Newport Lakes Primary School

Important Dates to put in the diary

Friday 21st September

Last day of term - 2.30pm FINISH

Footy Colours Day/Hot dog lunch

Monday 8th October — Grade 3– 6 Camp - First day of term 4

Wednesday 10th October

Curriculum Day - Student Free Day

Monday 6th November

Tuesday 7th November

Public Holiday—Melbourne Cup Day

Wednesday 8th November

Prep—2 Swimming Program Commences

Monday 19th November

3—6 Swimming Program commences

TERM DATES
2012

Term 4
October 8th—December 21st

AWARDS

Congratulations to our award winners....

Shamay 6J  Taj, Prep D
Goergia, 4A  Mia, 1/2 B
Cole, 3D  Nick, 1/2G
Kafa, 4W  Hannah, Prep S
Leni, Prep K  Ruby, 3D
Arleigh, 1/2L  Rawda, 1/2D
Ben, 1/2R  Rafe, Prep M
Harry, 6J

SECOND-HAND BOOK DRIVE

We are asking all families’ to look through their book shelves and search for books they no longer want (and that would be suitable for our students to read). A large box will be placed in the office foyer area and after a few weeks, teaching staff will review all donated books to check their suitability before distributing them to individual classroom libraries.

Tissue Box Donations Welcome!

The school would greatly appreciate if any families could donate a box of tissues. Please hand them to your child’s teacher or the office. Thank you.
Dear families,

Another term has flown by and it has been as productive and eventful as ever! We have seen students studying countries around the world as part of their Olympics units. We have had a large number of students represent our school in athletics at the district competition and many of them are off to compete at the regional level! Our Preps have been creating the most innovative toys from recycled materials, which are currently on display in our corridor. This work followed a very successful and enjoyable Prep excursion to the Docklands to visit the Lego Education Centre. Our Year 3s and 4s have been becoming experts at Super Clubs and building solar boats in teams, in preparation for the races at Scienceworks in Term 4. Only two boats will be chosen, so teams are working hard to perfect their machines. With so much learning happening, it’s no wonder our students are all looking forward to a bit of a rest in the school holidays, which begin next week.

Head Lice: With the two week holiday almost here, families have an opportunity to eliminate head lice. This can be done by checking hair and treating all children with solution, available from the supermarket or chemist, and undertaking the time-consuming, but necessary, task of combing through the hair with a nit comb to eradicate any eggs that have adhered to it. I have received complaints from numerous families that they have become frustrated when they take the time to check and treat their child’s hair, but other families don’t, meaning the chance of re-infestation is high. Please help by checking and treating your child over the two week break.

Grade 1/2 Countries & Cultures Expose: I spent a wonderful hour on Friday 7th September visiting our Grade 1/2 classrooms, as did a large number of parents. Each student had prepared a display of the learning they had done about a particular country. I was very impressed by the artifacts that had been collected and the knowledge that each student had about their chosen country. It was evident that a lot of time and effort had gone in to learning as much as possible about each country. We were in for an absolute treat! Many students had brought samples of the food eaten in their country of choice. There were dips, gelati cones and breads. Several students provided a soundtrack too, with music originating from their country playing, as they relayed what they knew of the country they had studied.

Music Tour: Last Friday Kathy Hirche and a band of our student musicians; Aicha, Oula, Maddi, Grace B, Jasmine, Heidi and Rebecca, went on their first ‘tour’, visiting and performing for residents of Sloan House and Westgate Aged Care. This was a wonderful way to strengthen our ties to the local community and the audience was treated to songs that the girls had been practicing all term.

Prep Olympics Sports Afternoon: Last week our Year 5s and 6s organised a terrific afternoon of sporting activities for their Prep buddies. Preps dressed in their team colours and tried their hardest as they participated in events such as poison ball, chicken throw, soccer and baseball games, ably assisted and encouraged by the older students. Some would say the highlight was the fiercely contested teachers’ sack race, won by James Munro. The weather was perfect and there was an air of anticipation and excitement whilst scores were tallied and the winning team announced at the presentation. Green house was the winning team which was presented with the cup! Congratulations to all involved!

