Important Dates to put in the diary

- **Tuesday 6th May**
  - Grade 5/6S & 5/6M Walk to Newport Lakes
  - Grade 2 Woodwork Incursion

- **Wednesday 7th May**
  - Grade 5/6L & 5/6W Walk to Newport Lakes

- **Thursday 8th May**
  - 2015 Prep Information Evening — 6.30 pm
  - Cross Country

- **13th—15th May**
  - Grades 3 & 5 NAPLAN

- **Thursday 13th May**
  - Writing Information Evening - 6.30 pm

- **Friday 9th May**
  - Mother’s Day Breakfast — 7.45 — 8.45 am

- **13th—15th May**
  - Grades 3 & 5 NAPLAN

- **Tuesday 13th May**
  - Writing Information Evening - 6.30 pm

**TERM DATES 2014**

**Term 2**

22nd April - 27th June

**Pupil Free Days**

Fri 30th May
Fri 5th September
Mon 3rd November

**Yard Duty Supervision**

8.45 to 9.00am and 3.30 to 3.45pm

**AWARDS**

**Congratulations to our award winners:**

- Lucy, Prep S
- Grace, 5/6L
- Ruby, 2N
- Katherine, 3/4M
- Maria, 1C
- Waled, 1O
- Olivia, 3/4H
- Tom, 3/4G
- Audrey, 5/6M
- Lily, 5/6L
- Elisabeth, 2N
- Hamish, Prep T
- Sammi, 2R
- Daniel, 5/6W
- Jackson, Prep D
- Abby, 1L
- Ebru, 3/4G
- Indi, 1O
- Kitty, 2H
- Sarah, 5/6W
- Ibby, 1C
- Grade, 5/6S
- Hamish, Prep T
- Billy, 1L
- James, 3/4O
- Ned, 2H
- Gideon, Prep T
- Lulu, 5/6M
- Maddi, 5/6S
- Cohen, Prep T
- Abby, 1L
- Rafe, 2R
- Mac, Prep S
- Pat, 1O

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

- Ibrahim, 1C
- Maya, 2R
- Sebastian, 5/6S
- Aleena, Prep S
- Lennon, 2H
- Shea, 3/4G
- Hamish, 3/4H
- Chloe, Prep T
- Josh, 5/6M
- Hamish, Prep T
- Audrey, 5/6M
- Japjot, 5/6W
- Will, 2H
- Ned, 2H
- Dee Dee, 5/6M
- Abby, 5/6S
- Darcie, 1O
- Harvey, 3/4H
- Dylan, 3/4M
- Kira, 5/6L
- Max, 5/6S
- Lulu, 5/6M
- Jarc, 5/6S
- Leni, 2R
- Griff, 3/4M
- Marlo, 5/6M
- Tilda, 2N
- Saja, 1O
- Isaac, 3/4H
- Daniel, 2N
- Daisy, 5/6L
- Georgia, 5/6W

Newsletters are produced each fortnight and are available on the website. To view the newsletter online and receive an email alert when it is available, please log on to the website and subscribe. If you require assistance with this please contact the office. If you have subscribed and are not receiving the emails please check your Spam/Junk emails.
Dear Parents,

Welcome back to term 2. I hope all families were able to have a safe and enjoyable Easter and term break. I was fortunate to be able to go on a ‘road trip’ to the Byron Bay Music Festival with my teenage son. It was certainly a long drive but the warm weather and entertainment ensured that it was a very enjoyable and memorable holiday.

Already the term has had a very big start with the Yr.5/6 camp to Philip Island, Prep excursions to an Apple Orchard, ANZAC Day ceremony, School Photos and a Parent Cyber Safety session to be conducted this evening. And we have just began the term!!

**Cyber safety Presentation** - A reminder that this session, ‘Student Safety Online’ is open to ALL parents and is highly recommended. The presentation is very informative and has been well received by other schools and parent groups. The presentation is expected to go for approximately 1 hr with questions at the conclusion and the costs have been covered by an eSmart grant. We firmly believe the more parents are informed of the cyber world, the more that we all can assist, support and care for our children. *(We have been informed that the evening clashes with a local secondary college’s presentation evening. Unfortunately, the cyber safety presentation was booked late last year and the date could not be changed)*.

