



Newport Lakes Primary School

WEDNESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER, 2010

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



Friday 18th September

Last day of term **2.30 PM FINISH**

Thursday 14th October

School Athletics Day

Sunday 17th October

Working Bee

Friday 19th November

SCHOOL FETE



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Band Performance



Please take the time to visit our school website to view photos of the recent Art Show and also the school performance at FOPA.



Happy Birthday to

Briony, 1/2C

Ally, 6A

A very happy birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthday over the holidays.

Sebastien, 1/2C

Bertie, 1/2C

Rory, 1/2 M

Jordan, 1/2M

Georgia, 3/4R

Ayla, 1/2O

Lyndsey, 1/2C

Gheena, 3/4R

Sara, 1/2C

Issra, 1/2C

Grace, 1/2O

Maddison, 3/4

Gregory, Prep M

Belen, 1/2O

Mohamed, 6A

Jacob, 1/2S



AMF BOWLING—School holiday deal vouchers are available at the office if anyone is interested.

From the principal



Dear Parents and Carers

It is the end of another busy term and there has been great excitement as we enjoyed **'footy day'** at school today. Teachers and students have had fun wearing their team colours and there were a few brave souls who 'volunteered' to play in the staff student match.

We had a great start to our week this week with the band performing at assembly. The multi purpose room was filled with students, parents, student teachers and the band - it was a privilege to hear our young musicians perform. Thank you to Kathy, Nola and the parents who come along each week to band practice and support these very talented young people. We look forward to many more "musical" occasions

Mr Hales has been busy in the 'quiet yard' erecting our edible garden boxes. They look terrific and the spring planting will be next. The planter boxes are located temporarily in the quiet yard and we be relocated to a sunny spot outside the kitchen area in our new building.

On Tuesday our school students participated in the Performing Arts Festival at Paisley College. The children were fantastic and were a credit to themselves and the teachers who have worked with them during the year. Unfortunately the sound system at the venue didn't pick up our children's voices, other schools had similar problems. All schools have the opportunity to give feedback to the organising committee and suggest improvements for the 2011 performance. We have noted the sound system as an improvement. Special thanks to Kathy Hirche, Lee Rutledge and Nola Wilson for supporting our students during this event. We do have photos of the FOPA performance and photos of other events – we have added them to the school website, take time to have a look. Thank you to parents and staff who have taken photographs and sent them along to us.

Parents of children in grades 3 and 5 will receive their children's NAPLAN results this week. Our school results showed significant improvement and it is a credit to students and staff for all their work. NAPLAN is one indicator of student achievement and should be considered along with all other assessment data. Parents are very welcome to discuss the NAPLAN results with their child's class teacher.

October 25th – October 29th is Children's Week We are planning a week of activities celebrating the wonderful community spirit at Newport Lakes Primary School. There will be a special focus on literacy and the students will be invited to dress up for our 'book parade' The week will also include a family picnic lunch at Newport Lakes. Further information will be sent home early next term.

School Council met this week. A working bee is planned for **Sunday 17th October**. Buildings and Grounds committee would like to continue the Nature Trail and the back of the oval as well as do a general tidy up of the grounds. Please put the date in your diary – if you are unable to attend on the day but can help out at another time please speak to Warren Hales School Council is continuing to be proactive in ensuring our facilities are ready for the beginning of 2011. Regional staff are visiting the school in order to establish our needs and how our current buildings can be used to accommodate our classes. We will continue to keep you informed. An extraordinary council meeting has been called for October 11th to discuss 2011 facilities. Next term we will ask for parent input into the future planning of our outdoor space. Please give some thought to the best use of the playground considering the needs of all children.

I would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe holiday. Hopefully we will have some beautiful spring days so we can get out and about. Next term is already looking very busy with prep orientation activities, swimming, athletic sports, student reports, children's week and of course our FETE ! I think I'll stop there – I'm exhausted just thinking about it !

Thursday 14th October we will be having our school Athletics Sports Day. There will be a sports focus next term with the Commonwealth Games happening at the beginning of October.

Enjoy the break and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday October 4th

Bev Fegan
Principal

REMINDERS



SWIMMING PROGRAM

Thank you to all those families that have returned their swimming forms and paid in full. Full payment is required by this Friday if you wish your child to participate.

*Thanks
Paul Taylor*

PARENT OPINION SURVEYS—URGENT

If you received a Parent Opinion Survey recently and have not completed it could you please return these to the office by this Friday.

ENGRAVED PAVERS

Last week a notice was sent home regarding pavers for our new BER hall area. The children have a choice of writing their own message and picture on a brick or having a computer print (32 characters) of their name on a paver. Both types of these pavers are \$20.00.



