



Newbery Park Primary School

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A Wonderful Start to the Term

Our students have made a magnificent start to the term! Classrooms are calm, settled, and focused, and there's a wonderful energy around the school. It's been lovely to see students so deeply engaged in their learning and supporting one another so positively. The vibe across the site is fantastic! We're feeling very proud of how the term has begun.

Bee Hotel Project Update

A huge congratulations to Malley and Patrick, who recently represented Newbery Park in a deputation to the Wattle Range Council about installing native bee hotels across the region. They spoke beautifully and with real passion for protecting our native pollinators. We're thrilled to share that Council has approved the project, and planning is now underway!

We're currently collaborating with council staff to identify a suitable location for the first bee hotel, and our students will meet with their team in the coming weeks to finalise the site. The project will also link to broader work around wildlife corridors; an exciting step forward in our EcoLearning and civic action journey.

Busy Term Ahead

As always, Term 4 is full of excitement and important celebrations! We're busily preparing for the End-of-Year Concert, Year 6 Graduation, and our transition visits for new and departing students. There's so much to look forward to as we celebrate another wonderful year of learning and growth at Newbery Park.

Welcoming Our 2026 Receptions

In Week 4, we'll welcome our new Reception students for 2026 as they begin their transition visits. We're so excited to meet this lovely group of children and their families. If you see any new faces in the yard, please take a moment to say hello and make them feel part of our warm Newbery Park community.

Public Education Awards

On Friday, 7th November (school closure day for the Millicent Show) some of our staff will travel to Adelaide to attend the Public Education Awards, where Newbery Park Primary School and Tarin Zurlino are top three finalists! We are incredibly proud to be recognised among the best in the state. A link will be shared with families who would like to watch the ceremony live, and it will also be available to view afterwards.

We'll be cheering loudly for Team Newbery! Wish us luck!

Appreciation

Thank you to all our families for your ongoing support and encouragement. The positivity and pride that surround our school community are truly special, and it's reflected in the way our students learn, play, and grow together each day. As we move through this busy and exciting term, let's take a moment to celebrate how far we've come, and look forward to all that's still to come at Newbery Park.

Kind regards,

Leanne

DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 4

Monday – Thursday

Year 4 – 6 Swimming Lessons – Mt Gambier

Wednesday 5th Nov

Kindy Transition Visit
8:45am – 10:15am

Friday 7th Nov

SCHOOL CLOSURE
Millicent Show weekend

Week 5

Tuesday 11th November

YELP #4 Excursion to Robe

Wednesday 12th Nov

Kindy Transition Visit
8:45am – 12:00pm

Thursday 13th November

Mrs David – Honan Planting Excursion

Week 6

Wednesday 19th Nov

Kindy Transition Visit
8:45am – 1:45pm

Thursday 20th November

Lunch Order Day

SCHOOL TERM DATES

Term 4

13th October – 12th Dec

2026

Term 1

27th January – 10th April

Term 2

28th April – Friday 3rd July

Term 3

20th July – 25th September

Term 4

12th October – 11th December



Celebrating Inclusion and Friendship at the Southeast Regional Variety Games

Yesterday, a group of our students took part in the School Sport SA South East Regional Variety Games at the Wulanda Recreation Centre in Mount Gambier — and what a fantastic day it was!

The event was all about fun, friendship, and participation, giving students with disabilities the opportunity to enjoy a variety of sports and activities in a supportive, non-competitive environment. Our students joined others from across the region in celebrating what sport is really about — being active, trying new things, and cheering each other on.

