



Newbury
Primary School

Important Dates

Monday 11th March
Labour Day Public Holiday

Thursday 14th March
Forming Partnerships

Friday 15th March
EAL—Parent
Information Session

Friday 22nd March
Social Work Parent Information
Session.

Thursday 28th March
Last Day of Term 1
Student Empowerment
Fundraiser

Monday 15th April
First Day of Term 2

Thursday 25th April
Anzac Day Public Holiday

Friday 26th April
Volunteer—Parent
Information Session

For more important dates, please visit:
www.newburyps.vic.edu.au

Apps to Download

Sentral: Keep up to date with
instant notifications to your iPad or
phone.

QKR!: Make payments online
using your debit/credit card for all
school events requiring
payment.

Office Hours

Monday—Thursday
8.30am - 3.45pm

Friday
8.30am - 3.30pm
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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are already over halfway through the term and we have a range of experiences and opportunities occurring for our students. We have Community Clubs and Play Support available for our students during each break. These offer a range of activities including the sand pit, hopscotch, basketball, card games, skipping, tag games and construction. Thank you to the families who have made Parent Payments. A reminder that only cash is accepted at the office, we do not have an EFTPOS facility. Payments can be made between 8:30am-3:45pm or by using the Qkr! app on your phone.

Students have been engaged in a range of learning experiences over the past few weeks including various types of writing, learning about the value of community, place value, play preparation and school wide positive behaviours.

Please note that students are not required at school on Monday 11th March due to the Labour Day holiday.

Please refer to the Important Dates section of the newsletter to see what is coming up.

BREAKFAST CLUB:

This is held each Friday morning from 8:00am-8:40am and is run by Salvation Army and school staff volunteers. Come along and get a hot and delicious toasted cheese sandwich and a delicious coffee from the coffee van.

SPECIALIST PROGRAMS:

Science

This term in Science, students will be learning about biological science. Prep classes will be learning about the needs of living things including plants and animals. Year One and Two students are learning all about dinosaurs and other prehistoric animals. Year Three and Four students will investigate seeds and the life stages of plants. Year Five and Six students will be growing mould and exploring helpful and harmful microorganisms. In the kitchen, students are cooking M&M biscuits, Warrigal green triangles, flat bread and iced tea.

Throughout the year, students will have the opportunity to plant seeds and nurture their seedlings, water the plants growing in the Kitchen Garden and contribute to the compost bins.



The Arts

This term in Performing Arts, students will be learning about Music. They will be introduced to a range of music from various cultures, times and locations to discuss the purpose and importance of music in our lives. The students will learn musical concepts and skills to use when rehearsing and performing music with their voice, body percussion and instruments.

In Visual Arts, all students have explored the importance of being a community and have collaborated to create a whole school art piece which encompasses our values. Moving forward, our Year 5/6 students have commenced observational drawing and have experimented with different mark making techniques to create high and low tone. Our Year 3/4 students have explored the ways they are creative and are making mixed media self portraits. Our Year 1/2 students have been learning about landscape and the parts of a landscape; they are using pastel and ink wash to create a Claude Monet inspired water lily painting. Finally, our Prep students have been learning about the different tools and materials we use to make art. They have been exploring the art elements of line and colour.

Health and PE

During Health and PE this term, Prep students will be developing their fundamental movement skills including running and how to play safely at Newbury Primary School. Year One and Two students will be learning about personal strengths and developing their fundamental movement skills including running and catching. Year Three and Four students will be performing various fundamental movement skills including running, dodging and leaping with control. Throughout the term, Year Five and Six students will be learning about healthy relationships and incorporating many different specialised movement skills into various athletic activities such as discus, shot put and javelin.

Digital Technologies and Media Studies

During Digital Technologies this term, Prep students will be learning about their safety online and the differences between Hardware and Software. Year One and Two Students will be developing their E-Safety skills while comparing and researching the changes in technology over time. Year Three and Four students will be learning about Input and Output devices, using Makey Makey Kits to create bongos. They will also explore how to collect data and use it to solve problems. Year Five and Six students will be Connecting Digital Components, creating complete Digital Systems. They will also explore how binary data creates images.

END OF TERM FINISHING TIMES

At the end of each term, Newbury Primary School students will be dismissed early.

