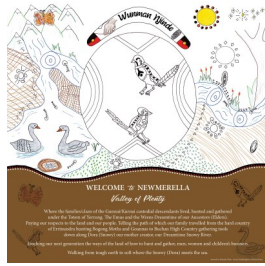


**Our School Values**  
Caring, Excellence, Honesty & Learning



Tuesday 4th February 2025

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# NEWSLETTER

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## Acting Principal's Report

Wuman Njinde Parents, Students and the School Community,

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

I am pleased to share that the start to the new school year, 2025 was very positive and it was wonderful to see our new and returning students coming through the school gates last week looking excited, fresh and ready to learn.

I would like to formally welcome our prep students to Newmerella Primary School and congratulate everyone on a smooth and successful transition, with a special mention to our new families.

This year we are once again minimising our footprint on the environment with a large majority of information being distributed on Compass. With regards to communication, the following will be implemented:

Classroom teachers will give you a weekly overview of what is happening in the classroom.

The principal will give you a weekly overview of whole school activities which will be current at the time of advertisement.

Assembly will take place each fortnight on a Friday at 3:00pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

Student of the week awards will happen each week, with presentations occurring at assembly each fortnight. This term our assemblies will be held on the following Friday's: 7<sup>th</sup> Feb, 21<sup>st</sup> Feb, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 21<sup>st</sup> March and 4<sup>th</sup> April at 3:00pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

Our senior school leaders were announced last Thursday at our welcome to school assembly. An official presentation of their badges will take place once we receive them. Congratulations to the following students who either self-nominated for their leadership role and/or with regards to school captain, was required to give a speech and then was voted by their peers.

School captain: London

House captains: Wairewa - Daniel Corringe - William G Bete Bolong - London

Wellbeing leaders: Aurelia, Ashlea and Wyatt

Environmental leaders: Brodie, Aurelia and Charlee

Junior School Council: Kaitlyn, Jools and Charlotte

This term we have the capital works program starting with regards to buildings and grounds. This will include the replacement of the existing student toilet facilities and possible replacement of the septic system. I will keep you informed of the start date, timeline and access restrictions, etc. when I know them. At this stage, it looks like it will be the end February where we will see a visit from the builder etc.

### RESPECTFUL BEHAVIOURS WITHIN THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY - INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Parents/carers and school staff have a relationship that can last many years. This is an opportunity to work together to create a positive relationship in the best interests of the child.

When this relationship is built on respect and trust, students learn better and feel like they belong in the school. The foundation of a good collaborative relationship is based on:

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

Please refer to the attached file.

### COMMONWEALTH SCHOOL FUNDING

As announced on Friday 24 January 2025, the Commonwealth Government has agreed to lift its funding from 20% to 25% of the Schooling Resource Standard for government schools.

This will provide 100% of full and fair funding to government schools and students by the end of the agreement in 2034.

## Coming Events

**Please check Calendar for any of the following dates**

**School Council  
Finance meeting  
Student Early Finish  
Student free days  
Public Holidays  
Camps & excursions**

### BUS TRAVEL REMINDERS

**Parents are reminded that changes to bus travel arrangements require 24 hours notice and approval by the Community College.**

**Please notify our school if your child is a regular bus traveller and is being picked up so we can mark them off the bus.**

### School Values for the fortnight are Honesty and Excellence

We encourage parents to discuss and reinforce with their children what the actions for the weekly values might look like.



### EVERY DAY COUNTS

Please contact the school if your child is going to be away.



This agreement follows continued advocacy from Victoria to deliver full and fair funding. This is an important milestone for the funding of public education and delivering equitable funding for every student in every school. Further information will be provided to Victorian government schools following the finalisation of the formal agreement with the Commonwealth Government.

**PERSONAL GOODS**

Any personal goods brought to school, is done at the owner's risk and the school does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage. As a result, the school actively discourages students bringing expensive or precious toys, sporting equipment, etc. to school.

All staff continue to work hard to ensure that we provide the best learning experiences for all of our students. Please speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions. We have a lot of exciting activities and events planned, and with a wonderful feel and beginning to the school year, I'm excited for what Newmerella PS will achieve throughout 2025. I look forward to catching up with you all either in the yard and/or at the parent / teacher / carer conferences coming up in March. More information will be given closer to the dates regarding this.

Mila and Izzy our last years School Captains, sent a letter to the Minister for Education Ben Carroll ,requesting some funding for our playgrounds that need replacing. Attached to this Newsletter is his response.

Until next time,

Sarah  
Principal

# TERM DATES FOR 2025

## TERM 1

Term 1 FINSHES ON FRIDAY APRIL 4th

## TERM 2

STARTS FOR ALL STUDENTS ON  
TUESDAY 22nd APRIL AND  
FINISHES ON FRIDAY 4th JULY

## TERM 3

STARTS FOR ALL STUDENTS ON  
MONDAY JULY 21st JULY  
FINISHES ON FRIDAY 19th  
SEPTEMBER

## TERM 4

STARTS FOR ALL STUDENTS ON  
MONDAY 6th  
OCTOBER  
FINISHES ON FRIDAY DECEMBER  
19th

# FEBRUARY 2025

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
					1	2
3 District swimming training 1:30-2:30	4	5 District swimming training 1:30-2:30 Prep testing	6	7 District swimming training 1:30-2:30 Assembly 3pm	8	9
10	11	12 No Preps- testing	13 Marlo/St Jo/ NPS swimming Carnival	14	15	16
17	18	19 No-Preps- testing Hockey 12:30-	20 District Swimming Carnival	21 Assembly 3pm	22	23
24	25 Marc Van	26 No Preps- testing	27	28		

# MARCH 2025

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
					1	2
3	4	5 Snowy River Coastal school visit Grade 3/4/5/6	6	7 Assembly 3pm	8	9
10 Public holiday	11 Marc Van	12 Naplan Grades 3/5	13 Naplan Grades 3/5	14 Naplan Grades 3/5	15	16
17 Cottage by the Sea Camp Gr 3/4/5/6	18 Cottage by the Sea Camp Gr 3/4/5/6	19 Cottage by the Sea Camp Gr 3/4/5/6	20 Cottage by the Sea Camp Gr 3/4/5/6	21 Cottage by the Sea Camp Gr 3/4/5/6 Assembly 3pm	22	23
24	25 Marc Van	26	27	28	29	30
31 School Photos						