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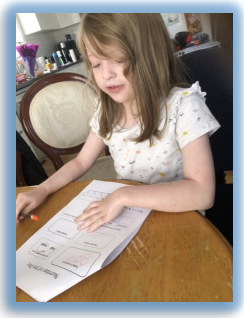

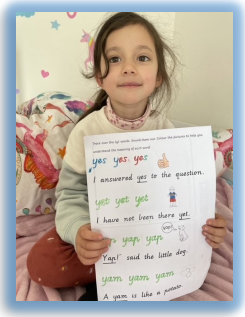

Every Minute Matters

BE A HERO

Here Every day Ready On time

Newborough Primary School

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Be Respectful

Be Safe

Be A Learner

A few words from Mrs. Robbo...

What a week it has been. We started the week in lockdown and have ended the week out of lockdown. There are several schools in the Valley that have positive cases; I am so glad that we are not one of them.
The schedule for having grades at school is a little confusing for the next two weeks. I am really looking forward to when we have all our students back full time on the 26th of October.

A reminder that, for the next two weeks,

- Grade Prep, 1 and 2 are back full time
- Grade 3 and 4 are back on Tuesdays and Wednesdays
- Grade 5 and 6 are back on Thursdays and Fridays

The days that the Grade 3s and 4s, and Grade 5s and 6s are not at school, they will continue to do remote learning at home. The students will bring their work packs home with them to complete.

The Department has a huge focus on attendance. One aspect of attendance is being at school on time (not being late). A student is deemed late if they arrive at school after the 8.45am bell. Once school returns to normal (October 26th) we will be contacting parents when students arrive late. We appreciate that some of our students have anxiety which affects them getting ready in time to come to school on time. We want to support the parents and students who find the mornings difficult (not due to anxiety).

I have also worked with the teachers to make sure they are using the start of the day as effectively as possible – we can't afford to ease into the day. If we don't start our work until 9am (not that our teachers are doing this) each morning, in a school year, this equate to 51 hours of work. This is the same if a student is late each day.

Grade 3/4 Camp

I emailed the Area Director today to see if he could give me some clarity around whether the camp will go ahead. His comment was, "No real idea…….. Numbers are increasing. It really is a guessing game as we move forward." My plan is to continue our planning assuming that camp is to go ahead. I won't send the camp forms home until closer to the date. Jo has suggested that parents wait till we are closer to the date to finalise payments. Please note that the cost of the camp is $275 per student. I will keep you updated as soon as I get more information.

Grade 2 Sleepover

As with the Grade 3/4 camp, we don't know yet whether we are going to be able to do the sleep over this year (or if we will hold it off till Term 1 next year, like we did this year). For this reason, we have not set a date for the sleepover. I will keep you updated as the year goes on.

Thank you

Thank you to our parents for wearing masks into the school when you come to the office to pick up the work packs. It is not always easy to remember to wear them when you are waiting outside the school for pickup; thank you to those that are remembering. I was chatting to some principals today where their parents refuse to wear them, inside and outside. I am so thankful to have the parents I do.

Have a wonderful weekend. Please let me know if you need our support with anything.

Chris

EVERY DAY COUNTS

ATTENDANCE FACT SHEET FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

School is better when you're here

DO I HAVE TO GO TO SCHOOL?

Yes, in Victoria everyone aged from 6 – 17 has to go to school.

Missing one day a fortnight is the same as missing 4 whole weeks of school a year.

From Foundation to Year 12 that adds up to 1.5 years of school!

School is better when you attend. Your friends and your teachers notice that you are away and wonder if you are OK.

WHY IS IMPORTANT THAT I GO TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY?

Right now, being at school is the most important thing you need to do for your future. School helps you build good habits for later on in life. You might think school is just about Maths and English but you're also learning about how to work with other people and how to solve problems.

Being at school every day also means you are becoming more independent as a learner and interacting with your friends and teachers. If you are at school you can get help from your teachers and friends and won't have to try to learn things in your own time.

Being an adult probably seems far away but we know that young people who attend school more frequently have better outcomes after school too. This means they earn more money, have better job opportunities and are generally healthier. So being at school really does make a difference!

