



# Newcomb Newsletter

Term 3, Week 4, Friday 15th August



## IMPORTANT DATES

### AUGUST

- 18<sup>th</sup> - Book Week Dress Up Day!
- 19<sup>th</sup> - District Basketball
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Maths Afternoon (BER) 3.15pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> - Book Fair (BER) (8.30-8.50 and 3.15-3.30)

### SEPTEMBER

- 9<sup>th</sup> - School Council Meeting 4.45pm
- 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> - Prep Fire Safety Program
- 19<sup>th</sup> - End of Term Early finish 2.15pm

### OCTOBER

- 9<sup>th</sup> - Prep 2026 #1 Transition Session 9-10am
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Yr 6 Passport to Success Program starts
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Prep 2026 #2 Transition Session 9-10am
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Prep 2026 #3 Transition Session 9-10am

### NOVEMBER

- 6<sup>th</sup> - Prep 2026 #4 Transition Session 9-10am
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Prep 2026 #5 Transition Session 9-10am & Prep Parent Information Session

### DECEMBER

- 9<sup>th</sup> - Whole School Transition Day 9-12.30



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a jam packed couple of weeks we have had!

Our Year 3 and 4 students had a fabulous time down at Cottage by the sea. Some highlights were boogie boarding, visiting Queenscliff Harbour and Point Lonsdale beach. The students put on some brilliant performances in our talent quest and did us proud in terms of their behaviour and independence while away camping. A big thank you to Mrs. Dennis, Mrs. Gee, Jo Hachem and Cate Alizzi who supported the group.

Our Year 5 and 6 students visited bustling Melbourne at Doga camp. They took the train up and back and got to ride on some local trams. Some highlights were ice skating and visiting the Queen Victoria market. Thank you to Ms. Wright, Mrs. Evans, Mr. Noonan, Ms. Smith, Annie Ore (PST) Donna Parsons and Keira West who supported the camp.

This week we have had a number of school tours for both new enrolments and 2026 Preps. Thanks to all those future prep families who have enrolled, if you are yet to do so please return your forms as soon as possible as this will help us define our class structures for 2026 as we start planning.

Next week is a fun one for all! On Monday 18th August we start with our Book Week Dress up day and our annual parade at 9am on the basketball court. On Tuesday morning our book fair opens in the BER and Tuesday afternoon we encourage you to come and join us for our Maths afternoon! We round out the week with our Year 5/6 students attending the District Basketball competition on Friday!

We hope you have a wonderful weekend. Please come and see us anytime!

Blanche Denmead & Carmen Britnell - Principal Team

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION & UPDATES

## STAFFING NEWS!

We are thrilled to expand our School Improvement Team with an Assistant Principal and re-introduce a Mental Health and Wellbeing position for Newcomb Primary School.

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Congratulations Robyn Evans! Following a rigorous selection process, we are excited to announce the provisional appointment of Mrs Robyn Evans as our school's first Assistant Principal. Robyn has been an extremely loyal member of our school team for nearly 30 years. In recent years, Robyn has played a key role in supporting and leading school improvement, particularly teaching and learning across the school. This is recognised across our region with local schools seeking to visit and learn from the success of NPS. Robyn's passion and commitment to our students, staff and wider community is unwavering, showing care and support to all. We are excited for this next chapter in the Newcomb Primary School history and warmly congratulate Robyn to the Assistant Principal role.

## MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS LEADER

Congratulations and Welcome Kylie Scandolera! We are thrilled to introduce Kylie Scandolera as the successful candidate for our Mental Health and Wellbeing lead for the remainder of 2025 and 2026. Kylie has extensive experience working in schools, and wellbeing roles. She is currently the Assistant Principal (Wellbeing, Disability and Inclusion) at Colac West Primary School. She is passionate about supporting our young people and working alongside families and staff to ensure that each child feels safe, happy and connected. Kylie prides herself on building relationships and is looking forward to meeting our wonderful students, staff and families when she commences on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August. Kylie will be working three days per week in the MHiWPS role as well as 2 days in classrooms.

Over coming weeks, we will also be beginning the recruitment process for a Learning Specialist to complete our School Improvement Team. We also look forward to sharing our Grade 3/4 teacher to replace Melissa Gee in the very near future. We will continue to share updates as they come to light.

