



Newbery Park Primary School

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A Remarkable Year at Newbery Park

As we reach the end of an extraordinary year, it's a perfect moment to reflect on just how far we have come!

A School on the Rise

Newbery Park continues to go from strength to strength. This year, we were honoured to be named finalists in two Public Education Award categories, and we were of course incredibly proud of our beautiful Mrs Zurlino for coming home the winner! This recognition spoke volumes about the consistent excellence, dedication, and collective effort happening across our school every single day.

A Safe, Calm and Supportive Learning Environment

At the heart of our success is the environment we create for our children. Our calm, safe and highly productive classrooms allow students to feel valued and confident, and our academic growth this year has reaffirmed that when children feel secure and surrounded by possibility, they truly do achieve extraordinary things. Our Positive Behaviour for Learning approach continues to underpin this, ensuring consistency, connection and high expectations in every learning space.

The Heartbeat of NPPS: Our Community Kitchen

Without a doubt, one of the standout highlights of 2025 was the opening of our Community Kitchen and Dining Hall. This space has quickly become the beating heart of our school - a place of positivity, connection and opportunity. Mrs Lang's weekly cooking classes have engaged our students beautifully as they learned to create yummy food that utilise fresh ingredients from our garden, and our whole-school lunches have strengthened our sense of community.

Spaces That Inspire

This year also saw several other exciting facilities upgrades across our site, including:

- the transformation of our beautiful library
- the completion of our outdoor reading stage
- upgrades to our canteen
- and the unveiling of our stunning mural by artist **Mel Holtz**

Celebrating Student Excellence

One of our proudest achievements has been seeing every single student recognised for their excellence through our **Rockstar for Relievers** initiative, and our weekly **High Tea** reward continued to help students to focus on striving for excellence.

Farewell

We are going to miss our beautiful group of year 6s who are moving on to high school next year. What a pleasure it has been to see them grow into the fine young people they are! We wish them every success!

A Community to Be Proud Of

There is so much to celebrate, not just in what we have achieved, but in who we are. Our students, staff, families, and community partners continue to shape Newbery Park into a place where children flourish academically, socially, and personally.

Thank you for being part of a year filled with growth, pride and possibility. We look forward to continuing this momentum in 2026 and making Newbery Park Primary School an even more fantastic place for children to grow and learn!

Have a wonderful holiday break and see you in the New Year!

With great affection,
Leanne Scudds
(Very proud) Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 9

Thursday 11th December
Reports go home

Friday 12th December
Assembly 1:40pm
Early Dismissal 2:10pm

SCHOOL TERM DATES

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



We are a Learning Community who
STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE



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I am very thankful for being a YELP student this year. I loved when we went to the Naracoorte Cave and learned about what we can do for the earth to help it, and coming up with an idea that we can do as a group to help nature. Doing magic spots was great. I loved talking about what we saw when we were doing magic spots and going to the camp was so fun. We did a quiz night, magic spots, using things we found out in nature and making a story with them, going to Em's lab and the munch lines thing. I am happy we went out and other people saw us representing our school. I don't normally go out of my comfort zone but I did and I went to the camp. Overall, I loved being a YELP Student and helping environment - *Meka*

The best thing about YELP is the fact that you learn so much just from a couple of days like magic spots and caring for the land, water and nature along with meeting people that you will most likely go to High School with. It is truly magical, an adventure through the forest with all kinds of different people there are also camps and days where you get to skip school and do a lot less learning about numbers and more about nature and aboriginal culture - *Malley*



On the 11th November we went to Robe to present our project and to some group things like magic spots with Mel and grinding seeds with Uncle Doug and finally present our project to our group with Damien. I enjoyed the magic spot the most because we go to sit at the creek and listen to the waves crashing from the ocean. We also went to the beach for 30 minutes to enjoy the ocean and environment - *Nate*



