Important Dates to put in the diary........

Sunday 9th September                  Prep Dance Party
Thursday 13th September               Grade 4 Excursion to Bayside College
Friday 14th September                 Extension Music Concerts
                                       Sloan House & Westgate Nursing Home
Friday 21st September                 Last day of term - 2.30pm FINISH
                                       Footy Colours Day/Hot dog lunch
Monday 8th October -
Wednesday 10th October               Grade 3–6 Camp
Friday 14th September                 Trivia Night

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

AWARDS
Congratulations to our award winners....

Tristan, Prep D  Aida, Prep S
Marcus, Prep M  Jasmine, 4W
Imogen, 1/2B   Lennon, Prep K
Sienna, 1/2R   Immy, 1/2L
Aya, 3M        Oula, 6J
Kody, 1/2G     Mohammed, 5A
Omar, 1/2D     Sara, 4A
Ava, Prep D    Will, Prep K
Bill, Prep S   Daisy, 3M
Jacob, 3D      Ethan, Prep M
Adam, 1/2R     Ella, 1/2D
Ben, 1/2L      Mohammed, 1/2B
Maddison, 5A

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,

Don’t the new outdoor seats look terrific? Thanks to the parents, students and families who took timber home to paint, or helped to construct the seats at school on Sunday 26th August at the working bee. Thanks also to those who came along and completed other jobs like gardening, timber fencing, repairing the wire front fence, pruning, mulching and general cleaning. The sausage sizzle ‘team’ was a big hit too!

**Father’s Day breakfast:** What a great turnout we had for breakfast last Friday morning before school. Thanks to the band of cheery but wet mums, whose versatility and ability to cook ‘waterproof’ pancakes made it a very enjoyable way to start a Friday and a special way for students to show their appreciation for their fabulous dads!

**District athletics competition:** Please see the special sports report to read about our students’ outstanding achievements at the district athletics on Friday 24th Aug. We feel immensely proud of all our students’ efforts!

**School band and choir:** We were given a real treat at last week’s Wednesday afternoon assembly. Both performances from choir and band were a delight. The harmonies and high notes were extraordinary, as was the timing and skill shown by the band members. What talent! Such a polished performance reflects the dedication and time that both our students and Kathy, our music teacher, put in on a weekly basis.

**It’s not OK to be late!** It is disappointing and worrying to note that we have a significant number of students who regularly arrive at school late, many mornings each week. Research shows that this is very harmful to students’ learning. Not only do they miss out on crucial explicit teaching and background information at the beginning of the day that is vital to successful learning, but they also disrupt other students’ learning, and the teacher is then required to repeat instructions for individual students. This is not always possible, so late students often miss out. They might feel disengaged and disconnected as a result. They miss great opportunities to catch up with classmates in the yard before school. Ten to twenty minutes per day of missed school may not seem like a ‘big deal’, but when we add it up over a term (fifty days), and then four terms, it becomes a huge amount of learning that is being missed. Please make an extra effort to get your child to school with plenty of time to spare. Arriving at school at about 8.45 – 8.50 is ideal!

**Dogs to be kept outside and well away from school gates at all times!** It has been brought to my attention that parents are bringing their pet dogs into the school grounds before and after school for drop-off and pick-up. I’m sure everyone can appreciate how important it is for all in our school to feel safe; therefore it is very important that dogs are kept outside the school and tied up well away from the gates. It can be quite intimidating when dogs are barking and large dogs are inside the premises, especially for our younger students. We will erect signs around the perimeter to remind visitors of this requirement, for the safety of all.

**Additional teaching and learning spaces:** Regional personnel visited the school last Friday to discuss with me the need for more classrooms at Newport Lakes PS. At this stage it looks as though we will receive a double portable (two classrooms) which will be located near the existing portables, before the end of the year, to accommodate our growing student population in 2013.

Have a terrific fortnight everyone,

Janet Gill
Congratulations to the members of the choir and the band - what a fantastic performance at our special assembly last Wednesday!

Performances at Sloane House & Westgate Nursing Home
A small group of singers (music extension students) will be doing a short local tour on 14 September. They will do two performances: Sloane House and Westgate Nursing Home. Both of these venues feature in our schedule of various NLPS music gigs during term 4... more details next term.