## PARENT OPINION SURVEY

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> of August the Department of Education's Parent Opinion Survey opens. The eldest student in each family will come home with a letter on Monday that outlines how to log into the survey to share your thoughts on how the school is supporting you and your child. We encourage all families to complete the survey as this helps us to both celebrate our successes and identify areas of need moving forward. If you need assistance with the process please contact the school office.

## SOCIAL MEDIA AND ONLINE BEHAVIOUR

A reminder to parents/carers to please monitor your students engagement online. There have been a number of recent incidents reported to staff around students who are under age having access to social media and/or posting or viewing inappropriate content.

*Tiktok* and *Snapchat* have been a common platform that is causing some social challenges for students and we encourage to remove your child from these platforms as both have age requirements for users to be 13 or older. Please refer to our [Digital Technology Acceptable Use Agreement](#) on our school website which has some great ideas and resources around digital technology use in the home.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for a number of volunteers to be part of a termly library blitz. We are hoping to find a group of 6-8 helpers who could assist in tidying a section each in our school library once a term. As much as we encourage students to return texts to the correct location, over time many books end up in the wrong place and a tidy up is required.

This can take some time if tackled by one person but we are hoping by having a small team who can assist once a term it will help us keep the library tidy and organised for our staff and students. If you are keen to help please send an email/ClassDojo to Blanche or Carmen.

## UNIFORM

We remind families that it is an expectation that students wear school uniform. Students are able to wear non branded pants, shorts, skorts etc. They are however expected to wear a school polo shirt and jumper. We also remind students and families that shoes and socks must be worn at all times in the school grounds. This is a health and safety requirement. If your child requires any adaptations to the school uniform for medical/sensory reasons please contact the school office to discuss.

## VSBA BUILDING UPGRADES

Surveying has been happening this week for our undercover upgrade. We will be hosting a number of VSBA representatives and our local member on the 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> of September to celebrate the start of our project. We are still on track for our works to be completed over the school holidays.

There will be some temporary entrances created for the 3/4 classrooms whilst the preparation and works are being completed. We are looking forward to having a lighter, brighter, safer and more user friendly space for our students to enjoy!



# FUTURE LEADERS PROGRAM

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August Keira West took four students along to the Future LEaders Program. This was a brilliant day hosted by Newcomb Secondary College and included future leaders from a number of local schools.



Evlin, Nakia, Lesley and Hunter had the opportunity to listen to keynote speaker, Mandy DeSouza and also had the opportunity to learn how to sail thanks to the Royal Geelong Yacht Club.

The students had an incredible day, learnt lots about themselves and how they can contribute to and lead others. Thanks to Newcomb Secondary College for making this experience possible.



## 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](mailto: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)

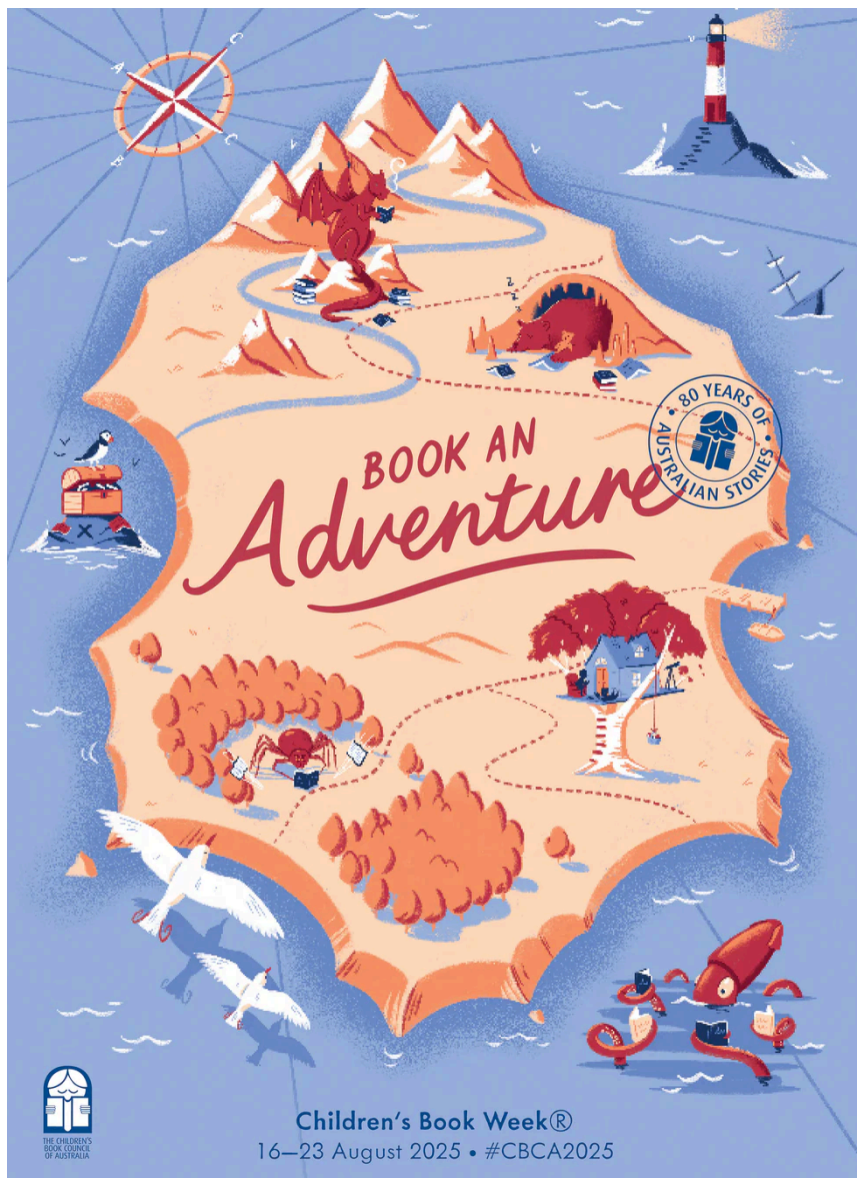
The next school council meeting for term 3 is on Tuesday the 9th of September. \* Note - change of date.

