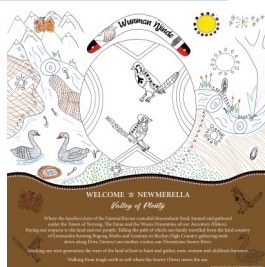


Our School Values
Caring, Excellence, Honesty & Learning



Tuesday 19th March 2024

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2023
President—Joanne Austin
Vice President—Kalina Mekken
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Acting Principal's Report

Coming Events

Please check Calendar for any of the following dates

School Council
Finance meeting
Student Early Finish
Student free days
Public Holidays
Camps & excursions

BUS TRAVEL REMINDERS

Parents are reminded that changes to bus travel arrangements require 24 hours notice and approval by the Secondary College.

Please notify our school if your child is a regular bus traveller and is being picked up so we can mark them off the bus.

School Values for the next 2 weeks are Honesty and Learning

We encourage parents to discuss and reinforce with their children what the actions for the weekly values might look like.



EVERY DAY COUNTS

Please contact the school if your child is going to be away.



Wuman Njinde Parents, Students and the School Community,
Welcome to this fortnight's newsletter where we share Newmerella's school journey and achievements.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM): Tonight, school council holds their AGM at 5:15pm. This meeting is held once a year and the Annual Report to the School Community (this will be uploaded onto the school website and Compass following on from this meeting) will be presented during this time. On behalf of the school community I would like to acknowledge and thank the 2023 outgoing school councillors; Jason G, Kalina M and Elaine H (community representative) for their time and contributions. The School Council election timeline saw nominations for vacancies in both the Parent, Community and DET Employee membership categories. At the close of nominations at 4pm, last Monday 11th March 2024 the number of nominations for each category listed above was below the number of vacancies and therefore a ballot did not need to be taken. Jason G, Kalina M nominated for parent representatives, Janet M DET nominated for staff representative and Pamela B nominated for community representative. We welcome them to school council.

Snowy River Leadership School Marlo: Thank you to Terry G, Cam and staff for organising this day for the Grades 2 to 6 students and the Year 9 Leaders who ran the activities. We ended up taking 2 mini buses and cars to avoid transport costs to the school and the students participated in activities with students from Cann River and Marlo Primary Schools. Nicole M will look at taking the Grade Prep and 1 students for a special outing later on in the year with activities that are age appropriate. It was very rewarding to hear some of our Grade 6 students say that they would like to attend the Year 9 leadership school in the future and that it was a great opportunity to meet the students from other schools.

ORBOST AGRICULTURAL SHOW: Once again, the school did extremely well with their exhibitions and it was great to see many certificates handed out and /or prizes.

NAPLAN: The Grade 3 and 5 students started their NAPLAN journey for 2024. I would like to say a special thank you and mention to London A, Lynken P, Brayden C and Charlotte B who completed one component of their testing whilst on school camp last week.

SOVEREIGN HILL BALLARAT: Thank you to the Grade 5/6 parents and students for supporting this camp. We had an exclusive residence for our school group away from the larger schools who were also in attendance and each room had their own ensuite. The children participated in a variety of activities which included: daily entry to Sovereign Hill, gold panning, candle dipping demonstration, gold pour demonstration, labyrinth, mine tour, laser force, aquatic centre water play, 'Living in the Past' education session, confectionary making demonstration and Ballarat Wildlife Park, Aura Light and Sound Show. Thank you to Lucy W for giving up family time to attend and Wendy M for assisting me with the planning and paperwork.

LEADERSHIP BADGE PRESENTATION: Thank you to our school council president Joanne A who presented our Grade 6 leaders with their leadership badges and signed certificates from our local MP Darren Chester. We look forward to their contributions throughout the year and representing the school in a positive manner.

SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION WITH SCHOOL STUDENT BROADBAND:

Information regarding this was uploaded onto Compass yesterday. The Australian Government has established the School Student Broadband Initiative to provide free home internet for one year for up to 30,000 eligible families with school-aged students.

VERSION 2.0 VICTORIAN MATHEMATICS CURRICULUM: The Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) recently published its revised mathematics curriculum (Mathematics curriculum 2.0).

All Victorian government schools will start using the Mathematics curriculum 2.0 in 2024 or 2025. At Newmerella Primary School we are using the revised mathematics curriculum for school reporting from Semester 1 2025. So, for this year we will continue to report against the 3 strands of the achievement standard for mathematics (Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, and Statistics and Probability). Under the Mathematics curriculum 2.0 in 2025, your child's teacher will report against the achievement standard as a whole, providing a single, aggregated score.

