Important Dates to put in the diary

Saturday 28th July  
Family Portrait Fundraiser

Monday 30th July  
Parent Club Meeting—7.30 pm

Thursday 2nd August  
Sushi Lunch

Friday 3rd August

Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 7th August  
Athletics Day Grade 2-6

Wednesday 8th August  
Grade 3-6 Camp Information Evening 6-7 pm

Thursday 9th August  
Prep—2 Olympic Day

Wednesday 15th August  
Art Exhibition Opening Night

Monday 8th October -  
Wednesday 10th October  
Grade 3–6 Camp

TERM DATES

2012

Term 3
July 16—September 21st

Term 4
October 8th—December 21st

AWARDS

Congratulations to our award winners....

Dee Dee, 3M  
Tasnim, 4W

Ethan, 5A  
Luca, Prep M

Abbey, 4A  
Gus, 1/2B

Lauren, Prep D  
Angelo, 3D

Luke, 1/2G  
Sanja, 6J

Saadiya, 1/2D  
Catherine, 1/2R

Myles, 1/2L  
Wren, Prep S

Happy Birthday to

Caden, 1/2G
Flynn, 6J
Shamay, 6I
Elisabeth, Prep D
Luke, 1/2D
Lily, 4W
Pat, 4W

Charlie, Prep K
Ethan, Prep S
Alex, Prep D
Tess, 1/2B
Aicha, 6J

Haysam, 1/2G
Liam, 1/2R

FRIDAY 3RD AUGUST - PUPIL FREE DAY

If you require child care on this day please make sure you book with Quantin Binnah on 9742 5040.
Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 3! We have had a smooth first week and a half, with children settling back into school routines quickly and enthusiastically.

**Mali The Elephant:** Many of you will have spotted the photo of Mali, the elephant sculpture, in the local paper a few weeks ago, with some of our Prep students in the art room. Mali visited us again at the end of last week, looking decidedly more fancy in her new black and gold finery. Sculptor Robert Hague, father of Miles in PK, generously brought Mali to show off her new outfit before she is exhibited in Melbourne CBD as part of the 150th birthday celebrations of Melbourne Zoo. We are very grateful to Robert for including the students of Newport Lakes Primary School in this exciting project. We will follow Mali’s adventures with interest.

**Community safety:** In an effort to ensure that pedestrians around the boundary of our school are safe, I am asking any students and parents who ride, scoot or skate to school to please walk once you are using the paths on the school perimeter. We have had reports of a number of students being knocked over or hit by people on bikes, scooters, etc., and we want to ensure everyone arrives at school safely!

**Art Show:** Planning for the Art Show is well underway. Wednesday Aug 15th is opening night. Some raffle prizes have been donated but we would welcome more. If you can help out with donations from local businesses, please let Sarah Hatcher or Laura Russell in the art room know. All students have completed the pieces that will be exhibited and for sale at the show. Teachers are now mounting the work. We are expecting a big parent response and a hugely successful and enjoyable night.

**Welcome to the team:** We welcomed Paul Schwartz to NLPS last week as our Acting Assistant Principal. Paul brings a wealth of curriculum knowledge and leading teacher experience to our school from Brookside P-9 College. I’m looking forward to working closely with Paul this term in a constructive partnership. Paul has already made valuable connections with students, parents and teachers and has been very generous with his sharing of ideas in just one week. Shannon McAlpine has made a great transition as teacher of 1/2G. Students are settled and happy. Shannon has received terrific support from the 1/2 teaching team and we’re very happy to have him ‘on board.’

**Curriculum Day:** Planning is being finalised for the pupil-free day on Friday 3rd August, less than two weeks away. Teachers will spend half the day refining our understanding of ‘learning intentions and success criteria’ when planning and assessing curriculum, and the other half day on anaphylaxis training. Children are not required to attend school on this day.

**Australian Education Union bans:** As part of continuing industrial action and workplace bans by the AEU (Australian Education Union) I will not be sending the Department Of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) parent survey home or asking teachers to complete the online staff survey. AEU members have also agreed not to use the Ultranet as part of the bans. Stop work action is planned for September, and education support staff are able to join the stop work action on this occasion, so I would expect a similar situation to the June 7 stop work day, when the vast majority of our staff chose to stop work.

**Principal appointment process:** The Principal position went online on Friday 13th July, as planned. I have decided not to apply for the substantive position, as I feel that my best work and certainly my passion is focusing on curriculum, and leading teaching and learning. I will revert to the substantive Assistant Principal position at NLPS in term 4. I am most appreciative of the opportunity to have acted in the role for what will be nine months in all. I would like to thank school council and the school community for their support of me as a novice Acting Principal.

