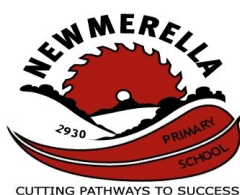
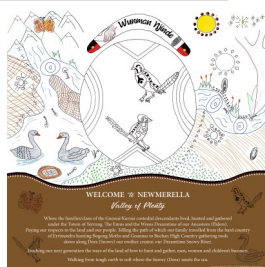


Our School Values
Caring, Excellence, Honesty & Learning



Tuesday 28th October 2025

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2025
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NEWSLETTER

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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

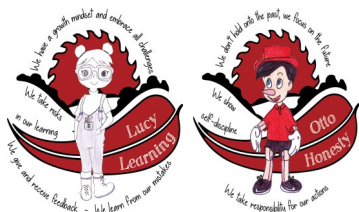
BUS TRAVEL REMINDERS

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.

Planning for 2026 is well underway and we are excited to consolidate our curriculum, student learning and wellbeing. The class structure will be prep/1 class (Ms Mathers), 1/2/3 class (Ms Wells) and 4/5/6 class (Ms Munn). The specialist classes will be the arts (dance, music and drama), Auslan, physical education, art, MARC Van, humanities and RRRR (Rights, Resiliency and Respectful Relationships).

This morning, Ian Burrage, Regional Director, South-Eastern Victoria Region organised a surprise online Webex chat with Wendy M who reached a impressive 25-year employment milestone with the department. Ian was trying to organise a visit to the school when he was in our area on Monday, however this didn't align with Wendy's timetable.

This year we are starting a new tradition to farewell our Grade 6 students. This will comprise of a yearbook that will be professionally printed and bound to celebrate our Grade 6 student's journey at Newmerella Primary School. School council will also be purchasing and planting a standard rose in recognition of their contribution and time at our school. I would like to thank and acknowledge Ms Munn who has put in hours of work in the layout and design of this yearbook.

In 2026 the school will continue to work with our local school's as it relates to cross country, athletics and swimming training and competitions.

TERM DATES 2026

Term 1 Victoria Students start on

Thursday 29th January 2026 -Thursday 2nd April.

Holidays: Friday 3rd April to Sunday 19th April.

Term 2 Monday 20th April 2026 - Friday 26th June.

Holidays: Saturday 27th June to Sunday 12th July.

Term 3 Monday 13th July 2026 – 18th September.

Holidays: Saturday 19th September to Sunday 4th October.

Term 4 Monday 5th October 2026 - Friday 18th December.

Holidays: Saturday 19th December.

IMPORTANT DATES 2026

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

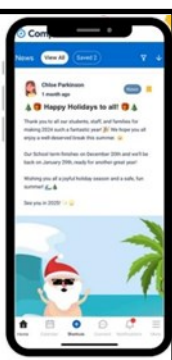
Term 1 commences	29th January
Curriculum Days	27th & 28th January, 24th Aug, 2nd November
Sovereign Hill Camp	17th–20th March
Swimming Program	
Lakes Aqua Dome	23rd & 30th April, 7th, 14th, 21st May
School Photos	5th May
Coolamatong Camp	7th–9th September
Smile Group Australia	9th –13th September - Mobile 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

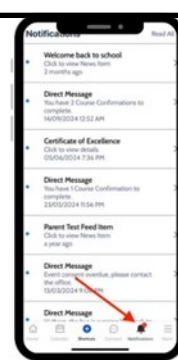
You can find news shared by your school, by going to the app homepage and scrolling down the feed.

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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

Conni G our ESS is continuing to beautify the school with pavement art designs and has been working in conjunction with Lynnette Solomon-Dent our KESO to create a mural.



Thank you to the Orbost Men's Shed who donated a bike that is suitable for the junior children to ride, as well as replaced the wooden seating panels for one of the outside chairs.

The school is extremely fortunate to have Moira R who is our tutor in school on our team. Moira provides us with their literacy skills. Please continue to support your child's learning as Moira provides, as this intervention assists your child's ability to work independently, improve their confidence and close the gap with their learning. Moira is also been working with Sounds Write to create phonics texts and activities which are used in Australia and overseas. Congratulations on your achievements



The Department of Education has recently announced changes to the Student Digital Device Use in Primary Schools policy. From 2027, the Victorian Government is introducing changes to the use of digital devices for students from Prep to Grade 6. The only new guideline that applies to the school is the following;

Schools will follow new recommended digital device times, including minimal device time for Prep to Grade 2; and a maximum of 90 minutes per day for Grades 3 to 6.

As a school, we are supportive of the policy's intent. These changes will support students by reducing screen-time which can reduce the risk of eye strain, sedentary behaviour, and reduced peer interaction. These reforms complement Victoria's nation-leading mobile phone restrictions, ensuring an integrated approach to addressing digital distraction and the inappropriate use of technology.

Students with disability who use a digital device as a reasonable adjustment are exempt from these changes.

You can read more about the changes on the department's website: [Digital Learning: Policy](#).

The school is committed to supporting and implementing sustainable practices which includes reduce, reuse and recycle. We will be implementing recycle bins etc and using a service provider who implements this in the coming weeks.

Until next time,

Sarah

Student of the week Awards

The winners for the fortnight were

Elsie
Jarrah
London

Awesome job 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

Charlotte -caring for other upset students

London -for confident spelling skills



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 are

Todd
Maci
Jacob
Kobe
Kaitlyn
Brodie

Great work 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

Ayden
Rory
Charlotte

Excellent effort kids.



GRANDPARENTS DAY



A very yummy afternoon tea prepared by room 3-Grades 3/4/5/6 for our grandparents
Awesome job kids.

October 2025

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
6 Term 4 starts	7 Marc Van	8	9 Taekwondo	10	11	12
13	14 G6 Transition O.C.C	15	16 Taekwondo	17	18	19
20	21 Marc Van G6 Transition O.C.C	22	23 Taekwondo	24 Assembly Grandparents Day	25	26
27 School Council 5:15pm Step into Prep Transition	28	29	30 Taekwondo	31		

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	26	27	28 Book Character Day	29	30