DO MY PARENTS NEED TO LET THE SCHOOL KNOW IF I'M GOING TO BE AWAY?

Yes. Your parents need to notify the school of your absence as soon as they can within three days of your absence. If they know you are going to be away, they should try to tell the school before the day or days you are away.

If you're away from school too much and don't have a reasonable excuse like a serious illness, your parents might get a letter from the principal asking about why you're away.

ARE THERE ANY GOOD REASONS TO BE AWAY FROM SCHOOL?

No. Unless you are so sick you can't get out of bed or there is an event like a funeral, you should be at school. Every day you are away is a day of classes and social connection you miss out on. Taking a day off for your birthday or go shopping isn't a good reason to miss school.

Even medical and health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays. This includes family holidays. Your parents are encouraged not to plan holidays during the term but to organise these during the school holidays.

If you do have to be away for some reason, your parents need to contact the school and let them know what's going on. Depending on the situation, the school might provide schoolwork for you to complete.

IF I'M NOT AT SCHOOL WHAT DO I MISS OUT ON?

You miss out on all the big stuff – class discussions and all the interaction that happens in a classroom, the chance to get help from teachers and the opportunity to practice skills and gain knowledge.

Being away means you might miss out on a lot of learning or that you need to catch up in your time.

If all of that isn't enough to convince you to be at school every day, being away also means you also miss out on playing with your friends. Being away from school a lot can be lonely. It has a big impact on relationships and social connections.

Believe it or not, everyone wants you at school and it really is better when you attend.

WHAT IF I'M HAVING PROBLEMS GETTING TO SCHOOL?

Getting to school on time everyday can be about having a good routine.

If you find yourself running late or missing school because you're disorganised, try:

- Asking your parents for help getting ready
- Having a set time to go to bed
- Leaving all technology out of your bedroom
- Packing your school bag the night before with everything you need
- Having a set time for breakfast
- Planning to meet up with a friend so you can travel to school together.

Sometimes, though it can just be hard to go to school.

You might feel overwhelmed by the work or things might be tough with your friends. Maybe you don't feel safe at school or you really dislike a teacher or things at home aren't great. Perhaps you're feeling down or anxious and don't even really know why.

Whatever the situation is, staying away from school isn't the answer. Many people want to help you. Try talking to:

- Your parents or another adult family member
- A trusted teacher
- Wellbeing Coordinator or the school counsellor
- Another trusted adult like your coach

USEFUL WEBSITES/CONTACTS

Kids Matter - www.kidsmatter.edu.au

Youth Beyond Blue - www.youthbeyondblue.com.au

Headspace - www.headspace.org.au or e-headspace www.eheadspace.org.au/ for online counselling & support

Reach Out – www.reachout.com

Kids helpline - 1800 55 1800 24 hours a day, 7 days a week or web counselling

Important Dates to Remember

October 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2	3
4 Term 4 Begins	5	6 Prep-2 Attend Fulltime	7	8	9	10
11	12 Gr 3 & 4s Attend School	13 Gr 3 & 4s Attend School	14 Gr 5 & 6s Attend School	15 Gr 5 & 6s Attend School	16	17
18	12 Gr 3 & 4s Attend School	12 Gr 3 & 4s Attend School	21 Gr 5 & 6s Attend School	22 Gr 5 & 6s Attend School	23	24
25	26 All Students Return to School	27 3/4 Camp ??	28 3/4 Camp ??	29 3/4 Camp ??	30	31

November 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2 Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 School Photos	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Student Free Day-Report Writing Day for staff	30					

Please note that the last day of Term 4, Friday December 17, will also be a Student Free Day

Student Absences

Regular attendance at school is very important for your child's learning and social development. Of course, sometimes children are sick and need to stay home to get well - and that's OK! But other than that, children need to be at school as much as possible to ensure the BEST opportunity for learning. If your child is absent please enter their absence via the Compass parent portal or alternatively call the school on 51271448 as soon as possible.

We'd like to wish all our of amazing Newbees a very Happy Birthday!

