Important Dates to put in the diary

13th—15th May  Grades 3 & 5 NAPLAN
Thursday 15th May  2015 Prep Tour—10 am
Friday 16th May  Walk-a-thon
Sunday 18th May  Grade 1/2 Dance Party
19th—23rd May  Education Week
Monday 19th May  Grade 3/4 City Excursion
Tuesday 20th May  Grade 6 visit to Bayside College
Wednesday 21st May  Open Morning 9—11 am
Thursday 22nd May  Prep Incursion—Fresh Food Market
Friday 23rd May  Grade 3/4 Picture Store Book Launch at Substation—10 am

Weekend 24th—25th May
Family Life Sessions

Friday 29th May
Soccer Round Robin

Final day for Secondary School Transition forms to be returned

Friday 30th May  PUPIL FREE DAY

TERM DATES 2014

Pupil Free Days
Fri 30th May
Fri 5th September
Mon 3rd November

Yard Duty Supervision
8.45 to 9.00 am and 3.30 to 3.45 pm

Congratulations to our award winners:

Miles, 2N  Will, 1L  Macy, 1O
Khaled, Prep S  Madeleine, Prep T  Rebecca, 5/6L
Sabine, 5/6W  Aiden, 5/6M  Ben, 3/4W
Hussein, 3/4M  Cammy, 2H  Cody, 5/6S
Finn, 3/4O  Simone, Prep D  Lily, Prep S
Immy, 3/4H

We would like to wish the following students a very happy birthday:

Eleni, Prep T  Neve, 1C
Hannah, 2H  Eli, Prep D
Heide, 5/6W  Amy, 3/4M
James, 5/6W  Niko, Prep T
Louise, 1C  Elisabeth, 1O
Immy, 3/4H  James, 2N
James, 1C  Annalise, 1O
Mia, 3/4O  Poppy, 1L
Rumi, 5/6L  Samuel, Prep S
Indy, 1O  Angelo, 5/6M
Elliott, 2R  Kobi, 3/4M

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Dear Parents,

I hope all mums had a special day last Sunday. The celebrations certainly began at the wonderful Mothers Day breakfast conducted on the Friday morning outside the Multi Purpose Room. Over 200 Mums were able to celebrate this special event with their children and enjoyed a yummy pancake breakfast. There was a touch of pink scattered throughout the crowd to add that extra special meaning to this fantastic event and this year there was the added attraction of entertainment from staff and students.

Well done to the many, many parents that helped out prior, during and after the breakfast and a huge thank you on behalf of the entire school community to Selina McPherson and Sulari Neilson on the co-ordination of such a wonderful morning.

Footy is back! Term 2 signals the beginning of the footy season at Newport Lakes Primary and two areas of the game have required special attention at school.

Football Code of Conduct - many of the children 'love' playing footy at recess and lunchtimes and a football code of conduct has been implemented to assist in ensuring fair, safe and friendly matches are being played. The code was developed by the Junior School Council last year and has been recently updated by the children to meet any new rules or requirements for Newport Lakes. A copy has been distributed to all classes to discuss and to display in their rooms and also the code has been included in this week’s newsletter.

The rules have been made 'by the kids for the kids' and if we all abide by the code then will be less arguments, friendlier games and the games will be safer and more enjoyable for all players.

Footy cards - many children in all grades have been collecting and swapping footy cards. Unfortunately we have had a number of issues resulting in cards and folders being stolen and some unfair trading being undertaken. A number of recommendations have been made to assist in a fair and reasonable continuance of footy cards being traded at the school. These include:

- All folders are to be clearly identified with the child's name in permanent marking.
- Folders are to be stored in special tubs in the classrooms when not being used.
- Children are only to trade with children in a similar grade area eg. Prep, 1/2, 3/4, 5/6 whilst at school or at after school care.
- Children should only bring to school, cards that they are willing to trade.

