



**Newcomb Park Primary School**  
Respect - Responsibility - Resilience

## THURSDAY 5 AUGUST 2021

Dear Families,

What a great few days we've had. Seeing our students return to school has been wonderful and managing to squeeze in the long-awaited House Athletics Carnival last Friday was an unexpected bonus! The children in Years 3 – 6 did a great job, both on the field and as spectators. The house team spirit of Venus, Jupiter, Mercury, and Saturn was alive and well. It was a little strange not to hear the cheers of families on the sidelines, but we know you were all there is spirit. We thank Amanda Wright for pulling this together at short notice and all the staff who accompanied the students. We give a special shout out to the preps and grade 1&2 students who came out to cheer on our students and wearing house colours.

### **Annual Performance Surveys - Student Attitude to School Survey (AToSS) 2021 and the Parent Opinion Survey**

The annual **2021 Student Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS)**, is going to be conducted in class. All children in Years 4, 5 and 6 across the state of Victoria are strongly encouraged to participate. This survey is one tool we use to capture the voice and ideas of our students and assists us to improve student engagement, their health and wellbeing, and the quality and effectiveness of learning.

Like the DET's Parent Opinion survey which has been distributed to all our families this week, and the Staff Organisational Health survey, which is also currently underway, this student survey is the critical piece of school performance data. It allows us to learn more about what your child thinks of their experiences at school which is critical if we are to continue to improve the quality of teaching and learning environment at Newcomb Primary School.

Parents/ Carers and Guardians are reminded that the **Parent Opinion Survey closing date** is open until September 3rd. This is an online survey, and the link will be sent to families via email on Monday. We would be very grateful to our parents and carers if you could find the time to share your thoughts about our school, as all results are closely considered. Discussion and analysis of results takes place at both a school leadership level and at school council and contributes to the identification of future directions for the school.

**A few reminders for everyone:**

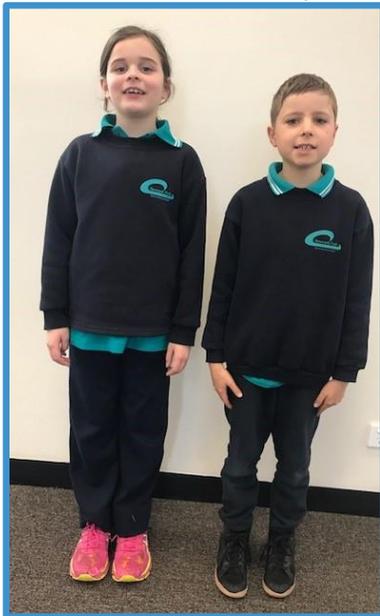
- Application for Prep 2022 are now being finalised. Please contact the school immediately if you have not yet submitted your enrolment form.
- Please be aware that under current Department of Education (DET) guidelines we are now unable to have parents or caregivers on site for drop off and pick up. Parents will be required to drop off or wait for their child at a selected gate.
- ***Please communicate with your child's teacher via email or contact the school office and a message will be passed on for you.***

**School Uniform** – We have noticed that we have had a rainbow of colours in the playground each day – as much as the colours on sports day were a wonderful sight... we do require our students to be in their school uniform.

Please visit our school website for more information:

[Uniform \(newcombparkps.vic.edu.au\)](http://www.newcombparkps.vic.edu.au)

Here is our winter uniform we would like all of our students to be in at school, especially until the weather warms up!



***School Logo Ideas!***

*We are currently looking for some new design ideas for our new school logo! Are you creative and can come up with a new design that represents our amazing school?*



*Students will have the opportunity to have a go at a new design next week and we need all design ideas submitted to the school by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August!*

Thank-you to everyone for making our remote learning a success. We understand the challenges everyone faces when we do have a lock down, but I want you all to acknowledge our appreciation for all your support.

This term is shaping up to be a busy and engaging term for both children and staff: Book Week & Fair, Camp for Year 4, 5 and 6's, Father's Day activities and a Footy Day on the last day of term; there is a lot on!

*Warm Regards,  
Carly Stafford*

# EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but.....

He/She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is....	over 13 years of schooling. that's....
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly HALF A YEAR
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Nearly 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 YEAR
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 AND A HALF YEARS
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Nearly 2 AND A HALF YEARS



Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?

That's when every minute counts the most!



