



Newmerella Primary School

Learning Excellence Caring Honesty



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STEAM Learning – Cooking, Robotics and Pollination!

This fortnight, our students commenced their cooking and robotics activities as part of our STEAM program!

It was wonderful to see students making meaningful connections between science, cooking and robotics as they explored the important role bees and pollination play in our ecosystem. Through hands-on learning experiences, students are discovering how pollinators contribute to the growth of the fruits, vegetables and other foods we enjoy every day. These activities provide fantastic opportunities for students to develop their creativity, problem-solving, teamwork and critical thinking skills, all while having plenty of fun!

Here are some snapshots capturing the enjoyment, curiosity and engagement of our students as they learn through these exciting experiences!



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

10th November

24th November

8th December

School Council 5:30pm

9th November

Assembly

16th October

Public Holiday

3rd November

Pupil free days

30th October

2nd November

19th November

Grade 2/3 day trip to Coolamatong for activities and sleepover at school.

Last Day of Term

Friday 18th December

2:15 finish

Term 1 2027 starts

Friday 29th January



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Grandparents and Special Friends Day

On Friday, we had the pleasure of welcoming our grandparents and special friends to Newmerella Primary School for a wonderful afternoon of connection, laughter and learning. The afternoon began with a special school assembly, where students proudly shared a beautiful rendition of *Stand By Me*, thoughtfully put together by Ms V. Following the assembly, our visitors joined students in their classrooms to enjoy games, activities and the opportunity to share in the wonderful learning taking place across our school.

Our Junior School Council also did a fantastic job running a plant stall, featuring a variety of plants generously donated by one of our grandparents. A big thank you for this thoughtful contribution and to everyone who supported the stall!

It was a lovely afternoon spent celebrating the special people in our students' lives and strengthening the connections within our wider school community.

A special thank you to Ms Mathers for planning and organising such a wonderful afternoon, Wendy for baking the delicious afternoon tea, and all our staff for their efforts in making the afternoon run so smoothly and ensuring everyone felt welcome.

Days like these remind us just how special our little school community is. Seeing the pride students take in sharing their school, their learning and their achievements with loved ones is something truly worth celebrating. These moments help build meaningful connections that extend well beyond the school gates.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the afternoon so special!

Reminder – Pupil Free Days: Friday 30th October, Monday 2nd & Melbourne Cup Public Holiday Tuesday 3rd

A reminder to families that Friday 30th October is a pupil-free day, with no students required at school.

Our staff will be participating in professional development to complete their Bike Education Accreditation. This training will support staff in delivering safe, engaging and practical bike education experiences for our students, helping to build their confidence, road safety awareness and cycling skills.

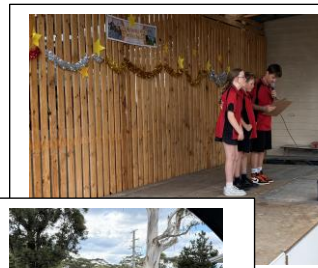
Monday 2nd November is a SREC-wide pupil-free day, with no students attending school.

Staff at Newmerella Primary School will be using this valuable time to focus on curriculum planning and preparation for the 2027 school year, ensuring we continue to provide engaging, high-quality learning opportunities for all students.

We look forward to sharing more information about our plans for 2027 with the school community as we approach our Whole School Transition Day in December.

Tuesday 3rd November is the Melbourne Cup Public Holiday, meaning students will enjoy an extra-long weekend!

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Wednesday 4th November, refreshed and ready to learn, and hearing all about their long weekend adventures!





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Student of the Week

Awards

The winners for the fortnight were:

Room1
William
Room 2 Kobe
Room 3
Charlotte

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.

Winners for the fortnight were:

Elly- for cleaning up
Neveah- for tying shoelaces
Benji- for doing his working quickly

Specialist Subjects

Awards

Students that displayed a positive attitude to their specialist subjects for the fortnight were:

Sport-Willow S
Art-Elly
STEM- Daniel
for great work
Humanities-
Tek

Reading Raffle Awards

To be eligible for the weekly reading raffle, students must read 5 out of 7 nights. The winners for the fortnight were:

Bobby
Rory

Curriculum Days

Monday 2nd Nov.

Professional Practice Day

Friday 30th October

School Holidays

Term 4: Friday 18th Dec.

Fortnight School Values –

Honesty and Excellence

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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OCTOBER

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 <i>MARC Van</i> <i>Grade 6</i> <i>Transition</i> <i>O.C.C.</i>	14 Ben Keso	15	16	17	18
19	20 <i>Grade 6</i> <i>Transition</i> <i>O.C.C.</i>	21 Ben Keso	22	23 Grandparents Day	24	25
26	27 <i>MARC</i> <i>Van</i>	28	29	30 Student Free day	31	

NOVEMBER

M	T	W	Th	F	S	S
						1
2	3 <i>MARC Van</i>	4 Ben Keso	5 Raymond Island Excursion Grade 1 sleepover	6	7	8
9	10	11 Ben Keso	12	13	14	15
			School Review			
16	17 <i>MARC Van</i>	18 Ben Keso	19 Coolamatong Day trip and sleep over Grade 2/3	20	21	22
23	24	25 Ben Keso	26	27	28	29