Terms 1, 2 and 3: Students are dismissed at **2:10pm**

Term 4: Students are dismissed at **1:10pm**

Please mark these times and dates on your calendar.

COMMUNICATION REGARDING CONCERNS:

If you have a concern regarding your child, please ensure that you speak to your child's classroom teacher as a first port of call. If they are not able to resolve your concern, the classroom teacher will then speak to another relevant member of staff to assist them.



PERSONAL PROPERTY:

Our school policy on personal property whilst at school which includes camps and excursions states:

The Department of Education and Training does not have insurance for personal property of staff, students and visitors. Newbury Primary School does not take responsibility for items of personal property that are lost, stolen or damaged at school or during school activities. Damage to personal property brought to school is the responsibility of the owner of that property.

Newbury Primary School encourages staff and students not to bring items of value to school, or to obtain appropriate insurance for such items.

If students bring items of value to school, they will be confiscated and stored securely by the classroom teacher until the end of the day, when the items may be collected by the student and/or parent/carer.

For a complete copy of this policy, please see one of our friendly Office Staff.

HOMEWORK:

Homework is one way of supporting student learning and connecting families with the learning of their children. At Newbury Primary School we follow the Department of Education homework guidelines which state that:

Homework in Prep-Year 4:

- Will mainly consist of daily reading to, with and by parents/carers or older siblings.
- Enables the extension of class work by practising skills or gathering of extra information or materials.

Homework in Years 5 and 6:

- Should include daily independent reading.
- May extend class work, projects and assignments, essays and research

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Newbury Primary School's uniform is a child friendly, stylish uniform that stands out within the community; we wear it with pride.

Please ensure that your child is wearing the uniform correctly.

The uniform is as follows:

- Anything from the waist up needs to be an item with a school logo- this includes any jackets. Jackets that are not a school jacket are not permitted, this includes hoodies.
- Pants, shorts and skirts need to be black only. Grey, blue or any other colour is not part of our uniform and is not acceptable.
- Hats need to be broad brimmed. Hats and beanies are available to be purchased from the office. Please see our office staff for assistance.
- Shoes can be any colour but they must be closed toe shoes for safety purposes.
- Phone calls will be made to parents and carers whose child is not wearing the uniform correctly.





GROUND'S UPDATES:

Work has continued on the Play Space near the front of the school over the break. The Play Space includes accessible equipment as well as a range of rock pods and colourful rubber surfaces. It is really starting to take shape now.



DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP:

When dropping off and picking up students, please practice road safety at all times. It has been reported that a number of cars are double parking, parking on the roundabout or on the curb which poses a huge risk for students. We are fortunate to have a number of school crossings around our school. Parking inspectors often visit schools and will issue parking infringements to anyone found posing a danger or parking illegally. We have also noticed a large number of parents crossing in the middle of the road and not using the provided school crossings. Please demonstrate road safety by using our school crossings.

BIKES AND SCOOTERS:

At Newbury Primary School, we promote health and fitness and it is terrific to see many students riding their bikes or scooters to school. Please make sure your child is wearing a helmet and that once they enter the school grounds, they walk their bike or scooter in. The bike sheds are located at the end of the building, near Classrooms 16 and 25.

SUPERVISION BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL:

Please note that supervision for students before school commences at 8:45am and after school until 3:25pm. Staff are not on duty beyond these times. Please do not drop off your child before this time or leave them waiting after school beyond this time as they will not be supervised.



EARLY DEPARTURES:

Many students are being picked up early, often just before 3:00pm. Our dismissal time is 3:10pm which is a lot earlier than many schools in the area which enables parents/carers plan their travel and miss a lot of the school traffic.

We understand the roadworks in the area are making it difficult however we ask that you do not disrupt student learning times by picking them up before our dismissal time of 3:10pm.

Where possible, please make appointments outside of school times.

LATE ARRIVALS:

We have had quite a number of students arriving to school late and doing so on a regular basis. We understand the roadworks in the area are making it difficult, however we ask that you plan your travel time to have your children to school by 8:50am. Please be aware that not only does arriving to school late impact on your child's learning time, it also distracts the class when students enter during a lesson. Please ensure that your child is at school, in their class and ready to commence instruction at 9:00am. A reminder that students can enter their classrooms from 8:50am.