On the 11th November Malley, Nate and me went to Robe for our last YELP forum. We did lots of cool things like going to the beach presenting and catching crabs. We got to do an indigenous session with Uncle Doug, we grinded seeds to make a paste that you can make into bread with LCYEC (Limestone Coast Youth Environmentalist Council) talked to us about what they do and what it's about. It was amazing - *Chloe*



School Concert

On Tuesday night we wrapped up the year with our End of Year Concert - a wonderful opportunity to come together and celebrate everything we've achieved in 2025. Congratulations to all of our award winners, we are incredibly proud of you





Congratulations



CLASS OF 2025

We are all proud of you!

Fruit Muffins

Ingredients

- 2 cups Sr Flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- ¾ cup milk
- ¼ cup oil
- 1 cup fruit -rasberries, blueberries, apples, pears, bananas etc..



Method

Crack egg into mixing bowl, add oil and milk. Whisk together.
Add flour, sugar and fruit.
Whisk until just combined.
Spoon into muffin tray.
Cook for 20 minutes on 180 degrees.

Plain Biscuits

- 250gms butter
- 250gms sugar
- 375gms SR Flour
- 2 eggs



Cream butter and sugar, add egg and sifted flour. Teaspoon on a tray.
Bake at 180°c for 12 – 15 minutes.

Hedgehog slice

Ingredients

- 250g unsalted butter or margarine, chopped
- 395g can sweetened condensed milk
- 2 x 250gs pkt sweet plain biscuits
- 30g (1/4 cup) cocoa powder
- 45g (1/2 cup) desiccated coconut



Method

Grease and line the base of a 16cm x 26cm slice pan. Place the butter and condensed milk in a medium saucepan. Place over medium-low heat and cook, stirring occasionally, until the mixture is combined.

Meanwhile, place the biscuits in a plastic bag. Use a rolling pin to crush the biscuits until there is a combination of fine and chunky crumbs. Add the cocoa powder and coconut and shake the bag to combine. Add the biscuit mixture to the condensed milk mixture. Stir well to combine. Transfer to the prepared pan. Use an offset spatula to press firmly and evenly. Place in the fridge.

Icing on Top - Ingredients:

- 1 cup icing sugar
- 2-3 tablespoons water
- 1 Tbspn Cocoa
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract (optional, for flavour)

Method

Mix well until smooth. If it's too thick, add a little more water (a few drops at a time). If it's too runny, add a bit more icing sugar. Pour or spread over your slice. It will set as it dries.

Pumpkin Pasta

🕒 Total Time: about 45–55 minutes

Ingredients (serves 4–6)

- 350 g pasta (any shape)
- 1 cup pumpkin purée
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup shredded cheese (cheddar or mozzarella)
- ½ cup ham, chopped (optional)
- 1 cup crushed tomatoes (optional—gives it a pink sauce)
- 1 tbsp flour
- 2 tbsp butter or oil
- Salt & pepper (to taste)

Instructions

Cook the pasta

1. Boil a pot of salty water.
2. Cook pasta until just tender.
3. Drain and set aside.

2. Make the easy pumpkin-cheese sauce

1. In a large pan, melt the butter.
2. Add the flour and stir for 1 minute to make a quick roux.
3. Slowly pour in the milk, stirring until smooth.
4. Add the pumpkin, half of the cheese, and (optional) crushed tomatoes.
5. Stir until creamy.
6. Add chopped ham if using.
7. Taste and add salt and pepper.

