Important Dates to put in the diary.......  
Saturday 30th June  Bunnings BBQ
Please support this fundraising by calling in and buying a sausage. 
6—8 July  Newport Folk Festival
Monday 16th July  First day of Term 3
Saturday 28th July  Family Portrait Fundraiser
Friday 3rd August  Pupil Free Day
Wednesday 15th August  Art Exhibition Opening Night
Monday 8th October -  Grade 3– 6 Camp
Wednesday 10th October

TERM DATES
2012
Term 2
April 16— June 29th
Term 3
July 16— September 21st
Term 4
October 8th— December 21st

AWARDS

Congratulations to our award winners....

Lachlan, Prep S  Katie, Prep K
Hamish, 1/2R  Ally, 5A
Arleigh, 1/2L  Alezandra, Prep D
Imogen, 1/2D  Fatma, 4W
Mya, 4A  Noah, 6J
Emmy, 3M  Kira, 3D
Levi, 1/2B  Evelyn, Prep M
Grace, 1/2L  Kieran, 5A
Farouk, 1/2D  Eve, 1/2R
Nora, Prep M  Ragda, Prep S
Griff, 1/2B  Chamel, 6J
Grade 1/G— from Claire
Sports Awards :-
Patrick, 6J  Max, 6J
Katelyn, 6J  Sophie, 6J
Shamay, 6J

TOMORROW
2.30 DISMISSEAL
ASSEMBLY WILL BE HELD AT 2.00 PM
Dear Families,

What an eventful term two we have enjoyed! Here is just a snap shot of the many things that have kept us engaged over the past eleven weeks: Education Week activities, World Environment Day, sausage sizzle, Mothers Day breakfast, Crazy Hair Day, Year 3/4 excursion to ACMI and Year 5/6 excursion to Victorian Space Education Centre, NAPLAN, music show and tell sessions, film making in drama lessons, Years 5 & 6 Winter Sports Round Robin, Prep excursion to the Melbourne Museum and Year 1/2 excursion to Werribee Zoo, to name but a few.

3/4 Film Festival – What a brilliant night we had on Tuesday night! The multi-purpose hall was packed with the families and friends of our Year 3/4 filmmakers. Each of the ‘stars’ walked the red carpet, whilst the paparazzi captured every moment. Guests were treated to a diverse collection of sixteen short films, each film with a message and all including at least one delicious-looking apple! I want to thank the teaching team, Denise, Warren, Amy and Mat for providing our students with such a fantastic opportunity to experience team work, collaboration, problem solving, planning, compromise, script writing and reading (and many other skills I’m sure) with such an engaging outcome.

Numeracy grant – We have been very fortunate to receive a $7000 grant for numeracy teacher professional learning facilitated by recognised experts in mathematics education. This grant will be used to cover the costs involved in replacing teachers when they attend professional learning sessions away from our school. We are looking forward to continuing to increase our knowledge of best practice in mathematics teaching and learning and seeing the benefits of this in our students’ results.

Diana Stefanovic, PD, will be on leave for the first two weeks of term three. Diana informed parents of students in her class about her leave during parent/teacher interviews this week. Pauline Bishop, a teacher well-known to Newport Lakes PS, will be stepping in to replace Diana during this time. The students have worked with Pauline on other occasions earlier this year and so we feel confident the transition will be smooth and positive.

Resilience - From time to time I have families come to me to chat about set backs that children sometimes experience at school, home or just in daily life and ask for advice on how best to support their children through those times. I have included below an excerpt from Andrew Fuller’s website, which you might be interested to read over the holiday break...

Ten Hints for Creating Resilient Families
www.andrewfuller.com.au

*Resilience is the fine art of being able to bungy jump through life. The pitfalls are still there but it is as if you have an elasticised rope around your middle that helps you to bounce back from hard times.*

No. 1 Promote belonging
Resilience is the happy knack of being able to bungy jump through the pitfalls of life. It is the strongest antidote we know of for self-harm, depression and drug abuse and it’s built on our sense of belonging.

No. 2 Have some mooch time
We live in a world that suffers from attention deficit disorder. We rush children from activity to activity, from lesson to lesson and from one organised event to another. Then we wonder why, when there is a lull that they say, “I’m bored”. Be a counter-revolutionary. Find some time each week just to be at home without anything structured happening.

No. 3 Rediscover some family rituals
It doesn’t matter whether it is the family walk after dinner, the Sunday roast, the Friday night pizza or the Saturday morning clean up - rituals are highly protective. The best rituals often cost nothing. These are the activities you hope that later on your children will reminisce about and say, “Mum always made sure we did...” or, “Dad always made sure we did...”