Mathematics Professional Learning: This term the teachers’ professional learning has been focused on best practice in mathematics teaching across P-6 at NLPS. We employed a consultant, Rob Vingerhoets, to work in our classrooms alongside teachers, to demonstrate exemplary teaching and learning approaches. Rob was able to provide teachers with further insight into the problem solving strategies that we encourage our students to use, and to the enormous benefits of posing open-ended tasks for our students to solve. Open-ended problems typically have more than one correct answer and can be solved in a range of ways. Rob reinforced how valuable it is to have students articulate and explain how they reached their answers and how beginning with a strategy can lead us into another that may prove to be more effective. The strategies that we are teaching our students from Prep – 6 to employ are: make a table, act it out, make a list, identify a pattern, work backwards, solve a simpler related problem, draw a picture/diagram, make a model, guess and check and/or write a number sentence. By using these strategies and making them explicit we are encouraging our students to think like mathematicians.

Uniform Policy: School Council last night ratified our updated school uniform policy. This will be available on our website by early next term. As part of the policy a decision was made to phase out the sky blue sports uniform, as it was felt that having two different coloured shirts was confusing, and looked inconsistent. The school office will not supply any additional sky blue shirts, apart from a small amount of existing stock.

Bikes and scooters: Unfortunately we have had some scooters go missing over the past few weeks, (some were later returned or found), so this is a timely reminder to all who ride to school to remember to take bikes and scooters home each day, rather than leaving them at school overnight.

Trivia Night: The multi purpose room was packed to capacity for the trivia night last Friday and you would have been forgiven for thinking you were on the set of a Hollywood movie. Many teams went above and beyond with their table decorations and costumes, to get into the theme, ‘That’s Entertainment’. Buzz Lightyear, Darth Vader, Jackson 5 (or was that 8?) and many gorgeous Hollywood starlets appeared on the night. A few cowboys managed to get past security too, startling the crowd by letting off a few rounds (of their cap guns). Princess Leia won the prize for best dress and the Jackson 8 team won the trivia competition. It was a sensational night of fun and raised approximately $3,000 for the school. A big thank you to Warren Hales for organising such a well-run and enjoyable evening.

NAPLAN results: We have received our NAPLAN results from May this year and I am delighted to report that our Year 3s and 5s have done very well in literacy and numeracy. I would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge the wonderful work that our teachers do, that enables our students to achieve so much! Congratulations to our tremendous students on such a great result!

I hope you all have a relaxing and safe two-week break.

Janet Gill.
**Born to Knit**

All blankets and squares need to be at school by the end of term 3. The blankets will be taken to Save the Children on September 28th which is in the school holidays. Please bring in any squares, even if they aren’t sewn into blankets. They will be sewn into blankets during the holidays before they go to Save the Children. Thanks to everyone that helped make a blanket.

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**MUSIC NEWS**

**Singing Extension tour**

Last Friday, the singers from music extension did their first "tour". This small but sensational group of girls gave very professional performances at Sloan House and Westgate Aged Care. The audience response was overwhelmingly positive. Not only did they enjoy watching and listening as the girls performed - quite a few were singing along and some even got up and danced! Congratulations to Aisha and Oula from 6J, Madison from 5A, Grace and Jasmine from 4W and Heide and Rebecca from 3M - you gave a lot of people a lot of joy last Friday and were wonderful musical ambassadors for our school. Thanks to Wendy (Heide’s mum) for helping with escorting to the venues, carrying gear, supervising lunch, taking photos and giving lots of support and encouragement.

**PREP-Factor - this Friday (last day of term)**

Parents of Prep students are invited to [Prep-Factor](#)! Join us in the multi-purpose hall this Friday for 45 minutes of fantastic fun. The Preps will be sharing their performances of the songs they have enjoyed learning in music this year.

- Prep D & Prep K = 9:45am-10:30am
- Prep M & Prep S = 11:00am - 11:45am

**Choir performances - this Friday (last day of term)**

The senior choir (grades 3-6) and junior choir (prep-2) will be performing at our assembly this Friday afternoon in the multi-purpose hall.

