



Newmerella Primary School

Learning Excellence Caring Honesty



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Hello Newmerella Primary School community!

My name is Jamee Royce, and I am very excited to be joining the Newmerella Primary School community as Acting Principal for Term 4.

For the last two years I have been the Assistant Principal at Marlo Primary School. Prior to this, I was a Leading Teacher at St Joseph's Primary School, including working as the Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader.

I am thrilled to have the opportunity to be part of the Newmerella school community and look forward to getting to know students, families and staff throughout Term 4. I am excited for the term ahead and all that we will achieve together!

My name is Lauryn Geddes and I'm very excited to be returning to Newmerella Primary School. I have previously worked at Newmerella as a classroom teacher, before moving to Orbost Secondary College and later Orbost Community College, where I have worked in leadership roles leading Teaching and Learning, Assistant Principal and more recently Student Wellbeing and Inclusion.

It is wonderful to be back in a school and community that I know and value. I'm really looking forward to reconnecting with familiar faces, getting to know our current students and families, and working alongside the staff to support a positive and successful Term 4.

Please feel free to come and say hello when you see me around the school.

Writer's Showcase

The Far East Education Network Writer's Showcase returns this term, bringing together schools from across Far East Gippsland to celebrate the outstanding writing of our students.

This year's theme, Connections, has inspired students to explore relationships, community, place, culture, identity and the many ways we connect with the world around us. Approximately 400 pieces of student writing, from Foundation to Year 12, will be on display, showcasing the creativity and imagination of young authors across the region.

The exhibition will be held at the Lakes Entrance Mechanics Hall from Tuesday 15 September to Thursday 17 September, open daily from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Families and community members are warmly invited to visit the exhibition.

Book week

We're looking forward to celebrating all things books and reading with some fun cross-age activities across the school on Monday and Thursday.

We'll finish the week with our Book Character Dress-Up Day on Friday, where students are invited to come dressed as a favourite book character. We can't wait to see everyone's creativity and enjoy a great week of reading, sharing and celebrating stories together.

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

15th September

School Council 5:30pm

October 12th

Assembly 3pm

18th September

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 3

Friday 18th September

2:15 finish

Term 4 starts

October 5th



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Coolamatong Sleepover – Rescheduled

The Coolamatong Sleepover has been postponed and is now rescheduled for Thursday 19th November. Further details will be shared early next term as we prepare for the Grade 2/3 camp. Please see new consent form on compass.

End of Term 3 / Start of Term 4

Term 3 will finish at 2:15 pm on Friday 18th September. We hope all our students and families enjoy a safe, relaxing and well-deserved break.

Students will return for Term 4 on Monday 5th October, we're looking forward to welcoming everyone back for another busy and exciting term together!

Student Leader Reflections

Our student leaders recently shared some of the things they would like our new Principals to know about our school. They are proud of how well our students work together as a team and value the strong friendships and connections that exist across the whole school.

They also shared that they are very excited about the Big Day Out and Grade 6 Graduation and are looking forward to making lasting memories together as a school community.

Our student leaders are a wonderful reflection of the friendship, teamwork and sense of community that makes our school such a special place.

Have a great break and enjoy your time with your children, stay safe.

Jamee and Lauryn.

Elly – 100%

Brodie – 95%

Rory – 94%

Toby – 92%

Benji – 99%

Scarlett – 95%

Willow D – 100%

Troy – 100%

Rykah – 90%

William Waddell – 98%

William W – 94%

Ember – 91%

Todd – 100%

Hamish – 98%

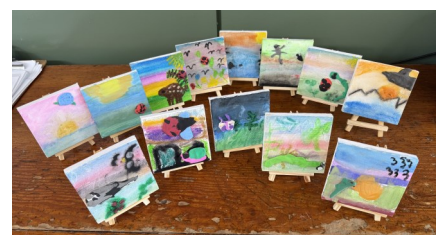
Lachlan – 95%

Aurelia – 97%

Bern 95%

Students that have received attendance
certificates for Term 3

BOOK WEEK ART





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Student of the Week Awards

The winners for the fortnight were:

Class 1– Wassana
Class 2– Lyla
Class 3– Hamish

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:

Nevaeh
Lachie
Maci

Specialist Subjects Awards

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

Art–Jacob
Humanities–Ayden
Sport–Lachie

Reading Raffle Awards

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

Room 1–Rory
Room 2– Todd
Room 3–Elly

Curriculum Days

Monday 2nd Nov.

Professional Practice Day

Friday 30th October

School Holidays

Term 3: Sat 19th Sept to Sunday 4th Oct.

Term 4: Sat 19th 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

Principal: Sarah Walker

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 Orbest Community College.

CALENDAR

September 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1 <i>MARC Van</i> Friends Program	2 Ben Keso	3	4	5	6
7	8 Friends Program Selected students	9 Ben Keso	10 2/3 bike ride to Rec ground	11 Library Visit P/I Acting Principal's Lauryn & Jamee meet and greet all day	12	13
14 Book Character Day activities	15 <i>MARC Van</i> Friends Program Selected students 2-3pm	16 Ben Keso Writers Workshop Lakes Entrance	17 Character Day activities	18 Book Character dress up day and activities Assembly Farewell Mrs Walker 2:15 finish	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

October 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2	3	4
5 Term 4 starts	6	7 Ben Keso	8	9 Assembly 3pm	10	11
12 School Council	13 <i>MARC Van</i> Newsletter	14 Ben Keso	15	16 Library Visit P/I 2pm Whole school Activities	17	18
19	20	21 Ben Keso	22	23 Assembly 3pm Grandparents and Special friends day	24	25
26 Step into Prep	27 <i>MARC Van</i> Newsletter	28 Ben Keso	29	30 Student Free Day	31	