



**Newbury
Primary School**

NEWSLETTER

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March
2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week we held Forming Partnerships Meetings for all students. These meetings provided an opportunity for parents and carers to meet with the classroom teacher and discuss their child, beginning the very important partnership between home and school. Thank you to all of the families who attended and we look forward to continuing to develop our home-school partnership.

This term has seen us face continued challenges, particularly in regard to replacement staff. We have had to VIP many classes, which means that students are distributed to other classes, usually in their year level. This is not an option that we like to use on a regular basis, however we have not had any other option due to replacement staff shortages. We appreciate your understanding during this time.

HARMONY WEEK:

This week we have been celebrating Harmony Week. Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

On Thursday we held a Harmony Day Picnic where we invited family members to also attend.

The picnic provided the opportunity for our family members to attend and to spend some time with their child/ren and make precious memories. We enjoyed having many people come and celebrate with us and appreciate all the family members who attended and look forward to more whole school events



Important Dates

Friday 22nd March
Social Work Parent Information Session.

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

Friday 29th March
Good Friday Public Holiday

Monday 15th April
First Day of Term 2

Thursday 25th April
Anzac Day Public Holiday

Friday 26th April
Volunteer—Parent Information Session

Wednesday 8th May
Mothers Day Stall

Thursday 9th May
Mothers Day Stall

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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Boulevard

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RAMADAN:

We would like to acknowledge members of our school community who are celebrating the holy month of Ramadan. We wish you good health and happiness as you celebrate alongside your family and friends.



BREAKFAST CLUB:

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

PHYSICAL AND AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOUR:

Over the last few weeks, we have had a number of students engaging in physical and aggressive behaviour which poses a safety threat to other students. Newbury Primary School has high expectations of all members of the school community, both in academic pursuits and social behavior we do not accept, nor condone, physical or aggressive behavior of any sort and students will be given consequences accordingly. Please speak to your child about these expectations and about how to manage their emotions if they find themselves in a situation where they may become frustrated or upset. Newbury Primary School strongly advocates a safe learning environment for all members of the school community and we appreciate your support in ensuring our school is a safe and welcoming environment.

RESPECTFUL BEHAVIOURS WITHIN THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY:

Newbury Primary School proudly has respect as one of its school values and we have high expectations of ourselves, our students and our families in maintaining a respectful environment. Positive school environments are important as everyone has the right to be safe and play a shared role in being respectful. Everyone at school, particularly staff and parents and carers, play a role in making school a better place for learning and work.

Respectful behaviours are important in building strong, healthy and thriving school communities. The relationship between parents and carers and school staff is an important part of a student's school experience as it provides an opportunity to work together to create a positive relationship in the best interests of the student. When this relationship is built on respect and trust, students learn better and feel like they belong in the school. The foundation of a positive home and school relationship is based on:

- open and honest communication
- trust and respect
- working together
- fair and reasonable expectations by all.



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Under no circumstances is it acceptable to behave in a disrespectful manner.

Unacceptable or unreasonable behaviours include, but are not limited to:

- being violent or threatening violence of any kind, including being physically intimidating, aggressive hand gestures or invading another person's personal space
- speaking or behaving in a rude, aggressive or threatening way, either in person, via email, social media, or over the telephone
- sending demanding, rude, confronting or threatening letters, emails or text messages
- discriminatory or derogatory comments
- the use of social media or public forums to make inappropriate or threatening remarks about the school, staff or students.

If a parent or carer behaves in an unacceptable way, the school principal or their delegate may contact them to talk about this further and there may be consequences.

Unacceptable or unreasonable behaviour may be escalated to the Department, where it will be assessed and managed by:

- requesting that the parties attend a mediation or counselling sessions
- requesting all communications be in writing
- written warnings
- conditions of entry to school grounds or school activities
- exclusion from school grounds or attendance at school activities
- reports to Victoria Police
- legal action.

The following policies can be found on our school website:

- Respect for School Staff
- Respectful Behaviours within the school community

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

HEALTHY AND NUTRITIOUS LUNCHES:

It is important to provide children with a balance of healthy and nutritious food to fuel their brain and body during the day. Please ensure that you provide our child/ren with something substantial to eat such as a sandwich, roll, wrap or salad as well as other tasty and healthy treats for morning tea.

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.

PHOTOGRAPHING, FILMING AND RECORDING STUDENTS:

Our school policy on photographing, filming and recording students will ensure that parents/carers are notified upon enrolment the ways in which our school may use images of students, including images used within the physical school environment, within the school community and beyond the school community. This policy also includes information on the obligations of parents/carers when photographing, filming and recording students during school events.