**Family Life Program ~** The subject of Human Development (Sex Education) is a very difficult subject to teach in primary schools. Many teachers are not comfortable with teaching and discussing sexuality education in the classroom and often parents have differing views on the level of involvement sex education should have in the primary school curriculum.

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. It is very important that parents are involved in their children’s sexuality education and the provision of after school programs allows for one or both parents to attend with their children. I have attended these programs with my own children when they were in primary school and I found them to be excellent. They were very informative, in simple to understand terms and provided a platform for follow up discussion after the sessions. I would thoroughly recommend the program for all parents to attend with their children.

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 per 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.

Further information on the Family Life program is available in the school newsletter.

**ANZAC DAY** the students and teachers commemorated this important day at school with a student assembly last Thursday. A short discussion and story about ANZAC Day was conducted before we listened to the last post and had a minute silence. A wreath was placed at the base of the school’s flag by our students and then later taken to the cenotaph located in Newport.
Portable Buildings – The existing portable classroom buildings were relocated during the term holiday break to allow room for the new double story building to be moved on site later in the term. The new building is currently under construction and it is expected that it should be ready to be moved onto the school grounds later in the term. Because of the movement of large trucks, these works will have to be undertaken when it is safe to do so. This may mean that the new building would be transported either over a week-end period or during the next school term break. When the moves have been completed we can then begin on some landscaping around these classrooms. Further updates of the works will be included in future newsletters.

Walk-a-thon - A reminder that the school walk-a-thon is to be conducted on Friday 14th May. All the students (prep - 6) will be involved in a Walk-a-thon to raise funds for the school. All profits from the Walk-a-thon will be directed towards the purchase of sports equipment for yard use and books for the classrooms.

There will be a junior course (P-2) and a slightly longer course for the upper students (Yr.3-6). Both courses will consist of 10 laps and will be conducted at the Newport Lakes Reserve.

We encourage all families to assist in supporting this event by gaining sponsors for the 10 laps that each child will walk on the day.

Mother’s Day Breakfast – The school’s wonderful Mothers Day Breakfast will be conducted on Friday 9th May beginning at 7.45am. The breakfast is organised and conducted by the School’s very hard working Parents Club team and provides all the children an opportunity of having a very special outing with their Mum. Last year we had over 150 Mums come along and had a magical time. We hope as many Mums as possible can make it along to this very special activity.

This year we are asking everyone to wear a touch of pink to celebrate the day.

School Tours and 2015 Prep Information Evening ~ School tours are being conducted throughout term 2 for 2015 Preps. Interested parents and friends are welcome to attend and see our wonderful school in action. Tours begin at 10.00am and generally take 45 min – hour to complete. Dates for the tours can be found on the school website www.newportlakesps.vic.edu.au. Interested parents are requested to call the school office to make a booking.

A 2015 Prep Information evening will be conducted on Thursday 8th May commencing at 6.30pm. If you wish to attend the Information Session or require further information please contact the school on 9391 8942. Childcare will be available on this evening but bookings are essential.

I hope you all have a good week

David Moss
Principal

'Help your child to be a writer' information evening.

Tuesday 13th May 6.30pm

Parents with children from Prep to Year 6 are invited to attend an evening on Thursday 13th May from 6.30 to 8.00 pm in the multi-purpose room to gain an insight into how writing is taught at Newport Lakes PS and ideas to assist your child with writing at home. Topics such as spelling and handwriting will be addressed, and we will answer any questions you might have. The session will be presented by Denise O’Shea and Janet Gill. We look forward to spending an enjoyable and informative evening with all those interested. Unfortunately, child minding will not be available.
Summer Sports

On Friday, 28th March most of our grade five and six students went to different venues to represent the school in four different sports in the District’s Summer Sports Competitions.

Touch rugby was introduced for the first time this year. Our students have been learning the rules of touch rugby and practising their skills during their weekly PE lessons. They have also participated in two clinics run by the Melbourne Rebels. Both our A and B teams had a wonderful day and both managed to win a couple of their games.

Our mixed and girls volleyball teams had an action packed day where they both played 11 games of volleyball. Our mixed team won five games in total and our girls’ team won six games, drew three and lost only twice. Well done to both teams.

Our mixed and girls softball teams went to Lynch Reserve to play their softball games. Both teams showed improvement as the day progressed and our mixed team were able to win a couple of games. Well done to all team members for their positive behaviour and sportsmanship throughout the day.