ALL DAY GRAZING:

At Newbury Primary School, we understand that students need food to fuel their brain and that they are hungry during the day. Therefore, we encourage students to bring along healthy snacks that they can munch on in class. Some ideas include: carrot sticks, cheese, rice crackers, fresh or dried fruit, yoghurt or vegetables. Please refrain from providing food that may affect any anaphylactic students.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS:

We understand that you may want to do something special at school for your child to celebrate their birthday. Please be aware that only individual lolly bags are permitted to be given to classmates. We thank you for your understanding.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS:

School Council nominations for parents have now closed. Thank you to the parents/carers who put in a nomination for themselves or for someone else. The successful candidates for will be notified in the next few weeks.

INTRODUCING OUR NEWEST STAFF MEMBERS

PREETI KUMAR EDUCATION SUPPORT

Hi everyone, my name is Preeti Kumar, and I am very excited to be joining Newbury Primary School. I'm looking forward to working with families and students in the upcoming year. Within my spare time, I enjoy reading, drawing, watching movies and spending time with family. I have a great passion for cooking and Art. I look forward to meeting you all and beginning our learning journey as a community.





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TALIA TOSCANO- EDUCATION SUPPORT

Hi everyone, my name is Talia and I am very excited to be joining Newbury Primary School. I'm looking forward to working with staff, families and students in the upcoming year. In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, going shopping, trying new restaurants and reading. I have a passion for teaching and helping students achieve their goals. I look forward to meeting you all and beginning our learning journey as a community.



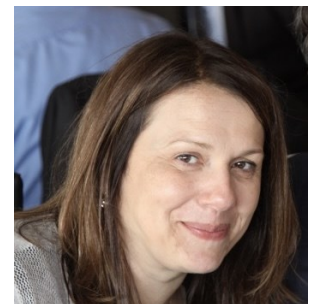
SAARIA ABBAS- EDUCATION SUPPORT

Hi everyone, my name is Saaria and I'm thrilled to be joining the Education Support community at Newbury Primary School. As I step into this role, I'm dedicated to contributing my skills to create a supportive learning environment for students. Outside of work, I enjoy reading, travelling, and socialising with family and friends. Currently pursuing a Bachelor of Education (Primary), my studies fuel my passion for working with children and enhances my ability to contribute meaningfully to student support and wellbeing. I'm honoured to join such a vibrant community at Newbury, and I feel privileged to embark on our journey in providing quality education and support to our students.



NIKI MALVASO- EDUCATION SUPPORT

Hi everyone, my name is Niki and I am excited to be joining the Newbury Primary School Learning Community. I am looking forward to working with the teachers and students this school year. In my spare time, I enjoy cooking, watching movies, going for long walks with my 2 puppies Ruby and Scooby and attending my son's tennis matches and Taekwondo tournaments.



We are so pleased that you are a part of our school community and thank you for choosing Newbury Primary School. We look forward to working together positively, so that together we can provide the best learning environment and supports for your child.

Principal Class Learning Community

Michelle Nunn

Cameron Traill

Kate Plant

Belinda Rae



Is it bullying?

NOT NICE


When someone says or does something inadvertently unkind and they only do it once...that is NOT NICE.

MEAN

When someone says or does something inadvertently unkind that does not happen all the time... that is MEAN.

BULLYING

When someone says or does something deliberately unkind and they continue doing it, over a period of time, even when you tell them to stop or show them that you are unhappy or hurt...that is BULLYING.



Community Connections

This year students in Years 4-6 had the exciting opportunity to nominate themselves to further build Community Connections via a weekly visit to a kindergarten or building Community Connections with residents from Arcare that visit our school. We were inundated with over 240 applications. We can't wait to read them all!

240 Applications



Arcare Aged Care



Newbury Childcare





walks for
carers

Kalkallo Carer Support Group

Inviting carers of people with disability, mental illness or aged person to attend free walking events in Victoria, connect with other carers, and to learn about the supports available.

Morning tea & guest speaker after each monthly walk!

WHEN

Meet at 6.30pm on the last Thursday of every month

WHERE

Kalkallo Community Centre
33 Toyon Rd, Kalkallo

CONTACT

combrinck1@gmail.com

FIND A WALK NEAR YOU!

Visit: nhvic.org.au/walks-for-carers-ncc

QUESTIONS?

Contact the NHVic Carers Project Coordinator:
michelle@nhvic.org.au



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5 tips to keep your family safe online



Parents and carers can use a combination of strategies to help young people build their digital technology skills and have safer experiences online.