3. Combine

1. Add the cooked pasta into the sauce pan.
2. Stir well to coat everything.
3. Sprinkle with cheese

Lemon Flummery Slice

Ingredients

- 85g lemon jelly crystals
- 250g Granita biscuits
- 125g butter, melted
- 600ml Woolworths Thickened Cream



Method

- **Step 1** Place jelly crystals in a small bowl. Add 1 cup (250ml) boiling water and stir to dissolve. Refrigerate for 30 minutes until cold and just starting to set.
- **Step 2** Blitz biscuits in a food processor into a fine crumb. Add butter and pulse until well combined. Tip into a 3cm-deep, 18cm x 28cm (top measurement) slice tin that has been greased and lined with baking paper, leaving enough paper overhanging to lift the finished slice out of the tin. Press biscuits into a firm even layer in the tin with the back of a large spoon. Refrigerate for 30 minutes.
- **Step 3** In the bowl of a stand mixer or using hand-held beaters, whip cream until just starting to thicken. Add cooled jelly and continue beating for 3-4 minutes until just thick (do not overbeat). Pour over biscuit base in tin and smooth the top. Refrigerate for at least 3 hours to set.
- **Step 4** Use overhanging baking paper to lift slice out of tin and place on a chopping board. Cut into squares to serve.

Parents & Friends Report

The 2025 Parents and Friends Committee consisted of Hannah Davies, Natalie Fox, Emma Haydon, Brigitta Garrett, Gayle Lloyd, Emma McRobert, Brooke Parry, Jay Watson and Leanne Scudds. With the help of other parents, grand parents, staff and local businesses, P&F have had a successful fundraising year, after the much needed school canteen upgrade depleted all funds raised over many years.

This years fundraising efforts included; Lunch and icypole days, multiple sports day catering, selling apples, mothers/fathers/special persons stalls, raffles, pie drive and finishing off the year with providing personnel for the KCA Picnic.

We are thankful for the many hands to make these events happen and grateful for the support from our families and broader community.

Anyone interested in helping out in 2026 are invited to join the committee or if you're able to help from time to time we would appreciate any support. Many hand make light work and all proceeds of fundraising go back to the school for the students.

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to welcoming in a new school year.





PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMITTEE

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

Raffle

**Congratulations to our 4 winners:
Mary C, Sue H, Pacey F and Nate M**

**Many thanks to our local businesses
for their generous donations:**

- Acky's Deli
- Chook House
- Fosters Foodland
- Grand Hotel
- K&B Mitre 10
- KCA Millicent
- Laura & Vicki Hairdressing
- South East Property Sales & Management
- Since Fifty Six
- Sportspower
- Toy Kingdom

FULL THROTTLE IN WATTLE

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM SUMMER 2025-26 DEC-JAN

ALL HOLIDAYS

SANDCASTLE AND SAND ART COMPETITION

Beachport Beaches
Get ready to dig, build, and sculpt your masterpiece to be in the running to win some great prizes! Come closes 27th Jan
For more information - <http://bit.ly/3lPqLNB>

POOL INFLATABLE TIMES

COME AND JUMP

	1PM-4PM
NANGWARRY	MILLICENT SWIMMING LAKE
6 th Dec	20 th Dec
13 th Dec	27 th Dec
20 th Dec	3 rd Jan
27 th Dec	10 th Jan
3 rd Jan	17 th Jan
10 th Jan	24 th Jan
17 th Jan	31 st Jan
24 th Jan	7 th Feb
31 st Jan	14 th Feb
7 th Feb	21 st Feb
14 th Feb	22 nd Feb

MON 15TH - FRI 19TH DEC

VAC SWIM @ MILLICENT SWIMMING LAKE
VAC SWIM @ PENOLA POOL

WED 17TH DEC

WACKY WEDNESDAY

Join our fabulous tourism and library staff for a crazy morning with multiple activities to choose from.

Beachport Information Centre 10am - 11am & 12pm - 1pm
Penola Information Centre 10am - 11am & 12pm - 1pm
Millicent Public Library 10.30am - 11.30am & 2.30 - 3.30pm

THURS 18TH DEC

COME AND CUDDLE

Bush Buddies at the Nangwarry Community Hall
Two sessions 11am & 1pm
Come hang out with Louise, Al and all their furry, scaly and feathery friends. Bookings essential. Via Humanitix.

