Important Dates to put in the diary........

Sunday 12th August
Hobsons Voice

Wednesday 15th August
Art Exhibition Opening Night

Wednesday 22nd August
Book Character Day

Wednesday 22nd August - to Friday 24th August
Book Fair 8.30am—9.00am & 3.30 pm—4.00pm

Saturday 26th August
Working Bee

Tuesday 28th August
Family Maths Night Grades Prep—2 5.30—7.00 pm

Wednesday 29th August
Family Maths Night Grades 3-6 5.30 pm—7.00pm

Friday 31st August
Father’s Day Breakfast

Monday 8th October
Grade 3–6 Camp

Wednesday 10th October
Trivia Night

AWARDS

Congratulations to our award winners....

Arki, 1/2B
Aisha, 6J
Harvey, 1/2L
Mathew, Prep M
Cody, 3D
Ruby, Prep D
Lyndsey, 4A
Catrin, Prep M
Dion 3D
Lucas, Prep S
Marcus, 3M
Ibrahim, 1/2R
Gheena, 6
Chloe, 4A
James, 4W

Heide, 3M
Jack, 1/2D
Cooper, Prep S
Jessica, 1/2R
Chloe, Prep K
Lily, 5A
Amy, 4W
Charles, Prep K
Mahdi, Prep D
Jay, 1/2B
Lill, 1/2L
Baker, 5A
James, 1/2B
Alex, 1/2D

There will be no assembly next Monday 13th August due to the Art Show preparation.

Education Maintenance Allowance
Parents and guardians who lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year DO NOT need to lodge another application to receive the second instalment of the EMA payment. If your details have changed or you are now on a health care card, please see the office before TOMORROW
Dear Families,

What stunning weather we had for the **Athletics Day** at the Newport Athletics Track on Tuesday! It certainly made for a wonderful atmosphere of friendly competition. Our students had the right attitude, cheering each other on, and striving to achieve their personal best. It was heartwarming to see students being gracious in defeat and in victory. The events ran smoothly, and apart from a glitch with one particular bus, all who were involved had a fabulous day. Many thanks to the teachers and many, many parent helpers for their time and energy in planning and implementing the day. It was one to remember! Congratulations to yellow house on winning the overall competition for 2012.

**Mali The Elephant:** We have had many students asking about the whereabouts of Mali, the elephant, who visited us in the art room on two occasions, courtesy of Miles (PK) and Robert Hague. Some of you may have seen an article and photo in the newspaper recently about Mali. She will be on display, in pride of place, in the Bourke St mall in the CBD. You might like to take a trip into the city to say hello to Mali and help celebrate the 150th birthday of Melbourne Zoo.

**Art Show Opening Night:** As you read this, our multi purpose room is being transformed into a magnificent art gallery, in preparation for next Wednesday night’s opening of the 2012 Newport Lakes Primary School Art Show, a biannual event. The pieces to be exhibited are shrouded in secrecy and all will be revealed on opening night. The excitement is building. We hope that you have set the night aside in your diaries and that we see all our parents there on Wednesday, to view the excellent artwork students have created for the occasion, join in the art auction, and have fun mingling with other parents and staff. It promises to be a great night.

**Primary English Teachers Association of Australia:** This Saturday a group of five teachers from Newport Lakes PS will host a professional learning opportunity being run by the Primary English Teachers Association of Australia in our multi-purpose room. We were honoured to be asked to host the event. We are really looking forward to learning more about multimodal texts. Nationally renowned Michele Anstey and Geoff Bull will be our presenters on the day. They will work with teachers on how students learn from multimodal texts, assist teachers to identify their students’ current understandings regarding the use of multimodality and how to program this area appropriately. They will look at how students can use the information skills process with a variety of factual multimodal texts in a range of curriculum areas. Participants will examine a range of factual multimodal texts (paper-based, digital & live) and how their combined elements convey meaning. They will learn the appropriate terminology to assist students in interpreting and critically analysing not only the language, but also the visual, gestural, audio and spatial components of these texts. They will also examine the information and research skills and how they can be applied to working with multimodal texts in English and other curriculum areas, e.g. history.