October

3 Bryni Gr 2/3
10 Tayla Gr 5/6
20 Zara J. Gr 1/2
21 Hannah Gr 1/2
22 Sienna Gr 1/2
Brooklyn Gr 2/3
24 Zach Gr 5/6

School Photos Term 4

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Photo Day 17/11/2021

Envelope and Order Instructions

School Code: [RXM CR6 YV8]

Dear Parents and Students,

Newborough Primary School PHOTO DAY IS 17/11/2021

School photo order envelopes have been or will be distributed to every student and it is important that the order instructions (below) are followed.

[redacted]

ONLINE ORDERING Your child's school photos are now available for secure online purchase, please note if you are ordering online, you do not need to return an envelope to the school

4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

Step 1 Click Here - For online ordering process for your school.

- OR - Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code [RXM CR6 YV8]

Step 2: Enter your student's details

Step 3: Choose the package that best suits your needs (all orders will be returned to the school for collection)

Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page)

** Online Orders will attract a $1 service fee

Please Note: Late fees will apply once orders are closed (5 days after photo day)

FAMILY / SIBLING PHOTOS No envelope required if ordering online

3 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

- **Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code [RXM CR6 YV8]**
- **Family/Sibling photo orders online close on 16/11/2021**
- **Orders can be placed by returning an envelope up until photo day with cash or cheque enclosed**

ORDERING USING AN ENVELOPE

ENVELOPES WILL BE HANDED TO EACH CHILD, PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED ONE

Step 1: Student Details: Complete the student details section on the front of the order envelope.

Please use black or blue pen.

Step 2: Purchase Details: Complete the purchase details on the front of the envelope.

Step 3: Payment Method: Select your payment method.

Credit Card – Online Only at www.advancedlife.com.au
Cash – Please enclose correct money – no change is given under any circumstances
Cheque – Make payable to Advancedlife Photography with your name & address on the back of cheque
Please allow 60 days for your cheque to be finalised - a $25 fee will apply to any dishonored cheque payments

Please Note: A portrait and a class group photograph will be taken of every student at the school, regardless of purchase. Photographs of your children taken as part of a class group are only permitted to be distributed within their own class. Your child's name will appear on the class group photo. If you Do Not wish your child to be photographed, please contact your school office with your instructions prior to Photo Day.

Please feel free to contact us via email or phone should you have any queries regarding your child's school photo order.

info@advancedlifevic.com.au or 03 9852 1133

Advancedlife Team

Breakfast Club is open from 8:00am-8:30am every morning in the MPR kitchen with Lochie & Krystal.

ENJOY A HEALTHY START AT

SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUB

FOOD BANK | THE EDUCATION STATE | VICTORIA

All students welcome!

Hats are back! The weather is becoming a little warmer and the sun is starting to shine so that means students will need to wear their hat when they are outside. If your child needs a new hat we have navy bucket hats with adjustable toggles available to buy at the school office. They are $10 each and students can pay at the office or you can pay via direct deposit to the school account.

Wellbeing Corner

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

You are invited to attend an information session about bullying prevention with a strong focus on cyberbullying and cyber safety. This powerful presentation is aimed at parents and teachers - recognising the importance of the whole school community coming together to help prevent all types of bullying.

Topics covered:

- Bullying definition
- Bullying signs and symptoms
- Facts and statistics
- Popular apps and online games
- Harmful/inappropriate online material
- Consequences, the law and setting realistic boundaries/rules at home

