



Newbery Park Primary School



NEWBERY PARK

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It is genuinely a joy to welcome you all back to the beginning of another year of learning, growth and possibility at Newbery Park Primary School. I feel so blessed to be surrounded by families and a staff who care so deeply about our children and our community.

The start of a school year always brings a sense of hope. New shoes, fresh books, big smiles, and sometimes a few nervous butterflies too. For our children, this is a year of new friendships, challenges and discoveries. For families, it is another chapter in watching your child grow, change and find their place in the world. For us as educators, it is a privilege and a responsibility we never take lightly.

At Newbery Park, we believe learning is about much more than what happens in a classroom. It is about belonging, feeling safe, known and valued, and developing curiosity, kindness and confidence. When children feel secure and connected, they are more willing to take risks, ask questions and believe in themselves. That is the environment we are deeply committed to creating every day.

This year, our focus remains clear. We are committed to excellent teaching, grounded in evidence-based practice, with a strong focus on literacy and numeracy. We are equally committed to wellbeing, inclusion and equity, ensuring every child is supported to thrive. These are not competing priorities; they sit hand in hand.

One of the greatest strengths of our school is our sense of community. The partnerships we build with you, our families and partners in learning, truly matter. When schools and families work together, children flourish. Your encouragement at home, your trust in us and your involvement in school life make a difference we see every day.

This year, we invite you to continue walking alongside us. Set learning goals with us, be curious about your child's learning, celebrate successes big and small, and talk openly with us when questions arise. Join us at school events, shared meals and celebrations; connection sits at the heart of everything we do at Newbery Park.

There will be challenges along the way; learning always involves them. But there will also be laughter, pride and growth. Together, we will help our children develop not just strong academic skills, but the values, confidence and compassion they need to succeed in life.

Thank you for entrusting us with your children and for being part of our school community. We are excited for the year ahead and look forward to working in partnership with you to ensure every child at Newbery Park feels supported, inspired and proud of who they are becoming!

With deep gratitude and affection,
Leanne Scudds

DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 4

Wednesday 18th Feb
Zurlino/Lang Walking
the Seasons Excursion
After School – Family
Cooking at 3:15pm

Week 5

Wednesday 25th Feb
YELP Forum #1
Friday 27th Feb
Assembly

Week 6

Tuesday 3rd March
Setting Our Sight
Together Night
Wednesday 4th March
Junior Sports Day



Thank you Millicent Woolworths!

SCHOOL TERM DATES

- 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



WELCOME



Saffron is our newest Team member. She comes from Nepal and loves music, dice and stacking lego!

Oscar is Reah, Arthur and Fraser's younger brother. He is just as sporty and competitive as his siblings, with a kind heart and gorgeous smile.



Evie is Tahlia's younger sister. She is a gentle soul who gives her best in everything she does. She is talking more in class and is learning a lot every day!



Gray is a bundle of knowledge and energy. He already knows a lot about the world around him. He loves the garden and jumping and is very creative.



Mitchell and Osc are already best friends who love chatting together. Mitchell's cheeky smile brightens all of our days.

Bridey is bubbly, chatty and loves drawing and craft. She has bonded strongly with Hunter, over shared interests and they often have chats about their likes and dislikes.

Jedi loves to share his ideas with his teammates and already knows his letter names and dot numbers. He is very enthusiastic during English Skill and he also loves Spiderman!



Attendance Spotlight



Regular attendance at school plays a vital role in a child's learning, wellbeing and sense of belonging. Each day at school builds on the last, helping children develop strong literacy and numeracy skills, maintain friendships, build routines and feel connected to their class and teachers. Even short or occasional absences can make learning feel harder and disrupt confidence, particularly for younger children.

At Newbery Park, we understand that families sometimes face challenges, and there will always be times when children need to be away. When children are able to attend regularly, however, we see stronger learning outcomes, improved wellbeing and happier, more settled classrooms.

To support and encourage regular attendance, we are excited to introduce a class-based attendance incentive this term. Classes will work together toward a shared goal, celebrating consistency, effort and showing up each day. The focus is on encouragement and teamwork, not perfection, and all classes will have the opportunity to participate and succeed.

We appreciate the strong partnership we share with our families and thank you for your ongoing support in helping your child attend school as regularly as possible. Together, we can give every child the best opportunity to learn, grow and thrive.

If you have any questions or need support with attendance, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or the school leadership team. We are here to support and help you!



MEET JENNIFER AND MATILDA NEWBERY'S STORY DOG VOLUNTEER TEAM

WHAT YOU MUST KNOW ABOUT MATILDA

MATILDA IS A DELIGHTFUL
MINIATURE SCHNAUZER AND
IS 8 YEARS OLD.

SHE HAS A COLOURING OF
BLACK AND SILVER WHICH
DESCRIBES THE DARK AND
LIGHT COLOURS OF HER
HAIR.