The children really enjoy playing and trading their footy cards and there is only a very small number of students who do not do it fairly or in good spirit. I believe banning the use of footy cards at school would not be fair to all the children, especially all those that play with them correctly. Banning would also stop all the many wonderful skills and attributes the kids gain from playing with the cards. Having good guidelines and monitoring the use of the cards will hopefully eliminate many of the problems and let all the children enjoy playing and trading their cards.

NAPLAN Students in Yr.3 and Yr. 5 have been participating in the NAPLAN assessments this week. The tests have included Literacy (Language Conventions, Writing), Literacy (Reading) and Numeracy. Students that have been absent due to illness during any of the last 3 days, have been given the opportunity of having a ‘make-up’ test upon their return.

Results of the NAPLAN tests will be provided to schools and the parents at the end of term 3.
Great Vic Bike Ride - The Great Victorian Bike Ride is a fun, friendly and challenging camping and cycling holiday. In 2014 the ride will travel around the magical north-east of Victoria. There are 3 different rides; a 9 day, 5 day and a 3 day ride. Last year there were over 3,800 participants which included a number of Newport Lakes families. This year we are considering entering a school team in the 3 day, Great Vic Getaway ride. The team would be open to any Newport Lakes family that would be interested and capable of participating in the event. The Great Vic Getaway ride will be conducted from Thursday 4 December to Sunday 7 December and travels from Mansfield to Lilydale, a total distance of 186km.

The proposal would be that the school would be responsible for co-ordinating the team but the students would need to be accompanied by their parents or with a family that is prepared to be guardian for the ride. The school will have a teacher (possibly 2) attending but the students would need to be under supervision of parents / guardian. This would also include monitoring of their riding each day, supplying and preparation of equipment (bikes, camping gear etc) and also ensuring their child is prepared for the 3 day bike ride.

Included in this week’s newsletter is an expression of interest form. If there is sufficient interest we will then conduct an evening information meeting to discuss the feasibility of forming a Newport Lakes Primary School team in this year’s ride. If you would like more information on the ride please have a look at the bicycle network website https://www.bicyclenetwork.com.au/racv-great-victorian-bike-ride/ and then see if it is an event your family may be interested in becoming involved.

Family Life Program - Family Life – Victoria is a non-profit organisation offering sexuality program to schools and families. They have trained and accredited educators that deliver sexuality health education programs that are accurate and age appropriate.

Last year, the parents club organised the ‘Family Life’ program for our school community. The feedback from the parents was very positive and the program was well received by the families that were able to attend. Due to the popular response of the program and because a number of families were unable to make the 2013 sessions, it has been decided to conduct the program again this year and then every alternative year.

The parents club have arranged for 3 family life sessions to be conducted on the evening of Thursday 22 May 2014. There will be sessions for Yr.1&2, followed by a session for Yr. 3&4 and then a Yr. 5&6 program. A parent must attend the session with their child/ren and the cost is $20 family for one session or $25 per family for attending two or more sessions. If any family would like to attend but has difficulty with the cost they can contact David or Janet at the school to arrange a suitable payment plan. Please note that the programs are not compulsory and parents can select if they would like to attend with their children.

A Family Life information flyer was sent home with all children earlier this week and further information on the Family Life program can also be located in last the school newsletter.

Walk-a-thon - The weather looks as though it will be ideal for tomorrow's school's walk-a-thon. The children will walk up to Newport Lakes at 10.30am and will be returning back to school at approximately 1.00pm. Students are permitted to dress up in their house colours and are strongly advised to wearing good walking shoes for the day. We are all looking forward to a good fun day.

All money raised is due back to the school on Wednesday 21st May and prizes will be drawn at the following school assembly on Friday 23rd May.

I hope you all have a good week

David Moss
Principal
Great Vic Bike Ride - Expression of Interest

The great Victorian Bike Ride is a fun, friendly and challenging camping and cycling holiday. This year we are considering entering a school team in the 3 day, Great Vic Getaway ride. (4-7 Dec) Entry would be open to any Newport Lakes family that would be interested in participating in the event.

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If you are interested in your family being part of Newport Lakes Team, or would like to learn more about the activity before making a commitment, please return the attached expression of interest form to school.

