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Newsletter – Issue 4 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our Term 4 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 quickly.

We have had the following occur already:

Swimming and water safety incursion for all students

Prep students attended a Farm Land excursion and had a wonderful time

Year 4 students had a billy cart incursion

We acknowledged Day for Daniel by wearing a splash of red

We celebrated the wonderful work our teachers do on Teachers Day

We had our first ever Foam Run fundraiser which was a great success. We thank all families for their support of this event.

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.

PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS:

Thank you to the families who have made contributions. Any contribution assists us in resourcing and equipment for our students and help funds things including student book packs, the Breakfast Club, the Kitchen garden, our Specialist programs and upkeep of our facilities and grounds.

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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.

NEWBURY FOAM RUN:

Today, we held our first ever Foam Run. This event is our annual fundraiser which goes towards upgrading and beautifying our facilities and grounds. We raised an amazing $18,662.00! Thanks to the generosity of our school community.

There was lots of laughter, many squeals of delight as the foam cannons erupted and a great time all around.

It was wonderful to see parents, carers and family members attend the event. Thank you to those who came along to support this annual fundraising event.

We would like to thank all of our students and families for their generous contributions to this fun and successful event.

CLASS PLACEMENT 2027:

Before the end of the term, students in Years 1-5 will find out which class they will be in for 2027. A great deal of consideration and effort goes into forming class lists each year, taking a range of factors into account including friendships, student academic, social and emotional needs as well as adjustments required for students.

Every year, we receive parent and carer requests to change classes due to a variety of reasons, usually stating that a student is not placed with a friend. Our process enables students to make a list of five friends that they would like to be placed with and all students are placed with at least one friend from their list. At times, students leave the school and this may result in a student not having a friend from their list in their class, however this is beyond our control.

Please understand that no changes to classes will be made and requests for this to occur will be denied.

STAFF PLACEMENT FOR 2027:

This will be published on Sentral in the last week of term.

TERM 4- WHAT'S COMING UP:

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

2027 Prep transition sessions will occur

Year 1 will have a Wild Action incursion

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Year 2 Dinner will be held

Year 3 will have a Brickworks incursion

Year 5 will have a circus incursion

Year 6 will have a Celebration Day and their graduation

Students will meet their 2027 teacher in the second last week of the term.

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.

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 form 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.

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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 4: Students will be dismissed at **1:10pm on Friday 18th December**

Please mark these times and dates on your calendar.

BREAKFAST CLUB:

Our Breakfast Club is fully funded by our school and continues to be a success. 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.

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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/pr 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 FOR 2027

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. School Council has approved the following student free days for 2027, to bring our total to four for the year. Please mark them on your calendar.

STUDENT FREE DAYS 2027:

TERM 1: Wednesday 27th January

TERM 2: Friday 11th June (Friday before King's Birthday holiday)

TERM 3: Friday 13th August

TERM 4: Monday 1st November (Monday before Melbourne Cup Day)

In 2027, staff will also receive four Professional Practice Days which will also be student free days.

School Council has approved the following Professional Practice Days for 2027:

- Tuesday 9th March (day after Labour Day holiday)
- Wednesday 19th May
- Friday 27th August
- Wednesday 17th November

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE:

We are proud to have had TheirCare as our out of school hours provider since 2020.

As we transition to our new provider, Team Kids, we would like to thank and acknowledge the partnership we have had with TheirCare over the past six years.

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From 2027, **TeamKids** will commence Before and After School Care **on Thursday 28 January 2027**.

To enrol in this service visit TeamKids, select the Newbury Primary School program and follow the enrolment instructions.

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 pf 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.

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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