



Newcomb Primary School

Term 4 Important Dates

October

- Wednesday 20th
Geelong Cup Public
Holiday
- Monday 25th
Ecolink Excursion
Prep - 3

November

- Friday 5th
Curriculum Day

December

- Monday 6th
Curriculum Day
- Thursday 9th
Glasses for Kids Visit
Prep - 3

Welcome Back!

We have had a wonderful couple of weeks back at school and are enjoying our new office building and learning spaces! It has been great to have all our students back even if it has just been for a couple of days each for our grades 3/4 and 5/6.

I've enjoyed meeting some of our parents this week including our School Council via Zoom and I look forward to meeting our other families when we can all be back on site together again. I appreciate that you have had a number of different principal changes and I appreciate the warm welcome from staff, students and families.

I have loved my first couple of weeks as the principal of this wonderful school and learning about all the wonderful things that have been happening. Before starting at Newcomb, I have worked for the Department of Education and Training in the regional office and was also the principal of Noorat Primary School near Camperdown. Our family moved to Geelong in March last year for my husband to coach football at Carlton. We have three young boys, Oscar, Hugo and Jack.



Please feel free to give me a call anytime with any concerns or even let me know when things are going well and when you can be back onsite please come in and introduce yourself.

Thanks again

Rachael Buck

Student Led Conferences

We had hoped to have student led conferences this year for the students to show all the wonderful learning they have been doing but due to the current restrictions and not being able to have parents on site we have decided to offer parent teacher interviews this term. If you would like to arrange a time to meet with your child's classroom teacher, please message them on Class Dojo to arrange a time.

Building Works

The new office building is looking terrific, and we are starting to settle in. The students are enjoying the new art and STEM spaces and so are the teachers. The landscaping has gone out to tender, and we are looking forward to progressing this work as soon as possible. Both the front gate and side gates can now be used for pick up and drop offs.

School Hats

School hats must be worn for all of Term 4. Children who do not wear hats in the yard are required to play in the undercover area at all times. School hats can be purchased from the office for \$8.

COVID Update

Next week as Geelong Cup falls on one of the 3/4 students onsite learning days, we have moved their days to Monday and Tuesday next week. The 5/6 students will attend Thursday and Friday as planned and we look forward to having all the students back onsite from Tuesday 26th October.

Masks will be mandatory for students in grades 3- 6 from Monday 18th October unless a medical exemption has been provided.



Curriculum Days

Please note for your calendars that School Council have approved two curriculum days for this term: November 5th and December 6th. These days will be used to focus on teachers professional learning in Numeracy to enhance the Primary Maths Specialist initiative that we are involved with and also prepare for our school review.

Prep Enrolments 2022

We are thrilled to have a number of prep enrolments already but if you have a sibling enrolling or if you know of anyone that is thinking about starting at Newcomb Primary School in 2022 please call the office or send your enrolment information in as soon as possible.



Keeping our bodies and minds active is so good for our mental health.
We love to join in on the fun. After all, we are all big kids at heart!

App of the week ^{*}

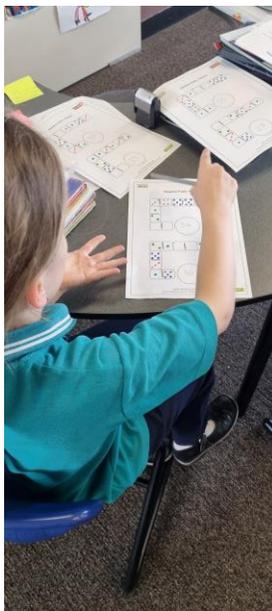
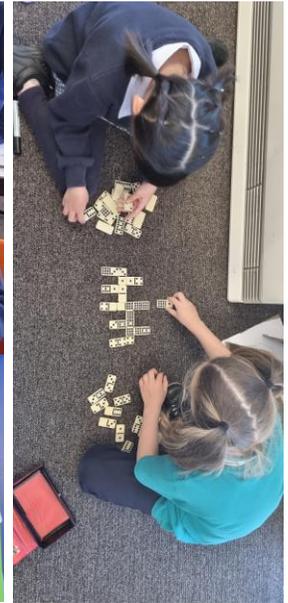


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1/2 Learning

We have been learning about:

- Addition using playing cards and dominoes
- Digraphs such as 'th', 'ch' and 'sh'
- Finger strength by tying shoelaces and using tongs
- Building sculptures and creating artworks outside using natural objects
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WE WANT OUR STUDENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing, and quality instruction, and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school.

The AtoSS is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist our school to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Students will be asked about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, bullying and life in general.

Students from grades 4, 5 and 6 at our school will participate in the survey. Your child will complete the survey online during school hours using a purpose built secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way "testing" your child. Your child has the right to refuse or withdraw from the survey at any time.

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey. The student login is an assigned identifier that may be used to link data for statistical and research purposes only. All responses to the survey are kept anonymous in the response file. Personal identification data will not be recorded in the survey response file. This ensures that the confidentiality of your child's responses is protected at all times.

This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school over the period Monday 11th October to Friday 23rd October. The survey takes around 20-45 minutes to complete and occurs during your child's class time.

The survey results will be reported back to the school in an aggregate form throughout the survey period. All survey data that is made available in reports are for groups of students only so that no individual student can be identified. Data suppression rules are used for schools with low student numbers per year level.



If you would like more information, please speak to your child's teacher or visit:

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/data-collection-surveys/guidance/attitudes-school-survey>