**Curriculum Day/Professional learning:** Last Friday was our third curriculum day for the year. Teachers spent the morning exploring the notion of ‘visible learning’, which involved thinking about how we make explicit to our students what it is they will need to do in order to have been successful in their learning. We call this ‘success criteria’. As adult learners we almost always know what it will look or feel like if we have been successful in learning a new skill (perfecting a golf swing for example), but in the past we have not always let students into the ‘secret’ of what it will take to be successful in a particular lesson. This links closely to how we assess student learning too. We will continue to conduct professional reading on this topic and work in our teams to refine our teaching practice.
Anaphylaxis policy: The afternoon of our curriculum day last Friday was spent training the vast majority of our staff on anaphylaxis management. We currently have students who are anaphylactic enrolled at our school and will potentially have others enrolled for future years. St Johns Ambulance trainers conducted the training and gave us some helpful tips for being prepared for anaphylaxis students at Newport Lakes PS. We are in the process of developing our policy and would like to invite parents to give us suggestions or feedback on our draft policy which you will find on our website. Ideally we would like to have a final draft ready to be ratified by school council for our September meeting, so please get back to us ASAP.

Australian Education Union bans: The Australian Education Union is taking industrial action in support of new enterprise agreements for teachers, principals, and support staff. One of the industrial actions is a ban on taking additional students from other grades when a teacher is absent from their class for any reason. The school will be seeking extra funding from the Education Department to cover the cost of employing casual teachers for this work because ordinary school funding has proved inadequate for this situation.

Teachers have not taken this action lightly. They do many tasks every day, working beyond their time-tabled hours preparing lessons, supervising activities and assessing student work, to ensure that their students get the best possible education. The ban highlights how much our school relies on the cooperation of teachers and their preparedness to undertake work in excess of their normal teaching load. I thank you for your understanding, and urge you to show your support for the dedicated and hard-working staff at our school by writing to your local state MP, urging the Government back to the negotiating table with a sensible and fair offer.

Working Bee reminder: The building and grounds committee of school council have planned a working bee for Sunday 26th August. Please see the following pages in this newsletter for more information. I would encourage as many parents as possible to come along. Remember, many hands make light work.

Have a terrific fortnight everyone,

Janet Gill

BUY A BOOK IN BOOK WEEK

Newport Lakes Primary School is celebrating Book Week with a BOOK FAIR.

Book Week is a organised by the Children’s Book Council of Australia (CBCA) and highlights the love of reading, authors and illustrators. All books are new, there will be a range for young and older readers, and the supplier is Social Club Books.

Come to the multi purpose room in Book Week for our 3-day-sale to buy a stack of books.

When: Wed 22/8, Thurs 23/8, Fri 24/8

Time: 8.30-9am AND 3.30-4pm

Where: Multi-purpose room
Last week, Max Budich of Grade 6, competed in the National Swimming Championships in Sydney. He swam in the 50m freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly. Max achieved a personal best time in each of these events. He also participated in the 200m individual medley and 3 relay races. Congratulations to Max on this fantastic achievement.

Luca Tarticchio of Grade 6 competed in the Victorian Junior Cycling Championships. He raced in 2 events, the 15km road race and the 8km individual time trial. Luca won both events making him the Victorian Champion. He also won a trophy for earning the most points in the aggregate series. Well done Luca.

The Newport Lakes football team participated in the Western Region finals at Altona Green Primary. The team, consisting of boys and girls from Grade 5/6 played two matches on the day. We won our first match against Queen of Peace by 2 points and then lost to Williamstown Primary by 27 points in a great contest. To finish runners-up out of all the schools in the Western Region is a great achievement, congratulations to all players.