If there is sufficient interest, an evening information session will be conducted later in the term.

We are interested in being part of team / finding out about more the great Victorian Bike ride to be conducted in December

Students name: _____________________________   ______________________________

Parent: ________________________________

BIKE SAFETY

It is wonderful to see so many children ride their bikes to school. The benefits are many including fewer cars around the school, healthier children, a cleaner environment and a great fun way to start the school day.

With the benefits also comes the responsibility of keeping our children safe on the roads. A parent reported to me this week of a child that was riding excessively fast on the footpath and was very close to being involved in a serious accident as she carefully reversed out of her driveway.

Children are permitted to ride on a footpath but must do so at walking pace. This is very important to provide safety for pedestrians sharing the footpath and also for residents to safely reverse out of their driveways. If children are riding too quickly it is very difficult, almost impossible, to see them approaching and avoid a serious collision.

I will be discussing this topic at assembly this week and it would very beneficial if parents of children that ride to and from school could reinforce this message to them at home.
Hi NLPS Families

My name is Melanie Davies. I’m the new Parent Club Co-ordinator for this year.

On behalf of the Parent Club, I’d like to thank Jacqui Lomas, our out-going Co-ordinator/President for all her hard work and dedication to the school over the last couple of years or so in this role. Personally, I appreciated the many social and fundraising events she has overseen and my children have enjoyed all the fun occasions that have been held… as I’m sure has the rest of the school community.

I thought I’d briefly introduce myself. I have 2 children. Ben in Grade 3/4 and James in 1. I started attending Parent Club when Ben was in Prep. At the time I was juggling kinder committee meetings and obligations but I felt that it was worth the trouble to have the opportunity to make a positive difference in my life (socially) as well as for my son’s experience at school. Being a member of Parent Club has allowed me to gain a better understanding of how the school operates and I’ve got to know some wonderful parents. Seeing how much the children look forward to the events we organise is also a great reward. I hope that Parent Club can continue to reflect and enhance the great community that we have here at NLPS.

I’d like to mention a couple of examples of how ideas from members have been supported in Parent Club. Michelle Gowing came to a Parent Club meeting with her idea to use the, then new, hall to host an out of school hours dance party. We discussed whether this would be possible, how it would fit in around other social events and decided to support the idea. It was a great success and now Michelle has co-ordinated lots of Dance Parties for preps, Grade 1s and 2s. Allana Arapakis came to PC with the idea of setting up friendship lists for the classes and these lists (that she still co-ordinates) have become an invaluable tool for distributing information, finding volunteers and, of course, building social networks between the school families. Thanks to Michelle and Allana for these wonderful contributions. Members, keep the ideas coming!!!

We welcome all parents to join and/or contribute in any way (big or small). We appreciate that parents are busy and may not be able to attend all/any meetings and that’s OK. We have a mailing list and are happy to receive ideas or have discussions out of meeting times. Please contact me at jonmel@bigpond.net.au if you would like to join. (It is free this year.) I appreciate the parents who have already signed up and also all the support and contributions we receive from the wider school community who help by volunteering, baking, buying, attending events etc...

Mother’s Day Breakfast Thanks

A huge thank you to Sulari Nielsen and Selina McPherson for all the hard work they put into put into co-ordinating the wonderful Mother’s Day Breakfast last Friday. A lot of organisation went into this event and we really appreciate it. It was very enjoyable for all and I think all the Mums will agree that we were made to feel very special. Thanks also to all the Dads who helped out. You all looked great in your touch of pink. We appreciate our external supporters who will be acknowledged in this section in the next newsletter.
Upcoming Events...

**Grades 1 and 2 Dance Party:** Sunday 18th May from 2-3:30pm in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Bring a plate of food and have a chat while your children are entertained. Please return your form and payment ASAP if you would like to attend.