1. Start the chat

Get into the habit of talking about online safety as a family, so your child feels comfortable coming to you if they ever need help working out an issue. It's never too early to introduce [good online habits](#) such as respect, empathy, critical thinking, responsible behaviour and resilience. As your child grows older, eSafety's advice about [hard to have conversations](#) will help with some of the tricky topics like sending nudes, online pornography and contact from sexual predators.

2. Create a family technology agreement

Creating a Family Technology Agreement can help you and your kids decide together when and how digital technology will be used at home. As a family, brainstorm easy-to-follow rules and display them where everyone will see them. Your agreement could cover things like: time limits, apps your kids are allowed to use and online behaviour. Families with younger children can [download](#) a template to guide the conversation.

3. Set up parental controls

Parental controls let you monitor and limit what your child sees and does online. It's best to use them in combination with the other online safety strategies listed here. [Taming the technology](#) can help you understand your options. Grab a device and get started with our guides to setting up parental controls on [devices and accounts](#) or in [social media, games and apps](#).

4. Choose games and other apps carefully

Use eSafety's [App checklist for parents](#) to think about the positives and negatives when your child asks to download a new game or other app. The checklist covers things like age ratings, managing privacy settings and reporting abuse in-app. You can also use [The eSafety guide](#) to check and set up safety features with your child.

5. Use digital technology together

Exploring or playing on devices or online with your child can be a positive experience that promotes learning and development. Ask questions, be curious and get involved. To learn more, read our blogpost [How to encourage good screen practices for your child](#).

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DONATIONS WELCOME

Please feel free to donate any unwanted school uniforms:
Jackets, long /short sleeve polo shirts, summer/ winter dresses, backpacks, hats, beanies and headbands to our office.

SECONDHAND UNIFORMS FOR SALE

We have a limited number of second uniform items for sale which can be purchased through the QKR app



Jackets, long /short sleeve polo shirts, summer/ winter dresses and backpacks

\$5 each



Hats,beanies or headbands

\$2 each



Newbury TheirCare acknowledges The Wurundjeri People, who are the Traditional Custodians of Craigieburn and the land that our school stand on. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.



Weekly Recap

Welcome Parents/Carers,

The children have been tending to our TheirCare Garden each day. The cherry tomatoes and snowpeas have been growing in the garden. The children have been picking these to add into our afternoon snack.

Throughout week 5 the children explored space through activities. The activities included were creating galaxy chalk art, sculpting planets, recycled rocket building and astronaut designing.

This week our theme is 'Childrens choice'. The children have created the weeks planner and activities.

Some of the activities the children have chosen are hama beads, bracelet making, water colour painting, origami stars and outdoor ball games.

The children have started to create cards for easter that we will be giving to a local nursing home along with hand made flower. The children have also decided they would like to create gifts for the nursing home staff.

Special Breakfast:

Week 6 : English muffins with avocado and tomato

Week 7: Pikelets



KIDS MENU

Our weekly menu follows Nutrition Australia's guidelines and is created with the children and parents.

All cultural needs are considered, and any dietary requirements are to be discussed with program coordinator.

Before school care meals include a selection of cereals, wholemeal bread, fruit and milk.

We offer special days such as pancakes, muffins, bagels, fruit smoothies and banana bread.

Afterschool care meals include fresh vegetables, fresh fruit, sandwiches, wraps, dips, crackers, rice, pasta and soups.





TIMES

Before School: 6:30am - 8:50am


After School: 3:10pm - 6:30pm


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Contact us on 8691 6900

Newsletter advertisements will be 1/4 of an A4 page or as close as we can position it depending on the advertisement provided to the school.

The cost of this advertisement is \$25.00 and the newsletter is distributed via the website.

Payment will need to be made at least 3 business days before the newsletter is published.

