Important Dates to put in the diary

Wednesday 19th November  
Grade 3/4 Camp—Lady Northcote

- Friday 20th November

Friday 21st November  
2015 Prep Orientation Day No. 1
Final day to place orders for Kids Artwork
Final day for 1st instalment or total payment of Fees

Tuesday 25th November  
2015 Prep Play date 2.45pm—3.30pm

Thursday 27th November

Twilight Soiree—MPR 6.30pm

Friday 28th November  
Prep Orientation Day No. 2
Crazy hair/crazy clothes day

Saturday 29th November  
Election day, Cake Stall

1st & 2nd December  
Grade 5/6L & 5/6S Beach Program

3rd & 4th December  
Grade 5/6W & 5/6M Beach Program

Wednesday 3rd December  
2015 Prep Play date 2.45pm—3.30pm

Friday 5th December  
Prep Orientation Day No. 3

Saturday 6th December  
Working Bee 9am

TERM DATES 2014

Term 4
6th October - 19th December

2015
Pupil Free Days
(TBC)
Friday 20th Feb
Friday 29th May
Friday 4th Sep
Mon 2nd Nov

Yard Duty Supervision
8.45 to 9.00am
and 3.30 to 3.45pm

AWARDS

Congratulations to our award winners:

Lola, 2R  
Olivia, 3.4W  
Calan, Prep T
Joshua, 5/6L  
Aida, 2N  
Ailish, Prep D
Sarah, 5/6W  
Macayla, 5/6S  
Kitty, 2H
Bianca, 3/4O  
Archie, 3/4W  
Xavier, 1O
Alex, 3/4G  
Aria, 3/4W  
Lily, Prep S
Tess, 5/6M  
James, 1C  
Arki, 3/4M
Dion, 5/6L

Hoop Time Awards

Emmy  
Grace V  
Laura S
Maddison  
Kira W  
Chloe A
Grace B  
Lauren

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

Jensen, 3/4M  
Bailey, Prep D  
Nicholas, 3/4O
Sebastian, 1L  
Nora, 2H  
William, Prep S
Patrick, 1C  
Dion, 5/6L  
Joshua, 5/6L
Nour, 5/6M  
Rawda, 3/4M

WEEKLY LUNCH ORDERS—$5.00

Students can place lunch orders for each Friday. Order forms are available from the office and all orders must be placed on Wednesday.
Dear Parent/Guardians

**School Fete**  Wow – what a night it was! The 2014 Newport Lakes Twilight Fete was a fantastic evening of entertainment that the entire family could enjoy. The evening was all about bringing the community together and having fun and that is certainly what happened.

The night had something for everyone - entertainment, rides, games, stalls, bargains, competitions, craft displays, fun show alley, great food & drink plus a wonderful community atmosphere and a ‘buzz’ to the entire evening. Everything that you would want for a great family evening!

Congratulations and well done to everyone; students, teachers, grandparents, mums and dads that were involved in making the Fete such a great event – whether it was before, during or after the Fete, your input and help is what made it such a wonderful night.

To mention everyone, (children, students, staff, parents and friends of Newport Lakes PS) that assisted with the Fete would take the remainder of the newsletter – you all know who you are and you should all be very pleased with your efforts and thank you.

I would though like to make a special note of a group of parents that were instrumental in making the Fete happen—without these people there would not have been a Twilight Fete – Sue Phillips, Kylie Halarakis, Ryan & Bec Grieve, Jason McHale, Jacqui Lomas and our wonderful office ladies (Sue, Kayleen & Sallyanne) . The Fete was certainly a ‘whole school’ effort but without the knowledge, skills and direction of these parents and staff the fete could not have been such a successful event.

All profits of the Fete have been dedicated to the purchase of a new junior playground. The existing junior play equipment is over 14 years old and in need of an update. Next week, I will be revising the draft plans of the playground with members of the Junior School Council and, all going well, we will see the installation and completion of the project before the end of the school year or over the Christmas break.

Throughout the last week I’ve continually received feedback from the children that “this was the best Fete ever!” so we have set ourselves a high benchmark for the next fete. The Newport Lakes PS Fete is conducted every second year so in 2016, which will be the school’s 160th Birthday, we have to set our sights of making the Fete even better. We begin this process by reviewing this year’s Fete; what worked, what was successful, what we need more of, what we could include and what we could improve. If you have some helpful feedback, we would love to hear from you – send us an email, subject: ‘Fete’ and give us your views.

