Important Dates to put in the diary

Friday 13th June  Winter Sports Round Robin
Monday 16th June  School Council Meeting 6.30 pm
                  Parent Teacher bookings open 4.00 pm
Wednesday 18th June  Vic Bike Ride Meeting— 6.00 pm
Friday 20th June  Special Assembly 2.50 pm
                  NLPS Birthday Cupcake Stall
Monday 23rd June  Parent Teacher bookings close 4. 00 pm
Tuesday 24th June  Parent Club Meeting 7.30 pm
Wednesday 25th June  Parent Teacher Interviews 2.00— 7.00 pm
Friday 27th June  Last day of Term—Early dismissal  2.30 pm

TERM DATES
2014
Term 2
22nd April - 27th June

Pupil Free Days
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 :-

Sebastian 1L  Tara, 3/4G  Annalise1O
Bailey, Prep D  Omar, 3/4M  Miya, 2R
Gus, 3/4H  Grace V, 5/6S  Amelie, Prep D
Annabella, 2H  April, 3/4O  Caden, 3/4M
Charlie, Prep T  Patrick, 5/6L  Sam, 1L
Alish, Prep D  James, 5/6W  Seb, 5/6S
Khadija, 2H  Joe, Prep S  Lilly, 3/4O
Leo, 1O  Ella, 1C  Cindy, Ava, Chloe & Alex, 2N, 2R
Adam, 3/4G  Hannah, 5/6M  Ibby, 1O

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

Patrick, 5/6L  Nicholas, 5/6L
Alex, Prep S  Jack, 5/6M
Henrietta, 1O  Mohammed, 3/4O
Matthew, Prep D  Wagih, 1L
Omar, 3/4M  Oliver, 3/4O
Ollie, 3/4O  Lily, Prep S

Student Leaders & Junior School Council Photos

Junior School Council and Student Leader photos are on display in the office area and available for purchase for $10.00 each. If you are interested in purchasing a photo please place your order with the money at the office before Friday 20th June.
Dear Parents,

**Amazing Time** A trip to the Melbourne Zoo is always a wonderful outing but to make it 'amazing' for the Yr. 5/6 children you also need to make it engaging. I was very fortunate on Tuesday to attend the Yr. 5/6 Indonesian ‘Amazing Race’ excursion to the zoo. The children were placed into small groups and were then sent on a journey around the zoo accomplishing a number of challenges on the way. The clues and challenges were all set in Indonesian language or were based around topics or content of their Indonesian studies. The weather was perfect and the students had a fantastic time learning and consolidating their knowledge of Indonesian in a fun and engaging manner. Well done to Lyndal and teachers on planning such a wonderful excursion and a big thank you to all the parents that came along and assisted on the day.

As a once very regular visitor to the zoo when my children were much younger, it has been a number of years since I had visited the zoo and had a look around the exhibits. There were many new enclosures and upgrades going on to continually improve the facilities for both the visitors and animals. If you haven’t visited for a while it may be worth considering as a possible outing in the upcoming school holidays.

**School Strategic Plan and Annual Implementation Plan** The school’s new strategic plan 2014-2017 was presented and ratified at the May School Council meeting. The strategic plan is our ‘blueprint’ or road map to assist in guiding the school’s direction over the next 3-4 years.

Feedback and input received from the community forum and parent surveys conducted in 2013, in addition with recommendations from the school independent review conducted late last year, have formed the basis of the goals and key improvement strategies of the plan.

Recommendations and strategies in the areas of student learning, student engagement, school communication, eLearning, student attendance and student voice have all been included to ensure that the children of Newport Lakes received the highest quality education.

The implementation of the school strategic plan is supported by the Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) which breaks down the school goals into workable strategies to be completed each year. Both documents are closely monitored by school council and staff and regularly referred to for direction, reflection and evaluation. Both are there to guide us and neither is ‘set in stone’. They are to be continually monitored to ensure they meet the current needs of our children and school community. It is the role of the school leadership and school council to ensure that the documents reflect the current school vision and values and provide the best education possible for our children.

The school strategic plan and annual implementation plan are available on school website (About Us) and we invite all parents to take some time to read these very important school documents.

**Mobil Bright Futures Grant** The school has been fortunate to again be the recipient of the ‘Mobil Bright Futures Grant’ to the value of $4000. These funds will be targeted to the funding of a further 24 ipads for the Yr.3/4 level. This will then complete the school’s eLearning resource strategy plan of having a set of school ipads available to all the Prep, 1/2 and 3/4 teams.

**Vacating School Grounds After School** - It is very important that children leave to go straight home after school unless they are being supervised by their parents. A number of children are remaining in the school grounds unsupervised and playing with their friends rather than going directly home after the dismissal bell has rung. Students are only permitted to be in the school grounds after school if they are being carefully supervised by their parents or an adult who is taking responsibility of the child.