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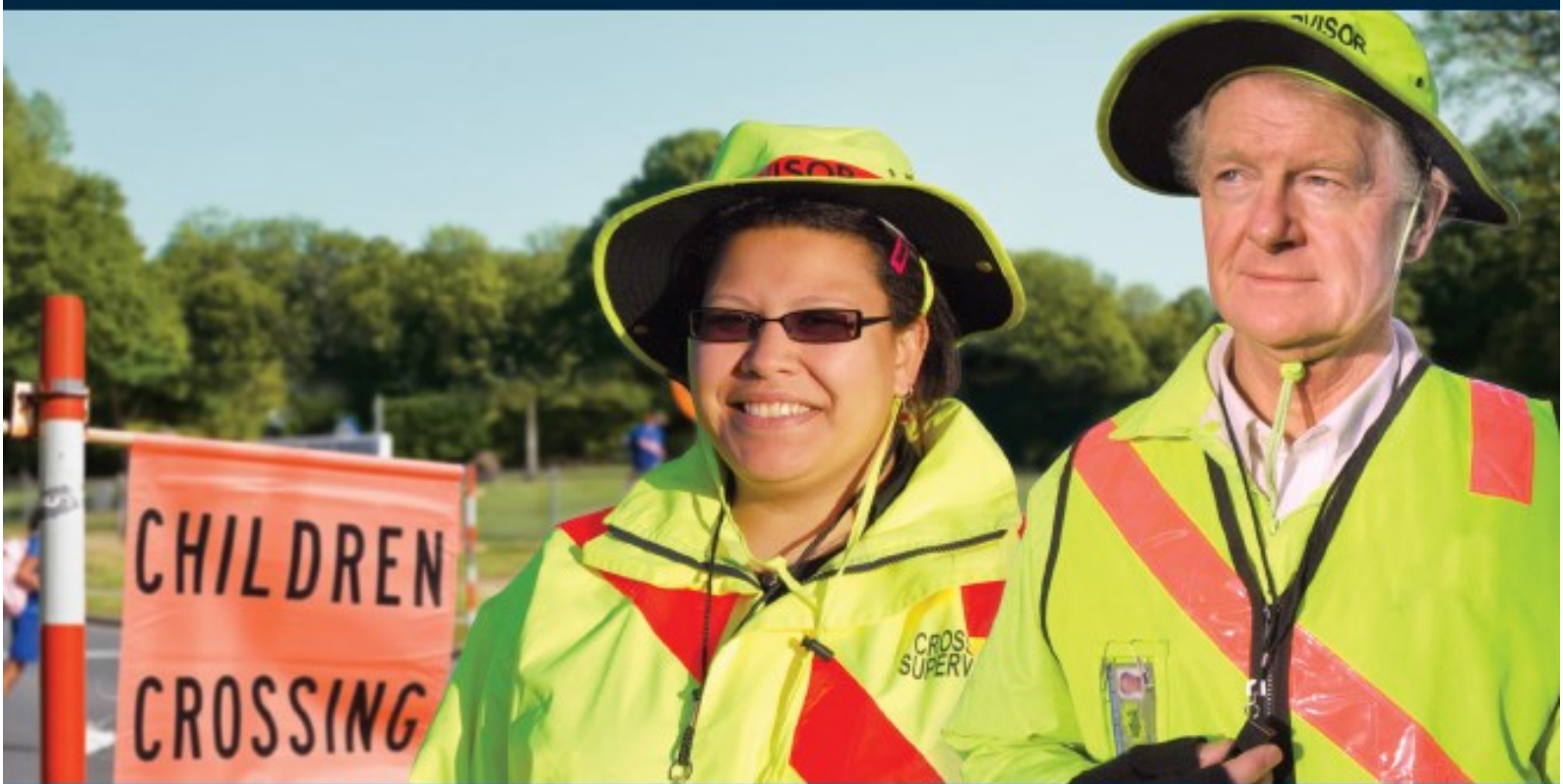
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Become a School Crossing Supervisor.

Multiple positions available, get in touch today

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Email: schoolcrossing@hoban.com.au

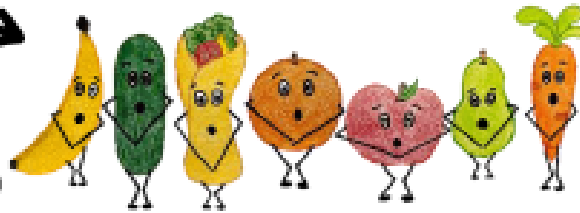
HOBAN Recruitment

WHAT IS



WASTE-FREE WEDNESDAY?

Will you make
your food **Nude**?



