Important Dates to put in the diary

**Friday 19th December**  
Last day of term—1.00pm finish

**Thursday 29th January**  
First day for all students—Preps 9.00am—1.30pm

**Friday 30th January**  
Preps 9.00am—1.30pm

**Wednesday 4th February**  
Preps do not attend school—appointments only

**Thursday 26th February**  
Preps & New Families Picnic—5.30pm—7.00pm

**TERM DATES 2015**

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**Yard Duty Supervision**

8.45 to 9.00am  
and 3.30 to 3.45pm

**AWARDS**

**Congratulations to our award winners:**

- **Henry, 5/6M**
- **Seb, 5/6S**
- **Mackenzie, 2N**
- **Sam, 1L**
- **Tas, 5.6L**
- **Gemma, Prep D**
- **Henrietta, 1O**
- **Charlie, Prep D**
- **Alexander, 1L**
- **Ella, 3/4G**
- **Chloe, 3/4M**
- **Maya, 2R**
- **Henry, 2H**
- **Joe, Prep S**
- **Rayan, 3/4M**
- **Tom, 5/6L**
- **Ava, Prep T**
- **Ben, Prep D**
- **Miranda, 2R**
- **Chloe, Prep T**
- **All of Grade 1 Gardeners**
- **All of Grade 3/4**
- **Luna, 1C**
- **Japjot, 5/6W**
- **Abby, 5/6S**
- **Sam, Prep S**
- **Ibby, 1O**
- **Minnow, Prep T**
- **Aria, 3/4W**
- **Aria, 3/4W**
- **Levi, 3/4W**
- **Eman, 5/6M**
- **Caden, 3/4M**

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

- Ibrahim, 3/4G
- Joshua, 5/6W
- Tess, 5/6L
- Tom, 3/4G
- Lily, 5/6M
- Ruby, 3/4O
- Mia, 3/4G
- Hayden, 5/6L
- Mohamed, 1C
- Arki, 3/4M
- Finn, 3/4O
- Aya, 5/6S
- Henry, 5/6M
- Grace, 3/4O
- Raquel, 3/4G
- Tom, 1C
- Ailish, Prep D
- Evelyn, 2H
- Manar, 5/6W
- Hannah, 5/6M

**TOMORROW—LAST DAY OF TERM**

1.00 PM FINISH
Dear Parents,

This year we have celebrated and acknowledged many individual and team successes. What an amazing year! The last weeks of any school year are very busy and hectic and this year has been no exception. Completing all the activities, festivities and programs for the end of year and at the same time ensuring all is in place for another successful beginning of 2015.

Hopefully we have been able to achieve most things, although I envisage a few quiet ‘catch up’ days occurring during the holidays.

**Yr. 6 Farewell ~** Last Monday evening, the Year 6 Graduation was conducted in the school’s Multi-Purpose Room. The obvious stars of the show were the Yr. 6 students and over 80 parents and friends that enjoyed a wonderful evening of entertainment. Many thanks are given to Melinda, James, Ashlee, Mat, and the many parents (Jodie, Anne, Vicki, Sue, Leanne, Mark, Chris, Caroline) and friends for all their help and assistance in making the graduation such a successful and enjoyable evening. Well done to all the Yr. 6 students who all did a fantastic job. We were all very proud of everyone.

Congratulations to this year’s award winners including Grace Budich (Wade Noonan MP Award for Academic Achievement), Jasmine Nolan-James (Tim Watts MP Award for Citizenship and Leadership) and Jarc Crawford (Margaret ‘Peggy’ East Award for Encouragement.)

The Year 6 Graduation was then followed by a very successful and fun day on Tuesday at Adventure Water Park in Geelong.

**New Music Teacher** I would like to welcome Ellen Morabito to Newport Lakes PS as the new classroom music and instrumental teacher. Ellen is a very skilled musician and highly trained educator in Music with a both a Bachelor in Music and a Bachelor in Teaching.

Ellen has developed and conducted her own appreciation of music course, is proficient in teaching music theory classes, analysis, composition, ensembles and all woodwind and brass instruments. Ellen has also had experience with school musicals and productions and has performed very well as replacement classroom music teacher in term 4 at Newport Lakes PS. We warmly welcome Ellen to our school community and believe she will make an excellent addition to our high quality performing arts team and school music program.

**School Safety and Security** It is during the warmer summer months and the Christmas-New Year vacation period that most vandalism and damages occur to school buildings and grounds.

If you are in the vicinity of the school during the upcoming holiday period and notice any person/s that should not be in the school grounds or are damaging the school buildings or surrounds, please contact the police on Ph:000 and make a report of the incident.

Your vigilance and assistance may save the school a costly repair bill and help maintain our school to be in the best possible condition for our children for the beginning of the 2015 school year.
Farewell & Good Luck ~ At the end of each year we say farewell and good luck to a number of staff, students and friends of the school. I would like to give a special farewell to the following staff; Tracey Hall, Ashlee Shacklock, Bec Grieve, Sue Rawat and Adele Taylor.

Bec Grieve will be increasing her teaching days at Wembley PS, Tracey Hall and Ashlee Shacklock will be transferring to Altona Green PS and Bairnsdale PS respectively to take on full time fixed term teaching positions for 2015, Sue Rawat is presently seeking further Education Support work in other local schools and Adele is going to enjoy the wonderful world of retirement.