## Book Week 2025

This year the theme for book week is  
'Book an Adventure.'

Book Week is an annual celebration of literature and reading. It is organised by the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA). It is an opportunity for us to celebrate the joy that books bring to us and to celebrate Australian authors and illustrators.

We will be having our annual book week dress up day on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> of August. Children are encouraged to dress up as their favourite character from a book! Join us on the basketball court for our annual parade at 9am!

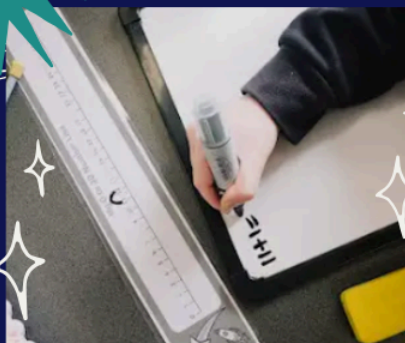
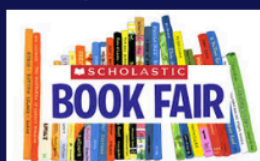


## MATHS NIGHT

*It's time to celebrate the amazing maths we do at Newcomb PS.  
Come along for some fun games shared by our incredible teachers.*

*Tuesday 19th August  
3.15 in BER*

*The Book Fair will  
also be on.*



*All parents, carers and friends are welcome*



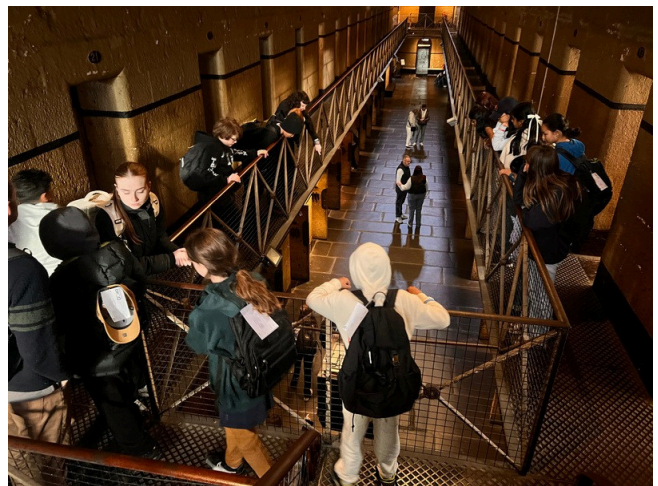
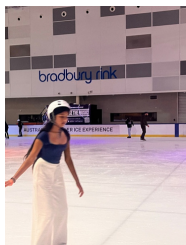
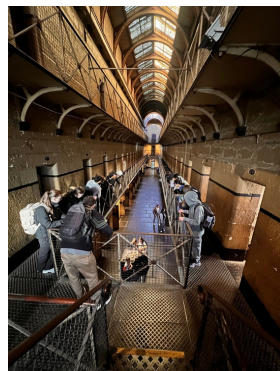
# Melbourne Camp 2025

Our Melbourne camp was packed with fun, learning, and new experiences. We began with the Big Issues Classroom, exploring social awareness, before heading to ACMI to discover the magic of film, TV, and games.