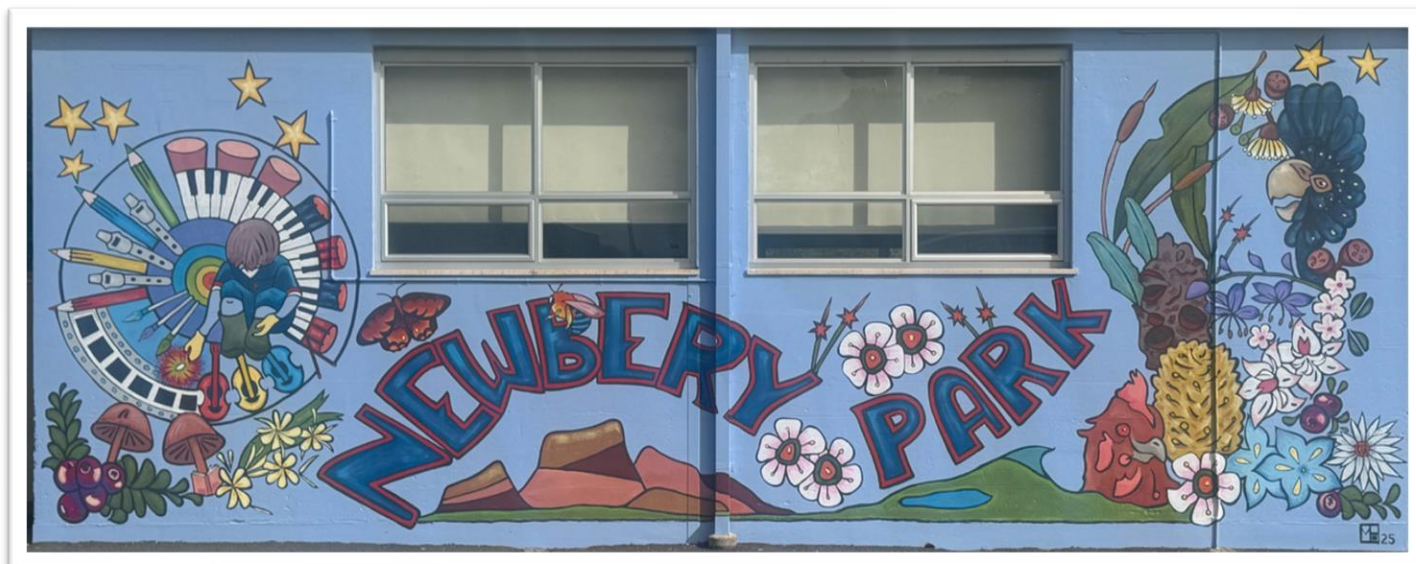
We are so proud of the way our students embraced the spirit of the day. Many took part in activities themselves, while others were there to support their friends and help make sure everyone could join in. The encouragement, teamwork, and smiles on display were truly inspiring.

A huge congratulations to our very own Edie Sunderland who was recognised for her outstanding sportsmanship whilst supporting her classmates participation! We are so proud of all of our students!

A big thank you to School Sport SA and Variety – the Children’s Charity for hosting such an inclusive and joyful event, and to the staff and volunteers who helped make the day a success.

Days like this remind us that sport is for everyone — and when we lift each other up, everyone wins.





In the last week of term 3, Newbery Park welcomed artist Mel Holtz who painted a stunning wall mural as a welcoming focal point for our school.

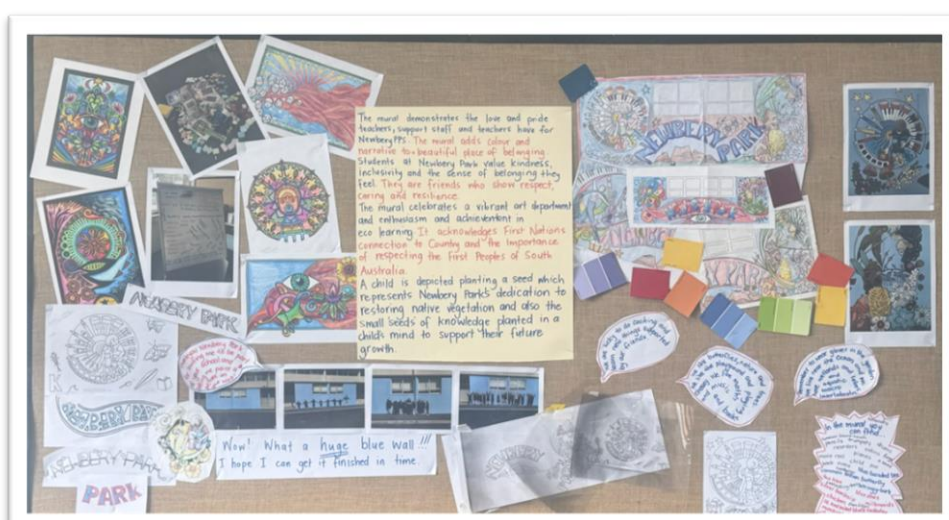
Mel said: The mural demonstrates the love and pride (students), teachers and support staff have for Newbery PPS. The mural adds colour and narrative to a beautiful place of belonging. Students at Newbery Park value kindness, inclusivity and the sense of belonging they feel. They are friends who show respect, caring and resilience.

The mural celebrates a vibrant arts department and enthusiasm and achievement in ecoLearning. It acknowledges First Nations connection to Country and the importance of respecting the First Peoples of South Australia.