On behalf of everyone from the Newport Lakes Primary School community, I would like to thank all these staff members for the wonderful contribution they have made to Newport Lakes Primary School and look forward to the return of Tracey and Ashlee in 2016.

I hope all children, staff and families have a joyous Christmas and a safe and happy break. I look forward to having a wonderful festive season with my family and hopefully may spend a few days camping down along the Victorian West Coast.

End of Year Assembly ~ after a very busy year, school concludes this Friday at 1.00pm. An assembly will be conducted at 12.20pm featuring a special farewell to our Year 6 students. After announcements the Yr. 6 children will then be farewelled through the traditional Newport Lakes ‘Avenue of Honour’ formed by all the teachers and children in the school. This special event will be conducted on the basketball court immediately after the assembly. Parents and friends are invited to the assembly.

All students will then return to their rooms and will be dismissed at 1.00pm directly from their classrooms.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL UNSUPERVISED STUDENTS REMAINING AT SCHOOL AFTER 1.15 pm WILL BE PLACED IN CHILDCARE.

I look forward to seeing everyone (Prep-Yr.6) when school begins on Thursday 29th January 2015.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

David Moss
Principal

Tarquin from 1C had a visit from basketball player, Elyse Penaluna to present him with a basketball.
I can’t believe it is the last week of the school year… Wow!! It’s a great time to look back over what Parents Club have achieved this year….

Just in the last few weeks we have held…

Prep Play Sessions: Thanks Jacqui Lomas for running these. It sounds like we will have a lovely group of new families joining us next year.

Kids Artworks Fundraiser: Thanks Kate Tapping (and children) for the huge effort in collating artworks and orders and Laura Russell for the idea and getting the children to produce such lovely artwork. The products look amazing.

Thanks to everyone who purchased calendars, diaries, mouse mats and cards featuring the kids’ amazing artwork. The fundraiser has raised over $1,000, which will be directed back into the school arts program. Most of the products have now been delivered. If anyone is missing any items please contact kate.tapping@gmail.com with details, and the items will be followed up.

Icy Pole Day (Grade 6 Fundraiser): Thanks Katrina Gowans for being the Coordinator and for the Grade 6 students and their parents who helped out. I’m sure the money they raised was put to good use!

Pizza lunch: This was a great success. A lot of children and staff enjoyed having delicious slices of pizza for lunch. A huge Thank You to Faye and Hannan Assaf (Aqualina’s parents) who opened their shop, Jackie’s Pizza on Melbourne Road, especially to fulfill our orders and also gave us a generous discount to allow the school to raise some funds as well. We really appreciate this and Moo (Patrick O’s Mum) and their assistants for coming in to work on a Friday afternoon to make and deliver 80 pizzas!

We also had a lot of helpers to deliver and serve the pizzas on the day. Volunteers were kept fit carrying pizzas and drinks, including the long trek and stairs to the top of the 3/4 Portable!! Thank you to Katrina, Sarah N, Stephen, Katrin, Nicole B, Sulari, Kim, Christine and Sophie.

Other fun, social and successful events we’ve held this year have been: Mother’s and Father’s Day Breakfasts, Dance Parties, Movie Night, Election Day BBQ (which raised over $2,000), Easter Raffle, Guest Speakers, Lunches and Snacks (Sausage Sizzle, Pie and Sausage Rolls, Icy poles, Cupcakes and Morning Teas) and much more...

Funds raised have been used to purchase: learning resources for the classrooms including books, writing stencils, art and cooking supplies, headphones for ipads and other items to assist teachers. Thank you Daria for being a wonderful Treasurer and keeping us on track.

Farewell to the Grade 6 children and those families that will be leaving us. Thanks for all your help and support over the years. We wish you all the best with your new schools.

Best wishes to all families and children for the Summer Holidays.

From Parents Club

Upcoming Events Early 2015...

Easter Raffle, Icy Pole Days, Dance Parties and Trivia Night. We’ll also help welcome the 2015 Prep families by providing morning teas and a dinner.
A message from the Lesser Family

The link to our blog in the last newsletter takes people to an edu place.

This is the proper link http://meandering-lessers.blogspot.com.au/

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**WiseOnes – Move Clever To Wise**

As we come towards the end of our WiseOnes course for Term Four, we would like to invite all WiseOnes qualifiers from years 2-6 to join us next year in Term 1 for:

**Drawing with a Twist - MC Escher**

Join this famous Mathematician and Artist in his creation of Impossible Art. Have a go at Divergent Thinking and reproduce it as a picture. Have a lot of fun finding your own special way of looking at life with others who have the same sense of humour, and learning the skills involved. Be a graphic designer just like MC Escher and design your own creative and imaginative pieces which will include illusions, impossible shapes, distortions and reflections. Be challenged to learn new things. Have fun with other like-minded and keen learners during our next WiseOnes unit of discovery.

Our Term 1 lessons will start Monday 2nd February, 2015.
If you would like an enrolment form for Term 1 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.

Its AIMS are academic, intellectual, moral and social development of the whole person at their own appropriate level and in a very small group. There is a qualifying level for participation to establish the specialist need for the fast-paced program.

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 year.

With Thanks,

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