SPORTS REPORT

PREP

100 Days Party

As part of our Mathematics program the students have been counting the days at school and recording numbers in a range of ways, (bundle sticks, money, tens frames etc..)

On Tuesday the 31st of July, the Preps celebrated their first 100 days of school. To celebrate, we invited the students to bring along a collection of 100 items. For example paper clips and items were bundled into groups of 10.

Special activities were planned for the numeracy session on this day, for example, stringing fruit loops onto ribbon, sticking lentils to bundle sticks and making paper chains. We ate fairy bread and the children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their knowledge of the number 100.
The 2012 Art Show - WISDOM of the CROWD

OPENING NIGHT - TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE.

$5 per person (includes a glass of wine on arrival, canapés and refreshments)

Wednesday August 15th

6:30pm – 8:30pm

Come to the gala event of the year. Enjoy a glass of wine with friends and family of the school. Purchase fantastic artwork and bid on some amazing art objects at the art auction. An adults only event – dress to impress.

ART SHOW RAFFLE TICKETS

$1 each - Raffle drawn Friday 24th August.

Prizes:
The Lion Dance dinner voucher $60
The Wok dinner voucher $30
Sun Theatre double pass $33
Sun Theatre double pass $33
Adventure Park x 2 $76
Sunbeam ‘Snowy’ frozen desert maker $50
Sunbeam ‘Avalanche’ snow cone maker $50
Remington Professional Compact Pro 200 Hair dryer ($25) and Remington Professional ‘Gelati’ hair straightener ($25)
Indera Day Spa 30 min massage $55
2 x bottles of wine (Malt and Vine)
2 x Faber Castel Pack (Deans Art) $70

ART SHOW AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS

Opening night of the Art Show - Wednesday 15th August

Three collages by award winning children’s author Kylie Dunstan

Prints by.....
Artist: Robert Hague (retail price $350)
Title: Trojan Hammer
Medium: Lithograph, artist proof,
Year: 2012

Artist: Geoffrey Ricardo (retail price $450)
Title: Cotton Wolf
Medium: Lithograph, artist proof
Year: 2011

Artist: Peter Lancaster (retail price $150)
Title: Pretzel
Medium: Lithograph, edition 5/8
Year: 1997

Artist: Mini Graff (a Sydney artist in the NGA collection) (retail price $100)
Title: Road House No.13
Medium: Screen print, artist proof
Year: 2011
**Book Week**

This year we will celebrate book week by hosting a **book character parade**. Come dressed as your favourite book character on **Wednesday the 22nd of August** and be part of the fun.

**What amazing adventure can you give Tez and Waz?**

To further celebrate book week we are running a story writing competition. Students are invited to **write a story** about our new **muppet** residents Tez and Waz. The winning entries will be announced during book week. A photo shoot using the muppets to illustrate the stories will follow with the two winning entries to be published. Stories need to be submitted by **Thursday the 16th of August** with a gold coin.

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**School Banking - Time to Redeem your Reward**

Several students have now made ten or more deposits since the beginning of the year and are now eligible to claim a School Banking reward. Students can select from:

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*Please note that the Wallet and Watch are no longer available for the remainder of the year.*

**Free Spen Money box**

When students use 10 tokens to order either a Pat, Addy, Pru or Cred Dollarmite Money Box during the month of August, they will also receive a **Spen money box for free**!

To claim your reward, please complete the redemption form provided at the start of the year and include 10 silver tokens in your deposit wallet next time you bank.

Please contact Allana Arapakis, School Banking Co-ordinator if you have any questions, or if you require a new redemption card:

0400 113 333 or aarapakis@optusnet.com.au
Dear Parents/Guardians,

Newport Lakes will be holding a FAMPA Night on Tuesday the 28th of August for prep-two families and on Wednesday the 29th of August for grade three-six families. We will be getting the evening started at 5.30 p.m. and are aiming for a finish no later than 7.00 p.m.