Have a terrific fortnight everyone,
Janet Gill
The NLPS Music program is making headlines! An article featuring our students appeared in this month's edition of Inspire magazine:

During the holiday break, some of our choir members entertained an enthusiastic and supportive crowd at the Newport Folk Festival. Our segment was hosted by one of our favourite local celebrities - Nola Wilson! The weather was unexpectedly terrific, and a great time was had by all.

The choir is now busy preparing for our next big gig...

**HOBSONS VOICE** on **August 12** - 2:00-4:30pm at Williamstown Town Hall.
This year’s theme is “Peace”. Doug Heywood arranges the opening and closing songs especially for the event. The combined schools will present the opening song under Doug’s direction, then each school will present 2 or 3 songs from their own repertoire. All choirs come together again at the end of the concert for a finale of songs, again directed by Doug Heywood. Family and friends are encouraged to be part of the audience for the concert (2:00pm).
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 or phone the Box Office on (03) 9932 4074.

*Choir members participating in Hobsons Voice need to attend rehearsals on Wednesday lunchtime in the multi-purpose hall - 25 July, 1 August, 8 August. The workshop with Doug Heywood will be held in the multi-purpose hall on Wednesday 1 August from 11:30 to 12:30. Parents of Hobsons Voice participants are welcome to come along to the workshop and/or rehearsals.*

These rehearsals are in addition to our regular weekly choir rehearsals (see below).

*Note to parents of Prep students: Prep students are not performing in the Hobsons Voice concert, but are of course encouraged to be part of the audience.*

**CHOIR REHEARSALS FOR TERM 3**
**Prep - 2 = Thursday** lunchtime in the music/drama room
**Gr3 - 6 = Friday** lunchtime in the music/drama room
Circle Time

Circle time is a one hour block of time, when the whole class sits in a circle. Each week 4A has a different topic for e.g. managing anger, bystanders, bullies and encouraging others.
4A start every session by passing the talking stick around. When a person gets the talking stick they say one of the three Cs: celebration, compliment or concern about anybody or anything they want to.
Circle time is done in our class room to help kids build good social skills. It is a fun and worthwhile because students learn things like the meaning of being a bystander and why you must not bully.
4A learnt that when you are a bystander you see someone bullying another person but you stand there not doing anything about it, letting it happen! The class also learnt the difference between telling and dobbing.
I think circle time helps kids in many ways. It is an important part of learning.

By Lauren McMahon 4A

School Banking Update

A big thank you to students and families for their continuing support of the School Banking Program. We received $150 commission for new accounts opened in Term 2 and $261 based on the value of deposits made by students, so a total of $411 for Term 2.

Any students wanting to open a Youth Saver Account can do this at any branch of the Commonwealth Bank. Parents will need to take their driver’s licence and Child’s birth certificate to the branch and the account will be opened straight away.

If you have any questions, please contact Allana Arapakis, School Banking Co-ordinator on 0400 113 333.
Welcome back to Term 3! Hope everyone had a great break and is ready for another fun term.

We had a very successful Bunnings BBQ the first Saturday of the holidays raising around $800. A very big thanks to all the volunteers in particular Afro and Dan Cook for their great help. It was a very social event enjoyed by all and we all got to know some new people.

Sushi lunch is next Thursday August 2nd. Orders need to be placed by Friday July 27th, tomorrow, so get your orders in. Thanks heaps to Tracey Jarret for organizing this.

With Hobsons Voice coming up on Sunday 12th of August we need to make about 70 POM POMS for our talented choir group. So if you are crafty or even if you’re not we need your help. Join us on Friday 27th at 9.00am in the staff room for a cuppa and pom pom making!

The Family Portrait sessions are on this Saturday 28th July. If you haven’t paid for your session please do so by Friday.

Do you like knitting? Have you started your squares? Would you like to help any kids learn to knit and contribute to our blankets? Each Wednesday Lunchtime at school is the knitting club. Please let Kylie Halarakis know if you can help. gkhalas@bigpond.net.au

The first Parents Club meeting for this term is Monday 30 July 7.30pm in the staffroom. The main agenda items will be the Trivia Night later in Term 3 and the Walk-a-Thon in Term 4, so if you are interesting in assisting with these please come along or email us your ideas. jlo35310@bigpond.net.au

The date for the second 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. So put that date in the diary.

And lastly, GO AUSSIES OI OI OI

---

**BUY A BOOK IN BOOK WEEK**

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

Book Week is 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 at 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
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 ( )