



Newsletter – Issue 3 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our Term 3 newsletter. We would like to extend a warm welcome to any new families who are joining the Newbury Primary School community. We look forward to getting to know you and working together to ensure your child/ren thrive and grow.

We are already halfway through the term, and it has seemed to go by so fast.

We have had the following occur already:

Prep - Celebrated 100 Days of Prep and had a Prep Breakfast earlier in the term

Year 3 and Year 4 – Attended an extended excursion at the Werribee Zoo

BASKETBALL COURTS:

Our newly resurfaced basketball courts have been completed and are now operational after a slight delay. Not only do they look fantastic, but they provide a safer surface for students. A photo is included below.





STUDENT EMPOWERMENT CONFERENCES:

Our Student Empowerment Conferences were held on Thursday 13th August.

These sessions provided a wonderful opportunity for students to celebrate and share their learning with their parents, carers and teacher. Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended and took the time to celebrate their child's learning.

The students did a wonderful job of sharing what they had learnt and showcasing samples of work they were proud of. It was particularly encouraging to hear students reflect thoughtfully on their learning, recognise their achievements, and identify areas where they would like to continue developing.

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.

The school gates are opened at 8:45am to enable students to enter the school grounds. The gates are then opened at 3:00pm each day to enable parents entry on to school grounds, in time for our 3:10pm dismissal time.

SENTRAL:

At Newbury Primary School, we use Sentral as our management system. Information that is required to be communicated is sent out via this platform and can be accessed on your phone using the Sentral app. It is extremely important that you have this set up on your phone with notifications turned on. If you have not yet registered to use Sentral or are having trouble with accessing Sentral, please see our friendly office staff.

VOLUNTARY PARENT PAYMENTS:

Thank you to the families who have made Parent Payments. Parent Payments assist us in resourcing and equipment for our students; every little bit helps. 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.

GROUNDS UPDATES:

We will have the temporary fencing around the oval in place for the remainder of the year whilst we wait for the defects period to pass.

Once this has passed, we will be able to undertake landscaping around the perimeter.



TERM 3- WHAT'S COMING UP:

We have a great range of excursions and incursions planned for the remainder of the term. These include:

Preps– will have a safety walking incursion later in the term

Year 1- will attend an excursion to Bundoora Park Farm over two days

Year 2- will attend an excursion to Imax and the Melbourne Museum

Year 5 and Year 6- will attend an extended excursion to Campaspe Downs where they will participate in a range of experiences including the flying fox, orienteering, the giant swing, archery and low ropes

Later in the term we will have our Footy Colours Day. This will be held on Thursday 10th September and we would like to thank the TheirCare staff who will assist us in preparing all of the lunch orders for our students. We appreciate all of their support.

STUDENT FREE DAY:

Please note that **Friday 11th September** is a student free day. Students are not required to attend school on this day. TheirCare will be offering a day program. Please contact them if you require this service www.theircare.com.au

PREP 2027:

If you or someone you know is wanting to enrol their child in Prep for 2027, please contact the office as soon as possible for an enrolment form.

Our enrolment process is as follows:

- If you have not registered your interest for enrolment you will need to complete this by going to our website by completing our expression of interest form.
- Office staff will check if your address is in our Designated Neighbourhood Boundary on www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au
- If you fall into our school zone, you will receive an email to let them know this along with an enrolment form.
- If you are not in our school zone you will be sent an appeal form to fill and this will be sent to the Principal for consideration. Please enrol in your closet school just in case we do not have a place become available. Once the decision has been made, we will be in touch via email with the outcome.

2025 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY:

This is now available on our website.



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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.

The Uniform Group is our uniform provider and they now have a shop located at 71 Potter Street Craigieburn just near the Craigieburn Train Station. They can be contacted on 9768 0344.





END OF TERM FINISHING TIMES

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

Term 3: Students are dismissed at **2:10pm**

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

Please mark these times and dates on your calendar.

BREAKFAST CLUB:

Our Breakfast Club continues to be successful and we are so pleased to be able to offer this to our school community. It is a great pleasure and privilege to see the many smiling faces of students and their families enjoying a toasted sandwich, hot off the barbeque.

I would like to thank our many staff volunteers who assist in making this happen. Thank you also to Ms Currie and Mrs Spencer who oversee the organisation including food shopping and volunteer rosters.

The Breakfast Club runs every Friday morning, excluding the first and last week of each term and delicious toasted cheese sandwiches are prepared, cooked and handed out with assistance from 8:00am-8:40am. Please come along, spend time together and meet other members of our school community.

A coffee van selling a range of delicious drinks will also be available for purchase. We ask that due to OHS, adults only line up to purchase a hot drink.

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, chocolates or other foods are not permitted. We thank you for your understanding and support in protecting students with food intolerances and/or allergies.

VIDEOS/PHOTOGRAPHS:

Our school policy on photographing, filming and recording students whilst at school states that parent/carer consent needs to be given which is done upon enrolment.

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

STUDENT FREE DAYS

The Department of Education grants schools four student free days per school year. The first day of the year (27th January) is compulsory for all schools to take. Council has approved the following student free days for 2026, to bring our total to four for the year. Please mark them on your calendar.



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Monday 2nd November (day before Melbourne Cup Day)

Staff also have a Professional Practice Day on **Friday 11th September** where students are not required to attend onsite.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE:

We are proud to have TheirCare as our out of school hours provider. TheirCare is Australia's most popular Before and After Care School Provider. With a strong focus on safety, staff retention and quality services, TheirCare has made a strong mark in the sector and continues to grow with support of school communities.

The focus of the program is a holistic approach including highly trained staff, more flexibility for families, better safety and supervision, and more engaging and meaningful activities for children.

If you have any specific requirements regarding your child's care you can speak to the on-site coordinator Briana or call the support team on 1300 072 410.

To register and book your child go to www.theircare.com.au and click on "Book Now" in the top right-hand corner of the screen.



EVERY DAY COUNTS:

Missing school can have a major impact on a child's future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they'll have missed more than a year 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.

Every day counts and coming to school every day is vital.

We monitor attendance carefully and meet with parents whose child/ren have a significantly higher rate of absence than is outlined by the Department of Education guidelines.

If your child is absent, please notify us using Sentral to explain their absences. All absences must be accounted for on the day of absence.

Students must arrive at school by 9:00am. Classroom doors are open from 8:50am to allow students time to settle in and get themselves organised, ready to start instruction at 9:00am. Arriving at school late interrupts student learning and classroom instruction.

WE ARE PAPERLESS:

At Newbury Primary School, all information notices are delivered through Sentral and school website. Only notices that require parent permission will be sent home.



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BIKES AND SCOOTERS

At Newbury Primary School we promote health and fitness and we encourage students to ride 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. We also have a bike shed located near Gate 7.

OFFICE HOURS

Our office is open from 8:30am- 3:45pm. The Newbury entrance is for families before and after school, this gate will be shut during school hours. Enquiries can be made during school hours by entering the office on Grand Boulevard.

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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 such as nuts, kiwi fruit and strawberries.

We are very 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 we can provide the best learning environment and supports for your child.

Principal Class Learning Community

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