



A few words from our principal.....

Building Update

Carolyn Boothman and I met with the builders yesterday. The planned delivery of the building to the site is now the beginning of April. The expected handover date is Friday the 17th of May. Once the handover has been completed, we will have one week to get everything out of the old building into the new building before they begin demolition. The week of moving we are going to be screaming out for parent assistance. Please don't put the dates in your diary yet, as the handover dates may change.

I was absolutely amazed at the amount of families that came over the school holidays to help move the two senior classrooms. Newborough Primary School definitely have families who are more than prepared to get their hands dirty to help out. THANK YOU.

Assembly Meeting

Being new to the school is a perfect time for me to look at everything we do at Newborough Primary School, why we do it the way we do it and if we can improve it in any way. The first thing (of many) I'd love to work with the parents on is the format of our weekly assembly. I'd love to meet with any available parents after assembly on Monday the 25th of February. Between now and then, it would be great if all our parents who have an opinion on assembly to jot your ideas down and bring them on the day, or if you prefer, send a note in to the office so I can add your thoughts to the collection on the day. What I am looking for are what you would like to keep and what you would like revised / changed / removed from assembly.

In addition to chatting to the parents about this, I will work with the staff and the students.

Official Reporting to Parents / Carers in 2019

This year we will trial a new way of reporting to our parents about your child's progress.

Term 1 – Parent/ Teacher Chats (NO students) - March 13th – during the afternoon parents / carers are invited to come and 'chat' to the classroom teacher. These chats are for the parents and teachers to share how the year has started, for parents / carers to share any particular things that the classroom teacher needs to know about their child and importantly a chance to meet. The chats will be scheduled for 10 minutes. If you feel you need longer, we will need to schedule this at another time.

Term 2 – Formal report – send home in the last week of term 2. This will be a formal document outlining what your child has learnt, needs to focus on next and suggestions of what you could do at home (if you chose to).

Term 3 – Student-led conversations – students will prepare and present the work they are most proud of, what their own learning goals are (and how they plan on meeting them) and anything else they are incredibly proud of.

Term 4 – Formal report – this will be sent home during the last week of the year. This will be a celebration of what they have learnt this year.

Please understand that classroom teachers (or specialist teachers) are available to meet with at any time if you have concerns or just want to see what is happening for them at school. Please contact the office or your child's teacher to arrange a time that suits both you and the teacher. We love sharing the work and learning that your child has completed. We get a buzz out of it – we love to share the excitement with you.

Long Hair

The School Improvement Team (Leadership Team) met last week to discuss the arguments we are having with students and parents about us having to tie their hair back. Many of the boys were quite distressed at having to tie their hair back, a couple even staying home from school due to the issue. We have a job to ensure that our students feel comfortable at school and want to attend, the decision has been made not to enforce the rule that students must have their hair tied back. Students having their hair tied back off their face is still our preference however enforcing this is not worth jeopardising the staff – student relationships.

During the kitchen – garden program, while the students are cooking, for food hygiene, we can't have hair in the food we are cooking / preparing. During these sessions students will either need to have their hair tied back or be wearing a hair net (supplied by the student). Due to the hygiene nature of this, for students who don't have their hair restrained, they will be unable to cook.

Art Smocks

A quick reminder for Art lessons – students require art smocks so their school clothes are protected. It might be worth a quick chat with your child to make sure they still know where their smock is.

Student Voice and Student Agency

One of the greatest changes in education now compared to when I was at school, is the desire for students to have a say in their learning and in the school.

I was delighted when one of our Grade 6 students spoke to me last week about raising money for 'The World's Greatest Shave'. The plan is that on the Friday 15th of March students will have the opportunity to come to school with their hair coloured and / or in casual clothes and donate a gold coin. During the afternoon the students who wish to have their hair shaved will have their 'locks' come off. More information will come closer to the date. I wanted to fill you in on the plans as there is some excitement in the school, particularly amongst the older students. If your child is interested in shaving their head, please come and see me at the office.

Have a great week,

Christine

Newbee Leaders 2019

School Captains & Vice Captains



House Captains



Newbee Leaders 2019

Green Team



Newbee Leaders



Newbees of the Week

Week 3 Newbees

Jack T, Jack, Willow, Mahlee, Cooper W, Olivia R, Bella, Neo, EJ, Grace J, Mitchell, Armani, Xavier, Mia M, Logan, Kirra, Charlotte, Sharnee, Gemma, Lexi A, Adam S, Lilly and Cameron B.

