



Newcomb Newsletter

Term 1, Week 6, Friday 6th March 2026



IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

- 2nd - 6th - SSG Meetings
- 9th - Labour Day Public Holiday
- 11th - 23rd - NAPLAN
- 16th - School Tour (2027 Enrolments) 9am
- 17th - School Council AGM 4.45pm
- 18th - Whole School Cross Country
- 19th School Tour (2027 Enrolments) 9am
- 20th - Harmony Day
- 20th - P&F Meeting 2.15pm
- 20th - Assembly 2.50pm
- 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



Dear Parents and Carers,

The past two weeks at school have been filled with connection, opportunity and great experiences for our students. Firstly, a big thank you to all of the families who attended our Student Support Group meetings and Meet and Greets with teachers this week. These meetings are an important opportunity for teachers and families to build strong partnerships, share information and ensure we are working together to support every student's success.

It has also been a significant milestone for our Prep students who have completed their first full week of school. They have done an amazing job settling into routines, building friendships and becoming familiar with life at school. We are very proud of how confidently they have begun their learning journey and thank Ms. Devlin, Jasmine, Kayley and Malka for their support of our newest community members!

On Wednesday, our Year 5 and 6 students represented the school at the T-Ball Interschool Competition. They demonstrated fantastic teamwork, sportsmanship and effort throughout the day. The Year 5 and 6 students have rounded out a busy week enjoying an exciting learning experience at Sovereign Hill today! This excursion provides a wonderful opportunity to bring history to life and deepen students' understanding of Australia's gold rush era through hands-on experiences.

Please note that our school review date has changed to Wednesday 1st of April. This day will be filled with classroom observations, parent/student/staff focus groups and will culminate in the creation of our new strategic plan. We have engaged two local Principals - Mat McCrae (Queenscliff PS) and Cameron Edwards (Wallington PS) who will be working alongside reviewer Matt Knight to support us through this exciting process.

A reminder that on Monday we have a public holiday - we hope you all enjoy an extra long weekend!

Blanche Denmead & Carmen Britnell

IMPORTANT INFORMATION & UPDATES

NAPLAN 2026

This term our Year 3 and Year 5 students will undertake the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN.) NAPLAN provides schools with valuable information about your child's learning progress in literacy and numeracy. NAPLAN is just one of the ways that we assess student learning.

Our teachers, Miss. Chelsey and Miss. Cayla are working hard to prepare our students for the NAPLAN assessments with the support of our capable AP, Mrs. Evans. Students are becoming familiar with the question types, as well as the online testing platform that is used.

We have planned the following dates for each of the assessments and encourage parents to ensure their children are on time and at school on the following dates:

- 11th March - Writing
- 12th March - Reading
- 17th March - Language Conventions
- 18th March - Numeracy

You can support your child by reassuring them that NAPLAN is a part of their school program. We are able to apply some adjustments (ie. additional time) for those students who qualify for this. Please contact Mrs. Evans if you wish to discuss the adjustments available if required.

You can support your child by reminding them to simply do their best on the day. You can also encourage a healthy diet, drinking enough water, getting enough sleep and exercise. Parent information can be viewed in this [flyer](#) or via the NAPLAN website at <https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/assessment/foundation-10/naplan/information-parents-and-carers>.

We wish our students the best of luck with the assessments and are proud of them all!



PARENTS & FRIENDS
★ GET-TOGETHER ★
★ Connect ★ Share ★ Inspire ★

Friday 20th March
2:15 PM
Community Room

- ★ Meet other families
- ★ Share ideas & suggestions
- ★ Hear about upcoming events
- ★ Volunteer opportunities

Light refreshments provided

Let's strengthen our school community together!

All parents & friends welcome!

 **NEWCOMB PS** **2026**



CROSS COUNTRY

- 11:45 12/13 GIRLS AND BOYS - 6 LAPS (3KM)
- 12:00 11 GIRLS AND BOYS - 6 LAPS (3KM)
- 12:15 9/10 GIRLS AND BOYS - 4 LAPS (2KM)
- 12:30 GRADE 2 - 3 LAPS (1.5 KM)
- 12:45 GRADE 1 - 2 LAPS (1 KM)
- 1:00 PREPS (BUDDIES TO RUN WITH PREPS) - 1 LAP (500 M)
- 1:15 RIBBON PRESENTATIONS

THE TIMES FOR THE EVENTS ARE CALCULATED AT 31ST DECEMBER 2025 (LET THE AGE THEY TURN THIS YEAR BE THE GROUP THEY RUN IN)

Students need:

- A hat, sunscreen and a drink bottle!
- To wear a T-shirt in their house colour if they have one. If not students can just wear their school T-shirt

SHOUT OUT TO MR BENN FOR ALL OF HIS ORGANISATION TO MAKE THE DAY FUN FOR ALL!