No. 4 Spontaneity and curiosity
Spontaneity and curiosity are the building blocks of good mental health. You cannot tell someone how to have better mental health and you can't give it to them by getting them to read a book. So the really hard message here is that if you want to raise your children to have mentally healthy lives you are going to have to have a good time yourself. If you want your children to succeed you need to show them that success is worth having.
No. 5 Love kids for their differences
When families’ function well people are allowed to be different and to be loved for those differences. We all know that children take on different roles. A father of three said, “It’s as if they have a planning meeting once a year and say, “You be the good kid, I’ll be the sick kid and the other one can be the trouble-maker’! And then just when you think you’ve got it figured out they change roles again”.
Having children who are strongly individual and who have a sense of who they are is a sign of good parenting. The problem may of course be that they will then express their independent spirit in ways that you don't like. The ideal is a mix between someone who preserves their own uniqueness and is able to work with others without becoming dictated to by them. Someone who has their own independent nature but is comfortable enough with themselves to allow interdependence.

No. 6 It is clear who is in charge
Families do not work well as democracies. In fact they seem to work best as benevolent dictatorships in which the parent or parents consult a lot with their children but at the end of the day, the parent has the final say. Some parents fear that if they take charge that they will lose the friendship of their children, but often the reverse is true.

No. 7 Consistency
Consistency is the ideal. Having parents who agree on rules and standards and who convey the same sorts of messages and who value compassion over coercion, clearly has the best outcome in terms of children's well being. It is also important that parents not be open to manipulation and work together as a team.
Life, however, is not always so simple, and we all know from sad and sour experience that parents cannot always be consistent. Sometimes parents have different value systems or can’t come to a consistent way to handle particular areas. In these situations, a second possibility is to for one parent to take charge of a particular area. This is not the most desirable solution but it is better than having parents in conflict over management issues or worse, undermining one another. In single parent families or where parents are separated the same principle applies.

No. 8 Teach the skills of self-esteem
Families that work well seem to praise one another a lot. Compliments are made, positive efforts are commented on. Optimism is in the air. Even in these families, teenagers still shrug and say, “Yeah Mum” or “Yeah Dad” whenever a compliment is made.
Teaching the skills of self-praise is useful. One way of doing this is to ask questions extensively about any achievement or accomplishment. Ask questions like, “How did you do that?” “How come you did so well at that test?” “What did you do?” and “Have you been doing homework behind my back?”

No. 9. Know how to argue
Families that work well know how to argue. It seems strange to say this because we all have the sense those families that work well don’t have conflicts.
The family is really where we learn to resolve disputes fairly. The way that parents teach children to resolve differences of opinion with their brothers and sisters provides the basis for sharing, negotiating and problem solving in the world beyond the family. While differences of opinion should be allowed to be expressed, children also need to learn that they will not be able to win at all costs.

10. Parents are reliably unpredictable
With young children it is important to provide consistency and predictability. This allows them to feel sure of you. After a while though, a bit of unpredictability can go a long way. To many children, most parents are about as predictable as a washing machine cycle. It is important to have structure and consistency but it is also useful to act in ways that your children wouldn’t expect. This keeps them interested in learning from you or least wondering what you are up to.

Perhaps the most important feature of parents in healthy families is that they realise that all of the above is desirable but not always possible and so they look at how to promote good functioning while not wasting energy on blaming themselves for the times when things don’t quite work out as they had planned.

Have a relaxing break everyone,

Janet Gill
June School Council Report

NLPS Building and Grounds Committee have been busy this month addressing some significant issues, specifically, the slip hazard that has arisen on the breezeway and toilet floor. This has occurred due to water and sand combining and as such, removing the traction required to prevent slipping over. B&G committee have been investigating possible solutions to the problem, and have been sourcing quotes to resurface the area with non-slip marine quality paint. We are hopeful this problem will be rectified during the school holidays.

Hobson’s Bay Council has issued a verbal approval for diagonal parking to be created in Elizabeth St. This should help relieve traffic congestion at school pick up and drop off times. Whilst this is positive news, we are mindful that this may be a long process and are doubtful any works would commence this year. In the interim, please be warned that parking inspectors are frequently monitoring the parking time restrictions in Elizabeth St, and will be issuing tickets to cars that are parked longer than the displayed time limit.

