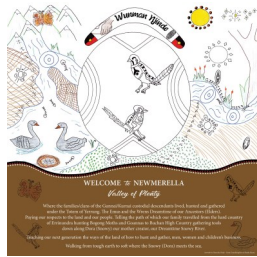


Our School Values
Caring, Excellence, Honesty & Learning



Tuesday 2nd August 2022

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NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR DATES

Friday 5th August
Pupil free day
No students required at school

Monday 15th August
District Aths
Bairnsdale

Tuesday 16th August
School of Leadership
Grade 5/6
Marlo

Wednesday 17th August
Personal Development
11:30-1:30pm
Grades 5/6

BUS TRAVEL REMINDERS

Parents are reminded that changes to bus travel arrangements require 24 hours notice and approval by the Secondary College College.

Please notify our school if your child is a regular bus traveller and is being picked up so we can mark them off the bus.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

Please contact the school if your child is going to be away.



Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to welcome our new student Ashley to Newmerella PS. Ashley is in classroom 2. With Ms. Mathers.

We have had to collapse Classroom 3 due to teacher shortages. Students from that class have been working with the 2/3 and 5/6 classrooms.

Please remember that this **Friday, August 5th is a student free day** and there are no buses running. We have had a number of positive COVID cases reported to the school during the past couple of days as well as a number of students absent due to colds etc. Thank you to the parents and carers who have informed us of their students absence and reason. We continue to ask all parents to inform the school when their child is absent, thank you for your assistance.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

If your child is not experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, they can continue to attend school, but you should monitor for symptoms.

Students who show symptoms of COVID-19 cannot attend school and should get tested immediately and isolate for 7 days.

It is recommended that parents monitor students for symptoms and use a rapid antigen test when symptomatic.

Ensure that students refrain from returning to school if they remain symptomatic, unless it is known that their symptoms are ongoing, or caused by an underlying health condition or medication.

For information on symptoms visit: coronavirus.vic.gov.au/symptoms-and-risks.

For more information on how to get tested visit: coronavirus.vic.gov.au/taking-test-covid-19.

If your child returns a positive RAT result and has symptoms it is very likely that your child has COVID-19.

- You must advise the school and the Department of Health about the positive result
- Your child must stay home for 7 days, and then only leave home once they feel well

Household contacts

Students who are household contacts of a COVID-19 case are not required to quarantine. It is required that that household contacts undertake daily rapid antigen testing five times within the 7 days of exposure.

Students from Grade 3 and above who are household contacts are required to wear face masks when indoors at school. This does not apply to students who have a valid exemption.

If your child returns a positive RAT result during this period, they must stay home for 7 days, and then only leave home once they feel well.

Note: If your child tests positive with a RAT but does not have symptoms and you don't believe they have been in contact with anyone with COVID-19, it is recommended getting a PCR test within the first 48 hours of testing positive and stay isolated at all times until they receive their result.

If your child's subsequent PCR test is negative, they will be able to leave isolation and return to school. If the PCR test result is positive, they must follow the steps above.

Reporting your child's positive test

If your child tests positive to COVID-19 you need to report the positive case through the Student COVID-19 Test Portal at covidtest.educationapps.vic.gov.au or you can notify the school in writing or by phone.

You must also report your child's positive test to the Department of Health online, via the COVID-19 Positive Rapid Antigen Test Self-Reporting Form dhvcgov.au.powerappsportals.com/rapid-antigen-test/ or phone the call centre on 1800 675 398.

Further information for languages other than English

- For school information in languages other than English, call TIS National on 131 450.
- Please ask them to call the DET COVID-19 hotline on 1800 338 663 and they will help interpret.
- For translated health advice and information about COVID-19, please visit: coronavirus.vic.gov.au/translated-information-about-coronavirus-covid-19.

Thank you, stay safe and take care.

Warm regards,
Matt Barlee
Acting Principal
Newmerella PS

School Values for the next 2 weeks are
Excellence and Learning

We encourage parents to discuss and reinforce with their children what the actions for the weekly values might look like.



Positive behaviour Award

The winners of **Caring** are
Harley Davidson, Chad Russell and
Hunter Greaves.
Awesome job boys!



Positive behaviour Award

The winners of **Honesty** are
Jax Evelyn, Brayden Curry and Campbell
Edlington
Fantastic everyone!



Positive Behaviour Raffle

Students who are displaying positive behaviours that are aligned to our school values which are **LEARNING, HONESTY, EXCELLENCE & CARING** both in the classroom and in the yard can receive a raffle ticket.

This week's winner is
Brodie Bishop.
Brodie won the award for
being a great helper.

Well done Brodie keep up
the awesome work!



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This week's winner is
Grace Morrison.

Grace won the award for finding money in the yard and handing it in to the office so the rightful owner could be found.

That's terrific Grace!



READING RAFFLE AWARDS

To be eligible for the weekly reading raffle students must read 5 out of 7 possible nights. The winners are Jack Mekken and Jack Scott.
Keep up the great reading kids!



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To be eligible for the weekly reading raffle students must read 5 out of 7 possible nights. The winners are Charlotte Mekken and Aliesha Mekken.
Well done girls!

