Big THANK YOU!
Thank you so much to the group of parents who helped our moving crushed rock and softfall to finish off our new accessible playground.
It looks terrific and is being enjoyed by our students. This is a great example of how our community works together to continually improve our school.

Newtown Heroes
One of the many great aspects of Newtown Primary School are the support programs that are run by our school Chaplain, Butters.

In term 1 we will be hitting off the much loved Newtown Heroes program for a select group of students.

We focus on recognising personal skills and potential, improving self-esteem & self-confidence, utilising practical and thinking skills, enhancing leadership and problem solving strategies, life skills to face life’s challenges.

Gardening ventures alongside other productive activities will not only benefit the school, but will also be used as a way to engage the students and as a tool to engage with each other.

As you can imagine, a program like this is suitable for every child in the school but unfortunately numbers are limited. Expressions of interest will be available soon. Please let your child’s teacher know if you think they would benefit from this program, or if you would like more information.

Aaron Butters, Newtown PS Chaplain
**Enrolments for music lessons are now open!**

If your child is interested in learning a musical instrument call Louise on 0412 712 701. Don’t delay as there are limited vacancies available!

**Never Never Gate**

Did you know that the gateway to the staff car park is known around our school as the ‘Never, Never Gate’. This is because you must *never, never* walk through this gate. It is reserved for car traffic only. Please observe this school rule and support your children to observe it also.

**Staff Car Park**

The car park in the school grounds is for staff cars only. Families are invited to park in the parking spaces around the exterior of our school.

**No Hat No Play, No fun today.**

We are a SunSmart school. This means we practices sun smart behaviours. Remember to wear a broad brimmed hat from the start of September through to the end of April. Apply sunscreen before coming to school and reapply during the day, if possible.

**Parenting Ideas Magazine**

Follow the link to Parenting Ideas Magazine. This website has a wealth of resources and advice to help navigate our parenting responsibilities. [www.parentingideas.com.au/Parents/Parenting-Magazine](http://www.parentingideas.com.au/Parents/Parenting-Magazine)

**Zebra Foods is back this week**

Go to COMPASS to download the Term 1, 2017 menu and purchasing information.

**2017 Bellarine and North Geelong Swimming Championships.**

Nominations are now called for the 2017 Bellarine and North Geelong Swimming Championships. The age is taken at 31/12/2017. Students in ‘main stream schools’ must be born between 2004 and 2008 to be able to compete. Students turning 14 or less than 9 in 2014 are not permitted to compete.

Nominations forms and instructions can be found on COMPASS or from the office. Nominations must be to Amanda Hay or Luis McClelland by Tuesday, March 7.

**OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE**

**SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES**

Bookings can be made on 0488 662 783

**ASSEMBLY @ 3:00PM**

**EMILY W AND ISAAC H**
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<th>Student</th>
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<td>Prep S</td>
<td>Manni O</td>
<td>For making an outstanding start to school and being a friendly and thoughtful classmate.</td>
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<td>Prep P</td>
<td>Seb V</td>
<td>For drawing a beautiful self portrait—well done.</td>
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<td>Junior W</td>
<td>Annie C</td>
<td>For her great start to the new school year.</td>
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<td>Junior H/W</td>
<td>Murphy Q</td>
<td>For his excellent contributions to class discussions by raising his hand! A great start Murphy.</td>
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<td>Junior C</td>
<td>Joe H</td>
<td>For making an amazing start to Grade 1. You’re a superstar.</td>
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<td>Middle A</td>
<td>Grace F, Jake S, Lucy L</td>
<td>For making a great start to the year at their new school. Great to have you all here at Newtown!</td>
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<td>Middle O</td>
<td>Emily W</td>
<td>For being a thoughtful and caring classmate.</td>
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<td>Middle B</td>
<td>Alice B</td>
<td>For your determination and focus on our first homework task—what an adventure!</td>
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<td>Senior S</td>
<td>Sam B</td>
<td>For respecting the environment.</td>
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<td>Senior B</td>
<td>Bailey A</td>
<td>For his amazing start to the year with such a positive attitude. Well done.</td>
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<td>Senior M</td>
<td>Charlotte G</td>
<td>For her calm and sensible attitude that she displayed in our classroom. Great leadership!</td>
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**Students of the week!**
2017 Information Evening

During this important evening, Learning Teams will meet with parents and carers to provide information that will contribute to a smooth, productive school year. During this session teachers will outline expectations about the school diaries, homework, the 2017 curriculum program, camps, excursions and communications. See schedule above for timing of each meeting.

As always, if you require an individual meeting, please contact your child’s teacher directly to make these arrangements.

If you like, pack a picnic dinner and travel rug. Catch up with other members of our school community while the children play in the school yard. Meet informally with your child’s teacher before or after the information session.