COME AND LEARN

Nangwarry Logging Museum, open from 8am
Adults \$5, Kids \$2.50

THURS 18TH DEC

COME AND CHRISTMAS

Millicent Public Library
10.30am - 12.00pm Festive Australian Animal Art Workshop
Create a colourful Christmas-inspired artwork featuring cheerful Australian animals in a Santa hat.

Use it as a festive decoration or gift it to someone special.
2.30pm - 3.30pm Christmas Polymer Clay
Create your own polymer clay Christmas decoration, or a piece of festive jewellery. Will need to collect piece on another day (after baking).

FRI 19TH DEC

PENOLA TOWN CHRISTMAS PARTY

War Memorial Park, 5pm onwards
Celebrate Christmas with the town and enjoy all sorts of family fun. Kids - decorate your blues for a chance to win great prizes!

SAT 3RD JAN

BEACHPORT MARKET DAY - RAILWAY TERRACE AND

DUCK RACE AT THE POOL OF SILOAM
Kick off the day with a stroll down the main street of Beachport and score some goodies. Market 8.30am - 1pm.
Buy your rubber duck then head down to the Pool of Siloam at 3pm to watch it race!

MON 5TH - FRI 9TH JAN

VAC SWIM @ BEACHPORT FORESHORE

COME AND DISCOVER

Beachport Rockpool Rumble - Glen Point

Two Sessions 4pm - 5.30pm & 8pm - 9.30pm
Discover the rocky shore's hidden world - meet crabs, sea stars, anemones, and other amazing marine life up close!

MON 5TH JAN

COME AND LEARN

Beachport Rockpool Rumble Glen Point

Two Sessions 4pm - 5.30pm & 8pm - 9.30pm
Explore the rocky shore and uncover a world of marine life, from sea stars and crabs to colourful seaweeds and anemones!

TUES 6TH JAN

COME AND EXPLORE

Southend Rockpool Rumble - Picnic area on Bridges Drive

Two Sessions 4pm - 5.30pm & 8pm-9.30pm
Discover the wonders of the rocky shore as you meet fascinating sea creatures and vibrant marine plants up close!

WED 7TH JAN

COME AND EXPLORE

Southend Rockpool Rumble - Picnic area on Bridges Drive

Two Sessions 4pm - 5.30pm & 8pm-9.30pm
Discover the wonders of the rocky shore as you meet fascinating sea creatures and vibrant marine plants up close!

FRI 9TH JAN

COME AND CREATE

Millicent Public Library

9.30am - 11.30am Sevensia Flower making
Join the SLEJ art group and learn how to make flowers out of paper serviettes

FRI 9TH JAN

COME AND GOLF IN THE DARK

Beachport Golf Club

7.30pm Beachport Night Golf
3 person ambrose, 9 hole short course \$10 pp. Glow in the dark mini golf \$5pp. Bookings live January 1st. Open to adults and children.

SUN 11TH JAN

COME AND CREATE

Millicent Public Library

9.30am - 11.30am Pom Pom Flowers
Create a botanical masterpiece with the SLEJ art group.

TUES 13TH JAN

COME AND MAKE

Penola Visitor Information Centre

Fun Fridge Magnets/ Badges Workshop 12m-12.30pm
Give your fridge a makeover or dress up your outfit with a fun, custom-made magnet or badge!

MED 14TH JAN

COME AND GAME

Millicent Public Library

2pm - 3pm Mini Mammoth Games Creative Testing
Unleash your creativity in this hands-on game design workshop! Collaborate to create, test, and complete in mini-game levels using a custom editor. Ages 8+

THURS 15TH JAN

COME AND DISCOVER

OZFISH at Lake McIntyre

Two sessions 1pm - 2pm & 2.30pm - 3.30pm
Become a Water Hero this school holidays!
Explore a local waterway, study and identify cool aquatic bugs, and learn how to fight litter and protect our precious waterways. We will explore aquatic ecosystems, habitats and the food chain.

