



# NOBLE PARK PS

March 2026

## Noble Park Primary School - Vision

**We aspire to create an inclusive school community that embraces opportunity, and inspires individuals to collaborate, learn and achieve.**

### Noble Park Primary School - Values

<b>Be Responsible</b>	We own our choices and our behaviour.
<b>Be Safe</b>	We look after each other through the choices we make.
<b>Be Respectful</b>	We accept each other for who we are.
<b>Be Kind</b>	We use our words and actions to show we care.

## Harmony Day Parade

Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. As Noble Park Primary School aspires to create an inclusive school community, we celebrate Harmony Week every year.

Our annual Harmony Day Parade will take place from **9:15am until 11am on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026**. This is a wonderful opportunity for students, staff, parents, carers and family members to attend the parade, wearing traditional dress or a touch of orange. Following the parade, authentic and engaging activities will take place in classrooms for our visitors to engage in with their child/ren.



**Why orange?** Orange has been the Harmony Week colour since the first event was held in 1999. Traditionally the colour orange relates to social communication, stimulating two-way conversations. It aids in the development of new ideas and frees the spirit of its limitations, giving us the freedom to be ourselves.

## Collection of Students During the School Day

If you are planning to collect your child/ren early from the office, then you need to present the administration staff with photo identification. This process is in line with our Duty of Care policy. If you organise to have somebody else collect your child/ren, you must ensure that they are listed as an emergency contact or have been authorised by you, the parent/carer, to collect the student. If you are picking up a student during recess or lunch time, we ask that you contact the office prior to picking them up so that we can ensure their bag is at the office. This is because all classrooms are locked during recess and lunch time.

## Sharing our Love of Learning in the Middle Learning House

In the MLH literacy block, students practise key reading and writing skills each day. Students complete 10 minutes of daily handwriting to strengthen letter formation and writing fluency. They also work with fluency partners for 10 minutes, reading the same passage aloud several times. Repeated reading and reading aloud help students build reading fluency and confidence. We have recently begun a new spelling program called *Spelling Mastery*, which provides explicit instruction in spelling patterns and word knowledge.

Our class text this term is *Strangers on Country*. Students are exploring key ideas such as belonging, survival and cultural practices through the experiences of different characters in the text. Students discuss these ideas and write responses to help consolidate their understanding. Writing about what they read helps students strengthen their understanding and move new knowledge into long-term memory, while also practising sentence construction and paragraph writing using evidence from the text. Students also complete short daily reviews in mathematics to revisit previously taught skills and strengthen recall.

### Upcoming Respectful Relationships Learning in the Middle Learning House

In our upcoming Respectful Relationships lessons, Year 3/4 students will be learning about personal and cultural strengths. Students will identify strengths such as kindness, determination, fairness and bravery using strength cards and class discussion. They will share examples of how these strengths can help people learn, solve problems and support others at school and in the community.



Students will also explore the idea of respect for people and respect for Country. After reading a story written by Aboriginal authors, students will discuss what the story teaches about connection to Country. As a class, students will learn about Acknowledgement of Country and work together to create a short acknowledgement that shows respect for the Traditional Owners of the land. These activities help students understand how respect, culture and community are connected.

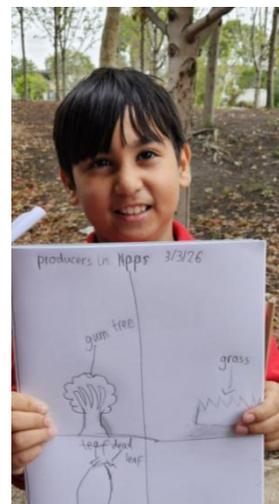
### Sharing our Love of Learning in Science and Sustainability

This term in Science and Sustainability students across the school are learning about biological sciences. The Foundation classes are examining what all living things need to survive, whilst year one and two classes are looking at specific features of plants and animals that support survival in a variety of environments. Recently, they completed a celery experiment to view the process of transpiration in real time. Students had fun applying their knowledge to see how plants drink. This is an easy experiment you could try at home.



Years three and four have been examining plant and animal diets relating to food chains. They drew scientific diagrams for a food chain to indicate the energy flow. This week they participated in a nature walk to locate and document producers within our natural environment.

They found that Noble Park Primary School offers a diverse range of plants who produce energy, including a host of fungi enjoying the spoils of summer in our orchard. The year five and six cohort have been studying how temperature zones affect natural climate change. They are also exploring



connections between increased weather events and human activity on climate change. Students

are beginning to identify small habits they can make to improve our environment both now and in the future.