You may even be interested in being on the ‘Fete 160’ organising committee. It is important that we begin the process of planning for this event in the near future – setting a date for 2016, reviewing this year fete, discussing some themes, and making initial bookings. An above average fete takes a lot of planning and a good team of motivated parents. If you believe you have something to offer, please send us your details and we will place you on the planning team’s email list. It is very important that we have a mix of old and new parents, experienced and inexperienced – everyone can help and everyone has something to offer. So please consider being a member of this team and be part of a very special event.

**Energy Efficiency Grant**  The school has been successful in its application for a $10,000 energy efficiency grant. The funds will be used for a number of projects around the school to make the present school buildings more energy efficient. Some of the new additions will include the installation of block-out blinds in the MPR to reduce heat from direct sunlight, skylights in some of the dark areas of the corridors rather than having lights on all day, the undertaking of an energy audit to advice on how we improve the efficiency of our school, replacement of the wooden entry doors with self-closing glass doors to keep the warmth in winter and heat out in Summer. The Energy Efficiency Program was an initiative of the Sustainability Division of the Department of Education and Early Childhood.
From the principal (continued)....

Twilight Soiree  All is in readiness for next week’s ‘Twilight Soiree’ to be conducted in the school’s MPR next Thursday evening 27th November. There are over 20 short performances displaying the remarkable instrumental musical talents of our children. A big thank you to Rachel Laurence for coming up with this wonderful idea and putting it all together. I’m sure you are in for a magical evening of entertainment. All members of the school community are invited. Performances begin at 6.30pm.

Please note that all children attending the Twilight Soiree are to remain in the MPR for the evening and are not permitted to play unsupervised outside in the school grounds during the performances.

Air Conditioning -Multi-Purpose Room  Any child or parent that has visited the MPR when the temperature is above 30c would have noted that it gets very hot and uncomfortable. This is no longer the case, with the installation of three air conditioner units in the building this week. So no matter whether it’s when the children are having an art lesson, are at childcare, watching a performance or attending a school assembly, they will now be able to enjoy the activity in comfort.

Yr. 3/4 Camp  This afternoon and evening I will be visiting the Yr.3/4 campers at the Lady Northcote Camp in Bacchus Marsh. After a session on the giant swing and in the canoes, we are to have dinner and then the infamous ‘camp concert.’ I’m certain all the little angels will then be very tired and will quietly head off to bed for a full night of sleep. Mr. Hales promised me that there shouldn’t be a problem and in fact they may even get to sleep in!!!

The weather looks great for a school camp and I’m sure they will be very busy for the entire camp. I would imagine there will be some very tired children when they arrive back to school on Friday afternoon.

I hope you all have a good week

David Moss
Principal

PIANO LOOKING FOR A NEW HOME
FREE
In working order, however will need some work and tuning
Pick up only. Please see the office if you are interested.
Social media and your child

Social media is more accessible than ever – with the rise of smartphones and tablets, it has never been easier to jump online.

For young people, it means being more connected than any other generation – friends are never more than a tweet away.

Unfortunately this has also led to a rapid increase in cyberbullying – to the point that at least one in 10 children are cyberbullied each year.

Cyberbullying can be very different from traditional bullying, and many parents can feel ill-equipped to respond if their child is being cyberbullied.

Susan McLean, a former police officer and Australia’s leading cybersafety expert, said even if parents have no experience with social media, by following a few basic steps, parents can effectively support their children to be safe online.

‘Parenting in the 21st century requires you to be able to parent in the digital space,’ Ms McLean said. ‘Technology is firmly entrenched in our lives and that of our children so we need the tools to deal with issues as they arise.

‘It’s really important that if your child is being cyberbullied, you don’t cut them off from social media and take their technology away - the vast majority of kids won't tell a parent if they are bullied and harassed online for fear of losing access. They would much rather put up with the bad to keep the good.’

Ms McLean said when confronted with their child being cyberbullied, parents should follow the cyberbullying quick response checklist:

- Reassure and comfort
- Don't respond
- Block and delete bully
- Report to the site
- Keep a copy
- Tell school (or relevant place) and seek action
- If ongoing inform police
- Support your child as they have done nothing wrong

The Department’s Bully Stoppers website has a range of advice for parents, students and teachers about how to respond to all types of bullying.

(Susan McLean is Australia's leading cybersafety expert and was a member of Victoria Police for 27 years. She was the first Victorian Police officer appointed to a position involving cybersafety and young people. She was one of several experts who authored the Bully Stoppers Resource and is a published author. Her book Sexts Texts and Selfies - how to keep your child safe in the digital space is available now.)
Thank you so much to all the wonderful organisers, stall co-ordinators and families who helped to make the School Fete such a wonderful occasion. So many people (including teachers, parents, kids, extended family and friends) contributed in so many ways, behind the scenes and on the day, and I feel proud to be part of such a great school community.

