



Staff at NSPS for 2024



Neerim South Primary School has a vibrant, dedicated, and caring staff.



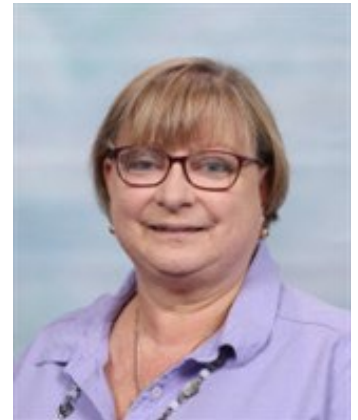
Rebecca Williams, Principal

2024 is my first year as Principal of Neerim South primary school. I have worked in education for over 25 years and have had a range of experiences across different countries and in both primary and secondary settings. I feel very privileged to lead Neerim South primary and will continue to build strong connections with the caring and vibrant community that is Neerim South. I know that the team I lead is focused on ensuring the very best learning and wellbeing outcomes for our students.

Debbie Beck, Business Manager

I am the School's Business Manager and I love the variety of my role. I work in the office full time and see staff, students and families daily. I manage the schools' finances, administration, as well as sick bay, it's a busy job! We have a great school community here at Neerim South and I look forward to meeting new families who will be joining us at NSPS this year. If you have any questions, please come and see me, send an email or give me a call. I'm here to help.

I live locally and my 3 boys all attended NSPS. I am involved in the Neerim South community through footy, cricket, basketball and the recreation reserve. I love my job!



Teaching Team



Naomi Robb, Foundation Grade

I am ecstatic to be teaching Foundation again this year at NSPS. I am passionate about teaching young students, and sincerely love watching them flourish. It is a big jump from kindergarten to primary school, and I feel it is such a privilege to support this transition for the Foundation students. My dance training often comes into play in the classroom, where plenty of movement breaks are factored into the learning schedule. Part of my teaching philosophy incorporates creating a learning environment that showcases students work. This creates a strong sense of belonging in the classroom and instills a sense of pride for the students. I am looking forward to bringing some fun and laughter into learning, and sharing many wonderful experiences with the fantastic students and staff at NSPS.

Sue Goetz, Grade F/1G

Neerim South P.S has become my second home. I am commencing my fifth year here and working within the 1/2 area. This school certainly is a community where we value students, staff and families. Each year I look forward to meeting my new class and their families as well as re connecting with past students and families. Last year's grade ones and twos made remarkable growth with their learning, maturity and confidence and I am eagerly awaiting the journey ahead. This year I am fortunate to work 4 days a week to allow time to support my mother and granddaughter.



Leillah Strating, Grade 1/2S

I am excited to be a part of the F-2 team this year. I am looking forward to working closely with all the families in my grade this year. I think Neerim South is a wonderful community and a great place to go to school.

Natasha Brown, Science & Grade 1/2G (Thursday's)

I am excited to be teaching Science this year on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. On Thursdays I feel privileged to be in Grade 1/2G. The children already know a lot and their natural curiosity inspires me to develop their scientific learning further. I aim to make learning fun and get involved with hands on experiences. In Term 1 will be studying Earth Science, Term 2 Chemistry, Term 3 Biology and Term 4 Physics. Please let me know if you have any scientific knowledge or skills to share as the children love having special guests to help them learn.



Teaching Team



Amanda Harrington, Grade 3/4A

I became a Primary teacher in 2004. In 2011, I then became a Special Education teacher. I have two children who are 17 and 13. My children have two tuxedo cats named Ginger and Fatso (because he's fluffy). I am originally from the USA but now an Australian citizen too.

Glenn Heath, Grade 4/5H

I am so excited to be part of the Neerim South PS community, especially with the year 4/5s. I have a strong passion for teaching senior school students and preparing them for their upcoming transition to secondary school. I am values focussed and enjoy seeing the students mature and grow as learners in a safe and welcoming environment. I have had the opportunity to spend time in the ADF as an Army Reserve Soldier which has given me skills I have shared with many grade 5/6 students over my 27 years as a teacher. The beautiful scenery and surrounds of Neerim South makes my drive to school even more pleasant. Bring on 2024 with success and smiles!



Michael Beamish, Grade 5/6B

I've been fortunate to have worked in many professions before becoming a teacher which has given me a wide range of life skills. Teaching Year 5/6 at Neerim South Primary School allows me to connect student learning to real-world applications. I am passionate about how acquiring new skills and understanding, is empowering of the individual and 'unlocks' the many opportunities that life provides. Students can't help but be passionate also when the lightbulb clicks on, and new skills are mastered. Together, we meet the challenges and share in the setbacks and successes as part of our learning journey.

Specialist Team



Helen Collins, Maths Specialist

This will be my 16th year as part of the Neerim South Primary School community. I am excited to be Teaching Maths this year. I love coming to school every day as I enjoy working alongside our wonderfully supportive staff and parents, to help create learning opportunities that will encourage student engagement, participation and success.