A FAMPA night is a wonderful opportunity for our school to introduce parents and their children to great ideas that help them improve their mathematics skills and gain an appreciation for mathematics. The activities will be fun, hands-on and practical and will hopefully build up confidence and offer encouragement to all children involved.

There is a considerable amount of planning that goes into organising such an evening and to assist us with this, we are asking parents/families who would like to attend to let us know beforehand so we can prepare accordingly. You can do this by returning the RSVP slip to your child’s teacher no later than Friday the 17th of August. This will allow us the time we need to plan the activities we intend to do and to order the light refreshments that will available at the end of the evening.

Thank-you and we look forward to seeing you all on the night!

My family will be attending the FAMPA night on (   ) Tuesday 28th of August (Prep—2) or (   ) Wednesday the 29th of August (Gr3-6)

Please indicate how many will be attending (   )
WOW what a busy term! Luckily we have a great group of parents helping so a few thanks first

> to Tracey Jarret for organizing the Sushi lunch! I believe we had some great grade 5 helpers as well. We will aim to do another later in the term.
> to Stephanie Harvey for organizing the Family Portrait day. It ran very smoothly and we all seem happy with the photos of the kids...
> to all who made POM POMS for the choir at Hobsons Voice this Sunday. I have now mastered Pom Pom making with crepe paper and happy to Pass It On for future events!
> to the helpers at the Knitting Club on Wednesday. The blankets are looking great.

Now for the new stuff

SCHOOL WORKING BEE. The date of Sunday the 26th August 9-12 has been set for a working bee to get a few jobs done around the yard! So if are sick of the circuit class at the gym or that Sunday morning ride and you have a spare hour or 3 come along bring your gardening/painting gear and get the job done. We will have a bbq at 12 for all who can come. A list of jobs will be on the notice board in the office so please let us know if you can come.

Mum’s it is our turn! The FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST will be on Friday 31st August at 8-8.45am. We cannot be out-done by the Dad’s pancakes so we will be emailing around at the end of the week for 8/10 Mums to help out with the morning.

”That’s Entertainment” yep the Trivia Night is coming up on Friday 14th September and the questions are all on Entertainment (hopefully around the 70’s 80’s and 90’s ??). Tickets are available at the office for $20 with 8 to a table. It is a chance to have a few laughs and raise some funds for the school. Tickets are limited so get in quick.

Lastly, the date for the second Parents Club meeting is Monday 27th August 7.30pm. We are planning a Knit and Chat evening with guest appearance by Nola Wilson. Nola will be talking about her recent trip to Northern Territory, with Laura Sheridan, as part of the Big Sing. Bev Fegan will also be joining us to hear how we are all going. Hopefully we can knit a few blankets together, enjoy a glass of wine and a catch up. If you are coming please email Stephanie H chrisandstef@hotmail.com, Kylie H gkhaslas@bigpond.net.au or myself jlo35310@bigpond.net.au

And that’s all folks!

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

Parents are reminded to please continue entering the books their children have read.
The choir has been practising hard for our performance at this year’s Hobsons Voice and are sounding terrific! Our workshop with Doug Heywood was both inspiring and fun. A big thanks to the choir members who learned all the lyrics! Doug Heywood (as always) was very impressed with our energy and enthusiasm!

Below are some details about the big event. We look forward to seeing you at the concert!

**Date & Times**
The concert is at the Williamstown Town Hall this **Sunday 12th August**.

**ARRIVAL TIME FOR NLPS CHOIR CHILDREN PERFORMING IN THE CONCERT** = 9:15am. Children are to be dropped off at the Backstage Door of the Town Hall – enter via Coles carpark. NLPS staff will meet choir members at the backstage door when they are dropped off. From drop-off time until lunchtime, the choir members will be involved in rehearsals for the concert.

