Important Dates to put in the diary

Friday 11th December  Grade 5/6M & 5/6L Beach Program
          Icy Pole Day
Monday 14th December  Grade 6 Graduation—6.00 pm
Tuesday  15th December  Grade 4 Beach Program
          Grade 6 Big Day Out
Wednesday 16th December  Grade 3/4 Movie Day
Thursday 17th December  Parent Helper’s Morning Tea  11.00am—11.30am MPR
Friday 18th December  Last day of term—1.00 pm dismissal
Thursday 28th January  First day of term 1—All students (Preps 9am—1.30pm)

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

Grace, Prep C  Sienna, Prep S  Tahir, 3/6M
Wren, 3/4O  Liv, Prep S  Alyssa, Prep S
Luke, 5/6L  India, 1/2M  Angel, Prep C
Grace, 1/2R  Marcus, 3/4M  Ibrahim, 5/6M
Raquel, 5/6D  Joshua, 5/6W  Surya, Prep P
Mohamed, 1/2M  Tom, 1/2O  Arki, 3/4N
Alish, 1/2L  Finn, 5/6W  Tom, 5/6W
Jasmine, Prep P  Leo, 1/2O  Aya, 5/6D
Lily, 5/6M  Ruby, 5/6L  Hannah, 5/6D
Henry, 5/6W  Mia, 3/4G  Grace, 5/6W

AWARDS

Levi, 5/6W  Leo, 1/2O  Scarlett, 3/4M
Chloe, Prep P  Abby, 5/6W  Youssef, 3/4G
Oscar, 3/4M  Ryan, 5/6M  Leo, Prep S
Macy, 5/6W  Max, 5/6D  Seb, 5/6D
Joe, 1/2R  Ruby, 3/4H  Saffron, 1/2M
Alex, 1/2C  Lila, 1/2O  Jean, Prep C
Neve, 1/2O  Sumaya, 1/2M  Tilda, 3/4G
Charlie, 1/2C  Grace, Prep S  Ailish, 1/2L
Henrietta, 1/2R  Tess, 3/4M  Prep P
Jensen, 5/6M  Mohamed, 1/2M  Jackson, 1/2M
Daniel, 1/2L  Sophia, 1/0  Rachida, 1/2O
Jomana, 1/2R  Sam, 1/2O  Alex, 3/4G

FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER—LAST DAY OF TERM 1.00 PM
DISMISSAL
Dear Parents/Guardians,

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 2016.

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

**Not so Silent Night**  A big thank you to all the parents and families that were able to attend the ‘Not So Silent Night’ end of year performance conducted last Thursday evening. It was a wonderful night, in so many different ways and was another opportunity to highlight the many talents of our children and performing arts children.

The aim was to provide an evening of diverse, fun and entertainment for our entire school community and we hope we did just that.

There were many, many people who gave up so much of their time to assist in making the night such a great success and on behalf of the school community I thank them all for your contribution. (please see the thank you notice later in the newsletter).

I must give a special thank you to Ellen and Jackson for working with the children over many weeks to prepare them for the concert. Well done!!! We are so fortunate to have two such talented artists who work and teach at our school.

**Polygot Puppets** - All this week we have had the Polygot Puppet Group create a Paper Forest with the Prep-Yr. 4 children in the school’s Multi-Purpose Room. As part of the school’s performing arts program, this intriguing incursion has allowed the children to explore visual and creative art using paper.

We are presently looking at inviting the Polygot Puppet Group to visit our school again next year.

If you haven’t had the opportunity of visiting the Paper Forest, please feel free to ‘Pop’ into the MPR on Friday morning and experience this magic place the children have created before it all goes into a recycler on Friday afternoon.