THURS 15TH JAN

COME AND DESIGN

Millicent Public Library

2.30pm - 3.30pm Sun Safe Caps
Design and decorate your very own summer cap to stay sun-safe this season.

THURS 15TH JAN

COME AND CHALLENGE

Mini Mammoth Games - Rulebook Rumble

Penola Visitor Information Centre 10am - 12pm
Work in teams to reimagine the classic game of chess with a bold twist. Apply core game design principles to explore how even a small change can dramatically alter gameplay. Ages 12+

THURS 15TH JAN

COME AND CUDDLE

Bush Buddies at the Millicent Public Library

Two sessions 10am & 12pm. Bookings essential.
Hang out with Louise and a whole crew of furry, scaly, and feathered creatures

FRI 16TH JAN

COME AND GAME

Mini Mammoth Games - Big Rover Raceoff

Beachport Rec Centre 10am - 11am
Design, test, and iterate your own lunar rover in a fast-paced challenge that pits you against friends to engineer the perfect balance of speed, power, and maneuverability. Ages 8+

SUN 18TH JAN

COME AND FLY

Giant Kites Beachport 12pm

Location to be announced
Come and watch the famous spectacular giant kites over Beachport. You can even make your very own kite with our workshop on site.

MON 19TH JAN

COME AND SWING

Beachport Golf Club

9am - 10am Junior Clinic
A free coaching clinic run by local golf instructors offering fun and interactive golf experiences for all skill levels. All equipment provided. Ages 5 - 12 years.

TUES 20TH JAN

COME AND CRAFT

Millicent Public Library

9.30am - 11.30am Egg carton and kinder surprise flowers!
Join the art group SLEJ for a crafty, creative morning!

WED 21ST JAN

WACKY WEDNESDAY

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Penola Information Centre 10.00am - 2.00pm
Millicent Public Library 10.30am - 11.30am & 2.30 - 3.30pm

THURS 22ND JAN

COME AND CRAFT

Millicent Public Library

2.30pm - 3.30pm Aussie Glasses
With Australian animals create your very own Aussie glasses.

THURS 22ND JAN

COME AND LEARN

OZFISH at Pool of Siloam, Beachport

Two sessions 1pm - 2pm & 2.30pm - 3.30pm
Become a Water Hero this school holidays!
Explore a local waterway, study and identify cool aquatic bugs, and learn how to fight litter and protect our precious waterways. We will explore aquatic ecosystems, habitats, and the food chain.

FRI 23RD JAN

COME AND WATCH WITH PACES

Millicent Civic and Arts Centre

5.30pm Movie Night: A PACES initiative, all abilities welcome!
We've got your Friday night sorted. Come watch a Minecraft Movie.

ALL JANUARY

COME AND SURF WITH FLOWSTATE SURF SCHOOL

Beachport Surfbeach

Surf Groms is back for the entire month of January! This fun, multi-day program is perfect for kids aged 5-12 who are keen to build skills and confidence in the water. Book your 2-hour sessions now through Flow State Surf School.

ALL SCHOOL HOLS - MILLICENT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Wednesdays 2.30pm-4pm Nintendo Switch competitions

Wednesdays - Time to explore the STEM activities and see what you can make with our Mechanical Lego or see what you can discover with the microscopes
Friday nights 4 - 5pm Lego Club
Big Summer Read - Summer reading club begins. Engage, discover and ENJOY! Register at the Library - how many books can YOU read this summer??
Explore and Have Fun at the Craft Tables - Maker tables will be set up all January during Library hours for you to unleash all your crafty creativity!

COME AND GET STAMPED

Don't forget to bring your Children's University passport to get stamped across many of the council events. For further information, please speak to library staff

At WRC, our events are accessible and inclusive for all. If you have specific mobility or accessibility needs, please contact 08 8733 0900

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