

Tour of the Prep Classrooms

Please make your way to our Prep Classrooms to meet our current Prep teachers and student leaders.



Newport Gardens Primary School



Nurturing our future

RESPECT

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RESPONSIBILITY

We care for ourselves, our learning and our environment.

EXCELLENCE

We have high expectations for learning and strive to grow and understand.

INCLUSION

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2026 Prep Parent Information Session

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We begin today by acknowledging the traditional custodians of the land we learn, play and grow on, the Boon Wurrung people of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respects to Elders both past, present and future and to any First Nations people who are present. We thank you for taking care of the land on which we gather on and we promise to tread lightly. We also acknowledge that sovereignty has never been ceded. It always was and always will be, Aboriginal land.



Student Leaders

School Captains:
Josh and Bella

Vice Captains:
Bianca and Marcus

Newport Gardens Primary School 2026



Welcome

Peter Olm
Amanda Morgan
Jodie Moore
Specialist
Tracey Thain

Principal
Assistant Principal- Disability Inclusion
Mental Health & Wellbeing Learning

Prep Team Leader

Student Leaders
Josh, Bella, Bianca and Marcus

Other presenters: Somer Collins (PSW), Megan Pearce (FONGS)
& Menuri (Team Kids)

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Newport Gardens Primary School 2026



Student population – approx. 520

Moving towards 3 - 4 Prep classes

Currently 24 classes from Prep – Year 6

Composite from Year 1 – 6 in 2026

- School Improvement Team
- Year Level Professional Learning Teams (PLTs)
- Specialist Team
- Student Leadership Group - year 6s
- Junior School Council - year 3-6

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School providers



Creative Music for Schools are specialists in music tuition for school children of all ages. Creative Music programs have been successfully operating for over 25 years. We conduct during and after school music programs in almost 100 Melbourne schools. You and your children can feel safe with our knowledge, our experience and our professionalism.



TeamKids—Before + After + Holiday Care

TeamKids is the premium provider that exists to enrich children's lives before school, after school and throughout the school holidays. From the moment you walk through the door, TeamKids provides an atmosphere that is welcoming, relaxed and inclusive. At every opportunity, we aim to promote child agency and help to shape their innate leadership skills through a variety of in-house leadership opportunities and fun, engaging rewards programs.

For more information please visit www.teamkids.com.au or call us on 1300 035 000

PSW—School uniform supply

Our uniform supplier is PSW, they are based in Port Melbourne and have been supplying Newport Gardens Primary School for over 10 years.

All our uniforms are available to order online or in store with a whole range of sizes. Our trading hours are Tuesday to Friday from 9am to 5pm or Saturdays from 10am to 1pm.

Please visit our website www.psw.com.au or phone us on 03 7968 0385.



PSW
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NEWPORT GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL STORYBOARD - NOV 2023

A short-sleeved button-down shirt with a blue and white plaid pattern. The shirt is shown from the front, laid flat. It has a pointed collar and a visible button placket. The plaid pattern consists of thin, intersecting blue and white lines forming a grid. The shirt is presented against a plain white background.



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Turnover Ankle Socks

FONGS - FAMILIES OF NGPS- MEGAN



School Day



Music plays/students line up – 8.40am

Students enter classroom – 8.45am

Bell rings for first learning session – 8.50am

8.50am	9.40am	Recess	11.00am	11:50am	Lunch	1.40pm	2.30pm
Session 1	Session 2		Session 3	Session 4		Session 5	Session 6

End of day dismissal – 3.20pm

Snack and lunch is eaten in the classroom

Hats must be worn outside during Term 1 & 4 or when the UV index is 3 or above

A white rectangular sign with the words 'No Hat No Play' in a colorful, playful font. The 'No' is in red, 'Hat' is in blue, and 'No Play' is in orange. There are small circular icons next to the words.

Specialists

Newport Gardens
Primary School



Physical Education

Japanese



Visual Art

Music / Performing Arts



Science

Digital Technology



- Weekly library session taken by the classroom teacher
- Fortnightly 'Buddy Session' with buddy class

Instructional Model



- Synthetic phonic approach – Sounds Write
- Mathematics – Rich Assessment Tasks
- Problem Based Mathematics

