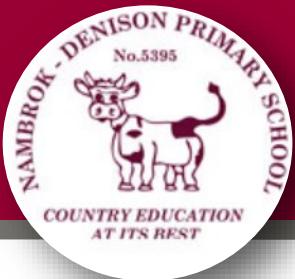


Nambrok Denison Primary School

Newsletter

5th February, 2026



School Captains



Duncan
Rowley



Derren
Dela Torre

Welcome

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our school community to the beginning of the 2026 school year. An extended welcome to those families who are new to our school this year. We trust that you will enjoy being part of our school community and seeing your children flourish at Nambrok Denison Primary School. We are looking forward to an excellent year ahead.

I would also like to welcome our new Foundation/One Teacher **Anna English** to Nambrok Denison Primary School. **Steven Davidson** is also new to our MARC program, and we welcome him to the Rural Cluster

2026 Staff

We work hard at Nambrok Denison Primary School to ensure that we only have the highest quality staff working with our students. I am very pleased to introduce our 2026 staff:

Principal – Kryshia Speirs

Foundation/1 Teacher – Anna English

Grade 2/3 Teacher – Molly Semmens

Grade 4/5 Teachers – Faye Kennedy & Megan McDonald

Grade 6 Teachers – Liv Brew & Sharon Swarbrick

PE Teacher – Damon Locker

Arts Teacher – Megan McDonald

STEM Teacher – Damon Locker

MARC Teacher – Jess Hinchcliffe

Mental Health & Wellbeing Leader – Kerry Barton

Disability Inclusion Leader – Jessica Hinchcliffe

ES Staff – Belinda Hughes, Nicky Meddings & Lisa Mezenberg

Office Administrator – Jodie Murray

Chaplain – Steve Postlethwaite

BBQ & Garden Dedication

A reminder that our Family and Staff Welcome BBQ is on at **5:30 Monday 10th February**. Please RSVP to the event on our School Facebook Page. We hope to see many of our families join us. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's classroom teacher, NDPS staff and other parents. To coincide with the event we will be dedicating our vegetable garden to **Joy Heron** and **Pete Sanders**.

UPCOMING DATES

- 10th Feb**—Vegetable Garden Dedication & Family BBQ @ 5:30
- 11th Feb**—Foundation Rest Day
- 18th Feb**—School Council Meeting
- 18th Feb**—Foundation Rest Day
- 24th Feb**—Student Free Day
- 25th Feb**—Foundation Rest Day
- 26th Feb**—Whole School Swimming Carnival
- 12th & 13th March**—Smile Squad
- 18th March**—School Leaders Leadership Day
- 19th March**—School Photos



Classroom Communication

Classroom teachers have all sent home class letters, via email or compass, introducing themselves and have included their emails. We encourage parents to use email as the primary method of communication with teachers, as it allows for clear communication and gives teachers time to respond when they're not in class.

Teachers check their email during breaks or other non-teaching times, so you can expect a reply within a reasonable time. If something urgent comes up that needs immediate attention, feel free to call the school office, and they can help or pass the message along to the teacher. This system helps

Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#) and the [Schools' Privacy Collection Notice](#)

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [Google Workspace for Education](#) safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#)

This information is also available in 11 community languages.

End of day pick up

At NDPS, we have two end-of-day bells: the first rings at 3:10pm for bus travelers, and the second is our regular end-of-day bell at 3:15pm. As the car park can get quite busy during this time, we ask that parents park in front of the timber fences to leave enough room for the bus to safely move off.

Students who aren't catching the bus wait in the undercover area for their siblings before heading to the bus shelter to look for their car. To make it easier for students to spot you, we recommend waiting outside your car or coming onto the school grounds to meet them.

For safety reasons, we can only release students to their parents. If you need your child to go home with someone else, please email the teacher in advance to let them know. Additionally, please ensure your child is aware of any changes to who will be picking them up.

Bus Travelers

Please let us know in advance if your child will not be catching the bus home, especially if there are any changes to their usual routine. We need adequate time to make sure the information is passed along to the classroom teacher and bus driver to avoid any confusion. The earlier we receive the update, the smoother the process will be for everyone.

Thanks for helping us keep everything running smoothly!

Nambrok Denison PS Banking Details:

BSB: 083 001

Acc No: 304 833 909

Account Name: Nambrok Denison Primary

Citizen & Learner Awards

Week 2

F/1 – Gemma for showing persistence with correct pencil grip and forming her numbers

Wyatt for being respectful in class and demonstrating whole body learning.

2/3- Zoe for going out of her way to help her classmates.

James for using interesting words in his writing.

4/5 – Georgia for listening carefully and staying in her seat, focussed on her work so that she could make the most progress possible.

Emi for treating others with kindness and respect and expecting others to do so as well.

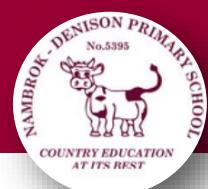
6- Isla for writing engaging sentences using varied vocabulary.

Kiarra for helping develop a community in our classroom.

FIRST DAY PHOTOS



Wellbeing with Mr Pos



Welcome back to a new school year to all the students in their new grades and their parents. Also an extra special welcome to our new students (especially the Foundation kids) and their families. Nambrok-Denison is a friendly and caring school and I'm sure a great year full of fun, learning and new experiences lies ahead for all of us in 2026.

As the Student Wellbeing Worker my task is to help students who might be having a few struggles; maybe settling into a new grade, making new friends, dealing with family issues, or just feeling a bit down.

My office is a great place for students to feel free to discuss any concerns away from the classroom setting or just to come and sit in a peaceful place for a while. I am here to be a listening ear and a source of encouragement and help. Whatever the issue I am available for students, parents and staff who need someone to talk to.