## **NAPLAN**

Students in Year 3 and 5 will undertake NAPLAN testing at school. The NAPLAN testing window is 9 days from Wednesday 11th March to Friday 20th March 2026. Schools may arrange for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the school's test schedule. If you have questions or would like to discuss the NAPLAN assessment, please talk to your child's teacher.

## **Project Rokit Incursion**

On Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> of February all of our students from Grade 4, 5 and 6 participated in the UNITE Bullying Prevention workshop run by Project Rokit. Their philosophy is about: Young People Creating a Kinder World. Our presenters, Mark and Hannah came and worked through our understanding of Bullying, how we define it, the different types of bullying (Verbal, Physical, Social and Online) and what we can all do to contribute to our school environment being a safe place we can all thrive, feel respected and be exactly who we are. We learned about help-seeking strategies if we have experienced bullying but more importantly, how to stamp out bullying by being an Upstander. Our students showed great participation and engagement levels during the session. Our students were involved in this experience at no cost to our families. We also have access to the Project Rokit Plus resources for the remainder of 2026 which we will be using to embed into our Social Emotional Learning programs. These resources will be especially useful in preparing our Grade 6 students for transition to Secondary School at the end of the year.

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## **2026 School Council Information**

Nominations for election to Noble Park Primary School's School Council closed at 4pm on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026. This was inclusive of a 3-day extension. The special (election of office bearers) and first school council meeting will take place on [Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 9:15am](#).

The agenda will include

- Formally declaring the candidates elected to the School Council
- Reporting on the number of votes cast by each electorate of the school. *This is not applicable as a ballot was not required.*
- Electing office bearers.

Once the president is elected, they will chair the rest of the meeting and subsequent school council meetings.

## **A reminder about School Crossing Supervisors and Road Safety around schools**

To ensure the safety of students, parents and members of the community, please read the following reminders and talk to your child/ren about the importance of safety. School Crossing Supervisors are there to ensure children and other pedestrians are safely using the crossings.

- Children using the crossing must dismount their bikes prior to using the crossing and walk their bikes across.
- No bouncing balls or running on the crossing.
- Children and the school community are to adhere to instructions given by the school crossing supervisor to stand behind the safety line and only cross when instructed to do so.

Driving safely around schools is everyone's responsibility – these are the road rules to know when driving near Victorian schools. There are school speed zones in place at most schools in Victoria.

These zones exist to improve safety by reducing the chance and severity of potential collisions. Some school speed zones are permanent and in effect 24/7, while other school speed zones are only operational during certain hours and days.

- These time-based school speed zones are usually in effect between 8am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4pm weekdays during Victorian school terms (excluding public holidays). School speed zones reduce the posted speed limit to 40km on roads where the regular speed limit is less than 80km. Where the regular speed limit is 80km or more, the school speed zone usually reduces the limit to 60km.
- Clear signage indicates when you are entering a school speed zone and when that speed zone applies. Be aware that students may be active near roads even outside of the school zone hours. Failure to obey school speed limits can result in fines and demerit points.

### **School Starting Time & School Gates**

It is important that students have a great start to the day by arriving at school before 9am. This ensures that they do not miss essential morning instructions, routines, and social connections. It also reduces disruption to their learning. At Noble Park Primary School, students (preferably with their parent/carer) are required to sign in at the front office if they arrive after 9am.

To ensure student safety, the external school gates on Leonard Avenue will be locked just after 9am. If parents/carers are onsite just after 9am, they will be required to exit via the Buckley Street gate. As a reminder, it is important to close the gate when exiting to ensure student safety. If you have any concerns regarding this process, please contact the school on 9546 8811.

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**



#### **Foodbank Community Pantry**

Every Friday morning from 9am – 11am, parents/carers are invited to attend our Foodbank Community Pantry.

If you would like further information about this program, please contact Kate on 9546 8811.

#### **2026 Victorian School Term Dates**

**Term 1:** 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> January (Teachers) / 29<sup>th</sup> January (Students) to 2 April

**Term 2:** 20 April to 26 June

**Term 3:** 13 July to 18 September

**Term 4:** 5 October to 18 December

#### **2026 Noble Park Primary School Student Free Days (no school for students)**

**Term 1:** Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**Term 2:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Term 3 & 4:** To be confirmed