Important Dates to put in the diary

Friday 10th October  Grade 5/6 Girls Basketball Final
Monday 13th October  Final day for swimming payment due
Thursday 16th October  2015 Grade 5 Parent Information Evening
Friday 17th October  Icy Pole Day
                     Grade 1 Excursion—Rethink Education Centre, Heidelberg
Saturday 18th October  Solar Boat Challenge—Scienceworks
Monday 20th October  Prep—4 Swimming Program Begins
                     School Council Meeting
                     Grade 5/6 Incursion

Friday 14th November  School Fete  3.30—8.30 pm

AWARDS

Congratulations to our award winners :-

Fatma, 5/6W  Jojo, 5/6W  Mia, 2H
Hamish, 1L  Max, 5/6S  Grade 3/4G
Matthew, Prep D  Sarah, 2R  Aleena, Prep S
Lachy, 3/4O  Jordan, 5/6M  Madeleine, Prep T
Nicholas, 1O  Locks, 1O  Arleigh, 3/4M
Mya, 5/6S  Mia, 2H  Curtis, 5/6L
Issra, 5/6W  Callum, 5/6L  Aida, 2N
Charles, 2N  Tara, 1L  Elsie, 3/4W
Gideon, Prep T  Alexander, 2R

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

Mia, 1C  Jacob, 5/6S  Charlie, 1O
Archie, 2H  Ethan, 2H  Hussein, 3/4M
Ryan, 3/4G  Rayanne, 3/4M  Youssef, 2R
Ella, 1C  Coco, 2R  Emma, 3/4H
Grace, 5/6S  Rebecca, 5/6L  Cole, 5/6W
Alexander, 1L

Fete countdown: 5 weeks
Dear Parent/Guardians

Welcome to term 4 - Welcome back to the last term of the school year, and what a busy term we have planned. We have the Yr. 3/4 camp, P-4 swimming program, the Solar Boat challenge, 2014 Preps Transition program, Yr. 5/6 Life Saving & Resuscitation program, Yr. 6 Graduation, School Fete and then we begin preparation for the end of year and Christmas and 2015. So much to do and so little time!!

Janet is currently on 2 weeks Long Service Leave in Vietnam, investigating the rice fields and magical Vietnamese food and culture, so the rest of us will just have to enjoy the wonderful springtime weather and festivities Newport has to offer.

2015 Essential Education Expenses, Booklists and Levies – Next week, a list of the 2015 Essential Education Expenses, Booklists and School Levies will be sent home with every Prep-Yr. 5 child. Although it is quite early to be sending out next years’ fees and levies, feedback from parents has been to send out this information as early as possible to assist in budget planning.

A detailed document will also be included giving a short description of student costs for excursions/incursions and all other activities in 2015.

As in the last 2 years, we have included all the known 2015 school year costs as possible in the list of expenses. Parents have indicated that they prefer to pay all the costs in a single fee for essential education expenses, booklists and excursion and incursion fees rather than having a continual request for money throughout the year.

School Council has also introduced the option of a 2 instalment payment (December 2014 and June 2015) to assist parents in payment of the fees and levies or alternatively they can be paid in a single payment in December this year.

If any parent or family experiences difficulty in payment of the 2015 Essential Education Expenses, Booklists and Levies the school council will provide opportunities for them to enter into alternative payment arrangements with the principal.

2015 Grade Selection - Staff are presently investigating the possible grade structures for 2015. Consideration of the student numbers for the whole school, numbers in each grade level, teaching curriculum levels, ensuring that we are within the Education Department guidelines and that we have an even distribution of numbers of students in each class, will all be determining factors in the selection of the best option for next year’s grade structure.

At this stage, it is very likely that we will have 17 or 18 classes but the composition of the grades or the teachers of the grades has not as yet been decided. After the school organisation has been finalised, students will be placed into their 2015 classes.

Parents are invited to inform the school if there is any information that they consider is important when considering the selection of next year’s class for their child. This is an opportunity for parents to inform the school of any information that would be beneficial or important in the selection of their child’s grade in 2015. Parents are asked not to select a teacher, as this will not be considered.
All children will be given the opportunity of selecting friends they would like to be in the same class in 2015. All efforts will be made to ensure they will be with at least one of their selected friends next year. This is an ideal time for parents to discuss friendship arrangements with their children and to trust them in selecting positive and suitable classmates.

Parents must note that requests made last year for the 2014 school year are not ‘carried over’ or considered for the 2015 grade selection. If parents believe that an issue should be considered, it is important that a new request is written to the school.