Megan Parker, Physical Education

This year I am looking forward to working with all students in PE. We will be doing a good variety of sports, swimming carnival, athletics, cross country, soccer and practising a variety of skills. I also organise activities using the sporting schools funding (if successful). skipping was very popular with the students last year. We will continue to include these fun activities throughout 2024.



Sindy Nicholls, Learning Initiative

It is very exciting that the Tutoring Learning Initiative is continuing in 2024 and that I get to continue to support the lovely students at NSPS. It is very rewarding to help students meet their full potential, especially in literacy, as literacy is my personal area of passion.

Cheryl Anstis, Wellbeing

I am excited to be working four days a week as the well-being coordinator this year. This entails facilitating the disability inclusion program across our school. I enjoy working with students and staff to improve their general wellbeing and learning outcomes.



Inclusion Support Team



Susan Moss, Inclusion Support

I started at Neerim South Primary School 23 years ago as a parent of the 1st of my 3 children. In 2006 I started working in OSHC and then in 2010 I became an Inclusion Support Officer in the classroom. This year I am looking forward to being a part of the whole school community and working in the 5/6B classroom.



Jacqui Holland, Inclusion Support

I have been working as an Inclusion Support Officer (ISO) at Neerim South Primary for the past 17 years. This year I am again working in Foundation and am excited to be working in the Junior area. Over my time at the school, I have had the opportunity to work and learn from some fabulous teachers.



Joe Collins, Inclusion Support

I am excited to be working in the 4/5H classroom this year. I enjoy working with the students and helping them to succeed in the classroom. I love sport and having fun. I also enjoy helping in the outside school hours care (OSHC).



Linda Doyle, Inclusion Support

I am excited to be working in 1/2S as an inclusion support officer at Neerim South Primary School. I enjoy working with the students, learning about their interests and helping students to succeed in the classroom.

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Genine Tangipo, Inclusion Support

Hello, Neerim, South P.S. I will be working in 5/6B this year and I am looking forward to celebrating your child's success this year. I have two amazing teenagers that are very busy with school and sport activities. It will keep me on my toes! I look forward to seeing everyone's smiley faces around NSPS.



Nathan Jarvis. Inclusion Support

I have been working alongside Ms Harrington this year with the grade 3/4 students. This is my first year working in a school environment and I have loved every minute so far. I have a passion for instilling confidence in young people through encouraging them to believe that they can achieve the things they set their mind to. Outside of work I'm studying a Bachelor of Education and I aspire to be a teacher with my own classroom after my studies. I also play a lot of sport, mainly basketball and football and any chance I get I love to travel.



Holly Dubois, Inclusion Support

This is my first year working here at Neerim South PS. I enjoy working with young children and supporting them with their learning. I look forward to being able to work with all the staff and learn from them as well.



Elise Yuill, Inclusion Support

This is my first year at Neerim South Primary School, where I am excited to support the foundation classroom. I am enjoying getting to know the staff, the families and the children. I love working in this diverse role where I can help, support and encourage children in a variety of different ways. I love seeing the children progress and smile when they learn that they can do something new. It inspires me to continue making a positive impact in their lives.

Support Team



Darren Freeman Admin, ICT & Maintenance

Darren is an invaluable member of our staff, He looks after the day to day running of our IT areas as well as looking after all our maintenance, buildings and grounds, OH&S, Library and numerous other ad-hoc tasks that help support school operations. This year he is also helping students with additional needs and in the office when required. He is truly a man of many talents.

Andrew Malchya, ICT Specialist Technician

I work in five different schools in West Gippsland as the DET Specialist ICT Technician. I am on call to help with technical challenges and related issues. I work at Neerim South Primary School on Thursday mornings with Darren for 4 hours. My main role is to support DET technology initiatives. I also advise schools and staff on what systems and digital devices would be best for them.



Outside School Hours Care Team



Lucy Cardwell, Director

I am the new Director of Outside School Hours Care and I coordinate all the OSHC and Vacation Care programs at NSPS. This is my fourth year working in OSHC. I thoroughly enjoy arts and playing set games with all students. I look forward to having some fun with the children as well as teaching them life skills.



Violet Bright, Supervisor

I have been working in OSHC for over 10 years and I am the canteen manager at Neerim District Secondary College. I have two grown children in their early twenties. I enjoy walking, gardening and have recently taken up prospecting but still looking for that special colour.



Izumi Hiraga, Supervisor

I have been working in OSHC for over ten years. Both of my children attended Neerim South Primary School. I also work at the Neerim South Nursing home. I enjoy doing arts and crafts with the children.

Nathan Jarvis, Supervisor

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Susan Moss

I have been attending OSHC before the Orana building was built and have enjoyed doing since. I look forward to the new adventures during these holidays.



Shannon Bright, Supervisor

I used to be a student at NSPS and am now studying at university, I enjoy working with kids and am looking forward to working in OSHC this year. I am very crafty and enjoy making and designing things.



Joe Collins

I enjoy working in the outside schools hours care program, having fun with the students who attend on a Monday afternoon.