



A few words from our principal.....

Dear Parents/Carers,

Change

One of the important lessons I have learnt from my 10 years as being a principal is that change can be incredibly tricky for most people. I appreciate that Newborough Primary School has had a lot of leadership change over the past few years – this is always incredibly tough on a school. This year there will be several things that will be changing, however I am not into changing just for the sake of change. My endeavour is to keep my parents up to date as to why we are making the changes.

If there is something that you think I should really look at, please tell me (call me, email me or send me a note).

Swimming Sports

Congratulations to the students who competed at the swimming sports today. At the time of writing this we didn't have any results. Thank you to the parents for taking their children and other children to the event.

I apologise for the short notice given that the sports were today. We have made changes to ensure that next year our sports are a week earlier, to allow extra time to organise the participants. The other change we are making is to let our parents know when all the sports events are at the beginning of the year so parents have as much notice as possible. (See attached)

If you have any other suggestions that we should consider for making improvements for our sports day or the interschool sport events, PLEASE call me or send me a note; I want to make these days as effective and enjoyable for everyone.

Assembly

My favourite part of assembly is hearing about the great things our students have been doing. I think there are some other aspects we could be better. Please have a think about what you like about assembly and what you would like us to have a closer look at. I will be available after assembly next Monday if you would like to share your ideas with me. If this time doesn't suit, please grab me at another time. We can trial new things; if they work we can keep them, if not we can trial something else. I want assembly to be a celebration of our school.

Dodgeball

Congratulations to our senior students who have organised and ran the Dodgeball game at lunch time this week. I am hanging out to when I am not on yard duty to be able to play. Well done to all involved and to those that are playing so beautifully.

School Council Nominations

Every school opens their nominations for the vacant positions on School Council at this time of the year – we are no different. Nominations are **NOW OPEN**(See below) and will close **Wednesday March 20**. The role of School Council is to:

- Finance: overseeing the development of the school's annual budget and ensuring proper records are kept of the school's financial operation
- Strategic planning: participating in the development and monitoring of the school strategic plan
- Policy development and review: developing, reviewing and updating policies that reflect a school's values and support the school's broad direction outlined in its strategic plan.

If you would like to self-nominate please call into the school office to obtain a form from myself or Jo-Anne Michie.

Have a great week,
Christine

SCHEDULE 4: NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of

Newborough Primary School

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on

20 February 2019

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on

13 March 2019

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	TERM OF OFFICE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2019..... to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2021.....	3
DET employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2019..... to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2020.....	1

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Christine Robinson
Principal

Newbees of the Week

Week 4 Newbees



From our matrix.....

Be Safe... If I need assistance in the yard I look
for a yard duty teacher

Swimming Carnival

On Thursday February 14 we held our Annual Swimming Carnival at the Yallourn North Outdoor pool. Students in grades 3-6 wore their house colours and participated in swimming races, followed by novelty races. Everyone put in an awesome effort and showed what great Newbees they are. Our junior grades came along a little later and enjoyed their time in the water, taking part in novelty swimming races followed by a free swim. Thank you to the families that came along and showed support to our students and to those that helped our staff with the smooth running of the day. In the end blue house were the overall winners of the day. Well done to all our Newbees!



Community Noticeboard



Breakfast Club

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

Icy Poles



Icy pole money will now be collected at the school office. Students must bring their icy pole money to the office no later than Friday morning at 8.45am to have their named ticked off their class list. Please note that only students that have paid will receive an icy pole.

Parent/Teacher Chats

On Wednesday March 13 parents/carers are invited to attend to chat with their child's classroom teacher. Students are not required to attend and will finish school at 12pm. This is an opportunity for parents/carers to share how their child has started the school year, and if there are any particular issues their classroom teacher needs to be aware of. More importantly, it is a chance to meet your child's teacher. Chats are scheduled for 10 minutes between 1pm-7pm, and can be booked via the Compass parent portal by clicking the "Book Parent Teacher Interviews" button or by clicking the Dashboard Alert at the top of your Newsfeed.

If you require a longer time to chat you will need to arrange an alternate day and time. If you need assistance please call the school office on 51271448.



School Photos

School photos will be held on Wednesday March 6. Each student must hand their envelope 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

- February 20** School Council Nominations open
- March 6** School Photos
- March 11** Labour Day Public Holiday **NO SCHOOL**
- March 13** Parents/Carers & Teacher Chats - Students finish at 12.00pm
School Council nominations close
- March 29** Athletics Carnival-Joe Carmody Athletics Track Newborough
- 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.

Western Valley District Sport 2019

The following dates are for all the Western Valley sporting events for 2019. Please note that only students that qualify will progress through to the next rounds.

Swimming

Division	Wednesday 27 February	Traralgon Outdoor Pool
Region	Thursday 14 March	Sale Outdoor Pool
State	Wednesday 24 April	Melbourne Sports & Aquatics centre

Athletics

District	Tuesday May 7	Joe Carmody Athletics Track Newborough
Division	Tuesday September 3	Joe Carmody Athletics Track Newborough
Region	Tuesday 15 October	Joe Carmody Athletics Track Newborough
State	Monday 28 October	Melbourne

Cross Country

District	Friday 3 April	Newborough East Primary School
Division	Wednesday 22 May	Gaskin Park Churchill
Region	Thursday 13 June	Lardner Park Warragul
State	Thursday 18 July	Bundoora Melbourne

Winter Sports—AFL, Netball & Soccer

District	Lightning Premiership 17 May	Moe/Newborough
Division	Tuesday 28 May	Traralgon
Region	Wednesday 24 July	Sale
State	TBA	Melbourne

Summer Sports—Basketball, Volleyball & Softball

District	Basketball 8 August	Newborough
Division	Friday 30 August	Traralgon
Region	Thursday 31 October	Traralgon
State	TBA	Melbourne

1500m

Monday May 6	Joe Carmody Athletics Track
Friday 26 July	Moe/Newborough
Friday 16 August	Moe/Newborough