This request must be written and addressed to the Principal. Requests will be forwarded to team leaders to assist the teachers when they are selecting the grades for the following year. Requests can be made up until Monday 27th October 2014. All will be given consideration, but no promises or guarantees can or will be made.

Classes and teachers will hopefully be finalised by early –mid December and then the children will have an opportunity of spending a session with their new class friends and teacher before the end of the year. If you have any queries in regards to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact either Janet Gill or myself at the school.

**Classroom Music and Band Teachers** – The classroom music, choir and band are a very important part of our school and the replacement of Kathy as our school music teacher will be a very difficult task. But we will work very hard to ensure that our school continues to have an outstanding music program and choir.

The process of the selection of all long term teaching staff in a state school is very complex and rigorous. It is very important that the correct process is adhered to and well worth the hard work, effort and time to ensure that we employ the right teacher for our school. The selection process for the 2015 classroom music teacher will be conducted during the remainder of this year and in the short term a temporary teacher will be employed to continue the classroom music program.

A separate Band / Instrumental teacher will also be engaged on a casual basis to ensure that our excellent school band continues to have the opportunity practice, play and enjoy the wonderful music they have been performing as a concert band.

Further details in regards to the school choir and band will be sent home to parents within the next week.

**New Prep Students and Families Transferring for 2015** - To enable us to conduct our planning for 2015, families who will be re-locating before the start of the next school year, and therefore not continuing at Newport Lakes Primary School are requested to advise our office in writing. Also, if there are any siblings that will be beginning Prep in 2015, an enrolment form MUST be presented to the office by the close of next week.

It would be most appreciated if families notify us of any 2014/2015 transfers and enrolments as soon as possible.
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Please take a moment to discuss with your child what they think it means to show

**COMPASSION**

Both inside and outside while at school and at home.

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The Sustainability Team is calling on more participants to **complete the online Ecological Footprint survey.**
An ecological footprint, also known as carbon footprint is a measure of human demand on Earth's ecosystems. It includes our food, energy use, waste and all other resources we use to live.

All you need to do is complete the short survey and email the school with your result - the number of Earths your lifestyle requires. Your name will then be entered in a draw for your chance to win!


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**Walk to School October 2014**

Now that that we are enjoying beautiful spring days, it is the perfect time to think about walking to school. Walking to school is good for your health, helps the environment and means less traffic on our local streets. In Term 4, for the month of October, Newport Lakes Primary School will be participating in the Vic Health ‘Walk to School October’ initiative, run in association with Hobson’s Bay Council and will receive a participation grant for our sports fund. We will also be in with a chance to win a road safety competition.

We encourage students to walk, scoot or ride all or some of the way to and from school for the month of October. We will record each child’s walk on class calendars, and provide a summary of participation to Vic Health later in the year. You can also go to the website [www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au](http://www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au) and register your child if you wish to. Letters containing more information will be sent home to each household next week.

**On a safety note this means that drivers can expect to see many more children in and around schools during October 2014, so we encourage drivers to:**

- Be extra careful when reversing out of driveways;
- Watch your speed in school speed zones;

We can’t wait to see all those feet hit the street!

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We hope you had an enjoyable school holidays.

We had some fantastic events at the end of last term that need acknowledging…

Thank you so much to Jacqui Lomas for co-ordinating the Father’s Day breakfast once again (and for organising the Parent Club News last edition while I was away). She did a wonderful job on the morning and she had an amazing team of helpers. Thank you to all the helpers too.

Thanks also to Allana Arapakis who assisted our Art Teacher Laura and Junior School Council to run the wonderful community project, Teddies for Timor, which culminated in the Teddy Sponsorship Day. It sounds like the teddies will be greatly appreciated. Her report of this project is below.

And a huge Thank you to Nat Hill for taking on the Footy Day Lunch and running it so well despite the increased workload which occurred when we discovered that last year’s caterer was unable to help this year. On the day she had some great support from Alicia and Cath who together with Gail, Jacqui L, Daria, Vicki, Katrina G, Sofie, Katrin and Helen H heated up close to 400 pies and sausage rolls.

Melanie Davies

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

ICY POLE DAYS

Katrina Gowans needs help selling icy poles at lunchtimes between 1:10 and 2:15pm on the following Fridays: 17 October, 6 December and 12 December.

If you would like to help please let Katrina know which dates you are available via markkatrina@optusnet.com.au and she will put together a roster and confirm your allocated date shortly.