Workshop & Concert at Bayside College
The NLPS band members will join with the Bayside College band members for a workshop at Bayside College (Williamstown Campus) on 16 October. This will be followed by a concert performance by music extension students (band members and vocal group) for an audience of high school students.

Choir T-shirts & vests
Grade 1 and 2 choir members need to return their T-shirts and vests to Kathy asap. Thank you to those who have already done this.

WiseOnes – Move Clever to Wise
Newport Lakes PS introduced the WiseOnes Program this term for students who qualified during the free-try outs conducted during term 2.

WiseOnes is a gifted education program targeting advanced and fast learners in Years 1 – 6. It operates in school time, one hour per week for 8 weeks per term. WiseOnes brings fast thinkers and learners together in small groups who have the opportunity to share learning and discussions via a varied curriculum.

This term we started with our topic on Forensic Science – ‘Gathering Evidence’. WiseOnes covers a range of disciplines and topics offering a different unit each term designed to cater to the needs of advanced learners.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the Newport Lakes PS Leadership, Staff and Parents for their support of these children’s needs in gifted education. It is a great pleasure working with the children and I look forward to a continued opportunity to assist their further growth and development in a school community that is in tune with the needs of such children.

I would like to share with you what some students are saying about WiseOnes:

♦ “This experience has been a once in a lifetime opportunity. It has changed the way I think and helped me to advance and push myself” Collan 6J
♦ “WiseOnes is great because you are with other students that are at the same pace of learning as you. The learning is very different and it is also fun.” Lara 5A
♦ “I like WiseOnes because it teaches the brain to work differently.” Finn 1/2R
♦ “WiseOnes is another way to learn.” Freya & Ben 1/2L
♦ “I like to think about WiseOnes as another school lesson. WiseOnes allows fast and different thinkers to do more complicated work. It has different topics each term. This term’s topic was Forensic Science. We learned how to analyse fingerprints learned about hair, footprints and even lip prints.” Jasmine 4W
♦ “In WiseOnes we have been learning about Forensic Science which included Locard’s Principle where something always gets left behind. We can work together and I find WiseOnes really fun and interesting. After WiseOnes, I always have learnt something new.” Heide 3M

If you would like more information about the WiseOnes Program, please feel free to contact me.

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**SPORTS REPORT**

**District Athletics**

Well done to all of the students who represented the school at the District Athletics Carnival on Friday 24th August. Our school managed to finish in first place and the behaviour and conduct of our students was impeccable and a pleasure to see.

We are waiting on the names of the students who have qualified for the Regional Athletics Carnival which will be held in the second week of term four. Details will be sent home as soon as we are informed.

Thanks also to Bec Woltsche and all of the other parents who went to the Newport Athletics track on Wednesday after school last week to provide our students with some valuable training and tips that no doubt assisted them on Friday.

**Intensive Swimming Program**

The intensive swimming program will take place in November this year at Carlisle Swimming in Altona. We will be sending a note home next week that will provide all of the necessary details so please keep a look out for that.

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**School Banking Rewards**

Due to high demand, stock of the following School Banking Rewards have been depleted and are no longer available for the remainder of the year:

- Watch
- Wallet
- Handball

However, the bank have brought the ordering date for the USB forward from Term 4 to the start of September.

To claim your reward, please complete the redemption form provided at the start of the year and include 10 silver tokens in your deposit wallet next time you bank.

Please contact Allana Arapakis, School Banking Co-ordinator if you have any questions, or if you require a new redemption card:
0400 113 333 or aarapakis@optusnet.com.au
A big THANK YOU to all the Dads and Mums and Children who came to the Father’s Day Breakfast last Friday in the Multipurpose Hall. Waking up to the rain at 6am I think the volunteering Mums were a bit concerned about how we were going to manage and if people would come. HOWEVER cook pancakes and they will come! So really an extra big thanks to the 10 or so Mums who volunteered that morning – the school community spirit is alive and well. A very big thanks to Anthony Daniel, Fletcher Grade 3 and Ashton in Prep, for managing to get our wonderful new BBQ to the school the day before.

AHH……… the end of the footy season for another year… but don’t forget about footy finals. There will be a hotdog day on the last day of term to celebrate Football finishing… or is that the finals starting?? Either way forms were distributed this week and due back on Friday the 14th September. PLEASE GET YOUR FORM IN AND ON TIME.