I am at Nambrok-Denison Tuesdays and Thursdays and my office door (off the open area in the new building) is always open. So please feel free to catch up with me anytime I'm around because I'm here to look out for the wellbeing of not only the students but the whole school community.

Steve Postlethwaite - Student Wellbeing Worker

Breakfast Club & Pantry Pals is back!

Breakfast Club is back bigger and better than ever! In partnership with Foodbank Victoria we offer milk, cereal, fruit and toast for breakfast. Breakfast Club is on Thursday morning each week, in the open area of the new building.

I'll look forward to seeing you between 8.30 and 9.00 for some toast, cereal, fruit, music and games. And don't forget it's open to all grades and best of all it's FREE!

Parents, feel free to come over and check it out, Breakfast Club is a great chance for our kids to make friends and chat, and makes a real difference in the life and learning of our kids.

And don't forget to check out our FREE School Community Pantry in the entrance area just down from the Office. Feel free to take what supplies you need as it is regularly restocked. Bags are provided, including some cotton bags which are great for using over and over. Free Lunch Box Bags and drink bottles are also available at the pantry.

Attendance

An ongoing focus for schools in 2026 is ensuring that student attendance levels are as high as possible. Greater attendance gives students more exposure to learning opportunities and supports them in achieving the best possible results. Please ensure that you add an attendance update on Compass, or contact the office, should your child need to be absent from school. Reminder text messages will be sent during the morning for any un-notified student absences. Please note that due to the program that we use to monitor and track our attendance, the text message reminders will come from different phone numbers each time.

Please also note that if your child arrives at school after 9:00am that they need to be signed in by an adult at the front office.

Sun Smart

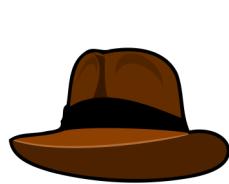
Please remember that as a Sun Smart School, all students must wear a wide brimmed or bucket hat when outside during recess and lunch time during Terms 1 and 4. Please ensure that your child has a proper school hat and that it is clearly named.

Sunscreen is also available for students at school.

School Council Positions

All government schools in Victoria have School Councils. Parents on School Councils provide important viewpoints and bring a range of valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. No special experience is needed to stand for School Council. Meetings are held 8 times per year.

This March we have 6 positions that are up for renewal. School Council nomination forms are currently available at the front office should you wish to self-nominate or to nominate someone else. Nominations will close on Monday 23rd February at 4pm.



Ultimate Frisbee

In March (10th, 17th 24th & 31th) students will be learning how to play Ultimate Frisbee for PE. This is accessed through the Sporting School Government Funding and supported by Gecko Sports.





NAMBROK DENISON PRIMARY SCHOOL

The start of the year is a great time for us to refocus on our school values.

Respect

I show respect when I...

Belonging

I feel like I belong when...

Resilience

I am resilient when I...

Kindness

I show kindness by...

Growth

I have had growth in...

Can your child explain what they mean & how they demonstrate them each day?

Part of our start of year learning is to revisit and refocus on our school values and what it looks like to demonstrate them. This learning can be supported at home by asking some of the same prompts we use at school. These can help conversationally whether it is about your child's school day, sporting commitments or just everyday at home. It can also be flipped to ask when they have seen someone else show the value. We aren't giving you homework, but we have found student responses to these prompts to be interesting and thought provoking so thought we'd share them!!

GET RACE READY FOR SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

\$10

per person, per session
Limited Places
Light snack provided



Sign up to the Race Ready Session aimed at school age swimmers wanting to improve their racing technique for upcoming School Swimming Sports.

Date: Friday 13th & 20th February

Time: 4pm (45 min session)

Where: Sale Outdoor Pool

Cost: \$10 per person per session, Free Entry into Sale Pool

**Sign up & Pay
via QR Code**



Please Bring Towel, Goggles and Water Bottle. Light Snack provided after session.



Kickstart to the 2026 Season

Training starts the week of 9/2/26. U13 will start week of 16/02

Training days are:

Mondays: U9 & U11: 4:45pm-5:45pm. U13: 5-6pm

Tuesdays: U6/U7, U13 & U15/U17: 5-6pm

Wednesdays: Girls U13/U15: 5-6pm

Thursdays: U9 & U11: 4:45pm-5:45pm. U15/U17: 5-6pm

Fridays: Girls U13/U15: 5-6pm

Past and new players welcome! Information session for parents during first training session.

Contact Melesa Eldred 0400197705 for further information.

School Lunch Order Menu



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- 4 nuggets or crackles with chips \$6
- 6 nuggets or crackles with chips \$8
- 2 chicken strips with chips \$5
- 4 chicken strips with chips \$7
- 2 dim sims with chips \$5
- 1 basted hot dog with chips \$6
- 2 basted hot dog with chips \$9
- Chips only \$3
- Pizza slice \$3
- Chicken burger \$8
- Cheeseburger \$8
- Party pie \$1.50
- Party Sausage roll \$1.50

Drinks

- M2go chocolate or strawberry \$3
- Pop top apple or apple/blackcurrant \$3
- Water \$3

Please be aware that all orders need to be placed **before 9am Thursday** mornings

Please either text or phone orders through to: 0477967602

All orders need to have: child's name, classroom name, order and screen shot of payment.

Payment details

Heyfield pizza
BSB: 063-709
ACC: 10221177



Thursday Lunch Orders

Lunch orders are available on Thursdays from Heyfield Pizza & Takeaway. Please refer to the updated price list on Facebook and ensure orders are placed via direct message or phoning the shop prior to 9:15am on Thursdays.

SHOP: 5148 2700

MOBILE: 0477 967 602