**Biggest Morning Tea:** Morning Thursday, May 22nd

We’re hosting a morning tea as part of the Cancer Council’s “Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea” fundraising initiative ([http://www.biggestmorningtea.com.au](http://www.biggestmorningtea.com.au)). Children will receive an ever popular ‘teacup’ biscuit each and there will be some yummy treats for the teachers. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause please send a gold coin in with your child on that day (to be collected by their classroom teachers). Your support will be greatly appreciated.

If your child has allergies, please send a suitable treat along for them on the day.

We are seeking an additional 8 parent volunteers to make teacup biscuits or a cake/slice for the teachers’ morning tea. Please contact Allana Arapakis on aarapakis@optusnet.com.au or 0400 113 333 if you would like to assist with this event.

**Family Life Education Program:** Thursday, May 22nd in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Family Life Victoria run a program with age appropriate sessions to provide children, together with a parent(s), information about human sexuality. There are 3 sessions:

- 5-6pm Body Basics for Grades 1-2
- 6:15-7:15pm Where Did I Come From? Grades 3-4
- 7:30-8:30pm Preparing for Puberty Grades 5-6.

More information will be sent home with your children this week. This program is optional. The cost per family for the program is $20 for 1 session, $25 for 2 or more. If any family would like to attend but has difficulty with the cost they can contact David or Janet at the school to arrange a suitable payment plan.

**School Fete:** Friday, November 14th

Put this date in your diary and keep an eye on the newsletters for information about the fete and ways you can help to make this fete a day to remember for the families at NLPS and a successful fundraiser.

We have a large collection of clothing and lunch boxes in the lost property box. If you are missing any items please check the box at the office. Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled, this will assist with returning them to their classroom.

A toddlers wood trike has been left at school, if you are missing this please contact the office.
YOU are invited to Newport Lakes Primary School’s Open Morning on Tuesday the 20th of May from 9:00 to 11am.

Each class will participate in a number of science experiments; come along and share your observations.

Request for equipment for experiments

All the teachers are busy investigating experiments for the children to experience. As you can imagine, there are a lot of bits and pieces needed to perform all the experiments.

If you have any of the following items lying around the house, we’d really appreciate you sending them into school for us...

- Old CDs or data discs that you don’t want back (we won’t be playing them, just using them to make hovercrafts)
- ‘Popper’ bottle tops (the ones that you pull up to drink out of and push down to close)
- 1 and 2 litre plastic soft-drink containers
**District Cross Country**

On Friday, 9th May, thirty students from Newport Lakes went to the Yarraville Gardens to participate in the SDSA Cross Country Championships. All the students who attended have spent many recesses and lunch times running around the school yard as part of their training and their hard work paid off when they were selected to represent the school.

Our runners performed magnificently, with 21 students qualifying for the Division Cross Country Championships which will take place on the 27th May at Presidents Park in Werribee.

Students who won ribbons on the day were:

- Sylvie – 9/10 Girls (second)
- Ben – 9/10 Boys (third)
- Max – 11 Boys (first)
- Ned – 11 Boys (second)
- Aiden – 11 Boys (third)
- Maddy – 12 Girls (first)
- Grace – 12 Girls (second)
- Henry – 12 Boys (second)
- James M – 12 Boys (third)

Congratulations to all students who participated in our school trials and on Friday. We wish all 21 competitors the best of luck at the next level of competition.

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**SCHOOL BANKING UPDATE**

The Commonwealth Bank is running a competition during Term 2 with some great prizes up for grabs, including a major prize of a trip to Seaworld, Toys "R"Us gift cards and cash prizes for schools. All students need to do is make three or more deposits during the term to automatically be entered into the draw. So far, 33 Newport Lakes students have made 3 or more deposits so are already entered into the draw. Another 27 students have made 2 deposits, so only need one more to be automatically entered into the draw. There are only six more school banking days remaining for Term 2, so keep banking for your chance to win.

If you have any questions, please call/SMS the School Banking Co-ordinators (Parent representatives): Allana Arapakis on 0400 113 333 or aarapakis@optusnet.com.au or Daria Hewitt on 0402 329 611 or daria.nick@gmail.com
Simple, Sensitive, Straight Forward

Education in Human Sexuality

40,000 young people and their families participate in Family Life Victoria sexuality education programs every year. These programs emphasise the importance of the family. Trained, experienced educators conduct programs that support parents in helping their children learn.