School-wide Positive Behaviour Support

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People



Places

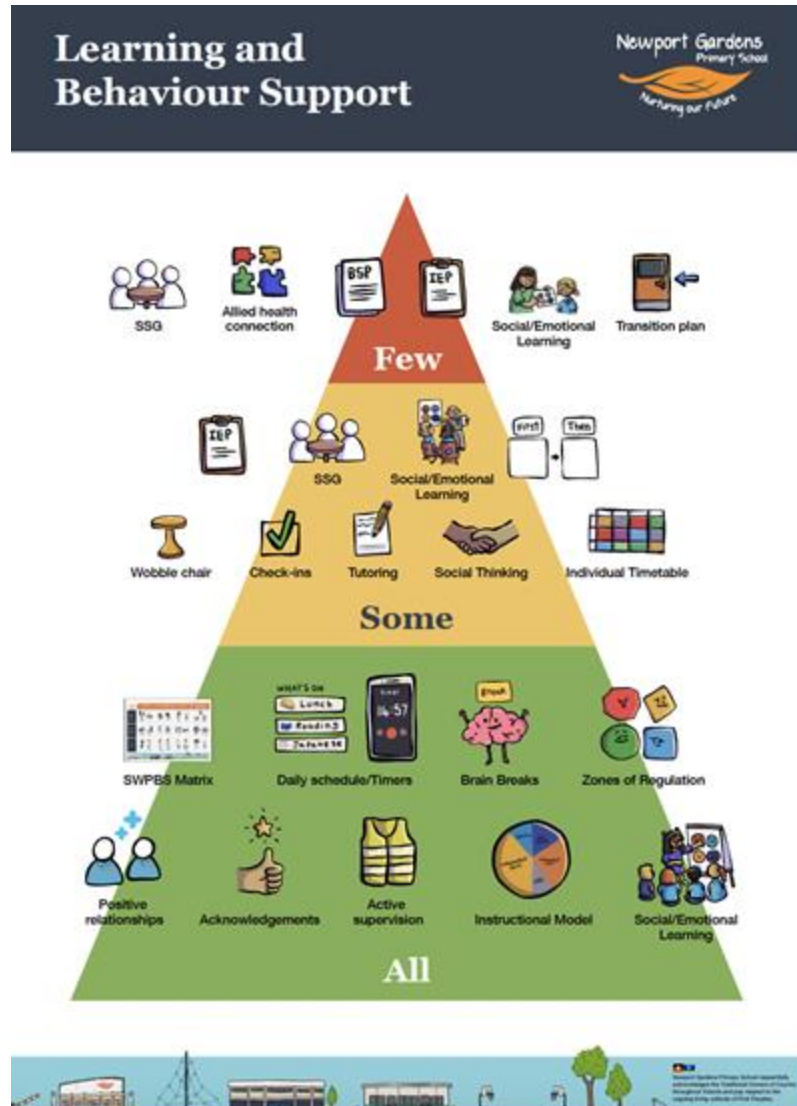


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10	- Cushy Seat Special - Line Leader - Weighted Toy for a day 15-min read or colour	
20	- Seat swap for the day - Special Stationery 15min Technology use - Lunch in a peer's classroom - Proud Read Aloud! - Show and Share - Write a joke, riddle or poem for the School Newsletter	
35	30-min free drawing/craft time 30min Technology use - VIP chair for the day - Lunch Date with a Friend – at a Special Table in the classroom - Snuggly Slippers for a day (classroom) - Hats off to you – wear a hat of your choice - Special home toy for a day	
50	- Icy pole or ice-cream 45-mins free time 20-minute game - Be a CRT! Plan and run a game for your class	
60	- Casual clothes for the day - Time with Tinker! Franklin the Turtles - Seat swap for a week - Read with Blayne or Amanda - Teacher's assistant for a day	
70	- Two sessions with your favourite teacher - Invite a teacher to have lunch with you and a friend - Extra Playground time for your class - Class Happy Socks Day - Class Crazy Hair Day - Class Pajama Day	
80	- Join another class in your year level for a day - Snack or lunch with a treat, with two friends in the Principal's office - Plan a game for your class to play for a session	
90	- Plan a Picnic for the whole class - Lunch Order Voucher - Have lunch in the Conference Room with 4 friends - Dress up day for your class - Class movie with popcorn	
100	- Fish and chip lunch for your class - Visit to Newport Lakes 3 lunch order vouchers - Class excursion - Class party!	

Wellbeing- Multi Tiered System of Support



Health needs...

Please inform us of any health needs related to your child.

This may include:

- asthma
- anaphylaxis
- allergies

All asthma and anaphylaxis plans need to be signed by a GP.

Some children with specific medical needs will need to have a Medical Support Plan.

If a child requires medication during school hours or while attending a school activity, parents/carers must complete a 'Medical Authority Form'.

Please ensure that any management plans and medication are shared with the school and updated as needed.

We also welcome partnerships and communication with Allied Health practitioners, including any reports with relevant recommendations for supporting your child at school.



Compass

Our school uses Compass as our Parent Portal.

Using Compass allows you to access school announcements, events and information about your child.

This includes:

- Monitoring your child's attendance and entering an explanation for any absence
- Accessing your child's semesterly reports
- Paying for incursions, excursions and camps
- Sick bay attendance
- Booking parent/teacher conferences
- Paying the yearly Parent Payment Arrangement (fees)





School Readiness

Preparing for School

You can help your child develop school readiness:

- ▶ Encourage your child to do things on their own.
This could be dressing, going to the toilet/ using a urinal, washing their hands, unwrapping their food and opening and closing their drink bottle and lunchbox.
- ▶ Putting on and taking off their windcheater and jacket
- ▶ Washing their hands
- ▶ Putting on sunscreen
- ▶ Tidying up after doing an activity
- ▶ Writing their name in school writing
- ▶ Talk to friends and other families about what school is like.