Our school also had two teams participate in the Kanga 8s competition. Our boys’ team won all of their games and our mixed team won three out of four games. By all reports, an enjoyable day was had by all.

Well done to all the students who participated on the day. All grade six children and the remaining grade five students will now look forward to the Winter sports Competitions which are due to take place late in term two. Thanks also to the grade five and six teachers, staff and parents for their assistance.

Australian Mathematics Competition

Just a reminder to parents and students that tomorrow, Friday 2nd May, is when notes and money for the Australian Maths Competition are due. The AMC is the original and largest competition in Australian schools. It is something that our school has participated in over the last 3-4 years and it has been pleasing to see the level of interest increasing each year. We almost had 60 participants in 2013. This is an optional competition for all students in grades 3-6.

The AMC will take place on Thursday, 7th August at school and will take one hour. The cost for your child to participate in the competition is $7, including GST. The school will receive a results package a few weeks after the competition outlining the results for each child.
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
**AN INVITATION TO OUR MOTHER’S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH A TOUCH OF PINK!**

**Date:** Friday 9th May 2014  
**Time:** 7:45am – 8:45am  
**Where:** Outside the Multi-Purpose Hall  
**Cost:** $10 per family  
**Food:** Pancakes, ice cream, fruit & cereal  
**Dress:** A touch of Pink! We would like invite you to add or wear a touch of pink to celebrate this day! Prizes for the best effort!  
**RSVP:** For catering purposes…. could you please indicate numbers of adults and children and provide the correct money in an envelope by no later than Friday 2nd May.

We look forward to Musical and Drama entertainment being provided by our students throughout the morning, and Art and Indonesian will be featured too!  
**Coffee Cart…** As we know how much a good coffee OR hot chocolate means to many, we have organized for the coffee cart to be at the school from 7:45am!  

"-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------"  

**MOTHER’S DAY BREAKFAST.....PLEASE CUT AND RETURN BY FRIDAY 2ND MAY**

Name: __________________________ Surname: _______________________ Grade: ________________  
(Name of child returning the form)

Please indicate numbers of adults and children eating:  
Adults: [ ] Children: [ ] ENCLOSED $10 [ ]

We would like to invite our Newport Lakes Primary School Dad’s to come and be involved in serving our wonderful Mother’s on this day. There will be variety of roles that we would appreciate your involvement, such as serving, cooking, cutting, chopping, mixing, waiting on tables etc.  
If you would like to assist in this fun event please indicate below.  
Dad’s Name: ________________________________________ Surname: __________________________________________  
Email contact: __________________________________________ Mobile: _____________________________  
We will be in contact with you to confirm your involvement on this special occasion!

Selina McPherson ...... AND ...... Sulari Nielsen  
accounts@the-office.com.au  peterandsulari@gmail.com

**MOTHER’S DAY BREAKFAST ENTERTAINMENT…**

- **Terrific Tunes** – played by some of our talented band members  
- **Awesome Acting** - by some of the grade 3 and 4 students flexing their drama muscles  
- **Super Singing** - by all of our Prep students (see info below)

**PREP PERFORMANCE** – 9:10am

For those who can stay after 9:00am, don’t miss the energy and excitement of all three Prep classes performing some fabulous fun songs. Join in! We look forward to hearing the parents sing and dance too!  
If it’s fine weather, the Preps will be performing outside. If it’s raining, they’ll be inside the multi-purpose hall.
School Council Report  
(Parent’s Club Sub Committee)

Here at Newport Lakes Primary School we are very fortunate to have an environment where Teachers, Staff, Students and their families work hard together to provide the best environment for students to learn. NLPS School Council and Parents Club would like to thank teachers, staff and families for their generosity over the last twelve months. We would like to share with you some of the items we have been able to purchase on behalf of all our families:

We have been able to provide an air-conditioning unit for the meeting room in the Multi-Purpose room where we currently have reading recovery. This has made this room much more comfortable for both the students and staff during those hot and cold months.

We have been able to provide the art room with a second drying rack, as the school has grown you can imagine there is more and more art being created. This drying rack provides another storage area for students work.

We have purchased 5 interactive globes to be used across the school.

Cristy, (Integration Aide & Chef) at school has purchased 4 kitchen sets to be used in our cooking groups. This provides sets that are made up and ready to go each time class starts.