MOBILE PHONE POLICY: Just a reminder that the DET has put in place a mobile phone ban and this applies to all government schools in Victoria to ensure that the school learning environment is free from unnecessary distractions and disruptions. Whilst this usually doesn't apply to primary aged students, it is a requirement that we make parents aware of this policy. In the event of an emergency or if you need to immediately contact your child, please contact the general office as first point of call. I ask for the support of all our families, staff and students in continuing to support the implementation of this policy in our school. Parents can go to this link; <https://www.vic.gov.au/mobile-phones-schools> for information on safe and responsible use of technology.

CROSS COUNTRY: Newmerella, Marlo and St Joseph's Primary Schools will be combining to host the cross country at the Newmerella Oval Wednesday 27th March. Please refer to Compass later on in the week for further information and save the date, as we would love to have parents attend to encourage their child and/or assist on the day.

EMERGENCIES: As you are aware, each term the school practices an emergency drill and this is an ongoing requirement by the DET. The Orbost Police have a copy of the schools 2024 emergency management plan that addresses site-specific hazards and threats including bushfires and floods and obviously the DET has copy too. The school will implement the DET guidelines in the event of an emergency and will communicate any emergencies via the Compass app. The school will also be guided by the DET Incident Management Team who work with emergency services throughout the year to ensure school communities are kept safe.

Until next time,
Yarrabee,
Sarah

READING RAFFLE AWARDS

To be eligible for the weekly reading raffle, students must read 5 out of 7 possible nights.



The winners for week ending March 8th were Ethan Marks, Will Griebenow and Lily Richards.

Super job everyone



The winners for week ending March 15th February were Rykah Staples and Aurelia Joiner.

Great reading kids.

Positive Behaviour Raffle

Students who are displaying positive behaviours that are aligned to our school values which are:

LEARNING, HONESTY, EXCELLENCE & CARING

both in the classroom and in the yard can receive a raffle ticket.

The winner for the week ending 8th of March was Troy Marshall.

Troy won the award for helping others. Well done Troy.



The winner for the week 15th March ending was Tori Kenny. Tori won the awards for always being inclusive.

Great work Tori, keep it up!

Student of the week Awards



The winners for the week ending March 8th were Ethan Marks, Todd Janson and Charlotte Durston.

Wonderful work kids!

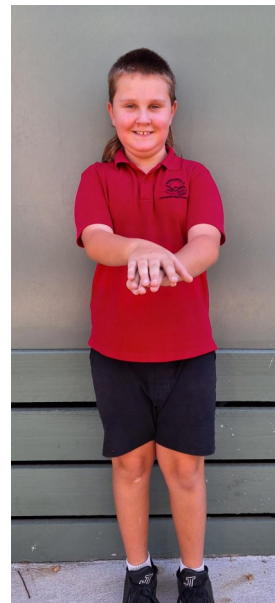
The winners for the week ending 15th March were Bobby Trewin and Brodie Bishop.

Excellent work boys!



Auslan Sign for the Fortnight

This fortnights Auslan sign is "Turtle"
Thanks to Daniel McFarlane for demonstrating this sign for us.
Top job Daniel.





Our grade 6 students received their leadership badges and certificated on Monday, they were presented by our School Council President Jo Austin.



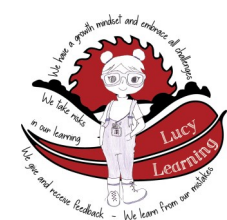
Here are some of our winners from the Art Exhibition at the Orbest Show. Top effort everyone!



Well done to everyone who made it through to the Divisional swimming in Bairnsdale .

Special mention to London Austin for coming third in her freestyle event.

Top effort London!



March 2024

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Public Holiday	12 Ballarat Camp 5/6	13 Ballarat Camp 5/6	14 Ballarat Camp 5/6 Regional Swimming	15 Ballarat Camp 5/6	16	17
18 Naplan Coastal School Visit 2/3/4/5/6 9:15—1:30pm	19 Naplan	20 Naplan	21 Naplan Harmony Day Wear Orange	22 Naplan	23	24
25	26	27 Cross Country Newmerella	28 Easter Hat Parade 2:15 finish	29 Easter	30 Easter	31 Easter

April 2024

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1 Easter	2 Holidays	3 Holidays	4 Holidays	5 Holidays	6 Holidays	7 Holidays
8 Holidays	9 Holidays	10 Holidays	11 Holidays	12 Holidays	13 Holidays	14 Holidays
15 Term 2 starts	16	17	18 Whole school swimming Lakes Aqua dome - leave 10:30 back 3pm Perry's Bus	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Anzac Day - Public Holiday	26	27	28
29	30					