Thanks also to Katrina Gowans and her helpers for another successful icy pole day. The weather was perfect for icy poles on the 7th so I'm sure they were very much appreciated by the children.

We've now got less than 2 weeks until the Election Day BBQ so it would be great if we could get the roster filled for that. We still have some goodies (Craft, Plants and Second Hand Toys and Books) remaining from the Fete to sell as well as holding the classic BBQ and Cake Stall. We wouldn't want to disappoint the voters who have come to expect a sausage or cake after voting!!

Melanie Davies

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Election Day Stalls
What an amazing effort by the school community in cake/biscuit/slice/muffin baking for the school fete. There were soooooo many yummy looking treats, it wasn't surprising that they didn't last long. Given how successful the fete cake stall was, we are hoping that all you marvelous bakers will be able to fill our Election day cake stall with just as many delicious goodies.

If you are able to help with the baking, you can drop your culinary delights off between 9:30am and 2pm.

Also if you are able to volunteer to help with the stalls on the day, that would be wonderful. You can either sign up on the roster which is on the Parent Club Noticeboard in the office, or let Melanie Davies know when you are able to help out (email: jonmel@bigpond.net.au.)

Thanks, Jacqui Newbegin

Election Day BBQ Coordinator
Please email Melanie Davies at jonmel@bigpond.net.au if you can help. You wouldn't have to be there all day but it would be good if you could help with the ordering before hand, set up and maybe pack up and be available if needed throughout the day eg. To re-order sausages.

Upcoming Events…

KIDS ARTWORKS ORDER RETURN DATE: Friday 21 November
Children have brought home their completed Artworks now. Please check your children's bags if you have not received theirs.

If you would like to order a calendar, diary, mousemat or greeting cards with your child’s artwork as the design, please return the plastic pocket containing the artwork, completed order form and payment by 21 November. This will ensure that your order can be processed, printed and returned to the school by the end of term.

ELECTION DAY BBQ – Saturday 29 November
See above for how you can help make this fundraiser a success.

LUNCH FOR THE KIDS – Friday 5 December
Parents Club will be providing an optional special lunch order day for the kids. A note will go home about this shortly.

DON’S NIGHT OUT – Friday 5 December
The DON’s (Dad’s of Newport & Surrounds) are holding a social night out and have once again offered to provide $5 for every ticket sold through us… so if you would like to attend this event please buy your tickets from the school. See the flier attached to this newsletter for more details.

PARENT CLUB MEETING: Thursday 11 December 7:30pm Restaurant TBC
For our final meeting of the year we'll have a change of venue. We'll conduct our meeting over dinner at a restaurant TBC.
Almost 50 students now have ten or more silver tokens so are eligible to claim a School Banking reward. Only a limited number of tokens can be carried over to 2015, so come along at lunchtime on Thursday 11th December (we will let you know where in the next newsletter) with your tokens and reward redemption card and swap them for a cool reward. Reward items available are: Swimming bag, Projector Cup or Sea Streamers.

Reward redemption cards were provided to each student at the start of Term 1. If you can’t find yours or did not receive one, please put your tokens in an envelope with your name on it and state the reward you would like (from selection listed above) and bring it with you on the day. Note some students are eligible for more than one reward.

This will be the last opportunity to redeem a reward for 2014 so students are encouraged to come along. As limited stock will be available on the day, students may need to select an alternate item from those available. Rewards can also continue to be claimed prior to this day by submitting tokens with their Deposit books on Mondays.

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
Daria Hewitt on 0402 329 611 or daria.nick@gmail.com
LOOKING FOR A PERSONAL AND UNIQUE CHRISTMAS PRESENT?

NLPS is organizing a fund-raiser through ‘Kids Art Works’ a company that specialises in turning children’s art into unique products.

In their art class over the coming fortnight all children will be given the opportunity to create a drawing/design with the potential for it to be turned into a calendar ($12), mouse mat ($12), diary ($15) or set of eight cards ($12).

Your child’s completed artwork will be sent home with them on Tuesday 11 November, along with an order form.

If you would like to have your child’s artwork made into a calendar, mouse mat, diary or set of cards, just return the order form along with your payment and your child’s artwork by Tuesday 18 November. The completed products you’ve ordered will be returned to school for your child to bring home in the week of 15 December.

All money raised will be put back into the school’s art program. There is no obligation to participate - if you don’t wish to order any items simply keep your child’s artwork.

Samples of the products are on display in the school office. The quality seems really high and we’re confident these will make fabulous personalized gifts.