Important tips:

- ▶ Label everything with your child's name such as hats, windcheaters, jackets, lunchbox, water bottle etc
- ▶ Keep a change of clothes in your child's school bag
- ▶ During the day students are encouraged to have a fruit break. Please pack a piece of fruit in your child's lunchbox each day
- ▶ Ensure your child brings their reading bag each day
- ▶ Each child is provided with a state issued reading bag- these are used when visiting the library



**READING
SACHELS**



**LIBRARY
BAGS**

The First Day of School

- Make sure your child knows who will take them to school and pick them up on the first day.
- Help your child to organise their clothes, hat, shoes and socks the night before.
- Help your child to pack their school bag with a snack, drink, lunch and a hat.
- Place a spare pair of underpants and a change of clothes in a plastic bag. Let your child know these clothes are in their bag in case of any accidents at school.
- Put sunscreen on your child in the morning if it's needed.
- Show your child where you will meet them at the end of the school day.
- At the end of the day talk to your child about what happened at school.



Prep Individual Interview

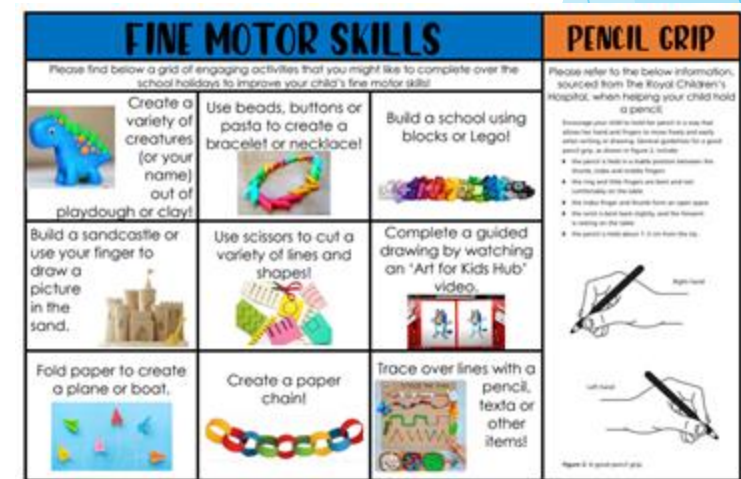
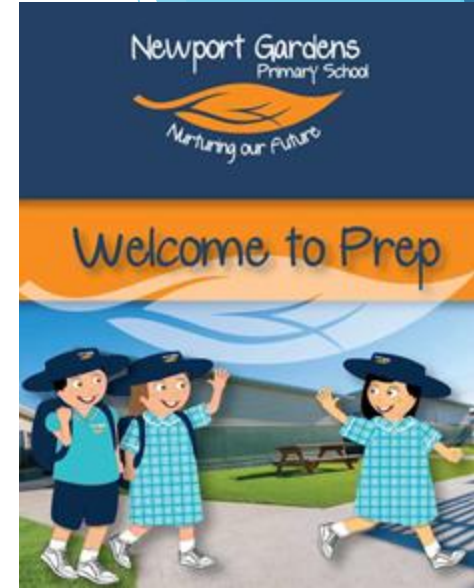
- ▶ The first four Wednesdays of school, students do not attend unless they are attending their allocated interview time slot
- ▶ Your child receives this in their Prep Pack
- ▶ During this interview, your child will participate in several literacy and numeracy activities which will help us understand your child's individual needs.
- ▶ This information will be used by the teacher to assist with planning for the first few weeks of school
- ▶ The interview will take approximately 45 minutes
- ▶ You will drop your child off at the front office where they will be collected by their teacher and returned to you once they complete the activities
- ▶ Your child is not expected to bring anything or wear their school uniform to this interview

Prep Pack

At the end of the year your child will receive a pack in the mail.

This pack will contain;

- ▶ Prep transition book
- ▶ Interview time
- ▶ Buddy letter
- ▶ Laminated name, alphabet and number sheet
- ▶ Poem for the night before their first day
- ▶ January calendar of activities
- ▶ Fine-motor skills activity ideas sheet
- ▶ School Nursing Program information pamphlet
- ▶ Alphabet chart



School Engagement

Talk to the school about how you can engage in your child's learning and development at school.

- ▶ FONGS – Families of Newport Gardens School
- ▶ Parent Helpers – information session
- ▶ School Council – Elections are usually held early March
- ▶ Volunteering – e.g. covering books, going on excursions

Prep Transition sessions



Welcome to Newport Gardens Primary School.
Transition is a very exciting time for both students and parents.
Below is the timetable for upcoming transition days.

DATE	TIME
FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER	Group 1 : 9.30am (1hr) Group 2 : 11.30am (1hr)
FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER	Group 1 : 10am (1.5hr) Group 2 : 12pm (1.5hr)
FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER	Group 1 : 10am (1.5hr) Group 2 : 12pm (1.5hr)
TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER	Group 1 & 2 : 9.30am (4hr)

Dates to remember...



First day of Prep – Thursday 29th January 2026 – 9.30am start

Preps attend Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday for the first 4 weeks of the year.

Full time attendance from Monday 2nd March.

Wednesdays are allocated to individual Prep Assessments with the classroom teacher.

Term dates:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/school-term-dates-and-holidays-victoria>

Questions