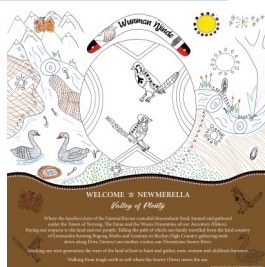


Our School Values
Caring, Excellence, Honesty & Learning



Tuesday 25th November 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**

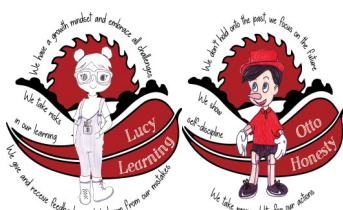
BUS TRAVEL REMINDERS

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.

As we rapidly approach the end of the year, we are continuing to work behind the scenes to prepare for 2026. Next week you will receive information on parent voluntary contributions, local and extended local excursions, general permission consent and digital technologies. We will also be updating the newsletter and changing the layout of this, so it is ready for the start of the year.

As already mentioned, the classroom configurations have already been announced. Staff have now allocated students into their new classes going forward. Please see your child's current classroom teacher if they have not already had the conversation with you regarding your child's 2026 grade placement. Staff taking specialist subjects this year will remain the same for 2026, with the added arts subjects of dance and drama which will complement the music program. Unfortunately, due to DET budget cuts across Victorian government state schools, we will not be able to facilitate play therapy which is part of the school's wellbeing program. This was a service the school was paying for on behalf of our students. Whilst the school had consulted with a DET finance representative to see if there were ways and means to have this program continue, we couldn't find the solution and/or funding.

This year we have been implementing the VLTm 2.0 model (Victorian Learning Teaching Model). This model places an emphasis on the evidence about how students learn as the basis for effective teaching. The VLTm 2.0 links to best practice approaches from existing frameworks that contribute to effective student wellbeing and classroom management, and it contains the following 2 components.

Elements of Learning – the process of human learning, based on cognitive science, neuroscience and education psychology.

Elements of Teaching – representing the evidence-based teaching practices that most effectively support learning: planning, enabling learning, explicit teaching and supported application.

We have been implementing this this year and aim to have it fully embedded in our teaching and learning programs from the start of the 2026 school year.

The school's AIP is completed and as soon as I receive feedback on this and it has been approved by the DET I will communicate this to you hopefully very soon.

The NAPLAN tests will be held in Term 1, from Wednesday 11 March to Monday 23 March 2026.

Over the past few weeks, we have been noticed and needed to respond to an increase in behaviour between students. As a school we teach respectful non violent ways of communicating. We know we all use language when its available, however for younger children who are overwhelmed, over stimulated and tired, inappropriate behaviours are all that is available to them. As a school community we would love to encourage you to prioritise routines and structure at home and remind your child they are a valuable part of our school community. The school is in consultation with the DET regarding student engagement and wellbeing and we are being guided by DET policies and DET Student Support Services. All children have the right to attend school and the right to be safe and we are working with the DET to ensure this happens. Please helpful see link below.

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/behaviour>

In a small school, students interact with the same peers every day, making positive relationships especially important. Learning social skills—such as effective communication, conflict resolution, and empathy—helps children get along with others and feel more comfortable within our school community.

Tambo Waste will be issuing the school with 3 recyclable bins and 3 general waste bins. This will contribute to the school's minimal imprint on the environment.

The new toilet facilities are scheduled to be completed and ready for use on Friday 28th November. The finishing touches are now being done, and the building looks sensational.

Last Tuesday 11th November the school hosted a Remembrance Day service and despite the rain, this went ahead in the school gallery. Thank you to Janet and the leadership team for conducting this ceremony.

Thank you for your patience over the last couple of weeks with the slow roll out of communication due to little and/or no internet at the school. This was resolved last Thursday and whilst there is still some more follow up for a faster network, the connectivity has now been resolved.

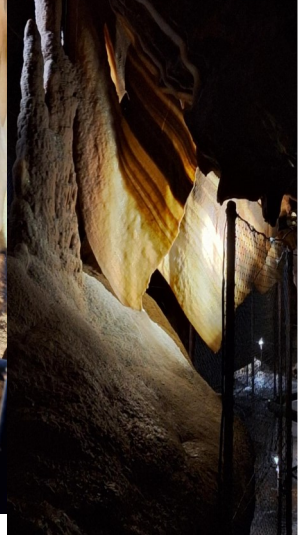
Despite internet issues, staff are working incredibly hard to finalise Semester 2 reports which will be going live to families via Compass on Monday 15th December. Semester 2 reports will include:

- Your child's achievement against the Victorian Curriculum across all subject areas for this semester and this may include a previous result, as well as a rating to indicate if they are below/at/above the expected level of achievement
- Attendance data
- Comments regarding what your child has achieved in numeracy and literacy and an table showing their progress against the Victorian Curriculum
- Student comments
- Principal comments
- Comments of learning and achievements in specialist classes (Art, Physical Education, STEAM, Music, Auslan, Humanities and Geography and RRRR).

We're looking forward to releasing our Semester 2 reports and celebrating the many learning achievements, growth and effort by our students. If you require a hard copy, please let me know. Families of Grade 6 students will need to download their child's report, as they will no longer have access to Compass at N.P.S. in 2026.

Until next time,
Sarah

Our Buchan Caves Trip & Sleepover



Student of the week Awards

The winners for the fortnight were

Todd
Willow
Jools
London
Charlotte

Top 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

Kobe for being brave going through the caves &
Ayden for helping others pack up at the sleepover.
Willow and Todd for being helpful and caring.

Awesome 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

Charlotte
Lily
Benji
Jacob

Terrific effort kids.



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

Lily
Kaitlyn
London
Elly
Troy
Benji

Great work kids, keep reading.



IMPORTANT DATES 2026

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

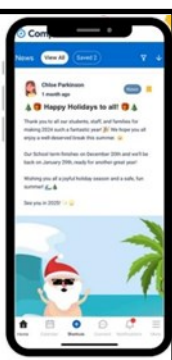
Term 1 commences	29th January
Curriculum Days	27th & 28th January, 24th Aug, 2nd November
Sovereign Hill Camp	17th—20th March
Swimming Program	
Lakes Aqua Dome	23rd & 30th April, 7th, 14th, 21st May
School Photos	5th May
Coolamatong Camp	7th–9th September
Smile Group Australia	9th –13th September - Mobile Dentist
St Jo's, Marlo, NPS	12th February - Swimming Carnival
St Jo's Marlo, NPS	1st April - Cross Country
Swimming Training	2nd, 4th, 6th, 13th February 1:30 to 2:30 pm - Orbost Pool - senior students
Term 4 Kanga Cricket	TBA

Compass helpful reminders and tips.

View school news

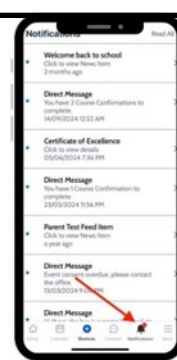
You can find news shared by your school, by going to the app homepage and scrolling down the feed.

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 Buchanan 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 Step into Prep transition	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 Orbost Club Hotel	10	11 End of year concert 6pm	12 Pupil Free Day No students at school	13	14
15 Reports go out	16	17	18	19 End of term 4 2:15pm finish	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				