18TH MARCH
NEWCOMB PS
11.30-1.30PM



NEWCOMB PRIMARY SCHOOL - ATTENDANCE

Every day counts.

Attending school every day means experiencing what counts – the learning, friendship, fun and opportunities that can shape your child’s future.

Going to school every day is an important part of your child’s education. Children and young people learn new things at school every day, connect with friends, have fun and develop good habits that help them to succeed. Attending and participating in school will help your child:

- develop important skills and knowledge to help them learn
- develop social and emotional skills such as good communication, resilience and team-work
- establish friendships with peers which help develop self-esteem and a sense of belonging.

There is no good number of days for missing school. Being away from school for 1 day a fortnight adds up to missing 4 whole weeks of school a year. Where possible, you should avoid your child missing school, for example, make appointments for your child outside of school hours and keep family holidays to outside term time.

Our school tracks attendance each day. We aim for students to attend school more than 95%. See below how each year level is tracking so far this year:

Grade Overall % School Attendance in 2026

- Prep 90.7%
- 1 88.3%
- 2 95.2%
- 3 87.3%
- 4 87.0%
- 5 85.5%
- 6 84.7%



Congratulations to our Year 2 students who are currently meeting our target!
Let’s see if other year levels can improve their attendance by the end of term!

Junior School Council 2026

Harmony Day is on Saturday 21st of March this year. We will be celebrating it on Friday 20th March with a Crazy Hair Day! Students are encouraged to wear their hair in a crazy way and bring a gold coin along for the charity chosen by our SJC.

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.



School Council 2026

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.

Being a part of the School Council offers a valuable opportunity to make a meaningful impact on the school community, while also gaining insight into the workings of the school.

We are excited to announce **Glenda Human** and **Rachel Smith** as the successful parent nominees to join School Council this year. **Sherridan Woolard** is also the successful staff nominee. We look forward to their contributions and appreciate their commitment to making Newcomb Primary an even better place for our students!

We will be introducing all parent and staff representatives in the next school newsletter. Keep an eye out at our school assemblies, too, as many of our representatives will be present to chat to members of our community.

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.

The school council meeting dates for 2026 are:

- Term 1 - 10th February & 17th March
- Term 2 - Tuesday 13th May (Public Meeting) & Tuesday 17th June
- Term 3 - Tuesday 28th July & Tuesday 1st September
- Term 4 - Tuesday 20th October & Tuesday 1st December

LEARNING AT NEWCOMB

Mini Whiteboards

During their learning students at NPS often show their understanding on a mini whiteboard. The routine for this consists of several steps which include:

- Students sitting in rows, facing the teacher.
- Students are asked a question that requires them to write a response (or show some working out).
- Students are prompted to write it - 'ready, and ... write'.
- Teacher roams the classroom, checking for understanding and providing feedback.
- Teacher says chinning in '3, 2, 1 chin it', children hold MWB under their chin.
- Responses are checked on whiteboards; the teacher makes it obvious that they are looking carefully at responses. Correct responses and any misconceptions are noted.
- 'Bin it': students wipe the MWB clean.
- 'Park it': students put their board, marker and eraser down neatly in front of them, take their hands off all the materials and face the teacher.



GEM CHAT



HOW HAVE YOU BEEN A HELPER TODAY?



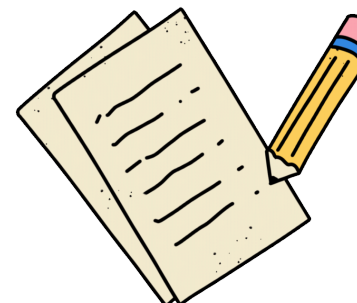
Professional Learning - Phonics Plus

Our Foundation to Year 2 classes are all participating in daily phonics lessons. These follow a suite of resources provided by the Victorian Education Department. Phonics Plus lessons take place in the first hour of our two-hour English block. These lesson plans teach handwriting, high-frequency words, dictation and reading fluency as well as phonic and word knowledge. Throughout this week Miss Devlin, Miss O'Shea, Miss Fatone and Mrs Gee have been observing each other and gathering ideas to implement best practice in each of their classes. It would be great to ask your child tonight what sounds and words they have been learning.