Week 2 Newbees



From our matrix this week.....

Be A Learner...I will use the toilet during recess and lunchtime.

Swimming Lessons

Our students in grades 3-6 had an amazing time on Monday and Tuesday at the Yallourn North Outdoor pool. They participated in swimming lessons under the guidance of instructors. Everyone had a great time and showed what awesome Newbees they are.





School Photos

School photos will be held on Wednesday March 6. Today each student will be taking home an envelope that MUST BE HANDED TO THE PHOTOGRAPHER on photo day. Payment is to be enclosed in the envelope or you can pay online. Please read the envelope carefully for instructions. If you would like Sibling photos to be taken on the day, please come to the office to collect an envelope. All students must be in their full school uniform on this day.

Important Dates to Remember

Feb 14 Whole School Swimming Carnival

March 6 School Photos

March 11 Labour Day Public Holiday **NO SCHOOL**

March 13 Parents/Carers & Teacher Chats(NO STUDENTS)

March 29 Athletics Carnival

April 5 Last Day of Term 1



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.

YOUR STUDENT WELLBEING COORDINATOR IS HERE TO HELP.

Hi! My name is Jacqui Johns. My role is student wellbeing coordinator. I am looking forward to getting to know you and your child or children.



Student wellbeing coordinators are here for parents and carers!

I will work with parents and guardians to:

- Provide support when seeking help.
- Provide information regarding available community resources.
- Review student academic performance.

Student wellbeing coordinators are here for teachers/staff!

I will work with teachers to:

- Help identify and assist students with academic, emotional or behavioural difficulties.
- Sit in on parent conferences when requested.
- Plan relevant classroom guidance lessons to address student needs.
- Make referrals as necessary.

Student wellbeing coordinators are here for students!

I will meet with students to:

- Create a plan for academic success
- Problem solve
- Help with friends
- Identify strengths/explore interests
- Help with transitions
- Work on behavior concerns
- Learn to cope with emotions
- Cope with changes in the family
- Deal with loss

Student wellbeing coordinators meet with students when...

- Parents make a request.
- Students make a request.
- Teachers/staff members make a request.
- A student is visibly upset, angry etc

Student wellbeing coordinators offer small social skills groups.

4 to 10 students meet in a group to talk, share feelings and learn coping strategies when they are dealing with a similar concern such as divorced parents, loss of a loved one or social/emotional concerns.

****Students will only participate in groups if written parent/guardian permission is received****

Confidentiality

A student and family's privacy is very important. All information shared with me will remain confidential unless...

- (1) a student shares a plan to harm him or herself or someone else.
- (2) there is suspicion a student may be a victim of abuse or neglect.

In these situations, we are required by law to report this information to parents/carers and/or appropriate agencies.

I may also share information with teachers/staff on a need to know basis with student or parent permission.

BRIDGES READING TRAINING AT NEWBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

The school is looking for dedicated people who would like to help a student improve their reading skills.

By completing the FREE training you will be able to provide focused, proven strategies to help a child improve their reading skills.

You would then be invited to assist 1:1 with a student each week (at a time that suits you in school hours), with all materials and resources provided.

If you would like to support a child to learn to read, have a current Working with Children's Check (we can help you apply for one), and would like to attend the training, here are the details:

- Thursday 21st February, 2019, 9am-12pm
- Newborough Primary School, Murray Rd, Newborough
- All costs covered through the generous grant from the Latrobe Health Assembly.
- Morning tea provided.

Need more information? Contact Carolyne Boothman,
Ph. 5127 1448, email boothman.carolyne.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Community Noticeboard

Breakfast Club



Dear Parents, Friends and members of our school community.

Newborough Primary School is once again running their breakfast club for the 2019 year.

Every week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, we will be offering breakfast for all students from 8am to 8:30am offering cereal, toast, milk and hot milo. Please come along and make a wonderful start to your day!

Kind regards,

Mrs Cohen & Mr Thomas

The Breakfast Club Team.



Every Friday during term 1 icy poles are available
for purchase at lunch time for \$1