Our Education Committee have commenced reviewing and further developing our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy. This is a complex policy that will reflect our schools core values of being respectful, being responsible, being positive and being safe. We believe in these values and are hoping to develop a policy that doesn’t just sit in a folder in an office, but is reflected in the relationships and interactions between our students, staff and parent/family community. A uniform policy has also been drafted, and will be discussed at July’s meeting.

Janet reported on the OH&S government audit our school underwent in May. This was an enormous undertaking by the school, and as a result we were successful. We performed very well and the results are a credit to Janet, Jeanette and all the staff at NLPS.

Parents Club reported on their activities over the past month, including a student sausage sizzle, parent's movie night and Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea, which raised $350 for cancer research. Before the end of this term, they will also have organised a NLPS Birthday Cake stall and Bunning’s BBQ on Sat 30th June. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated and motivated group of parents who continuously work to make our school a better place. It would be great to see some new faces helping out at these events, so please volunteer for something. Just an hour or two of your time makes a difference.

Unfortunately, the Fundraising Committee did not receive enough volunteers for it to function as a separate entity. As a result, school fundraising will remain the responsibility of School Council, with Parents Club support. School Council has begun the process of developing a wish list of items to purchase with monies raised. We are asking for items/ideas from staff, school committees, students and parents. Once developed, items from the wish list will be prioritised and tagged to specific fundraising events. If you have any ideas, please submit to any member of school council or parents club. Please note: priority will be always be given to suggestions that directly relate to improving the teaching and learning experiences of our students.

On a sad note, School Council is sad to say goodbye to Claire Grady. We have loved having her as part of our school community and will miss her energy, enthusiasm and good humour. We wish her the very best in her adventures to India. The end of term 2 also sees Jeanette Finnegan leaving us. Jeanette has been an enormous support for our acting principal, and her experience has proved invaluable. We wish her well in her new role.

Have fun, be safe and enjoy the school holidays.

Bec Woltsche
School Council President

Coming to Winter

Now we are coming to winter, are you cleaning out the summer uniform to make way for winter uniform? If you find that you have items that don’t fit now or won’t fit next summer we would love to have them donated to the school for the secondhand uniform stall. Please drop any unwanted pieces at the front desk.
WOW! The end of term two. Thanks to everyone who has assisted in organizing, providing information and helping run all the events we have had this term. All turn around and give yourself a pat on the back for helping build a great community for us and our kids.

Hopefully today everyone enjoyed a cupcake to celebrate the 156th school's birthday. A BIG thanks to Kate Tapping and her team of bakers!

This Saturday we are holding a Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Altona. Thank you to Afro Cook for organizing the roster and to all the volunteers – see you there. And if you are out and about, drop in, say “Hi” and buy a sausage.

We had a good meeting on Monday night and have planned great things for next term and beyond. Thanks to all for attending and to Daria for a delicious carrot cake.

Thanks to all the prep families who attended the family mini Olympic games last Sunday. The multi purpose room was buzzing with everyone involved, both parents and kids in the 10 activities which was great to see. The kids absolutely loved their parents' participation and Kris and I really appreciated the help. We have raised another $300 for the school.

Thank you from Kris (Campbell’s mum prep K) and Michelle (Kiera’s mum prep K).

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Saturday 28th July, 2012
9.00 am—5.00 pm

Places are filling fast, only a few places left.

If you would like to make a booking please pay $12.00 at the office.
The 2012 Art Show - WISDOM of the CROWD

OPENING NIGHT - TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM JULY 16th: START OF TERM 3

$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 AUCTION
There has been great support for the art auction with items for sale on display at the office.
Artworks include
- A beautiful arm chair that has been restored by hand, polished with bees wax and reupholstered
- 3 unique silk patchwork cushions
- 2 stunning contemporary photographs framed
- A pair of contemporary tapestries framed
- A framed Georgia O’Keeffe reproduction print
- A gift pack from the Australian Tapestry Workshop (20 cards and a colour catalogue)
- A beautiful handmade quilt.

The Art Auction is still looking for some interesting art objects or artworks so if you're a maker and you have something you would like to donate it’s a wonderful way to get your work out there and help raise funds for the school.

ART SHOW WEEK

The Gallery will be open from Thursday 16th to Tuesday 21st August between 8:30am – 9am and again between 3:30pm – 4pm. Please support the students and all their hard work by visiting the gallery and purchasing an artwork.
MUSIC NEWS

NEWPORT FOLK FESTIVAL  July 6 - 8

Don't miss this opportunity to see NLPS students and parents performing on stage at a major community event! The festival is growing every year, and this year it’s going to be HUGE!!!

The NLPS Choir is performing at 12:00 noon on Saturday July 7, on the outdoor stage in Paine Reserve - Choir members please be there at 11:50am.