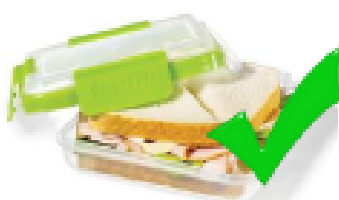
Every Wednesday we encourage all students and staff members to bring a Waste-Free lunch, also called 'Nude Food'

Did you know that plastics like cling wrap and zip lock bags can take up to 1000 years to decompose?

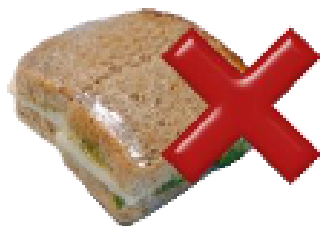


We challenge you to bring a waste-free lunch every Wednesday! You'll be:

- Choosing healthier options, like more fruit and veggies
- Spending less on lunchbox treats
- Environmentally friendly
- Helping to Keep Newbury Beautiful



Reusable
Sandwich Box



Cling Wrap



Fruit, vegetables
and crackers



Chip
Packets



Newbury Primary School Behaviour Expectations



	Learning Spaces	Outside	Toilets	Digital World
Respect We care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen and look Be aware of personal space Care for resources and displays 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk on footpaths Think before speaking and acting Treat others fairly Line up on time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leave our toilets clean Knock and lock Be aware of personal space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be mindful of the privacy of others Think and ask before posting Care for our devices
Effort We try our best	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be the best we can be Celebrate every effort Be ready for learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan for play Play safely Be problem solvers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get in, get out Wash our hands Return to class quickly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay on task Be ready for learning
Integrity We do the right thing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be good community members Make good choices Be resilient 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be honest Seek help if needed Keep our hands and feet to ourselves 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leave the play for outside Be water wise Use the toilet during breaks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep it private Work and search responsibly Use school approved apps
Community We belong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contribute, care and share Be safe in our space Accept everybody 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include others Keep Newbury beautiful Be role models 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wait for our friends Keep our voice down when moving around 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speak up when things do not seem right Stay safe online Look out for others

In primary school, some students **miss** on average **3 weeks** of school per year. That's **half a year** of school by the end of **year 6**.



EVERY DAY COUNTS

Primary school attendance

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

"Day off" – Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

Truancy – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent's permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.

- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au

VICTORIA
AS A LEARNING
COMMUNITY

ROAD SAFETY



Here at Newbury Primary School we take the safety of our students seriously. Please refer to the VicRoads information below and discuss with your children the importance of road safety.

Crossing the road safely

Pedestrians have to share the road with vehicles so it is important they take care when crossing the road. As a pedestrian, plan where you will walk and always choose the safest place to cross a road.

Stop, Look, Listen, Think

Follow the safe road crossing procedure – STOP, LOOK, LISTEN and THINK.

- STOP one step back from the kerb or shoulder of the road if there is no footpath.
- LOOK in all directions for approaching traffic.
- LISTEN in all directions for approaching traffic.
- THINK about whether it is safe to cross the road – when the road is clear or all traffic has stopped.

When crossing, walk straight across the road. Keep LOOKING and LISTENING for traffic while crossing. This information is particularly relevant to young people learning to cross roads. But it also provides a useful reminder to everyone particularly to those who may be distracted when crossing the road.



Crossings

Even at crossings you still need to remain alert and check whether vehicles are stopping for you. Always make sure traffic has actually stopped before stepping onto the road.

Remember children's crossings are legally active only when the flags are displayed. If a school crossing supervisor is on duty, cross only when he or she indicates that it is safe.

Crossing the road at other places

- Walk straight across the road – don't jay-walk.
- Keep checking in both directions to make sure the way is clear.
- Try not to cross the road from between parked cars or near trees and bushes as drivers may not see you.
- Avoid crossing near a bend or crest in the road. Give yourself a good chance to see vehicles coming from both directions.
- Avoid crossing on roundabouts, particularly multi-lane roundabouts as they are very busy and complex and cars are not required to give way to you, unless there is a pedestrian crossing. Find somewhere further away from the roundabout to safely cross the road.



Wellbeing Support

At Newbury Primary School we value and acknowledge the wellbeing of all students, staff and community members. Below we have provided wellbeing support numbers that are accessible for everyone at any time when needed.



Safe Steps 1800 015 188

Foundation House
9389 8900



Foundation House

The Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture



1800 RESPECT
1800 737 732

Lifeline 13 11 14