Thanks, and have a great week

Robyn Evans

Assistant Principal



Values Awards



Student of the Week Awards

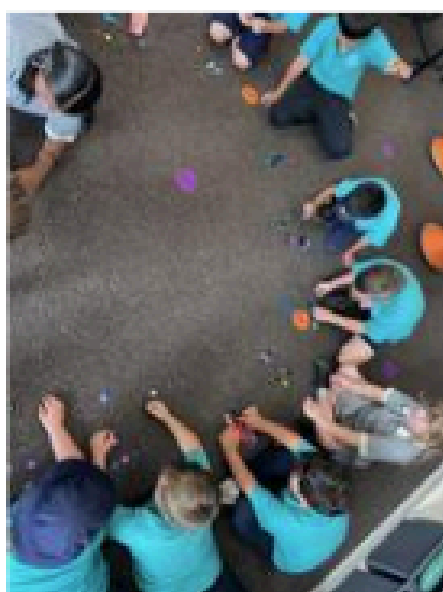
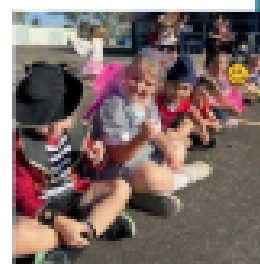
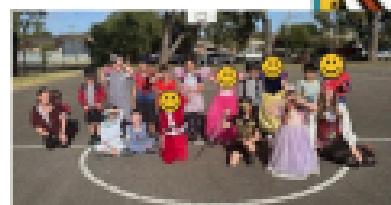
Congratulations to these students who have shown a positive approach to their schooling!



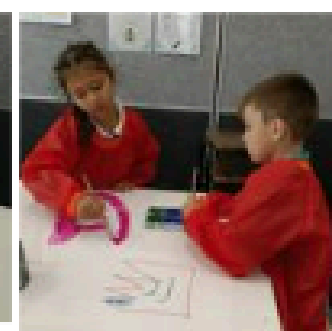
What have we been up to in Years 1 & 2?

TERM 1 SO FAR...

We have had a wonderful start to the year so far in Years 1 and 2. We began the year by 'Jumping into Newcomb' which included learning about our school and classroom expectations so that we can all have a successful year of learning.



In maths we have been practising our maths fluency by learning all the different ways to make 10 and beyond. We have also been learning about addition and are beginning to extend our understanding to subtraction.



In Art, we have been learning to paint and create our own artworks. We are learning what happens when we mix different colours together.

What have we been up to in Years 1 & 2?

In Literacy we have been learning about the structure of sentences through a variety of texts such as 'A Year on Our Farm' and 'Under the Southern Cross'.



We have been doing lots of other fun things like fluency pairs, building with blocks and lego and our wonderful day at Eastern Gardens. Lots of exciting things to share!



Term 1 2026



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	26th Jan Australia Day	27th Jan Whole Staff PD Day 11.30am ES PD	28th Jan Assessment Day	29th Jan First day for students Grade F-6	30th Jan
2	2nd Feb Staff Induction	3rd Feb	4th Feb No school for preps	5th Feb	6th Feb NPS Dress Up Day 9:00am Parade 2:50pm- Assembly
3	9th Feb Staff Induction	10th Feb 4.45pm School Council	11th Feb No school for preps	12th Feb 9:00am-12:00pm Eastern Gardens Excursion	13th Feb
4	16th Feb Staff Induction Evacuation Drill (onsite)	17th Feb Bravehearts Program (F-2)	18th Feb No school for preps	19th Feb 9-11am Open Morning All Welcome	20th Feb 2:50pm-Assembly All welcome
5	23rd Feb Staff Induction	24th Feb 3.15 Consultative Meeting	25th Feb No school for preps	26th Feb	27th Feb Clean Up Australia Day JSC Event: TBC
6	2nd March SSG Meetings	3rd March SSG Meetings	4th March SSG Meetings	5th March SSG Meetings	6th March SSG Meetings 2:50pm- Assembly All welcome
7	9th March Labour Day	10th March Parent Teacher Meet & Greet 3.15 Consultative Meeting	11th March NAPLAN Begins	12th March	13th March
8	16th March *9:00am - 2027 Prospective Enrolments School Tour	17th March 4.45pm School Council (AGM)	18th March Whole school Cross Country (Ervin Reserve)	19th March *9:00am - 2027 Prospective Enrolments School Tour	20th March Harmony Day 2:15pm - P&F Meeting 2:50pm- Assembly All welcome
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 Last day of term! 9:00am Assembly 1.30pm Colour Run & Easter Raffle 2:15 Finish	3rd of April Good Friday



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.



NEWCOMB PRIMARY SCHOOL

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BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

7:00AM - 8:30AM

\$2.30

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AFTER SCHOOL CARE

3:15PM - 6:00PM

\$3.03

***AFTER 90% CCS OR \$30.28 FULL FEE**

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GAME DAY BUDDIES

CALLING ALL PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Imagine the smiles on the faces of visiting players and staff when they walk into their locker room and see the positive messages and colourful artwork created by their very own game day buddy.

Help our team bring more excitement to game day at GMHBA Stadium, through your students' artwork and messages.

At the heart of our team is Respect for all.

We're asking everyone to BRING YOUR PERSONAL BEST and help create a space where every person feels safe, welcome, and celebrated.