Students that remain unsupervised in the school grounds after school will be directed to the school office and parents will be contacted to come to the school to pick them up.

If parents are supervising their children after school, they must do this diligently to ensure the safety of their own children and any others within their care.

This is both a safety and a legal responsibility issue and it is very important that we have the support of all families on this matter.
Parent Teacher Interviews  Student reports are to be sent home on Monday 23rd June and then Parent-Teacher interviews are to be conducted on Wednesday 25th June.

During the afternoon of parent teacher interviews, all students will be supervised in the Multi-Purpose Room by specialist teachers, leadership and support staff to allow classroom teachers to begin interviews at 2pm.

A performance by the Bayside Secondary School band and our own NLPS band will be conducted to entertain the students. We may also have time for a repeat performance of some of the finalists from ‘Newport Lakes Has Talent’. Parents are also most welcome to attend the performances although ‘space’ will very tight and ‘standing room’ only will be available.

School Walk-a-thon  - The walk-a-thon was a great success, not only a school community-building activity but also as a fundraiser for the school. A total of $13,243 was raised (before expenses). These funds will be used to purchase: take home books (approx. $8500), sports uniforms (approx $1200), sports equipment and storage (approx. $3,000). Processes to purchase these items are currently underway and should be available to classrooms and students early in term 3.

Tax Deductible Trust Funds  The school has been able to establish a Library Trust Fund in which all funds donated to the school to this fund are Tax Deductible. Funds donated to this fund must be utilised under strict guidelines to purchase materials and equipment for the school library.

All funds donated to this trust fund by parents, companies, businesses etc. are approved as being fully tax deductible by the ATO. The school is also in the process of establishing a Buildings Trust Fund which will be available for donations later in the year.

If any parent or business is interested in donating funds to this tax deductible fund please contact the school office for further details. Donations made to the Trust Fund before June 30 can be claimed in the current tax assessment.

Great Victorian Bike Ride  – There has been a number of parents and families that have expressed an interest of being involved in a school team in the 2014 Great Victorian Bike Ride – (3 day event.) We currently have 7 families expressing interest, which may be sufficient to determine if it is feasible to enter a school team in this year’s event.

The next step is to have an information session to discuss the program, logistics, roles & responsibilities, costs etc. of having a Newport Lakes Primary School Team in the event. This meeting will be conducted on the evening of Wednesday 18th June at 6.00pm in the school library.

If you are interested in attending the ride, or may like further information about the event, please feel welcome to come along to this meeting.

End of Term Early Dismissal  The end of term 2 will be Friday 27th June. Students will be dismissed at 2.30pm on this day. Term 3 begins on Monday 14th July.

I hope you have a good week.

David Moss
Principal
School Council Working Bee

Thanks to the team of 14 parents (and 6 kids) who braved the cold weather, rain and early morning start for a working bee recently. The aim of this working bee was to work on the garden between the Multi-Purpose Room and Ross Street to create an Outdoor Learning Area.

Everybody put a big effort into removing the existing plants and dirt, in preparation for the landscapers to lay the grass in the next few weeks. This is Stage 1 of the Outdoor Learning Area development, which will be ready for our kids to use in spring.

On completion of the morning’s activities, the team enjoyed a hot cuppa with freshly baked choc chip muffins provided by Alana Arapakis.

Thanks to all parents and kids that helped out on the morning.

Look out for further developments to the outdoor learning area as well as other school improvement activities run by your School Council Representatives.

Regards,
Mark Arapakis

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Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Newport Lakes Primary School is participating in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (Data Collection). This Data Collection is taking place in government, Catholic and Independent schools across Australia, and will provide valuable information about supports required for a broad group of students. This will enable Australian and State governments to better target support and resources in schools. This in turn will help schools give students with disability the support they need.

The Data Collection is not limited to students with diagnosed disabilities. It uses a very broad definition of disability, taken from the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, which describe a broad range of health and learning conditions for which schools are required to provide ‘reasonable adjustments’ to support students to participate on the same basis as other students.

The Data Collection will take place during Terms 2 and 3. No personal or identifying information about any student will be included, however, if you decide you do not wish information about your child to be included in the Data Collection, you can opt-out by signing and returning the opt-out consent form. More information about the Data Collection is available on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website at:
http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/needs/Pages/nccd.aspx or you could contact the Principal if you have any further questions.
2014 ART SHOW
This year the Art Show opening night is on
Wednesday 10th September

The ART AUCTION will be held again and we're looking for talented people to donate their art and craft. It could be anything, a painting, a mosaic, a handmade bag, jewellery, a quilt.

So start making!!! Any questions see Laura Russell in the Art room.