**NLPS community gigs in term 4**

Next term is already packed with NLPS music performances in our local community. Here are a few examples...

- music extension students (band and singers) will be performing at Bayside College (Williamstown 7-9 Campus)
- choir and band students will visit Sloan House, Westgate Aged Care and Southern Cross Aged Care
- senior choir will be featured in this year’s program for "Carols at the Substation"

...more details next term.
A big thanks to the team – Warren Hales, Bec Woltsche, Sue Phillips, Kylie Halarakis – who made the “That’s Entertainment” Trivia Night last Friday a big success! I have seen some photos and the outfits looked amazing. Thanks to Jade and Andrew for running the bar on the night. It is great to see the parent and teacher group out and building a strong school community! Thanks for the support.

Hot dog day tomorrow. Lunch will be from 12.30pm due to the early finish to the day. Thanks to Tracey Jarrett and Elise Cullis for organizing this lunch.

Parents Club will be hosting a Girl’s Night In fundraising event at the school on Friday October 26th to raise money to defeat women’s cancers. We have had six requests – all accepted! – to be part of the mini market which is fantastic. The event is a movie and champagne night from 7pm onwards. So come on girls put the date in the diary, invite a few friends and come along. The movie selection is an oldie but a goodie and should be great fun whilst raising funds for a very good cause. We will give more details next term.

The dates for Parents Club meetings for next term are:
>15th October after school assembly, 9.30ish, in the Multi-purpose Hall
>29th October 7.30pm in the Staffroom
>3rd December 7.30pm in the Staffroom.

Things coming up next term that you might like to get involved in
>Girls night In
>World Teachers Day
>Icy pole days
>Movie Night for Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Have a great break and see you next term. “Go the Pies!”

To the prep families who attended the last dance party on the 9th of September thanks for coming.

It was great to see all there have a good time again. The three family prep gatherings this year including dances and mini olympics have raised over $1500 for the school which goes to show the enthusiasm of all involved.

Thanks for your participation,
Michelle Gowing, Kiera’s mum Prep K.
The Commonwealth Bank are running an exciting competition during the school holidays. Any student from our school who opens a YOUTH SAVER / DOLLARMITE School Banking account in the holidays will go into the PRIZE DRAW.

The prize is $150 book voucher for the school library PLUS $50 for the child (deposited into their new account). How fantastic would it be if a our school/ your child won!

To open an account during the School Holidays, please visit the Commonwealth Bank at Altona Gate (Newport Lakes PS local branch) or any other branch in Altona, Williamstown, Yarraville or Footscray. Parents will need to take identification (driver's licence or passport) PLUS your child's birth certificate into the branch.

Our school receives $5 commission for every account opened PLUS 5% ongoing commission for all deposits made at school. We now have 130 students banking and have raised almost $1,000 so far this year, so it's a great fundraiser for our school. School Banking is done each MONDAY.

Good luck everyone.

Please contact Allana Arapakis, School Banking Co-ordinator on 0400 113 333 if you have and questions

A message from Kerry Keyboard

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to teach music to your children this year.

It has been wonderful to see all my students work so well in lessons and progress each week.

For those wishing to continue with private keyboard/piano lessons with me, please contact me for suitable times.

I encourage you all to continue to enjoy making music

Cheers - Kerry
0402 950 315
k-anne-t@hotmail.com
**Before The Last Day of The Term**

Notification from Quantum binning when booking children during the last week of term. Fees will be payable on or after the last day of the term.

**NO CANCELLATION WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER 5.00PM ON THE LAST DAY OF THE TERM. FEES MUST BE PAID WITHIN 7 DAYS OF THE LAST DAY OF THE TERM.**

Any child who is not collected by 5.00pm on the last day of the term will be charged a half day's fee.

**THE PRESENTATION OF 7 DAY NOTICE IS A GUIDE TO PLANNED ACTIVITIES.**

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**Cost:** £48 per child per day

Breakfast, lunch, and snacks are included in the price.

**Terms and Conditions:**

- All children must be at the center at 8.00am on the last day of the term.
- Fees must be paid within 7 days of the last day of the term.
- No cancellations will be allowed after 5.00pm on the last day of the term.