Our gardening club has purchased gardening equipment for students to use.

Our latest acquisition has been 80 headphones for the school, this will provide a number of sets for each class room to keep and use. We have also been able to provide a small bag for each set to ensure the cords don’t become tangled and the sets will last longer. Thank-you to those sewing families, your work is greatly appreciated.

Thank-you to all the families for generously donating your time and effort to raise funds so we can support all of our teaching staff.

Kylie Halarakis  
School Council President
Have you got lot’s of unwanted Lego?

Your DONATIONS would be greatly appreciated in the school library.

We are celebrating all things Lego in the library next term!

Donations of empty plastic (storage) or cardboard (display purposes) Lego boxes would be gratefully received as well.
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 □
Thanks for your help!

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Children</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Wendy Oates</td>
<td>Heide, Freya, Indy</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kate Tapping</td>
<td>Christopher, Sammi</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mel Davis</td>
<td>Benjamin, James</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fiona Roake</td>
<td>Yamuna, Arki, Tara</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Andrea Jones</td>
<td>Tara</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rachel Carroll</td>
<td>Cole, Shea, Aria</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Simone Edwards</td>
<td>Ryan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kim Mace</td>
<td>Marcus</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Your efforts in getting around 150 books covered for the library one Friday last term was fantastic! The children are very excited to see the new range on the shelves.

Thanks
Sharon and the children of NLPS

SCHOOL BANKING UPDATE

A big thank you to students and families for continuing to support the School Banking Program. We received $140 commission from 28 new accounts opened in Term 1 and $171 based on the value of deposits made by students, so a total of $311 for Term 1. We now have 214 students on the School Banking database, and process approximately 60 deposits per week.

Over 30 students now have over ten or more silver tokens so are eligible to claim a School Banking reward. Reward items available this term are: scented pencils, penguin keyring, shark keyring or whale shark pencil case. If you have misplaced your Reward Redemption card or did not receive one, please feel free to include a handwritten note with your child’s name, class and the reward item they want along with 10 silver tokens next time they bank.

The Commonwealth Bank is running a competition during Term 2 with some great prizes up for grabs. All students need to do is make three or more deposits during the term to automatically be entered into the draw. Prize details are included in the attached flyer.

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
Welcome back to term two - hope everyone had a great break.

It was a busy end to term one with the wonderful Easter Hat parade and Easter raffle. The raffle was a great success raising in excess of $1,700. Mel Davies did a great job coordinating all the different aspects and making it a such a success. Thank you. Parents Club also appreciate the support of Coles Williamstown, which donated a $50 voucher. This covered the cost of the raffle ticket books, the big soft toy rabbit (part of 1st prize) and a couple of baskets.

**Mothers Day Breakfast**

The Mothers Day breakfast will be held on Friday 9th May 7.45 - 8.45am outside the MPH. Notes have been sent home and forms need to be returned by Friday 2nd May. Thanks so much to Selina McPherson and Sulari Neilsen for organizing this event.

And so ...at the Parents Club AGM at the end of last term the following new appointments were made:

**Parent Club Co-ordinator:** Mel Davies  
**Treasurer:** Daria Hewitt  
**Secretary:** Rotating position with individual nominated on the night.

Thank you to Mel and Daria - it is good to know the Parents Club will continue to grow and develop with a great leadership team.

---

*Sent home with students in Grades Prep - Two this week was some information about the results of the eLearning Parent Surveys that were conducted in term one. Attached with this information was a suggested at-home agreement for Junior School families. We opted to send home paper copies of this as we felt that the agreements were more likely to be used if families had hard copies available to them. We feel that the agreements can be easily put into action almost immediately, and we encourage families from 3 – 6 to do the same. An agreement that is more suited for 3 – 6 children is available on our school website, along with the Junior School agreement.

Amy O’Dowd and Mat Williamson  
eLearning Coaches*
Coughs, colds and the flu are one of the most common triggers of asthma. The common cold is caused by an upper respiratory tract infection and is a common illness for children and adults in Australia. As we approach the colder months, here are some tips to keep in mind to prevent and reduce the spread of coughs, colds and the flu:

- Avoid coughing and sneezing on or near others and wash your hands thoroughly to prevent the spread of disease.
- If your child is not feeling well, it is recommended that they stay home and rest, to reduce the spread of infections and to speed up their recovery process.
- Everyone should have the annual flu vaccination to ensure they are protected from this disease. You or your child may be eligible for the free flu vaccination. Details about who is eligible can be found [here](https://www.asthma.org.au) and can also be determined by your doctor.
- Prior to purchasing any medications or herbal and natural remedies, you should seek the advice of your doctor or pharmacist as some medications can react with asthma medications. Such as Aspirin, Ibuprofen/Naproxen (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications), Beta Blockers tablet and eye drops (used for high blood pressure and glaucoma), and ACE inhibitors (used to control blood pressure).

