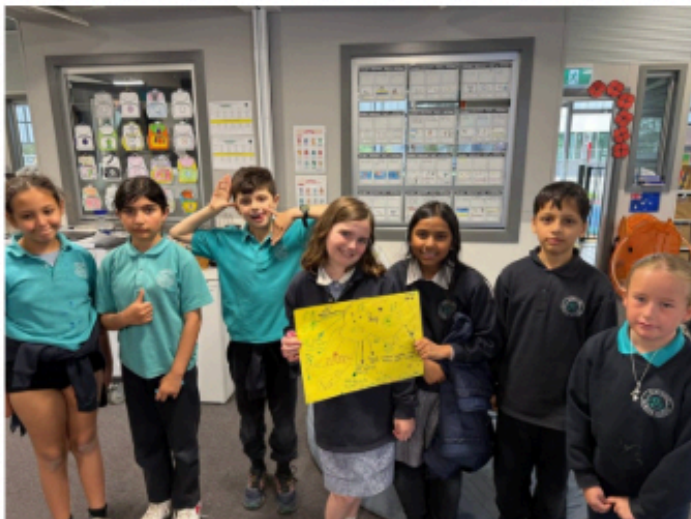
# NEWSLETTER

## Wellbeing in Grade 3/4!

As part of our Resilience Project learning, the Grade 3/4s have been learning about what helps us have a healthy mind and body.

Students identified how it is important to have good sleep, nutritious food, and consistent movement each day. In groups, we researched about these topics and explored why they are important.

We created posters to present to each other and highlighted the key facts we found!





**Newcomb  
Primary School**

# SWIMMING



## LESSONS 2025



**MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER TO FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER**

GROUP 1 PREPS- 11.15AM-12PM

GROUP 2- GRADE 1/2- 12-12.45PM

GROUP 3- GRADE 3/4- 12.45-1.30PM

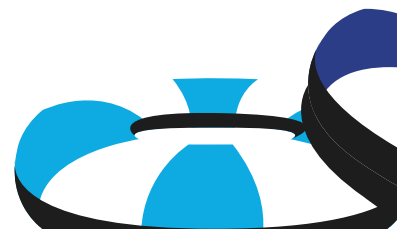
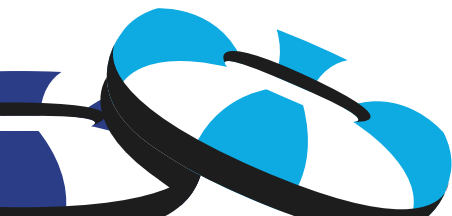
GROUP 4- GRADE 5/6- 1.30-2.15PM



**SPLASHDOWN LEISURE CENTRE- COPPARDS RD,  
NEWCOMB.**

**SOME HELPFUL TIPS FOR SWIMMING:**

Wear bathers under school uniform  
Children may wear thongs to the pool  
Bring a towel and clean underwear  
Pack extra food Plastic bag for wet  
bathers/towel/s Goggles, if your child  
owns them





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## KELLY CLUB NEWCOMB UPDATE

### Welcome to Term 4...

We've had a fantastic start to Term 4! Everyone has settled back into routine with ease, and our friendships have grown even stronger.

With the warm weather and extra sunshine thanks to daylight savings, we've been spending more time outdoors – playing games, exploring, and making the most of the longer afternoons together. The children have especially enjoyed Kelly Sports, Four Corners on the basketball court, and games of hide and seek on the playground.

So far this term, some of the most popular activities have included Kelly Sports (always a favourite!), creating sculptures with air-dry and oven-bake clay, making slime, cooking, and getting creative with beads.

Term 4 is shaping up to be full of laughter, creativity, and plenty of happy memories here at Kelly Club!



KELLY CLUB		THEME: CREATIVE + ACTIVE FUN				Weekly Activities Plan Kelly Club Newcomb PS	
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
7:00 - 8:00 am		Breakfast: Variety of cereals, Weetbix, Cornflakes, Rice bubbles, M&M's-grain, Toast or Toasties					
7:00 - 8:30 am		Breakfast Club!					
8:30 - 8:45 am		Tidy up & Dance					
9:15 - 9:30 pm		Sign in & Medication					
9:00 - 4:00 pm		Afternoon Tea - Fruit plates, cheese and biscuits					
4:00 - 4:30 pm		<b>COOKING: COOKIES!</b> 	<b>OUTDOOR GAME: OCTOPUS</b> 	<b>ARTS &amp; CRAFTS: PAINTING</b> 	<b>ORIGAMI: AEROPLANE COMP</b> 	Kelly Sports 	
4:30 pm - 5:00 pm		Tidy Up/Outside					
5:10 - 5:30 pm		Late snack & group game					
5:30 - 6:00 pm		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](http://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.



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Read the Play

[readtheplay.org.au/events](http://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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# 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**

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Newcomb Primary School

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