TEDDIES 4 TIMOR REPORT

The Teddies 4 Timor sponsorship day was held at Newport Lakes PS on Friday 12 September and was a great success. We had 148 teddies knitted and donated from within the school and external community. 145 of these were sponsored on the day and during the following week, raising $725 for the Rotary Teddies 4 Timor project. Rotary have confirmed that the teddies will be delivered in time for Christmas, and the funds raised will help to cover freight costs for shipping medical supplies, as well as towards the cost of wages for the two healthcare workers Rotary sponsor at the clinic.

I have attached a copy of the speech Rhonda from Rotary made at our assembly on sponsorship day, which includes more information on the Clinic. My favourite moment during Rhonda’s speech was the audible intake of breath when Rhonda announced that for many children, this would be the children’s first and only toy. One of the aims of the project was to raise the children’s awareness of issues outside their immediate experience, and I believe we achieved this.

If you would like to continue to follow the work being done at the clinic, please follow their facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/pages/Supporting-Bairo-Pite-Clinic-RAWCS-432011-2012/396241677119526

And for those of you with access to YouTube, we also appeared on a program on Channel 31 “Today’s Schools” on 22 August.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQnJvKrfa_w&list=UUJeCmE-CG3KUO06JFe0KweA

A big thank you all the children and families that sponsored teddies on the day. A big thank you also to Laura Russell for supporting and running with this project and to the Junior School Council and parent volunteers (Daria Hewitt, Jacqui Lomas, Lauren Lesser and Sulari Nielsen) for their assistance on sponsorship day.

Allana Arapakis

Upcoming Events

ICY POLE DAY: Friday 17 October

Now the weather is warming up we will begin holding the much loved icy pole days at school. Icy poles will be sold during lunchtime and will be 50c each. Providing your children with correct change helps speed up the queues… and can prevent over-indulging!

PARENT CLUB MEETING: Thursday 30 October 7:30pm MPR

We will be getting crafty for the School Fete Craft Stall while conducting this meeting.
Anaphylaxis at Newport Lakes Primary School

Anaphylaxis is a condition where a person has a severe and sudden allergic reaction. It occurs when the person is exposed to an allergen such as a food or an insect bite. In the majority of recent cases, the allergy is caused by exposure to nuts (peanuts, cashews etc) but other allergens can include foods such as eggs & milk, insect stings some medicines, different types of animal hair, latex, and some plants.

Reactions usually begin within minutes of exposure and can progress rapidly over a period of up to 2 hours. Anaphylaxis is potentially life threatening and always require an emergency response.

Like many other preschools, childcare centres and schools, Newport Lakes Primary School has students that suffer from anaphylaxis. The known causes of Anaphylaxis for these children is predominantly nuts,(peanuts, walnuts, pecan, sesame ~ all nuts) but other allergens at our school include Eggs, Dairy and Prawns.

If your child is in a class with one of the children at risk to an anaphylactic reaction you would have received a letter earlier this year detailing the allergen and how you can assist in making the classroom environment as safe as possible by eliminating the allergen from the room. If you are unsure of this information, or would like to discuss further, please contact your child’s teacher.

We also ask all families to support the school in minimising the exposure of students at risk by not including allergens in your child’s lunch or snack food. This will greatly assist in making the school a much safer place for all our children.

Hats

A reminder that as part of our Sun Smart policy hats must be worn when students are outside from the start of Term 4. Students without a hat will have to remain in the shade under the tree. Hats are available for sale from the school office. $10.00 each.
Good afternoon everyone. My name is Rhonda Kellett and I am a member of the Rotary Club of Lilydale along with Ann Mc Carthy. We are both very excited to be here today and thank you for giving me the opportunity to address the school assembly.

Firstly I’d like to tell you about the Bairo Pite Clinic. It is located in Dili, Timor, which is about 500 klm NW from Darwin. Very close to Australia. It was established in 1999 by Dr Dan Murphy who is still the main doctor practicing there. It provides free healthcare to the poorest of the poor Timorese people, many from isolated rural areas. It is a very busy clinic spread over several old buildings, with 30 staff consulting and caring for 600 patients in a day.

They
- Safely deliver babies.
- Provide maternal and infant care, including children with malnutrition.
- Impart tuberculosis treatment and care
- Give vaccinations
- Do dental extractions

Along with lots of other minor and major medical procedures.

Access to health care is one of the biggest health problems facing this developing country, and the Bairo Pite Clinic is growing every day and helping those with real medical needs.

The Rotary Club of Lilydale, is very proud of our commitment to the ongoing support of this clinic.