“That’s Entertainment” - the Trivia Night is on Friday 14th September and the questions are all on Entertainment. Tickets are available at the office for $20 with 8 to a table. For those who have not been before it is great fun and a good chance to meet more parents from the school community. Tickets are limited so get in quick.

At the last Parents Club meeting on Monday 27th August Nola Wilson and Laura Sheridan shared their stories from their recent trip to Northern territory as part of the Big Sing. Bev Fegan also came along as she too had recently visited Northern Territory where her son is currently teaching. And Jenny Mitchell from GetUp Out-West also attended. It was fascinating, confronting and humorous to hear their stories and to gain a tiny bit more understanding of some of the issues involved in closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. Jenny gave the school two copies of a book outlining the part Indigenous people have played in the Hobsons bay area. A big thanks to Nola, Laura, Bev and Jenny for taking the time out to share their experiences with us. We would like to aim to have a guest speaker/presenter next term so if anyone has any suggestions please let us know.

Parents Club will be hosting a Girl’s Night In fundraising event at the school in October to raise money to defeat women’s cancers. As well as other activities happening on the night, we will host a mini market and are looking for a few people interested in a table to display their wares. Spaces will be extremely limited and preference will be given to those who have an association with the school (parents etc). We will have only 1 representative from any particular party plan - so first in, first served. $15 entry fee to stallholders and we ask you donate a product to our raffle on the night. Please contact Jacqui Lomas on jlo35310@bigpond.net.au to secure a booking or for more information.

We will be having a short Parents Club Meeting after school assembly on Monday 10th September to go through

- Trivia Night arrangements
- Girls Night In
- World Teachers Day
- Wish list!

All are most welcome!
2012 Trivia Night

Friday 14 September – arrive 7pm for 7:30pm start

$20 per person - 8 people per table

Tables filling up fast so don’t miss out

Drinks at bar prices - BYO food for your table

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Invitation to the

Prep’s Dance Party

for all grade Prep students and their families.

Groovy dance dress ups optional

Sunday 9th September from 2.00pm - 3.30pm
Newport Lakes Primary Multipurpose Room

The entertainer is booked from 2.15pm - 3.00pm.

Cost per child is $15.00. This price includes siblings.

RSVP is by Friday 7th September

with RSVP form completed and payment given to the school office.

- All children attending must have parents or responsible adults present.
- Please bring some party food & drinks to share. A table will be available for buffet style party food. Sharing and supplying food increases the funds we can give to the school.
- Please take all drinks and food containers / rubbish home at the end of the party. People with allergies please bring your own suitable party food and remember not to share food from others that may contain allergens.
- Michael Salita from Fun Key Entertainment will take the kids through some groovy dance moves and fun activities
The Lego Education Centre

On Monday we went to the Lego exhibition. First we had a run and RD and I went into the Lego exhibition. We made Lego and then it was snowing. After snow time we made more legs and it was lunch time. After lunch time it was time to go in the bus. I liked the merry-go-round. For the merry-go-round we used rubber bands. It helped the merry-go-round move and you spin the merry-go-round more and you spin the merry-go-round.

Veni

Magnificent work!
Its time to get ready for the 2012/2013 Nipper Season

Don’t miss out!!

Information sessions are being held for joining Williamstown Swimming and Life Saving Club

Friday, 7th September, 5pm – 7pm
Saturday 15th September, 2pm – 4pm
Saturday 22nd September 2pm – 4pm

The WS&LSC runs one of the most successful Nippers Surf Development and Sporting programs in Victoria, covering surf awareness, lifesaving and surf competition skills. Surf Education is run by qualified coaches each Friday afternoon, each session finishes with a sausage sizzle and a free Milo for all of the kids. The Surf Sport program for U8 to U14 age groups involves 4 Surf Carnivals plus Regional and State Championships and structured coaching sessions. Registrations close Monday 22nd October and the program will commence on Friday 9th Nov at the WS&LSC, Williamstown Beach.

To join the Nippers program you must become a member of the Life Saving Club. Family memberships cost $240, this gives the family full use of the facilities including the pool, and the Nipper program incurs an additional fee. Anyone over the age of 18 must hold a current Working with Children Card.

Kids have lots of fun whilst learning about water safety!

Further information can be obtained by contacting Leonie Newey on 0418 341 595 or at williamstownnippers@gmail.com
Before the last day of the term, notification from quantrin binnaia, when booking children during the last week of term, fees will be payable on or after the last day of term.