Please note, the drawings are created on a special piece of paper. If you would like any extra drawings or designs to be done by your children (or their siblings) at home, please see Laura Russell in the art room to pick up an extra sheet(s).
ROUNTH CLUB OF WILLIAMSTOWN -

CHRISTMAS FAIR

SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER
11AM-3PM AT SEAWORKS,
82 NELSON PLACE
WILLIAMSTOWN.

FREE RIDES
FREE FACE PAINTING
FREE ENTERTAINMENT
FREE ENTRY FOR CHILDREN.
GOLD COIN DONATION FOR ADULTS.
MARKET STALLS AND FOOD COURT
FREE PARKING
SPECIAL VISIT FROM SANTA

A ROTARY CLUB OF WILLIAMSTOWN INITIATIVE TO FUND COMMUNITY HEALTH PROJECTS.

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY
Fundraiser For Newport Lakes Primary School

Simmers Hardware, Williamstown are celebrating their 160 year anniversary in October and are launching a new Loyalty Card to mark the occasion, and to give back to the community which has supported them for so long.

Newport Lakes Primary has been chosen as one of 10 local community groups & charities to benefit from this new initiative.

To support this fundraiser, simply:

Call into Simmers Hardware (21-23 Ferguson St, Williamstown);
Register for the Loyalty Program by having your contact details entered into the database;
Choose Newport Lakes Primary as your nominated community group.

Once you have registered, every time you shop at Simmers Hardware you will receive:

A 5% discount on all your paint & hardware purchases;
A further 5% of the purchase amount credited in fundraising dollars to NLPS.

Remember, the more you shop at Simmers Hardware, the more money you will raise for our school.

Thank you for your support!
Altona Yacht club is running a Tackers Program at Altona Yacht Club and would like to offer a special deal on Tackers.

**Tackers** is the main accredited introductory kids sailing course recognised by Yachting Australia. Ages 7 years - 12 years. **Think Kids sail training think Tackers.** Tackers is a great way to increase children’s life skills such as communication, self-reliance, team work, problem solving and self-confidence all while having fun in a kid-centric environment.

**Pricing:**

**Tackers 1** - $**165** 7th Feb - 11th Apr 9.00 - 12.00pm (24 hour program which is $6 p/h)
(normally $330 for a 20 hour program)


To Enrol visit [www.altonayachtclub.org.au](http://www.altonayachtclub.org.au) and under Tackers Enrolment, hit Tackers 1

Or

Contact Craig Turner at craggles9@gmail.com or call 0408 878 954
Community Christmas &
Craft with Heart

Sat 29th November
10am-2pm

Williamstown Church of Christ
cnr John St & Douglas Pde
www.willichurch.org.au

FREE

Music
Devonshire Teas
Jumping Castle
Nativity Scene

Kids Activities
Reflection Space
Christmas Tree
Decorations

CRAFT MARKET for great Christmas Shopping!
Free community workshops in Hobsons Bay
Decorate a miniature wooden house.

**Date/Time:** Saturday 22 and 29 November 10am to 2pm

**Venue:** Woods Street Arts Space, 44 Woods Street, Laverton

**Date/Time:** Tuesday 25 November, 1:30pm to 3:30pm and Sunday 30 November 1pm to 3pm

**Venue:** Louis Joel Community Arts Centre, 5 Sargood St, Altona

Please register your attendance by emailing the sessions you wish to attend at arts@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au

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Community launch and exhibition in Hobsons Bay of the artworks
**Date/Time:** Friday 12 December 6pm to 7.30pm
Free BBQ provided.

**Venue:** Woods Street Arts Space, 44 Woods Street, Laverton

HOME exhibited at the Main Lawn, Arts Centre
**10 January 2016**

From 11 to 28 January 2016, people are invited to take a Little House, leave it in a public location of their choice and upload an image from its new home... perhaps a park, cafe, public building, school or workplace. Tell a story and spread the word.

For more information, visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au or call 9912 1000.

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Blue Light Disco
Williamstown
21st November
7:30pm to 10pm (Ages 8-15) Cost:$6

Contact LSC Scorpio: 9332 3336
MUMS & DADS

DRESS-UP 80’s night

FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2014
8PM-LATE / NEWPORT BOWLS CLUB

COVER BAND -80’s R US | FREE PHOTOBOOTH | COSTUME PRIZES

HOSTED BY THE DADS OF NEWPORT & SURROUNDINGS  
Facebook: dadsofnewport

20% of profits go to our community

TIX $20 PP 
non refundable

$5 from each ticket goes to our school

ORDER FORM: please return this slip & payment in an envelope to the SCHOOL office or to your teacher. CASH ONLY PLEASE-NO CHEQUES

Parent’s Name(s)/Class:

How many ticket(s) you would like: Qty: $20 per ticket (per person). Total: $