SILK CUT AWARD

Over the past few weeks a group of grade five and six students have been working in the Art room at lunchtime to make linocut prints for the Silk Cut Awards. Here are some photos of the work produced.

REMINDER - THE NLPS ARCHIBALD PRIZE IS DUE

Wednesday 18th June.

The winner will be announced Friday June 28th, there are two categories Prep - grade 2 and grade 3 - grade 6.
You are invited to Prep Music!
Join us in the Performing Arts room on Tuesday 24 June...
We will be singing songs, playing percussion instruments and moving to music - having a lot of fun!

Prep D = 12:30pm - 1:30pm
Prep S = 10:00am - 11:00am
Prep T = 11:30am - 12:30pm

**NEWPORT FOLK FESTIVAL**

Saturday 5th July, 1:00-2:00pm, Market St Precinct (outside Bowls Club). 4th-6th July 2014 will be the 7th annual Newport Folk Festival!!!
This event is a fabulous weekend of family-friendly entertainment here in Newport. NLPS choir, band and prep students will be performing alongside other local singers and musicians. There will be lots of free events, and plenty of opportunities to participate in music-making activities. The aim is to create a truly great community festival in Newport. More info: [http://www.nffc.org.au/festival.php](http://www.nffc.org.au/festival.php)

Parents of choir and band students will receive further details soon via email.
Prep students will be given a note to take home.

Parent Club had an informative and productive meeting on the 29th May. We discussed upcoming events including Fathers Day (it will be here before you know it!). We’re also looking into hosting some short courses on weekends throughout the year. Look out for information about upcoming events in this section of the newsletter.

We will be putting out a survey this term to seek information to help us continue to run events that are relevant and enjoyable. We’d appreciate your support when this is sent out. If you would like to get more involved you can join Parent Club at any time, just send and email to Melanie Davies at jonmel@bigpond.net.au and you’ll be added you as a member. It’s that easy!


**Upcoming Events…**

**NLPS Birthday Cupcake Day:** Friday 20 June (Recess for school children AND after school)
A cupcake stall will be set up for school children to purchase cupcakes to celebrate our School's Birthday at recess/snack time. Cupcakes are $2 each.
A stall will be set up after school to sell any remaining cupcakes to adults, siblings and school children.
So don’t forget to send your children in with their money on the day and also bring some change with you at pick up time!

**Parent Club Meeting:** Tuesday 24 June 7:30pm in the multi-purpose room/hall
WiseOnes – Move Clever To Wise

As we near the end of our WiseOnes program for Term 2 on Morphing Dirt to Diamonds, we would like to invite children who have already qualified for entry into the WiseOnes program to join us in Term 3, 2014 for:

**Ancient Greece**

Greek Thinkers and Experiments
How come so many things today came from Ancient Greece in the first place? Great thinkers lived then so we will try some of their experiments. Can you recognize their architecture in buildings in your home city? Learn to draw columns. How far did Pheidippides run at Marathon? What happened afterwards? Why did so many new ideas arise then? What Greek battle strategy was used successfully 2500 years later? Is China a democracy? Compare it to Australia and the first democracy in Athens? Debate like they did. Try your hand at their kind of art? Or was it a craft? Art or craft?
Hmm.....
Be challenged and learn new things. Have fun with other like-minded and keen learners during our next WiseOnes unit of discovery.

Our Term 3 lessons will start Monday 21st July 2014. If you would like an enrolment form for Term 3 please contact me as soon as possible.

The WiseOnes program caters to the needs of children who are *advanced thinkers and fast learners*. It runs one hour per week during school time for 8 weeks per term.

If your child has not previously taken the Free Try-Out for WiseOnes and you would like them to do so, please contact me for a try-out form and further details.

Please Note: Places are limited and groups fill up quickly. Please ensure enrolments are confirmed promptly to avoid disappointment and being placed on a waiting list.

We look forward to the continued fun, learning and ideas sharing we experience in WiseOnes again next term.

With Thanks,
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**Children’s school holiday program: Little Worlds**

Explore the wonders of the Little Worlds around us with the interactive insects and minibeasts show, make your own bug or butterfly, enjoy A Little Bit of Blue puppet show and watch a mystery movie. Celebrate NAIDOC Week with the Didgeman and learn how to play the didgeridoo.

**Monday, 30th June to Friday, 11th July**


**Youth school holiday program**

Minecraft is back! A game about adventures with friends, breaking and placing blocks, building structures and watching out for nocturnal monsters. Bring your own laptop or use one of the libraries’. But get in quick as spaces are limited. Pizza and soft drinks provided.

Parental/guardian permission required for all participants on the day.

**Two sessions: Wednesday, 2nd July and Monday, 7th July 2.30pm to 4.00pm**

*Altona North Community Library*

Ages 12+