Swimming at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre was a splash, and the Arts Centre workshop had students creating their own music.

At the Melbourne Museum, we explored fascinating exhibits, while IMAX delivered a huge-screen movie experience. History came alive at the Old Melbourne Gaol, and ice skating brought plenty of laughter (and a few wobbles). We wrapped up at the bustling Queen Victoria Markets, soaking in the sights, sounds, and flavours of the city.

It was an unforgettable trip that built friendships, confidence, and memories to last a lifetime.





# THE RESILIENCE PROJECT™

## Gratitude

Paying attention to what I have.

**Gratitude** involves recognising and expressing appreciation for the people, places and things in our lives.

Practising gratitude allows us to pay attention to what we have, increasing feelings of happiness and leading to a more positive outlook on life.

## Empathy

Understanding others' feelings and showing kindness and compassion.

**Empathy** involves understanding others' feelings and perspectives and is practised through kindness, compassion and curiosity.

Developing empathy fosters deeper connections, increases our likelihood of acting kindly, and helps us experience positive emotions.

## Mindfulness

Paying attention to what's happening right now.

The practice of **mindfulness** is about an awareness of life as we are living it.

It allows us to be responsive to our experiences rather than being reactive, and to live with greater balance, presence and connection.

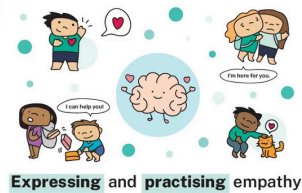
## Emotional Literacy

Labelling, understanding and expressing my emotions.

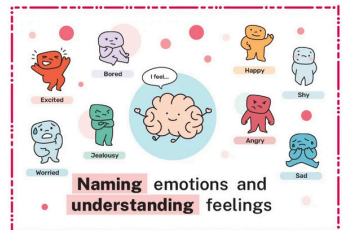
**Emotional Literacy** involves learning to identify and label our emotions, as well as developing emotional regulation skills.

When we can accurately name our feelings and emotions, it reduces the impact of uncomfortable

### Expressing and practising gratitude



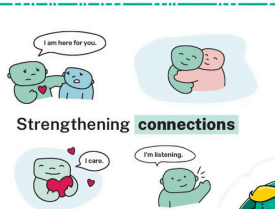
### Practical mindfulness tools and strategies



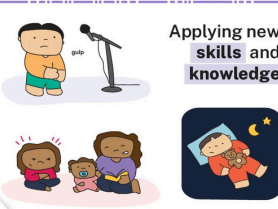
### Naming emotions and understanding feelings



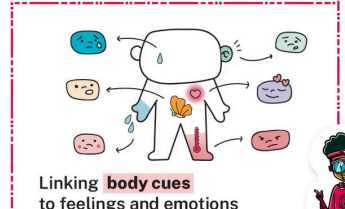
### Learning how to form everyday gratitude habits



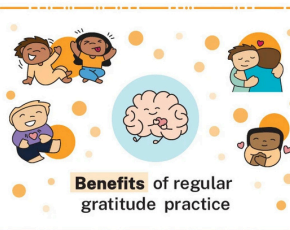
### Strengthening connections



### Applying new skills and knowledge



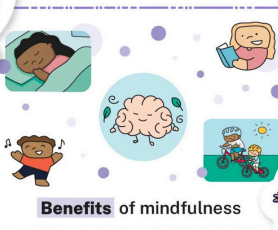
### Linking body cues to feelings and emotions



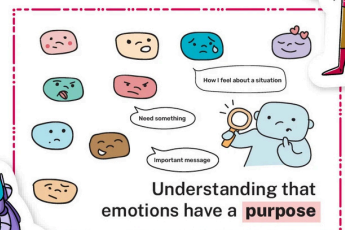
### Benefits of regular gratitude practice



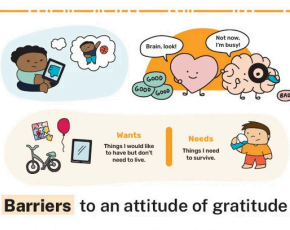
### Respecting and celebrating differences