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There are many occasions during the school year where staff photograph, film or record students participating in school activities or events, for example classroom activities, sports events, concerts, excursions and camps. We do this for many reasons including to celebrate student participation and achievement, showcase particular learning programs, document a student's learning journey/camps/excursions/sports events, communicate with our parents/carers and school community in newsletters and on Newbury News.

Newbury Primary School will use student images reasonably, appropriately and sensitively, consistent with our obligations under the Child Safe Standards and our school's Child Safety Policy.
For a complete copy of this policy, please see one of our friendly Office Staff.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS:

Thank you to the parents/carers who expressed an interest in being a member of School Council. I would like to congratulate the following people who will form the parent representatives:

Two year term:

Gino Ozdemir

Melissa Azzopardi

Obaid Mahmood

They will join our current parent School Council members Saurabh Trivedi, Melinda Vella and Gayathri Kannan.

FIRST DAY OF TERM 2:

A reminder that Term 2 commences on **Monday 15th April**. Classroom doors will open at 8:50am. We look forward to seeing everyone after the break.

EVERY DAY COUNTS-LATE ARRIVALS:

We have had quite a number of students arriving to school late and doing so on a regular basis. 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.

DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP:

Please use the school crossing on Grand Boulevard when crossing the road. It has been noted that there are some families crossing at the roundabout, which poses a great danger.

When picking up or dropping off at Newbury Boulevard, please be mindful of the amount of pedestrian and car traffic in this area. Double parking poses a huge risk for students and parking inspectors often visit schools and will issue parking infringements to anyone found posing a danger or parking illegally.

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. The second bike shed is now available for use. Please make sure your child is wearing a helmet and that once they enter the school grounds, they walk their bike or scooter in.

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.



WHY EVERY DAY COUNTS:

When students stay away from school, their learning and friendships are affected. There are many practical issues associated with absenteeism.

Students who are absent from school:

- miss the introduction of new work
- fail to complete work
- miss revision time
- fall behind with their learning
- develop disjointed home-reading routines
- may lack confidence and feel embarrassed because they cannot do work the class has been studying
- feel left out from class discussion when they have missed a special class activity and cannot do the associated work
- miss specialist lessons because these lessons only occur once a week and so, for example, art work is not completed or is rushed in order to finish in the limited time available
- miss notices and newsletters to take home
- miss celebrations, for example excursions, visitors, assemblies and special activities
- can find it difficult to break into established friendship groups and develop good friendships with their peers
- can develop a poor attitude towards school believing 'I won't miss much if I'm not at school'
- fail to realise that the teachers and students miss them.

Sometimes students stay at home for reasons that are not acceptable. For example:

- the child's birthday
- too tired to come to school because of a late night
- staying home with a sibling or parent who is sick
- staying away for the whole day when an appointment is booked for a short time in the morning or afternoon
- weather conditions, for example too hot, too wet.

Please remember that if you are experiencing difficulty in having your child attend school, discuss the matter with your child's teacher.

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.

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



where carers are always welcome

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**carers
club**



Neighbourhood
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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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Interested in advertising in our newsletter?

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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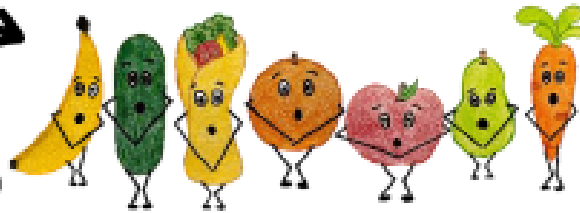
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WHAT IS



WASTE-FREE WEDNESDAY?

Will you make
your food **Nude**?



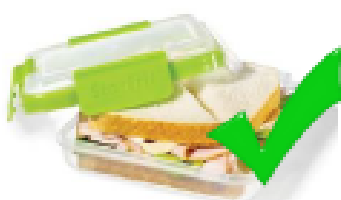
Every Wednesday we encourage all students and staff members to bring a Waste-Free lunch, also called 'Nude Food'

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

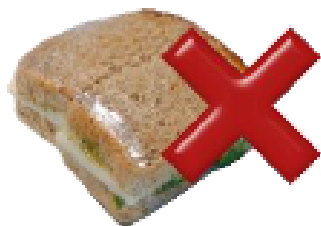


We challenge you to bring a waste-free lunch every Wednesday! You'll be:

- 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

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AS A LEARNING
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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

1800RESPECT
NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT, DOMESTIC
FAMILY VIOLENCE COUNSELLING SERVICE

1800 RESPECT
1800 737 732

Lifeline 13 11 14

 **Lifeline** Saving Lives
Crisis Support. Suicide Prevention.