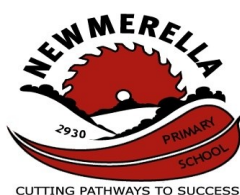
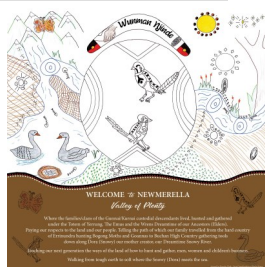


Our School Values
Caring, Excellence, Honesty & Learning



Tuesday 11th November 2025

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2025
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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

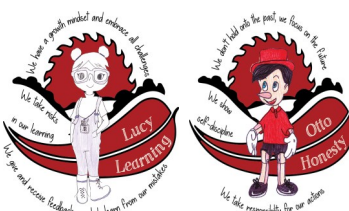
BUS TRAVEL REMINDERS

Parents are reminded that changes to bus travel arrangements require 24 hours notice and approval by the Community 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 fortnight are Learning and Honesty

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.



Welcome to Newmerella PS "Valley of Plenty", we acknowledge the ones that came 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.

Principal's Report

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

Later this term staff will begin the task of allocating students to classes for 2026, and final class structures will be announced in late December.

Class groups are developed after careful consideration, balancing a range of issues and needs. These include factors such as academic ability, behavioural challenges, friendships, and previous teachers. I encourage families to trust our school's judgment and, like me, to appreciate the wonderful teachers we have—dedicated professionals who always put your children's best interests first. When it comes to placing students in classes, our current teachers use their knowledge and understanding of each child to make thoughtful decisions. While we do our best to consider all requests, it's not always possible to accommodate everyone. We also see these moments as valuable opportunities for students to build important life skills—such as learning to connect, collaborate, and grow alongside a range of different personalities.

Congratulations to Ashlea W for taking out **1st place** and to Ayden B for achieving **3rd place** in the Newmerella BP Halloween Colouring Competition! Well done to both of you on your fantastic efforts and creativity!

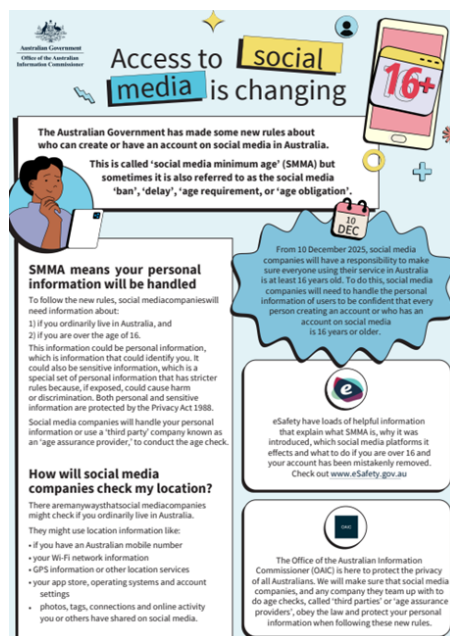
Until next time,
Sarah

December 10th Are You Ready?

The Australian government has taken action to reduce online harms experienced by young Australians through the introduction of social media age restrictions, taking effect on 10th December 2025 for Australians under the age of sixteen

Please refer to the eSafety website to be your best resource for information and the 'kids' and 'young people' sections which will provide excellent information for you. <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

As a SunSmart School, it is essential that students wear a wide brimmed hat. No hat means no play outside! Now that we are in the last month of spring and coming into summer, it is a timely reminder that the UV rays are increasing in intensity and that sunburn can occur even on cloudy days! Thank you for supporting this implementation.



TAEKWONDO FUN



Student of the week Awards

The winners for the fortnight were
Rory
Charlie
Tek

Awesome effort everyone!



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 fortnight were

London for helping a prep student that was hurt.

Kobe for finishing his work on time.

Keep up the great work kids!



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AWARDS

To be eligible for these awards students complete great work in one of the following
Art, Humanities, Steam, & PE

The award winners for the fortnight were
Kobe
Max
Ashlea
Daniel
Ember
Willow
Tek and Will
Top job everyone!



READING RAFFLE AWARDS

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

The winners for the fortnight were
Neveah
Brodie
and Evie (absent)
Excellent kids!



IMPORTANT DATES 2026

All dates were approved by school Council on 27th October 2025

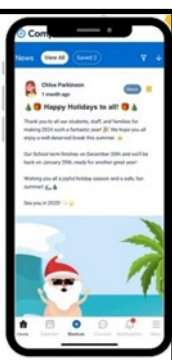
Term 1 commences	29th January
Curriculum Days	27th & 28th January, 24th Aug, 2nd November
Sovereign Hill Camp	17th–20th March
Swimming Program	
Lakes Aqua Dome	23rd & 30th April, 7th, 14th, 21st May
School Photos	5th May
Coolamatong Camp	7th–9th September
Smile Group Australia	9th –13th September - Mobile Dentist
St Jo's, Marlo, NPS	14th February - Swimming Carnival
St Jo's Marlo, NPS	1st April - Cross Country
Swimming Training	2nd, 4th, 6th, 15th February 1:30 to 2:30 pm - Orbost Pool - senior students
Term 4 Kanga Cricket	TBA

Compass helpful reminders and tips.

View school news

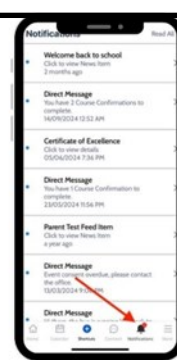
You can find news shared by your school, by going to the app homepage and scrolling down the feed.

Click on the save icon next to a Newsfeed post to save the post. You can quickly find saved news posts by clicking on the 'Saved' button.



View notifications

1. Click on the 'Notifications' icon
2. Here you can see push notifications sent by your school
3. Click on a notification to view it in full



FOR SALE—TOSHIBA E-studio 3505AC Photocopier
\$500 ono

Our school has upgraded its photocopier and is selling this reliable photocopier, originally purchased in December 2017, "as is" for just \$500! Perfect for home offices or small businesses. First come, first served!
Contact the school office for further details

November 2025

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
					1	2
3 Curriculum Day No school for students	4 Melbourne Cup Public holiday	5	6	7 Assembly	8	9
10 Step into Prep Transition	11	12 G6 Coastal School Visit	13 Grade Prep/1/2 trip to Buchan 1/2 sleepover school	14	15	16
17 Step into Prep Transition	18	19	20	21 Assembly	22	23
24 Step into Prep Transition	25 Book Week activities	26 Book Week activities	27 Book Week activities	28 Book Character Day	29	30

December 2025

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	2 Grade 6 Transition OCC	3 Grade 6 Transition OCC	4 Grade 6 Transition OCC	5 Big Day Out grades 6s Lakes Entrance	6	7
8	9 Graduation Dinner 6pm Orbest Club Hotel	10	11 End of year concert 6pm	12 Pupil Free Day No students at school	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 End of term 4 2:25pm finish	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				