Other performances at the festival include...

NEWPORT STRINGS
This group is in demand and now has a regular 10am-11am gig at the Newport Artists Market. Festival performances are: 10:00am Saturday July 7, The Substation 11:00am Sunday July 8, The Substation

THE ANGELICATS
Laura and Chris and the rest of the group will perform songs they love from Australian bands like The Waifs, Casey Chambers, Bob Dylan, Janis Joplin and more. 12:00noon Saturday July 7, The Substation

Ashley Davies' production of NED KELLY: THE NARRATIVE CONCERT
This acclaimed multimedia show features a live, six piece band, and transports the audience to key moments in the life of Ned and his gang. 8:00pm Saturday July 7, The Substation

BUSKERS
Never mind if you're not on the program - come along and entertain the crowd anyway! First in best dressed. All day, Saturday July 7, Paine Reserve

HAPISOUND SOUND SCULPTURES
Environmentally friendly as well as fun to play and listen to!
For one day only, Herbert Jercher will bring his unique sound sculptures to Paine Reserve. Great for kids of all ages! All day, Saturday July 7, Paine Reserve

In addition to concerts/performances, there are workshops, dances, drum lessons and loads of other activities for all the family to enjoy. Children are welcome at all events. Join in and have some musical fun!!!

For more information about the festival, go to: www.nffc.org.au/festival.html

HOBSONS VOICE

The NLPS choir will again be participating in “Hobson’s Voice” – a unique program celebrating the human voice which is hosted annually by the Hobsons Bay City Council. Choirs from primary schools in Hobsons Bay are offered workshops and rehearsals with Doug Heywood OAM and the program culminates in a concert of choirs at the Williamstown Town Hall. This event is a non-competitive showcase of local school choirs and generally is supported by an 800 strong audience. Participating children experience performing in a grand venue in their local community and working together in a large group choir format. Doug Heywood will visit our school to do a singing workshop with our choir on Wednesday 1st August (11:30-12:30).

Choir members in grades 1 to 6 will be performing this year, and these students will be given an information pack before the end of this term. The information pack includes details about the concert (what to bring, what to wear, dates, times, ticket prices, booking information), approval form, list of songs, rehearsal CD and lyrics.
Community News/Events

Winter Kids Festival
July 12–15
The Substation
1 Market St, Newport
For bookings and more info: www.thesubstation.org.au

BookMarks Studio
School Holiday Art and Illustration workshops

Session Details

PRESS HERE to book a place.

Kylie Dunstan has written and illustrated four picture books.
Her first book, "Collaborating Colour" won CBCA Picture Book of The Year in 2008 and was followed by "Bookmaking", which has won the Children's Book of the Year Award and the Williami* Book Award.

During the workshops Kylie will take you through the various stages of a picturebook project. Ideas will be generated and students will be encouraged to explore and expand their artistic ideas.

The focus book for each session is "Mika and the Flying Kites" which has been shortlisted for a Dangerous Book Award, and the "Lilac" which will be launched this year.

Focus Book: "Lilac" by Kylie Dunstan
July

Cost: $20 per child (workshops run for 1 hour)
Age: suitable for ages 4-12

A Teddy! activity corner will be available for younger siblings.

For bookings and more information please contact Kylie Dunstan at kdy72@bigpond.com or call 0413 229 824.
THOUGHT THAT I SHOULD DO SOME EXERCISE?
EVER THOUGHT I'D LIKE TO BE INVOLVED IN A TEAM SPORT?
EVER THOUGHT ABOUT PLAYING NBA?
THEN
BASKETBALL MAY BE FOR YOU!

We are planning to establish regular Thursday night Basketball sessions and we would like to extend a welcome to anyone interested in having a run.

There is no requirement to make a commitment to a team or attend every week and no prior experience is necessary. This is simply an opportunity to have a bit of fun playing basketball and get some exercise.

We are planning for these sessions to become a regular and popular Thursday night activity.

Also, Newport Lakes BB has two teams in the local Altona Bay Basketball Association Competition. If there is enough interest, potentially the number of teams competing could be expanded.

The Aim: Play Casual Basketball on Thursday nights
Welcome: Anyone interested in participating.

The venue: Bayside College Gymnasium, Millers Road Altona North, Millers Road.
(This is a brand new full sized gym facility next to the new library and Woolworths)

The time: 8.30 to 10pm

Further Information - IF you would like further details please don’t hesitate to Contact:
Evan 0449 508113

Newport Lakes Basketball - Where the stars come out to play !!