**PERFORMANCE TIME** = 2:00pm The concert commences at 2:00pm and is expected to finish at approximately 4:30pm. We will perform the opening song with all the other choirs, then our own choir songs (early in the program) and then participate in the big finale with all the other choirs. During the concert, schools are seated and view the performances of other schools from the balcony. Groups move to the Supper Room prior to going on stage and return to the balcony to enjoy the rest of the singing.

NLPS choir children will be supervised at all times by NLPS teachers and parents.

**What choir members will wear & What they need to bring with them**

**Grade 1**

- **WEAR** own black leggings/trousers and black/dark long-sleeved top
- **BRING** red T-shirt (provided by school)
- **BRING** black & white pom-poms (one of each colour, provided by school)

**Grade 2**

- **WEAR** own black leggings/trousers and black/dark long-sleeved top
- **BRING** yellow T-shirt (provided by school)
- **BRING** black & white pom-poms (one of each colour, provided by school)

**Grades 3-6**

- **WEAR** own clothes, any combination of black and white

We will be eating morning tea and lunch in the venue. All choir members will need to **BRING their own morning tea and lunch** with them. The Hobsons Bay council will provide a snack.

**Ticket prices & booking information**

Adult = $10  
Child = $5  
Family (2 adults + 2 children) = $20  
Groups of 10 or more = $5 per person

Tickets are available at the door, or can be booked in advance. To book tickets please visit [www.hobsonsbaytickets.com.au](http://www.hobsonsbaytickets.com.au) or phone the Box Office on (03) 9932 4074.

Please help promote this event to family and friends. Thank you for your support.
Newport Lakes Primary School
is proud to bring to you......

Frankly, my dear...
Life was like a box of chocolates...
Riddle me this...
I feel the need – the need for speed
Hasta La vista baby...
I'm king of the world
Number Five Alive!

You can't handle the truth
May the force be with you
ET phone home

I'll have what she's having
There's no place like home
You talkin' to me?
Here's looking at you kid
Bond. James Bond

That's entertainment

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2012 Trivia Night

Friday 14 September – arrive 7pm for 7:30pm start
$20 per person - 8 people per table

Newport Lakes Primary School BER Multipurpose Room
Drinks available at bar prices • BYO food for your table

Bring gold coins on the night to play some additional games
Prizes given for best themed table decoration and most creative team name

Table numbers are limited, so get in early. Tickets available at school office from Monday 6 August
If you would like to attend but cannot get 8 people, we can help put you together with others

Book the babysitter, gather your friends and dust off your knowledge of the silver screen
Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It’s not.

Dr. Seuss, The Lorax

This is an opportunity for you to help in maintaining and beautifying your child’s play environment AND get to know other parents and staff a little better. If you are unable to attend we do have jobs that can be completed before or after in your own time. Please indicate your interest below.

A sausage sizzle will be provided.

Please fill in the form below and return by the 21st August.
Hoping to see you there.
Buildings and Grounds Committee.

I will be able to attend the Newport Lakes Primary working bee on the 26th August.

Your name: ____________________________________
Child/ children’s name/s: __________________________________
Phone number: ___________________________________________

I am happy to assist with:
☐ Pruning hedge in Ross St ☐ Move mulch
☐ Tidy nature trail ☐ General gardening and weeding
☐ Trim trees behind portable ☐ Sweeping around multipurpose room
☐ Repair planter boxes ☐ Reinstate and repair timber seats ☐

I will bring (Please tick the box R):
☐ Shovel ☐ Garden fork
☐ Garden tools ☐ Broom
☐ Rake ☐ Secateurs/ Hedge trimmer
☐ Lawn Mower ☐ Screwdrivers or general tools
☐ Wheelbarrows ☐ Window washing gear ☐
☐ Whipper snipper ☐ Trailer

I am unable to attend although I can in my own time:
☐ Paint timber for outdoor seating ☐ Sweep outdoor area
☐ Weeding