Stay warm this winter!

For more information, please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or [www.asthma.org.au](http://www.asthma.org.au)

---

**Parent and Carer Asthma Information Sessions**

The Asthma Foundation of Victoria is funded by the Federal Department of Health to provide free asthma education sessions to groups of parents and carers. These sessions can take place at the school or at a location of your choice. The session runs for approximately one hour and covers:

- Asthma triggers
- Signs and symptoms
- Asthma action plans
- Asthma medication
- Asthma First Aid

If you are interested in attending a parent and carer asthma information session, please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria to arrange a session on 1800-ASTHMA or [sdoherty@asthma.org.au](mailto:sdoherty@asthma.org.au)

For more information, please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or [www.asthma.org.au](http://www.asthma.org.au)
Welcome to 2ND Newport Scouts

We are located in Market Street Newport between the RSL and Bowling Club
We recruit form surrounding areas Newport Altona North, Spotswood and Williamstown North.

Our Group consists of the following sections:

Cub Scouts (8 to 11 years) Monday 7pm – 8.00pm
Scouts (11 to 15 years) Monday 7pm – 8.00pm

Contacts
Email paulhyman1958@gmail.com

Cub Scouts
Leona Gresty | 0418 518 689 |
Scouts
Paul Hyman | 0432 486 895 | paulhyman1958@gmail.com

Why would I join Scouts?
Tired of playing the same meaningless video games all the time? Want to really achieve something? Come along! All sections offer try-before-you-buy style introductory nights where there is no cost and no obligation. And it’s not just for the kids, Parent Helpers are always welcome. All of our sections always welcome expressions of interest from youth (boys AND girls) who wish to join our Scouting community or perhaps just want to find out more. Please feel free to contact us by phone, email or visit our website to register your interest via online enquiry form.

Protection of Youth Members
All Adult and Youth members of 2nd Newport Group must agree to comply with a voluntary code of conduct. There are strict policies and rules in place through the Scouting Movement that all Youth and Adults must comply with. All Adult Members are required to undergo regular Police Checks, hold a current Victorian Working with Children Card and undergo continuous improvement through training and exposure to other groups. Adults are continuously monitored by their peers, District and Branch representatives

Scouting offers fantastic opportunity and lots of activities, and is about having fun and making new friends.
If you’re interested come along to try an evening or contact us
GROUP DOG WALK
NEWPORT COMMUNITY
FUNDRAISER

We invite you (and your pooch) to come and help us raise funds for a local member of our community whose beloved pet fell victim to a crime of fish hook baiting and has been left with a $3000 vet bill. This walk is also a chance for us to reclaim our wonderful park... This event has been created by dog lovers and dog owners who are also members of the Newport community.

SUNDAY 4th MAY, 2014
10am @ Newport Lakes

Gold Coin donation

If you are unable to make it on Sunday and would like to make a donation please email debe@dubryers.com for details

PosterMyWall.com
Newport Library at The Substation

Opening hours
Monday 10.00am – 5.00pm
Tuesday 10.00am – 5.00pm
Wednesday 10.00am – 5.00pm
Thursday 10.00am – 5.00pm
Friday 8.00am – 6.00pm
Saturday 10.00am – 1.00pm
Sundays CLOSED

Story time
Every Friday 9.30am to 10.15am

Services
Borrow books, Talking books, CDs, DVDs and magazines
Borrow Arabic and Italian CDs, DVDs and magazines
Access public PCs and wireless network
Print, photocopy and fax
Read daily and local newspapers
Community noticeboard
Pick up your reserves

Returns
Items can be returned in the library and also in the return chute located at street level near the entrance to The Substation on Market Street.

Location
The library is located on the second floor of The Substation, 1 Market Street Newport and can be accessed via a lift or stairs. Toilet facilities are available near the library.

http://libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au