



Techie  
Brekkie  
dates

18<sup>th</sup> March at  
8:00am

### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT NLPS

Hello and welcome to the first issue of 'Tech Times' at Newport Lakes Primary School. This year we are the eLearning Coaches in our school. Our aim in 2014 is to increase the use of ICT in our school and to develop a more confident school community in the use of technology. We are so excited to be working in our new roles as we both have so many ideas that we hope to see in action in all classrooms very soon. This newsletter will be published on a monthly basis and we hope to provide updates for you so that you are 'in the eLearning know'.

#### Code of Conduct Agreements

Earlier this week we sent home Code of Conduct Agreements for the use of ICT at our school. The aim of these is to ensure that all members of our school community have a shared understanding of the expectations in place in regards to the safe use of technology. No student at NLPS will be able to use digital resources without having signed this agreement.

#### eSmart Framework

As part of our ongoing Positive Behaviours Program, Newport Lakes Primary School has taken steps towards ensuring the online safety of our students. All members of the school community have the right to feel safe at all times and the school is committed to achieving this. Each student and staff member has the responsibility to promote this right to feel safe online. Using the eSmart framework will endeavor to make the Newport Lakes Primary School community smart, safe and responsible users of technology.

CyberSafety is the ability to use Communication Technologies in appropriate ways and understand common practice when it comes to staying safe online. Not giving out personal information online and keeping your passwords protected are two ways of being CyberSafe.

eSmart will support our school in establishing and maintaining positive behaviours online. For more information, please visit <https://www.esmartschools.org.au/Pages/default.aspx>

### Parent Surveys

In order to get a better understanding of technology use at home, we have developed an online survey for parents to complete. The results of this survey will provide us with information and ideas about how we can work together to ensure our students are safe, smart, and responsible online. We encourage you to complete this as soon as you can, as the results will help us to help you! The link to this is on our website.

### Techie Brekkies

This year, we are very excited about trialing two 'Techie Brekkies' in term one. You will be invited to come to the multi-purpose room at **8am** and learn about new programs, apps and ideas for using technology with your children at home. We had a fantastic response at our first one yesterday morning, and we hope to see as many people there as possible on March 18<sup>th</sup>. By doing this our aim is to continue to strengthen our partnership with you in developing 'digital citizens' at NLPS.

Date and Time	Topics	Location
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February at 8:00am	Mathletics and Spellodrome FUSE Website Parental controls on the Internet	Multi-purpose room
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March at 8:00am	Wolfram Alpha (encyclopedia) iEarned That UsingWords Flashcards	Multi-purpose room

We look forward to keeping up with current trends in eLearning in schools, and we welcome you to ask us any questions you may have in relation to this area.

Kind regards,

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eLearning Coaches