

Newmerella Primary School

Learning Excellence Caring Honesty

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School Review – Shaping Our Future

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to our School Review last week, including our students, staff, parents, carers and review panel members.

The three-day review provided a valuable opportunity to reflect on our achievements, celebrate the strengths of our school and identify areas for future improvement. The discussions, observations and feedback gathered will help shape the direction of Newmerella Primary School and inform the development of our next four-year School Strategic Plan.

We appreciate the time, honesty and thoughtful contributions of everyone involved. Your voices play an important role in ensuring we continue to grow and provide the best possible learning opportunities for our students.

Sharing Our Learning – Classroom Updates

One of the valuable pieces of feedback from our School Review was the opportunity to strengthen communication with families about the learning taking place across our school.

In response, we will now be including regular classroom updates and learning highlights in our school newsletter.

These updates will provide families with a window into the wonderful teaching and learning happening in each classroom, showcasing student achievements, classroom activities and the exciting experiences taking place across the school.

We hope this will not only help families feel more connected to their child's learning but also provide opportunities to start conversations at home about what students are learning, exploring and achieving.

It is also a great way to celebrate learning across the whole school, allowing families to see what is happening beyond their own child's classroom.

Whole School Transition – Change of Date

Please note that due to staff availability, our Whole School Transition Day has been rescheduled to **Tuesday 1 December.**

Welcome

Welcome to Newmerella PS 'Valley of Plenty', we acknowledge the ones that come before us and thank the people that teach and share the stories of the past. We acknowledge the Gunai Kurnai elders past, present and emerging and extend our respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders students and families.

Important Dates

MARC Van
8th December

School Council 5:30pm
TBA 2027

Graduation Dinner
Grade 6's 6pm

Assembly
4th December
18th December

10th December
Whole school surfing & beachcombing

Christmas Concert
15th December 6pm

Last Day of Term
Friday 18th December
2:15 finish

Term 1 2027 starts
Friday 29th January

Pupil free days
N/A



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The day provides students with an opportunity to experience their 2027 learning environments, connect with their peers and begin preparing for the year ahead.
Our Grade 6 students will also be taking an exciting next step in their transition to secondary school, attending Orbost Community College from Tuesday 1 December to Thursday 3 December.
They will then join Grade 6 students from across the network for The Big Day Out in Lakes Entrance on Friday 4 December. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate their primary school journey, strengthen friendships and build connections ahead of secondary school.

Orbost Community Carols

The Orbost Community Carols will take place on Sunday 6 December at 7:00 pm, at the Orbost Uniting Church.
This community event brings together local schools and families to celebrate the festive season through music and song.
Our school is supporting students who wish to participate by facilitating rehearsals long side other local schools.
Please refer to Compass for further information, including participation details. As this is a community event, parents and carers are responsible for accompanying their children on the evening.

Engineers Without Borders This Thursday, we are excited to welcome Engineers Without Borders, with engineers from the University of Melbourne visiting Newmerella Primary School to deliver hands-on workshops with each class.
This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to engage in authentic STEM learning, explore real-world engineering challenges and develop their creativity, critical thinking and problem-solving skills.
As a small regional school, opportunities to connect with industry experts and university students are incredibly valuable. These experiences help broaden our students' understanding of the world around them and inspire curiosity about future learning and career pathways.
We look forward to seeing our students embrace this exciting learning opportunity!

Whole School Beachcombing and Surfing Day – Cape Conran On **Thursday 10 December**, our whole school will head to **Cape Conran** for a day of beachcombing, surfing and outdoor learning.
This is a wonderful opportunity for students to connect with our local coastal environment, explore marine ecosystems and enjoy some physical activity together. The day will combine learning, adventure and fun as we celebrate the end of another busy school year.
Further information regarding the excursion, including what students will need to bring, will be shared with families through Compass closer to the date.



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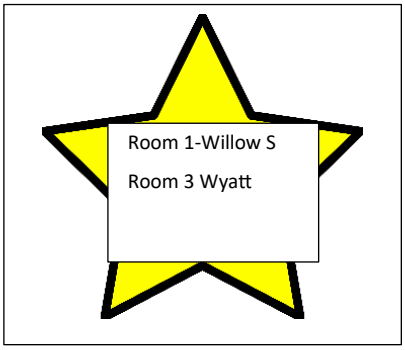
Student of the Week Awards

The winners for the fortnight were:



Positive Behaviour Raffle

Students who are displaying positive behaviours that are aligned to our school values which are LEARNING, HONESTY, EXCELLENCE AND CARING in the classroom or in the yard can receive a raffle ticket.
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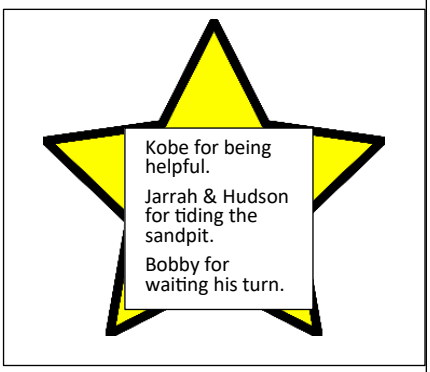