Double pavers are \$45.00 and allow for up to 64 characters by computer print only.

We are restricted by the number and currently have received 43 orders. This offer will close on **15TH OCTOBER** and late orders cannot be accepted after that date. (Please note that this date is only 2 weeks after the holidays).

BAND PERFORMANCE

The band from Newport Lakes Primary School performed to an eager audience at Hobson's Bay Kinder. Like polished professionals, the band members performed group and solo pieces, demonstrated their instruments and involved the kinder kids as "special guest artists" to perform with the band for a grand finale of "Batman".

The band is an unusual mix of instruments; cornet, tenor horn, euphonium, flute, clarinet, violin, cello, percussion, glockenspiel, guitar and even some keyboards! The band performs at local aged-care homes, kindergartens, the school fete and of course school assembly, and are keen to expand their gig calendar to include other venues. As one member said "I like how we go around doing concerts for free. All the music is cool. Rock on!"

Parents' Club News

Mark Friday 19th November on your calendar now for the "Lakes Fete Twilight Fair"...

"Help!!! - the "Feteful" Term is fast approaching, what can I do these school holidays to help?"

- Have a big clean out and donate your good quality unwanted items
- Clean out the garden shed and donate your pots, oh, and while you are at it take some cuttings
- Find those recipes for cakes, biscuits, slices that are always popular
- Give children jobs to do around the house so that they can start saving up their money
- For those crafty people, have a craft session with your children and their friends
- Start thinking about which stall you will volunteer for
- And plenty more...

When we come back next term, look for the large fete display where you can find out all about each stall and where you can sign up to volunteer.

Until then have a happy and safe holiday...

Lorey

Coles Sports for Schools Promotion



Have you been shopping at Coles? We are surrounded by Coles Supermarkets!! If you drive north, there is one at Yarraville, south, you hit Williamstown's and west has Altona Gate. Even if you decide to go east and over the bridge, there is one not too far away in Port Melbourne! (directions are approximate only) Every voucher will help us to purchase new sports equipment to begin 2011.

Coles Supermarkets are helping schools purchase sports equipment and we need your help. Until Sunday 31 October 2010, every \$10 spent* at Coles Supermarkets will earn customers a Coles Sports for Schools voucher worth 1 point. For as little as 85 points we will be able to choose some brand new sporting equipment for our school!

Kids can collect vouchers from their family, friends and neighbours and drop them into the Coles Sports for Schools box located near the office. I have even managed to collect off other shoppers in the checkout queue!

So get shopping at Coles (forget Safeway and Aldi for the moment) over the school holidays and remember to collect your vouchers and drop them in the box.

* Excludes purchases on gift cards, mobile recharge, calling cards, iTunes, tobacco and tobacco related products.

CONGRATULATIONS

to the following people who have won a prize in the Raffle that was part of our 2010
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- 1st prize:-** Gregory Halarakis. \$250 Gift Voucher from **Kate Hill**
- 2nd prize:-** Mat 1/2 O. **Bed & Breakfast at Stephanie's**
- 3rd prize:-** Van Rooden Family. DVD Player from **Marks Bros**
- 4th prize:-** Walker Family. Meals Voucher from **Bettany's at The Prince Albert**
- 5th prize:-** Murphy Family. Meals Voucher from the **Lion Dance Chinese Restaurant**
- 6th prize:-** Menzies Family. Meals Voucher from **Nosh@Newport**
- 7th prize:-** Mel Shanahan. Two double passes from The **Sun Theatre**
- 8th prize:-** Warburton Family. Corner puppy bed from **Rhurac's**
- 9th prize:-** Binskin Family. Hamper from **Napoli Quality Fruit Market** **10th prize:-** Dean Rose. Artists Pack from **Deans Art!**
- 11th prize:-** Claire Grady. The little late comer- "**Judith awaits**" a cute little character from Where the Wild Things Are!

We THANK all of the businesses who have kindly donated all of the prizes, it would not have been possible without them.

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If anyone has any photos of the mosaics on Opening Night with them all light up at night can you **please** forward them to me. lieberman.maria.m@eduamil.vic.gov.au Many many many thanks.

REMINDER

Just a reminder that all Art work purchased by parents throughout the week are in the children's classrooms, for the Prep children the "Guardians of the Garden" are located on the bench in the Multi Purpose Room.

Shortly I will be making contact with people who have placed a "RESERVE" sticker on work they were interested in, if anyone is still interested in any particular piece please feel free to come in at any time and see if it is available.

Works of Art are available for you to purchase till the end of this week/term.

Mrs.L.