SHE LOVES TO WALK

- RUN
- PLAYING FETCH
- TRAIN AND
- SLEEP



Fun Reading 🐾 Reading for Life



HI MY NAME IS
MATILDA

FUN FACTS



MATILDA HAD A RECORD 11
PUPS AND REARED THEM ALL



SHE TELLS JENNIFER SHE IS HAPPY
BY WAGGING HER WHOLE BODY AND
A VERY ANNOYING LITTLE BARK



MATILDA LOVES EVERYONE
AND LIVES HER LIFE TO THE
FULLEST

WHY MATILDA IS SO SPECIAL



JENNIFER LOVES
SPENDING ONE ON
ONE TIME WITH
MATILDA AND THE
INTERACTION WITH
THE CHILDREN AT
STORY DOGS.
SHE HAS A HAPPY
PERSONALITY AND
LOVE OF LIFE

FAVOURITE THING

COMING TO NEWBERY PARK PS AND READING
WITH THE STUDENTS EACH TUESDAY.





Peach Crumble

🕒 45 minutes

Ingredients:

- Tin of Peaches

Crumble:

- ½ cup Plain Flour
- ½ cup White Sugar
- ½ cup Rolled Oats
- 60 grams Butter, chopped
- Ice-cream or whipped cream to serve

Method:

- Preheat oven to 180°C.
- To make Crumble: combine flour, sugar, oats and butter in a bowl
- Use your fingertips to rub the butter into the flour mixture, until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs
- Add peaches to an overproof dish, draining off most of the liquid
- Sprinkle mixture over the peaches
- Bake in oven for 20 - 25 minutes
- Serve warm with ice-cream or whipped cream

Quick Stir-fry (10–15 minutes)

Use up your left-over vegetables. There are no rules - use whatever you have or like to eat, eg: garlic, onions, spring onion, carrots, zucchini, snow peas, beans, capsicum, broccoli, spinach, kale, etc.

Ingredients

- Garlic
- Vegetables of your choice
- Finish with herbs, soy sauce or lemon, salt & pepper
- 2 minute noodles or similar, cooked and drained

Directions

Make noodles according to directions. Sauté onion and garlic in oil or butter. Add vegetables of your choice (high heat for a short time works best). Toss in kale or spinach if using, until wilted. Finish with herbs, soy sauce or lemon, salt and pepper. Add cooked noodles, toss through, serve and eat.



Breakfast Club Volunteers



Breakfast Club is an important and invaluable service provided to our students. The healthy food is a great way for students to start their learning day and is also a wonderful way for children to meet others. The success of this program relies on our volunteers.

The Breakfast Club runs every morning this year from 8:30am – 8:50am in the canteen. This is a free service for all students. Students have a variety of healthy breakfast options available to them including fruit, toast and milo. We are currently looking for some more volunteers to assist from 8:15am until 9:00am.

Please let the Front Office Staff know if you or any of your friends or relatives can help in any way.

Parents & Friends

In 2026, we proudly welcome our new P&F Committee. Congratulations to Emma M, our new President, and Gayle, our Secretary. We're also excited to have Tammy, Emma P, Nat, Jo, Brigitta, Brooke, Emily and Hannah joining the committee.



P&F Need your HELP!

Our P&F committee are seeking some extra help in our canteen for our first fundraiser of the year. Newbery Park PS are hosting St Anthony's sports day on **Friday 6th March** and also SAPSASA on **Tuesday 17th March**. These are major fundraisers for our school, so if you are able to join us for a couple of hours on those days could you please register your interest at the office.

Seeking donations of cakes / slices / biscuits for both days. If you are able to contribute it would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be delivered to the canteen during breakfast club the day prior or on the sports days. We ask you to please include a note with ingredients.



Save the Date

Tuesday 3rd March 3.10pm – 6pm

Setting Our Sights Together
Family Welcome Night and BBQ

TRAINING TIMES



**COME DOWN AND JOIN US
MAKE NEW FRIENDS,
LEARN NEW SKILLS.
PARK TCE MILLICENT**

MINIROO'S 5PM MON FROM FEB 9TH

**U12, U12D, U14, U16 GIRLS
WED 5PM FROM FEB 11TH**

U13 GIRLS WED 5.45PM FROM FEB 11TH

**U17, RES MEN, SEN MEN & SEN WOMEN
WED 6PM FROM FEB 11TH**

**DON'T FORGET
OVER 35'S
SOCIAL SOCCER
THURSDAYS
6PM**



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Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	9 th February	10 th February	11 th February Governing Council AGM	12 th February	13 th February
4	16 th February	17 th February	18 th February Zurlino/Lang Walking the Seasons Excursion After School – Family Cooking	19 th February	20 th February
5	23 rd February	24 th February	25 th February YELP Forum #1 (TBA)	26 th February	27 th February Assembly
6	2 nd March	3 rd March Setting Our Sights Together – Family Welcome Night & BBQ 3.10pm – 6pm	4 th March Junior Sports Day After School – Family Cooking	5 th March	6 th March St Anthony's Sports Day held on Newbery Oval
7	9 th March Public Holiday	10 th March	11 th March Cooking Morning with Indigenous Parents	12 th March	13 th March
8	16 th March	17 th March SAPSASA Athletics Day	18 th March After School – Family Cooking	19 th March	20 th March
9	23 rd March	24 th March	25 th March	26 th March	27 th March Assembly
10	30 th March	31 st March	1 st April	2 nd April	3 rd April Good Friday
11	6 th April Easter Monday	7 th April	8 th April	9 th April Sports Day	10 th April Early dismissal 2:10pm