No cancellation will be approved after calculation of fees. Payment must be made within 7 days of the last day of term.

Preschoolers

**Weekly**

- **Outdoor Play**
- **Water concert**
- **Field trips**
- **Fruit and veggie day**
- **Painting and drawing**
- **Music and Movement**
- **Reading and writing**
- **Science experiments**
- **Art and Craft**

**Weekly Themes**

- **September**: Outdoor Play
- **October**: Water Concert
- **November**: Field Trips
- **December**: Fruit and Veggie Day
- **January**: Painting and Drawing
- **February**: Music and Movement
- **March**: Reading and Writing
- **April**: Science Experiments
- **May**: Art and Craft

**Weekly Themes 2022**

- **September**: Outdoor Play
- **October**: Water Concert
- **November**: Field Trips
- **December**: Fruit and Veggie Day
- **January**: Painting and Drawing
- **February**: Music and Movement
- **March**: Reading and Writing
- **April**: Science Experiments
- **May**: Art and Craft

**Weekly Themes 2023**

- **September**: Outdoor Play
- **October**: Water Concert
- **November**: Field Trips
- **December**: Fruit and Veggie Day
- **January**: Painting and Drawing
- **February**: Music and Movement
- **March**: Reading and Writing
- **April**: Science Experiments
- **May**: Art and Craft

**Weekly Themes 2024**

- **September**: Outdoor Play
- **October**: Water Concert
- **November**: Field Trips
- **December**: Fruit and Veggie Day
- **January**: Painting and Drawing
- **February**: Music and Movement
- **March**: Reading and Writing
- **April**: Science Experiments
- **May**: Art and Craft

**Weekly Themes 2025**

- **September**: Outdoor Play
- **October**: Water Concert
- **November**: Field Trips
- **December**: Fruit and Veggie Day
- **January**: Painting and Drawing
- **February**: Music and Movement
- **March**: Reading and Writing
- **April**: Science Experiments
- **May**: Art and Craft

**Weekly Themes 2026**

- **September**: Outdoor Play
- **October**: Water Concert
- **November**: Field Trips
- **December**: Fruit and Veggie Day
- **January**: Painting and Drawing
- **February**: Music and Movement
- **March**: Reading and Writing
- **April**: Science Experiments
- **May**: Art and Craft

**Weekly Themes 2027**

- **September**: Outdoor Play
- **October**: Water Concert
- **November**: Field Trips
- **December**: Fruit and Veggie Day
- **January**: Painting and Drawing
- **February**: Music and Movement
- **March**: Reading and Writing
- **April**: Science Experiments
- **May**: Art and Craft

**Weekly Themes 2028**

- **September**: Outdoor Play
- **October**: Water Concert
- **November**: Field Trips
- **December**: Fruit and Veggie Day
- **January**: Painting and Drawing
- **February**: Music and Movement
- **March**: Reading and Writing
- **April**: Science Experiments
- **May**: Art and Craft

**Weekly Themes 2029**

- **September**: Outdoor Play
- **October**: Water Concert
- **November**: Field Trips
- **December**: Fruit and Veggie Day
- **January**: Painting and Drawing
- **February**: Music and Movement
- **March**: Reading and Writing
- **April**: Science Experiments
- **May**: Art and Craft

**Weekly Themes 2030**

- **September**: Outdoor Play
- **October**: Water Concert
- **November**: Field Trips
- **December**: Fruit and Veggie Day
- **January**: Painting and Drawing
- **February**: Music and Movement
- **March**: Reading and Writing
- **April**: Science Experiments
- **May**: Art and Craft

**Weekly Themes 2031**

- **September**: Outdoor Play
- **October**: Water Concert
- **November**: Field Trips
- **December**: Fruit and Veggie Day
- **January**: Painting and Drawing
- **February**: Music and Movement
- **March**: Reading and Writing
- **April**: Science Experiments
- **May**: Art and Craft

**Weekly Themes 2032**

- **September**: Outdoor Play
- **October**: Water Concert
- **November**: Field Trips
- **December**: Fruit and Veggie Day
- **January**: Painting and Drawing
- **February**: Music and Movement
- **March**: Reading and Writing
- **April**: Science Experiments
- **May**: Art and Craft