Session 1: Body Basics

Recommended for Years 1 & 2
- discussion about different types of families
- male and female differences
- names of body parts
- pregnancy and birth

Time: 5.00pm - 6.00pm

Session 2: Where Did I Come From?

Recommended for Years 3 & 4
- discussion about family relationships
- male and female body similarities and differences
- conception
- foetal development and birth

Time: 6.15pm - 7.15pm

Session 3: Preparing for Puberty

Recommended for Years 5 & 6
- helps prepare young people and families for the physical changes of puberty
- discussion about emotional changes of puberty
- periods and sperm production are explained

Time: 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Where: Newport Lakes Primary School
When: Thursday, May 22, 2014
Admission:
One session - $20 per family
Two or more sessions - $25 per family
Payments payable by cash or credit card only

Please complete and return with payment to your school by __________

Family Name: __________________________

We will be attending (please tick): Session 1 ☐
   Session 2 ☐
   Session 3 ☐

BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR SALE
Cash or Credit Card only

Family Life Victoria
T: (03) 9813 2377
P.O Box 583 Camberwell 3124
enquiry@familylifevictoria.org.au
Altona Magic Soccer Club is seeking soccer players for our "Miniroos teams" this coming season 2014, we have positions available for the following age groups.
- Under 7’s (5 to 7 yrs)
- Under 8’s, 9’s, 10’s, 11’s.
Training is on Tuesday and Thursday nights 6pm to 7pm.
Venue: Paisley Park Soccer Complex, Cnr Mills street and Ross road, Altona North.
For further enquiries please contact us at altonamagic@hotmail.com or 0411 023 661
Williamstown North Primary School

140th Birthday Celebrations
Sunday 22nd June
1.00pm to 3.30pm
133 Melbourne Road, Williamstown

1.30pm Opening Ceremony in the Gym
Visitors invited to wander through the corridors to take a trip through the decades

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Visitors welcome to enjoy a Devonshire Tea
NEWPORT LAKES PRIMARY SCHOOL

FOOTBALL CODE OF CONDUCT

If you're playing football, don't play an age group against another age group. We play with mixed teams – preps only; grade 1/2s; 3/4s and 5/6s.

It is necessary to have a minimum of one umpire. On a Monday, we will agree on who will be the umpire each break for the week.

If teams want to keep score, they must nominate a score keeper.

Umpiring must be fair to both teams. If players answer back to the umpire in a negative way, the umpire has the choice of the period of time that they will spend off the field.

We will use respectful language with everyone on the field.

We will be safe with other players on the field. Violence will lead to being banned from the game for an agreed period of time.

We will support all fellow players if goals or kicks are missed and encourage our team-mates.

We let other players who are kicking for goal concentrate. Goal-kickers need a 10m space in front of them. If another player moves into this space, then there is a 10m penalty awarded.

We do not push players in the back.

Players will remain on their teams throughout the snack and lunch each day. Players may swap positions.

Goal ends will be swapped every quarter.

After every goal scored there will be a 'ball up' by the umpire.

We are able to tackle as long as it is not on the ground and does not sling a player around.

We are able to smother kicks. A mark is not counted if it was effectively touched.

We are able to kick off the ground, unless it is very close to another player’s hand.

Depending on the size of the field the 10m or 15m rule applies.

We stay on the mark unless they play on.

We do not pretend that something happened to get a free kick.

Deliberate outs will be penalised.

We use the ball that someone has brought, not someone else’s ball from another team.

If players duck into high tackles it is their fault.

It is good sportsmanship to shake hands at the end of the game.

Sometimes it is necessary to warm up for 15min kick to kick with the made teams only if there are two balls then start the game.

If someone gets hurt the game must stop.

If any of these agreements are broken, then the umpire will go to the yard duty teacher on duty.

Ratified by Newport Lakes Junior School Council
June 2013- Updated May 2014