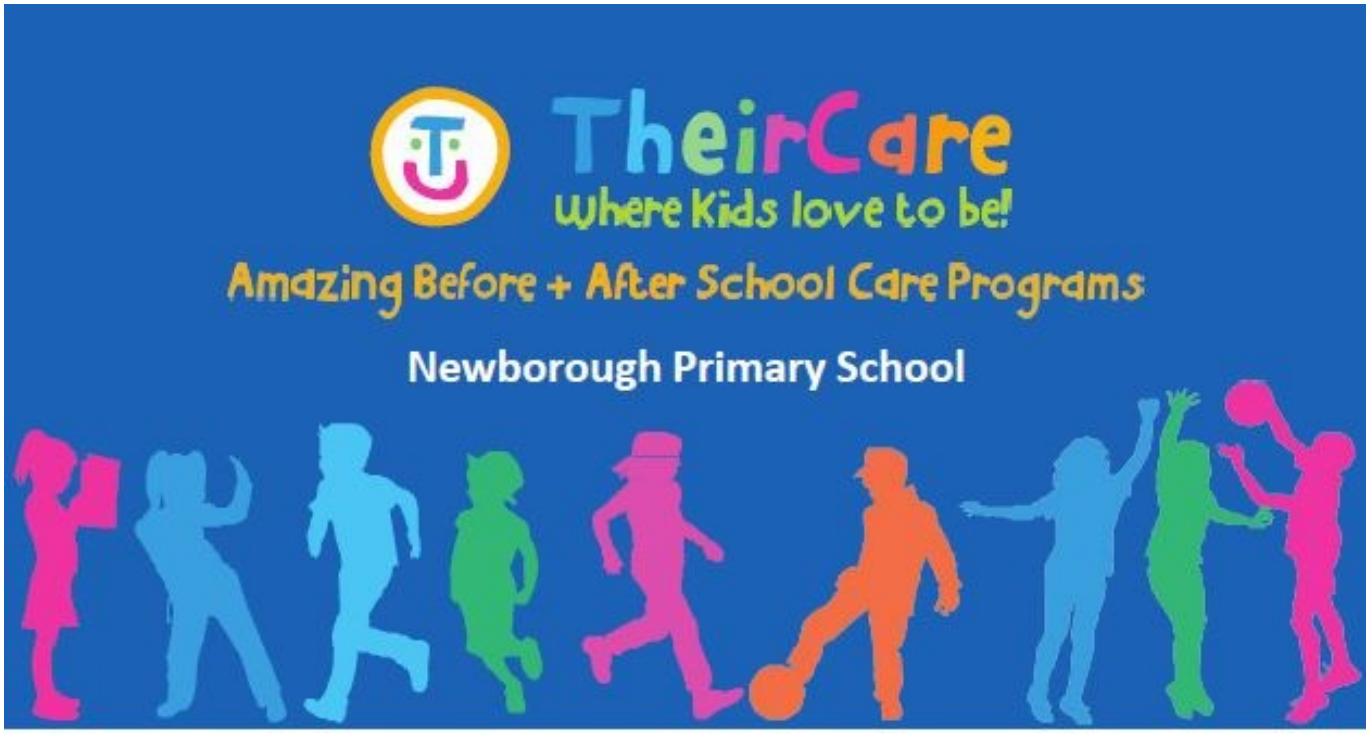
Attendees will walk away with solutions and tangible action steps to help minimise the risk of online harm, as well as strategies to help empower and educate young people on the responsible use of technology.

Sessions will be held via Zoom. Please register for the session prior to the day to receive a Webinar ID and Passcode.

Wednesday 10th November - 7.00pm to 8.00pm 'Understanding Bullying' parent session
https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5aMLoUsbTe-8_TGIaxV3hw

Wednesday 17th November - 7.00pm to 8.00pm 'SafetyNet' parent session
https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wW3xvMQdTRuxdKzHaHYFTg

www.bullyzero.org.au



About the program

TheirCare provides a stimulating and safe environment for all children and an environment where children come and enjoy their time in their program. During sessions children develop life skills, friendships, confidence and creativity through play.

Newborough Primary School has partnered with **TheirCare** to provide quality care, flexibility and commitment to deliver on our promise to your school community.

Operation Times		Fees•	Out of Pocket	Average^
After School Care	3:15pm – 6:00pm	$26.00	$3.90 - $26.00	$3.90
Cancellation / Late Booking	Within 48 hours	$5.00	$5.00	
Cancellation Fee	Same Day	Full Fee	See BSC/ASC	

Service Phone Number: 0458 100 073 Your service coordinator will be available during session times. TheirCare support is available during office hours if required on 1300 072 410

How to Enrol

Visit **TheirCare** website: www.theircare.com.au and click on 'Book Now' in the top right hand corner to register your child's details.

*Standard fees excluding incursion / excursion costs
^Based on ABS published average family income for the suburb the school is located