**Weekly Themes 2033**

- **September**: Outdoor Play
- **October**: Water Concert
- **November**: Field Trips
- **December**: Fruit and Veggie Day
- **January**: Painting and Drawing
- **February**: Music and Movement
- **March**: Reading and Writing
- **April**: Science Experiments
- **May**: Art and Craft

**Weekly Themes 2034**

- **September**: Outdoor Play
- **October**: Water Concert
- **November**: Field Trips
- **December**: Fruit and Veggie Day
- **January**: Painting and Drawing
- **February**: Music and Movement
- **March**: Reading and Writing
- **April**: Science Experiments
- **May**: Art and Craft

**Weekly Themes 2035**

- **September**: Outdoor Play
- **October**: Water Concert
- **November**: Field Trips
- **December**: Fruit and Veggie Day
- **January**: Painting and Drawing
- **February**: Music and Movement
- **March**: Reading and Writing
- **April**: Science Experiments
- **May**: Art and Craft

**Weekly Themes 2036**

- **September**: Outdoor Play
- **October**: Water Concert
- **November**: Field Trips
- **December**: Fruit and Veggie Day
- **January**: Painting and Drawing
- **February**: Music and Movement
- **March**: Reading and Writing
- **April**: Science Experiments
- **May**: Art and Craft

**Weekly Themes 2037**

- **September**: Outdoor Play
- **October**: Water Concert
- **November**: Field Trips
- **December**: Fruit and Veggie Day
- **January**: Painting and Drawing
- **February**: Music and Movement
- **March**: Reading and Writing
- **April**: Science Experiments
- **May**: Art and Craft

**Weekly Themes 2038**

- **September**: Outdoor Play
- **October**: Water Concert
- **November**: Field Trips
- **December**: Fruit and Veggie Day
- **January**: Painting and Drawing
- **February**: Music and Movement
- **March**: Reading and Writing
- **April**: Science Experiments
- **May**: Art and Craft

**Weekly Themes 2039**

- **September**: Outdoor Play
- **October**: Water Concert
- **November**: Field Trips
- **December**: Fruit and Veggie Day
- **January**: Painting and Drawing
- **February**: Music and Movement
- **March**: Reading and Writing
- **April**: Science Experiments
- **May**: Art and Craft

**Weekly Themes 2040**

- **September**: Outdoor Play
- **October**: Water Concert
- **November**: Field Trips
- **December**: Fruit and Veggie Day
- **January**: Painting and Drawing
- **February**: Music and Movement
- **March**: Reading and Writing
- **April**: Science Experiments
- **May**: Art and Craft

**Weekly Themes 2041**

- **September**: Outdoor Play
- **October**: Water Concert
- **November**: Field Trips
- **December**: Fruit and Veggie Day
- **January**: Painting and Drawing
- **February**: Music and Movement
- **March**: Reading and Writing
- **April**: Science Experiments
- **May**: Art and Craft

**Weekly Themes 2042**

- **September**: Outdoor Play
- **October**: Water Concert
- **November**: Field Trips
- **December**: Fruit and Veggie Day
- **January**: Painting and Drawing
- **February**: Music and Movement
- **March**: Reading and Writing
- **April**: Science Experiments
- **May**: Art and Craft

**Weekly Themes 2043**

- **September**: Outdoor Play
- **October**: Water Concert
- **November**: Field Trips
- **December**: Fruit and Veggie Day
- **January**: Painting and Drawing
- **February**: Music and Movement
- **March**: Reading and Writing
- **April**: Science Experiments
- **May**: Art and Craft

**Weekly Themes 2044**

- **September**: Outdoor Play
- **October**: Water Concert
- **November**: Field Trips
- **December**: Fruit and Veggie Day
- **January**: Painting and Drawing
- **February**: Music and Movement
- **March**: Reading and Writing
- **April**: Science Experiments
- **May**: Art and Craft

**Weekly Themes 2045**

- **September**: Outdoor Play
- **October**: Water Concert
- **November**: Field Trips
- **December**: Fruit and Veggie Day
- **January**: Painting and Drawing
- **February**: Music and Movement
- **March**: Reading and Writing
- **April**: Science Experiments
- **May**: Art and Craft

Cost: $48 per child per day

**Term 3, 2022**

Program: Monday 3rd September – Friday 28th September

Vacation Care Program

Quantum Brain Community Centre Inc.