Specialist Subjects Awards

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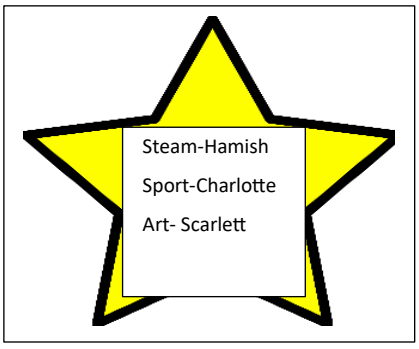

Reading Raffle Awards

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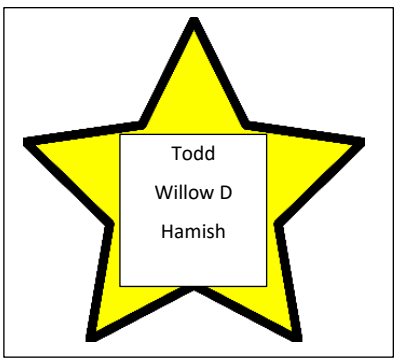

Curriculum Days

Professional Practice Day

School Holidays

Term 4: Friday 18th Dec.

Fortnight School Values – Caring and Learning

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

School Council 2026

President: Jo Austin
Treasurer/Secretary: Lisa MacFarlane
Acting Principal: Lauryn Geddes
Staff Representatives: Nicole Mathers and Janet Munn
Community Members: Elaine Hofen and Pam Beveridge
Parent Representatives: Jason Griebenow, Megan Sage, and Lisa MacFarlane.

Every Day Counts

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

Bus Travellers

Please notify the school if your child is being picked up so we can mark them off the roll.
Parents are reminded that changes to bus travel arrangements require 24 hours notice and approval by Orbost Community College.



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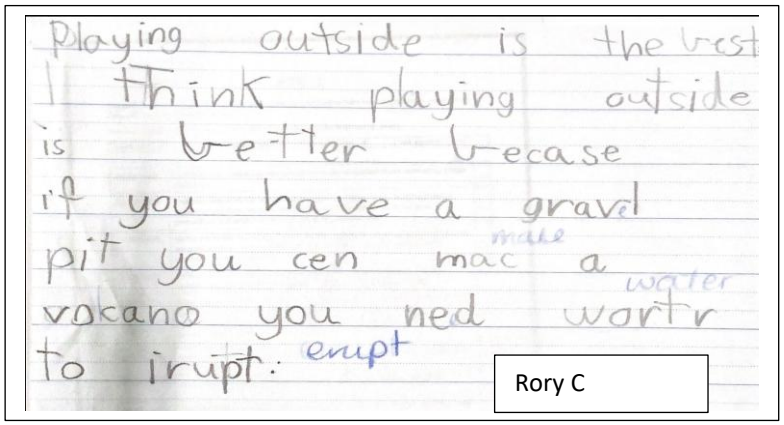
Over the last fortnight, Class One has worked on persuasive writing and trying to get someone to agree with our point of view. We wrote on the topic of 'Is playing outside or inside better?' and gave a reason why.

In maths, we have been working on place value, addition and subtraction.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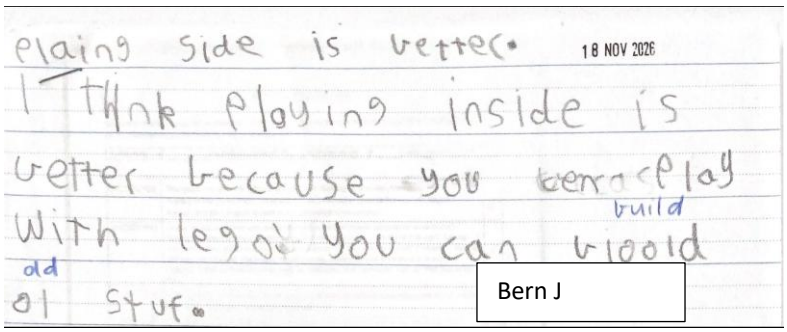
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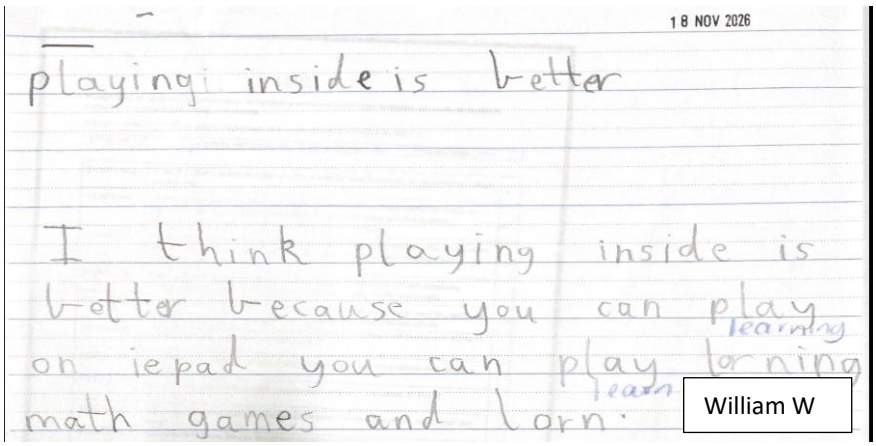
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