A child is depicted planting a seed which represents Newbery Park's dedication to restoring native vegetation and also the small 'seeds' of knowledge planted in a child's mind to support their future growth.

We thank Mel for her incredible commitment to this project - for seeing the joy and love here at Newbery Park and finding a glorious way to represent who we are as a learning community.

Just one more beautiful thing to be proud of here at Newbery Park.



Mr Lang's Excursion to Southend Beach



Mr. Lang's class went on a trip to Southend Beach. They helped clean up the beach by picking up rubbish and making it look nicer. After that, they explored the area, found lots of different shells, and enjoyed spending time by the calm sea. Everyone had a fun and relaxing day together.

CANTEEN OPEN

Every Wednesday, the Canteen will be open selling Ice Cream Cups for \$2; Zooper Doopers and bags of Lollies for \$1. Until stock runs out

PRE-ORDER NOW

MHS JUMPER FOR 2026

If you have a child starting at MHS next year, please phone or call into Since Fifty Six to pre-order your MHS jumper.

- ➔ Pre-ordering is ESSENTIAL for us to know the right quantities to order as these jumpers are custom made to order.
- ➔ Only a small quantity of extra jumpers will be ordered so pre-ordering ensures you won't miss out at back to school time.
- ➔ Payment can be made upon jumper pick-up in January.

PRE-ORDERS CLOSE THURSDAY 30th OCTOBER
Please call into Since Fifty Six or phone us on 8733 2560 to order



Free workshop

Autism online workshop sessions for parents & carers National

Join us for an online workshop where you will have the opportunity to listen, share and learn with parents and carers who support young autistic people from across all states.



Session 1: Diversity of autism
Tuesday 21 October, 2025
12:00pm - 1:30pm (AEDT)

Session 2: Understanding sensory processing
Tuesday 28 October, 2025
12:00pm - 1:30pm (AEDT)

Session 3: Understanding behaviour
Tuesday 11 November, 2025
12:00pm - 1:30pm (AEDT)

Session 4: Working in partnerships
Tuesday 18 November, 2025
12:00pm - 1:30pm (AEDT)



For more information and to register, scan the QR code or click [here](#).

4 Workshop sessions

Learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

- This online workshop is four short sessions spread over four weeks.
- Each session contains unique information and attending all will provide the best learning.
- These workshops are interactive online sessions, delivered via Zoom. Each session has a separate registration.

For enquiries email Renee Christie: rchristie@positivepartnerships.com.au

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Free workshop

1 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers Mount Gambier, SA



Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to register



This workshop is for parents, full time carers and grandparents.



Wednesday
19 November, 2025
9:15am to 3:00pm



Southgate Motel
175 Commercial Street East
MOUNT GAMBIER SA 5290

Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided



Interpreters available upon request

During the workshop you will learn about:

- The diversity of autism
- Sensory processing
- Working together with your child's school.

Learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

For more information or to register visit: www.positivepartnerships.com.au/PC

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After school Maths Tutoring held weekly on **Monday** (Multiplication & Subtraction) and **Thursdays** (Addition & Subtraction). From 3:20pm – 3:50pm.

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	27 th October PUPIL FREE DAY <i>SAPSASA Girls Football</i>	28 th October <i>SAPSASA Girls Football</i>	29 th October Mr Lang Southend Excursion <i>After school cooking class - Cupcakes</i> Governing Council Meeting <i>SAPSASA Girls Football</i>	30 th October Zurlino / Fewster excursion to Mt Burr Swamp	31 st October Assembly 2:45pm
4	3 rd November Swimming Lessons Year 4 – 6 all week	4 th November	5 th November Kindy Transition visit 8:45 – 10:15	6 th November	7 th November SCHOOL CLOSURE Millicent Show Weekend
5	10 th November	11 th November Remembrance Day YELP #4 Excursion to Robe	12 th November Kindy Transition visit 8:45 – 12.00	13 th November	14 th November
6	17 th November	18 th November	19 th November Kindy Transition visit 8:45 – 1:45 <i>After school cooking class</i>	20 th November	21 st November
7	24 th November	25 th November	26 th November	27 th November	28 th November
8	1 st December	2 nd December School Concert Rehearsal SCHOOL CONCERT	3 rd December <i>After school cooking class</i>	4 th December Year 6 MHS Transition Day	5 th December Year 6 MHS Transition Day
9	8 th December	9 th December	10 th December Governing Council Meeting / End of Year Dinner	11 th December	12 th December Early dismissal 2:10pm