We pay some of the wages for staff.
We also collect, deliver and pay the freight costs to send many cubic metres of donated medical and nursing aid, along with the teddies, to the clinic. This occurs several times a year, using our Donations in Kind (DIK) store in Footscray.
Children have you enjoyed making the teddies and the Teddy sponsoring day?
Fantastic, we have enjoyed watching the joy in your faces as you carefully chose your teddies and named them, for a special child in Timor.
Let me tell you what you have achieved today.
Your school knitted 148 teddies. Great work everyone.
I am very pleased to announce that you have sponsored 106 Teddies today
And you have raised $530
Give yourselves a clap.
What a wonderful result. You can be all very proud.
Thank you Allana and Laura, for believing this was a great knitting project for this school and for your dedication and organization, leading up to today.
Thank you to the whole school community, for embracing this project and achieving a fantastic result.

Thank you to all our mum and grandma knitters, including the ladies from the Baptist Church Craft group.
And most importantly, the biggest thank you to all the children, for getting involved and contributing to making a real difference in the world.
Your efforts mean
148 Timorese children who are sick and visit the clinic, will be given one of your teddies. For most of these children, it will be their first and only toy.
Your “Teddies 4 Timor” sponsoring day will allow us to send, 2.5 cubic metres of much needed donated medical and nursing aid to the clinic. I’d like to emphasize, 100% of any Rotary fundraising goes directly to a project. Rotarians personally pay all our own administration fees.

On behalf of the sick children and their parents who attend the Bairo Pite Clinic in Dili Timor and the Rotary Club of Lilydale, Ann and I would like to thank you all for the wonderful support, with your schools knitting project for 2014 and the “Teddies 4 Timor” sponsoring day.
Fete countdown: 5 weeks

With the fete fast approaching! Time to begin ramping up to make our fete the BEST ever. “What can I do to help?” I hear you ask. Good question!!

What your fete needs from you....

NEW DROP OFF AREA. The last portable (P4) will be used for storing any donations and this will be open each morning and after school.

The Plant stall is looking for:
- 1.25 litre soft drink bottles (clean & empty) for a little project they have going on. Please leave these in the drop off area (last portable—P4).
- Plant cuttings and seedlings to sell at the fete (please hold on to these at home for a few more weeks please!!)

The Craft stall is looking for:
- Handmade items to sell at the fete

The Tombola stall (what you get when you mix a raffle with a lucky dip) needs:
- 500g glass jars eg pasta, jam etc. Wide neck opening. Clean & empty
- “treasures” that can be put into the jars to be won. Completely open to ideas. Please leave these in the drop off area (last portable).

The Cake stall will need:
- Bakers to donate cakes, slices, jams etc for sale at the fete (please hold on to these till the day of the fete but put your thinking caps on now for what you’ll make)

The Sweets and lolly stall will need:
- Donations of homemade sweets and lollies for sale at the fete. Think toffee, coconut ice, marshmallows, chocolate balls, fudge - you get the idea. (please hold on to these till the day of the fete)

The Beauty salon is looking for:
- Donations of cans of coloured hairspray for use on the stall
- Use of curling irons, crimping irons etc for use on the stall. If you can help with this please let Sue Phillips know

Second Hand Books and Toys is looking for:
- Donations of children's and adult's books for sale at the fete.
- Donations of working, good quality toys and games for sale at the fete.

Please leave any donations at the drop off area (last portable—P4).
Best in show – what will you make to enter? There will be categories for baking, craft, design and just plain quirky!!! This is for everyone - not just for the kids! Each category will have 3 age sections – Prep to 2, Year 3 - 6 and OPEN (that’s for the big kids and Mum’s and Dad’s and teachers). Entries will be displayed in the multipurpose room and there will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each section. Entry forms will go out from next fortnight. Your item does not need to be submitted until the week of the fete. So get making!! On the night make sure you call in to cast your vote for Best in Show.

Order forms for All-you-can-ride passes will go on sale from next fortnight.

School aprons are available again!! There is a variety of colours available. $15 each. Look out for the order forms. It would be great to see as many of our fete volunteers wearing these aprons. They will really brighten up the fete. Aprons are on display in the office.

Volunteers— Each class has been allocated a stall and requires volunteers to man the stall. If you can spare some time please place your name on the roster. The rosters have been set up in 1 hour time slots. Please log on to the website www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code 27UA7 and click on the class/stall you wish to help out. If you need assistance with this please contact the office.

If you have access to marquees or trestle tables that we could use at the fete, we’d like to hear from you! Please let Sue Phillips know.

Stallholder co-ordinators – our next meeting will be Tuesday 14 October 7:30pm in the Multi Purpose Room.

We hope you are as excited as we are about the 2014 fete. Any suggestions, feedback or offers of help should be emailed to newportlakesps@edumail.vic.gov.au with Fete in the subject line.
A big thank you to students and families for continuing to support the School Banking Program. We received a total of $204.72 commission for Term 3 taking our commission for the year to date to $775.