This includes championing gender equity and promoting positive attitudes and behaviours, ensuring everyone can participate, belong, and shine.

Your students can play a big role.

Let's make respect the heart of Game Day—together!



BACKGROUND

Game Day Buddies is an activity of the Kardinia Park Stadium Trust's *Respect at Our Stadium Action Plan*.

The plan articulates the role we can play in addressing the underlying attitudes and behaviours that contribute to gender-based violence.

Our vision is for every person that visits our stadium to feel safe, welcome and free to be themselves.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

1. Complete this [Form](#) registering your interest. Approximately 25 game day buddies are required per match, roughly the size of one class.

2. One lucky Primary School class will be allocated to each visiting team.

3. Students write and/or draw on the Game Day Buddy template delivered to you directly. Use of the team colours is great, but not essential. See example below.

4. We collect the buddy messages from your school to display on the lockers of the visiting team and their support staff.

5. Participating classes will receive a thank you pack (badges and balls) and a certificate.

RESPECT

THE GAME

FROM OUR TEAM TO YOURS... WELCOME TO KARDINIA PARK

STUDENT NAME:
YEAR:
SCHOOL:

At the heart of our team is respect for all.
It's up to us to bring our personal best to
create a safe and inclusive space.

AND

EACH OTHER

BRING YOUR PERSONAL BEST



SEASON STARTS

30TH APRIL

JUNIOR INDOOR CRICKET

6A-SIDE TEAMS

60 Minute Games - Short and Sharp - Everyone Bats & Bowls - 18 Over Games - Refine Your Skills

JUNIOR LEAGUES U12'S U14'S U16'S

All Game Equipment Provided - Multiple Divisions To Cater For All Skill Levels - Hone In On Your Game In The Offseason

FRIDAY & THURSDAY NIGHTS

4:30PM ONWARDS - ON COURT ASSISTANCE BY LEVEL 1 COACHES AT ALL TIMES

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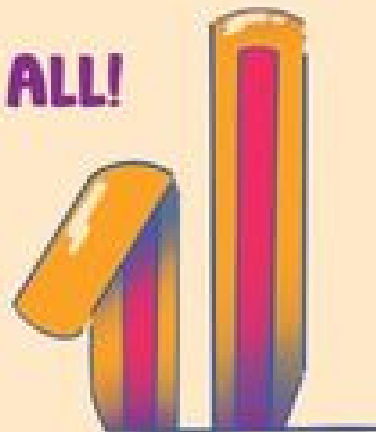
ACCESSIBLE FUN FOR ALL!

SUNDAY MARCH 29TH

10AM - 3PM

QUIET HOUR: 10AM - 11AM

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Luna Park

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GEELONG FAMILY

FUN DAY

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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





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
(03) 4243 0500 or
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GEELONG
HIGH SCHOOL

Join us to experience all that Geelong High School has to offer our prospective Year 7 students.

Wednesday 11th March 2026

INFORMATION EVENING

Session 1 - 4:30pm

Session 2 - 5:30pm

Session 3 - 6:30pm

Venue: C. A. Love Hall

*Sessions will be followed
by tours of the school.*

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INCLUSION AT NEWCOMB

WELLBEING AT NEWCOMB

Hi All

I have seen lots of you around over the last couple of terms. I'm Miss.Kylie, Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader. I am currently working Monday, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at Newcomb Primary School.

My role is to primarily work with Teachers to support and work alongside them to promote good mental health. I do wellbeing check in's with students to see how they are travelling. I mostly do these after a parent has come to see me and tells me that their student might just need to someone to check in and see how their day is going, maybe check on friendships, a bit of resilience boost or building connections (I play a lot of UNO and lately charades has been popular).

If you have concerns please pop in and see me, I am at the entrance of the building where the preps, ones and two's are - the B.E.R.

Below is a conversation I have had with many parents and teachers. Does this resonate with you !?



When flight attendants give their pre-flight safety instructions, one of the things they tell you is that, in the case of a change in cabin pressure, be sure to place the resulting oxygen mask over your own face first before assisting anyone else, even your own children. Have you ever wondered why they would advise this?

It's because if your children lose consciousness, they are still breathing. If YOU lose consciousness, however, you won't be able to help your children. Even if you get their masks on them before you pass out, you won't be able to help them with what comes next.

This is an important analogy to remember for people who run around taking care of everything and everyone except themselves. Some people think that it is their duty to put everyone else's needs first when, in fact, unless you prioritise self-care, you will burn out and not be any good to anyone (whether that takes seconds or decades).

Please take care of yourselves, look after each other. If I have learnt anything over my years of being a teacher, its that, it really does take a village and from what I have seen at Newcomb Primary School, thanks to all of you, the village is alive and well.

Miss.Kylie

Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader