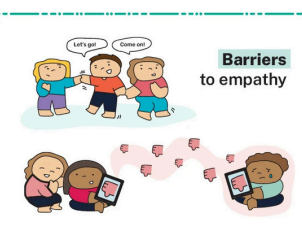
### Benefits of mindfulness



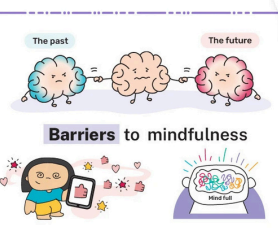
### Understanding that emotions have a purpose



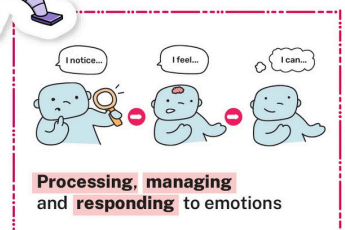
### Barriers to an attitude of gratitude



### Barriers to empathy



### Barriers to mindfulness



### Processing, managing and responding to emotions





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## KELLY CLUB NEWCOMBUPDATE

### What's been happening in Term 3...

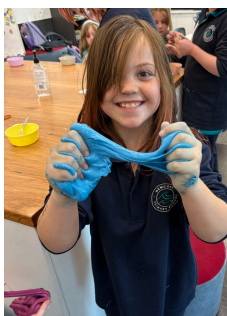
#### Creative Fun

Sofar our term 3 has consisted of creative fun! From slime making, to baking, to rock painting and colouring - we have done it all!

We had a visit from Kelly Sports where we played a competitive game of over and under!

#### Post Camp Reflection

Our grade 3/4s and 5/6s spent a few nights on school camp! We heard some awesome stories and had a good laugh!



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 \*Conditions apply

## What's new in term 3: FUNTASTIC FRIDAYS

Introducing Funtastic Fridays! We're excited to launch Funtastic Fridays – a brand-new way to end the week with fun and excitement! Each Friday, children can look forward to a special activity, from creative challenges and cooking classes to action-packed outdoor games. This week's theme is Food, Glorious Food, where we'll be kicking things off with a hands-on cooking class to make a delicious treat. Let the Friday fun begin!

<b>KELLY CLUB</b> <b>THEME: CREATIVE FUN</b> Term 3 week 2 28/07/2023 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, Nutri-grain, Toast or Toasties	Breakfast Variety of cereals, Weetbix, Cornflakes, Rice bubbles, Nutri-grain, Toast or Toasties	Breakfast Variety of cereals, Weetbix, Cornflakes, Rice bubbles, Nutri-grain, Toast or Toasties	Breakfast Variety of cereals, Weetbix, Cornflakes, Rice bubbles, Nutri-grain, Toast or Toasties	Breakfast Variety of cereals, Weetbix, Cornflakes, Rice bubbles, Nutri-grain, Toast or Toasties
8:30 - 8:45 am	Tidy up & Game	Tidy up & Game	Tidy up & Game	Tidy up & Game	Tidy up & Game
9:15 - 9:30 pm	Sign in & Mindfulness	Sign in & Mindfulness	Sign in & Mindfulness	Sign in & Mindfulness	Sign in & Mindfulness
9:30 - 4:00 pm	Afternoon Tea - Fruit platter, cheese and biscuits	Afternoon Tea - Fruit platter, cheese and biscuits	Afternoon Tea - Fruit platter, cheese and biscuits	Afternoon Tea - Fruit platter, cheese and biscuits	Afternoon Tea - Fruit platter, cheese and biscuits
4:00 - 6:30 pm	<b>MAKING MINI PIZZAS</b>	<b>SILLY SKETCHES</b>	<b>BOSS AND STATUES</b>	<b>WHAT'S THE TIME MR WOLF?</b>	<b>FUNTASTIC FRIDAYS: BAKING COOKIES</b>
4:30 pm - 5:00 PM	Tidy Up/Outside	Tidy Up/ Outside	Tidy Up/Meditation	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 pm	Homework & quiet activities	Homework & quiet activities	Homework & quiet activities	Homework & quiet activities	Homework & quiet activities

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**FUNTASTIC FRIDAYS**  
**AT YOUR KELLY CLUB**  
**FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD**  
 Join us for 'Food, Glorious Food' Create mouthwatering masterpieces with edible art and compete in a thrilling team cooking showdown. It's a feast of fun and flavor—don't miss the culinary excitement!  
**BOOK NOW LIMITED SPACES**  
**KELLY CLUB**

## Friendly Reminder

Afriendly reminder to all families to **please remember to book** your children in before attending Kelly Club for beforeand 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)





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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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