Over 50 students now have ten or more silver tokens so are eligible to claim a School Banking reward. Reward items available this term are: Dollarmites Moneybox, Swimming bag, Projector Cup or Sea Streamers. Some students have been waiting for the Term 4 rewards, so please place your orders early while stock is still available. 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.

School Banking Competition for Term 4

The Commonwealth Bank are running an exciting competition for School Banking Students during Term 4. There are some great prizes up for grabs, including 40 GoPro cameras and 150 Slip n Slide double wave riders.

All students need to do for a chance to win is make a deposit of any amount through School Banking between **20th October - 30th November 2014** and they automatically receive one entry into the competition. So the more they save, the more chances they have to win a prize (up to a maximum of 6 entries).

If students don’t have a School Banking account, it’s not too late to start. Just go into any branch of the Commonwealth Bank and open a YOUTHSAVER ACCOUNT. You will need your child's birth certificate, and 100 points of identification for yourself, including photo ID eg Driver’s Licence.

If you have any questions, please call/SMS or email the School Banking Co-ordinators (Parent representatives): Allana Arapakis on 0400 113 333 or aarapakis@optusnet.com.au and Daria Hewitt on 0402 329 611 or dar-ja.nick@gmail.com
Rewarding regular savings with precious prizes.

The Dollarmites have uncovered the ancient Clam of Fortune. Inside they found these amazing prizes that you could win a share of:

- 40 x GoPro HERO3 White Edition Cameras
- 150 x Slip 'N Slide Double Wave Riders

**Here's how to win**

Every deposit you make with School Banking will automatically create one entry for you into the competition. So the more you save, the more chances you have to win (up to a maximum of 6 entries).


**To find out more, visit commbank.com.au/deepseasavers**
Hi. My name is Will and I'm in grade 1 at Newport Lakes Primary School. I'm going in a 5 kilometre run with my brother James and my Dad for his work at the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre. My Dad runs a Foodbank which gives food to people who are really poor and aren't allowed to have a job or anything.

Dad asks us to imagine what it would be like to not have enough food, but I don't think I can because we always have enough food. If you can help by sponsoring us then the ASRC will be able to help more people. Which would be great.

Thanks, Will.

What is Garage Sale Trail?

Garage Sale Trail is one big day of garage sales all around Australia. This year's event will be held on Saturday 25th October and will be the world's biggest garage sale. Now in its 4th year nationally, it's a day of simultaneous garage sales across the country which encourages Australian households, schools, community groups and other organisations to get involved to declutter, reuse, meet their neighbours and make some money.

Sellers can register a garage sale for free and shoppers can see what's for sale in their neighbourhood on the day. The event not only provides people the opportunity to sell unwanted items, but also to shop consciously.

Register your garage sale

Start by visiting the Garage Sale Trail website where you can register your event for free.

You can register a garage sale at your own home and business, or host a group sale with others at a local venue such as a school or community centre.

For ideas and inspiration, check out the handy 'How-To Guides' on the website for schools, community groups, local businesses and cultural organisations to help you get involved.

See garage sales in your area

Visit the Garage Sale Trail website where you can create a personalised Treasure Trail to save the sales that you want to visit. You can print out your map or access your Treasure Trail using your mobile or tablet on the day.


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ALTONA LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE

“Encouraging kids to be their best!”

There is still time to register at Altona LAC for the season, so come down and join in the fun.

Season commences Sat 11th October 8.45am
George Nevitt Athletics Track, Sugargum Drive, Altona
$155 1st child, $135 2nd child, $115 thereafter
Coaching on Mon, Tues & Wed included.
Mob- 0499 994 305, altonavic@lavic.com.au

Usain Bolt recently said “Younger kids must always train on grass, because it is more fun and easier on the body.”
Snake Information Evening

Thursday, October 23  5:30 – 7:00 pm
Pavey Park, Newport Lakes  Gold coin donation appreciated

Reptile Education Victoria (REV) and Hobsons Bay Vet Clinic join
Friends of Newport Lakes and
Hobsons Bay City Council to
present a hands on information
evening about snakes in
our environment.
Handle the pet python and see
the other snakes that Reptile Education Victoria will bring along.

Scott from REV will provide advice on
- the types of snakes in the area
- what to do if you encounter a snake
- how to prepare for the snake season

Hobson Bay vets will give tips on
- first aid for your pets
- keeping your pets safe

RSVP (for logistics) to Lorraine (FoNL) on 043 830 7002
by Monday, 20 October
(tea, coffee and light snacks provided)