



Newmerella Primary School

Learning Excellence Caring Honesty



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Wuman Njinde Parents, Students and the School Community,

Welcome to this fortnight's newsletter where we share Newmerella's school journey and achievements.

Change of Contact Details: Please contact the office if your personal details (Address, mobile phone number etc) have changed. This also includes emergency contact names and personal details.

Pavement Artwork: Conni will be spending more time in the classroom going into Term 4. The completion of the pavement artwork where the line up area is and end of year celebration mural will be the final inspirational additions to the school.

Finances and 2027 Work Force Preparation: Di and I met with the DET's finance management support team to put in place measures to support the transition into 2027. We also discussed workforce planning requirements, including the staffing profile, budget implications and key actions required to ensure the team is appropriately resourced and prepared for the year ahead.

Staff Professional Development: In Term 4, staff will be completing a bike education course, as well as report writing and CPR update.

Final Newsletter: As I come to the end of my time in this role after 4 years being at Newmerella Primary School, I would like to thank you for the trust, support and confidence you have placed in me. It has been a privilege to work alongside such a committed and passionate staff, and I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to contribute to the school community.

Together, we have accomplished so much. We have embraced change, worked through challenges, introduced new ways of working and, most importantly, continued to keep our students and their learning, wellbeing and success at the heart of what we do.

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

Assembly

11th September

18th September

Public Holiday

3rd November

Pupil free days

30th October

2nd November

9th September

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

Last Day of Term 3

Friday 18th September

2:15 finish



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None of this has been achieved by one person. It has been the result of many people coming together, putting in a lot of their personal time, sharing ideas, supporting one another and being willing to take on challenges with a shared commitment to making our school the best it can be. I am proud of what we have achieved as a team and of the many positive changes we have made along the way and I am leaving the school in a better place than when I began. My greatest hope is that the school continues to grow and thrive, and that you put your trust in Jamee and Lauryn during their acting principal roles in Term 4.

Kindest regards

Sarah

A big thankyou to T & K contracting for the donation of rock dust to the school to patch up a spot on the bike track.



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Compass

Just a reminder that Compass is our first point of call with regards to communication. If you are unable to access this, please speak to office admin.

QR Code

This is our QR code that goes directly to our website. It will be on the front page of the newsletters from now on.



ENROLMENTS:

How to enrol your child in Foundation (Prep): Starting primary school is an exciting time for you and your child. If your child is turning 5 years old by 30 April 2027, they are eligible to start school in 2027. Schooling is compulsory once your child turns 6 years old. In Victoria, every child has the right to attend their designated neighbourhood government school (your 'local school'), as set out in the [Education and Training Reform Act 2006](#).

The Victorian government supports school choice. This means that you can apply to schools other than your local school. Schools will consider your application in line with the department's Placement Policy and offer enrolment if there are available places. The department's Placement Policy does not apply to schools with specific entry criteria, including specialist schools and English language schools.

This information pack outlines **when and how to enrol** your child in Foundation at a government primary school for the 2027 school year and guides you through the process. If you wish for your child to attend a non-government school (Catholic or independent), please contact the schools directly for their enrolment processes. For information about enrolling in a government specialist school, please visit:

vic.gov.au/how-choose-school-and-enrol.

What you need to do : Find your local school

Visit www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au to find your local government primary school or nearby schools.

Contact the school

Contact the primary school to book an optional school tour. **Newmerella Primary School will be using the online enrolment (VicStudents)**. This information will be available through the school's website too.

Submit your enrolment application

Submit an enrolment application either online via VicStudents or using the paper-based application form, depending on the school's process. For schools using the paper-based process, the application form is available at the end of this pack.

Receive and choose to accept an outcome

You will be notified of the outcome of your application via email.

Prepare for your child's transition to school

Take part in student **transition sessions during Term 4, 2026**, which will be organised by the school. Your child will start Foundation on **Thursday 28 January 2027**. For further information, visit: <http://www.vic.gov.au/transition-school-resources-families>.



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Student of the Week Awards

The winners for the fortnight were:

Class 1– Bern
Class 2–Maci
Class 3– Wyatt

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:

Lyla
Jarrah
Louis

Specialist Subjects Awards

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

Art-Troy &
Wyatt
Humanities-
Charlotte
Sport-Jarrah

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:

Toby
Taylah
Charlotte

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 Selected students	2 Ben Keso	3	4 <i>Acting Principal's</i> <i>Lauryn & Jamee</i> <i>meet and greet</i> <i>12:30pm</i>	5	6
7	8 Friends Program Selected students	9 Ben Keso Coolamatong Day trip/ sleepover at school grade 2/3	10 2/3 bike ride to Rec ground	11 Library Visit P/I	12	13
14 <i>Book</i> <i>Character Day</i> <i>activities</i>	15 <i>MARC Van</i> Friends Program Selected stu- dents 2-3pm	16 Ben Keso <i>Writers Work-</i> <i>shop Lakes</i> <i>Entrance</i>	17 <i>Character Day</i> <i>activities</i>	18 <i>Book</i> <i>Character dress up</i> <i>day and</i> <i>activities</i>	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 <i>Term 4 starts</i>	6	7 Ben Keso	8	9 <i>Library Visit</i> <i>P/I</i>	10	11
12	13 <i>MARC Van</i>	14 Ben Keso	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Ben Keso	22	23 <i>Library Visit</i> <i>P/I</i>	24	25
26	27 <i>MARC Van</i>	28 Ben Keso	29	30 <i>Student</i> <i>Free Day</i>	31	