**School Organisation for 2016.**

With a number of staffing positions still being decided there still may be changes between now and when we begin the new school year but the following organisation is presently planned for 2016;

| Prep  (x3) | Diana Stefanovic, Taegan Pearson, Leisha Liddell |
| Gr 1/2 (x5) | Tammi Cordell, Lee Rutledge/Sarah McKeown, Amy O’Dowd/Paul Taylor, Ashlee Shacklock, Denise O’Shea |
| Gr 5/6 | Melinda Lagerwey/Sarah McKeown, Mat Williamson/Clare Munro, James Munro, Sarah Smith |

**Specialists:**

- PE: Terry Antoniadis
- Visual Art: Laura Russell
- Indonesian: Lyndal Carrington
- Drama: Jackson Castiglione
- Music: Ellen Morabito
- Indonesian: Lyndal Carrington
- Reading Intervention: Susan Spelic

**Extension & Enrichment & EAL Intervention**—Sharon Rodgers
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 Laura D’Agostino who will be spending 12 months in Ararat. Laura will be teaching a Yr 1/2. at Ararat West Primary School and will be enjoying all the benefits of a ‘tree-change’.

Kylie Missen was also to return in 2016 but has decided to stay on in England for an indefinite period. 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 Laura in 2017.

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 spend a few days camping down along the Victorian West Coast and then perhaps a week on the Sunshine Coast relaxing and re-charging the batteries after a very big year.

End of Year Assembly  ~ School concludes on Friday 18th December at 1.00pm. An assembly will be conducted at 12.20pm featuring a special farewell to our Year 6 students. After the general school 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.

2015 has been another huge and very successful year for Newport Lakes Primary School. As well as continuing to develop children who embrace the school values (respect, resilience, responsibility, compassion and critical thinkers) we have proven that our school excels academically and provides opportunities above and beyond most other primary schools.

Throughout this year alone we have provided new initiatives and opportunities for all our children including the Gateway programs, the Instrumental Music Program (more than 60 Newport Lakes children are now learning a musical instrument at school ), the Reading Intervention (LLI) and the Maths Intervention (GRIN) programs, the Not so Silent Night Concert, the Indigenous Cultural Awareness Week, Newport Has Talent ,Yr.6-7 Secondary School Expo, Yr. 4-6 Beach Water Safety Program, the Musical Soirees, and the list goes on!

And next year is already shaping up to be another big year with a continuous of the many programs and activities as well as the School Twilight Fete, our 160th Birthday celebrations and the School production. I hope all the children and staff have a huge rest over the End of Year Break as they will certainly need all their energy for a huge 2016.

I look forward to seeing everyone (Prep-Yr.6) when school resumes on Thursday 28th January 2016.

David Moss
Principal
Hall St.- Melbourne Rd. Underpass

School Council is attempting to form a small group to work towards the upgrading and regular maintenance of the underpass.

If you are interested in being part of this group and actively work towards improving this important facility for our children and the community please forward your name to school office or Jake Mansfield jake@blackswan.com.au.

Help Wanted 2016 Monday Morning Fruit Cutting

Every Monday morning at school the children in Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 have a lovely platter of fruit delivered to their classroom. A few dedicated parents have a chat and cut the fruit and deliver the platters to the children’s classroom, all up it takes about an hour of their time. A big you thank needs to go out to all the parents who have helped this year, particularly to Di Williamson who is vacating her position to allow other parents to join in the fun. If you were interested in helping could you please let me know (Daria on 0402 329 611 or daria.nick@gmail.com).

From your fruit cutting team Jacqui Lomas, Deb McGrath & Daria Hewitt.

Reminder—Book Pack and Essential Education Expenses payment were due on 4th December, 2015
Not So Silent Night

Thanks to Ellen & Jackson, Laura Russell, Jacqui Lomas, Lyndal Carrington, Kylie Halarakis, Allen Davies, Mike Draper, George Halarakis, Jacqui Taylor, Alison Pyle, Susan Warner, Mat Williamson, Sallyanne Pepe, the De Costa Brothers, all the student helpers who gave up their free time, Sue & Kayleen, all the teachers and ES staff at NLPS - for putting in extra effort and being so supportive, David & Janet - for encouraging and supporting the arts at NLPS, Australian Safety Rail, Michelle Kinniburgh, Lianne Blewitt, all parents for supporting our school’s creativity and culture, last but not least - all the students for amazing performances and hard work.
Congratulations to our grade 3/4 team consisting of Amy, Immy, Hannah and Sienna as well as our grade 5/6 team made up of Heide, Jacob, Jack and Marlo who both came second place in the zone challenge and made it to the national finals. Both teams did very well especially considering it was our first time in the competition. We were very proud to receive the feedback from Gateways commending our students on their excellent teamwork and leadership skills.

Special congratulations goes to our grade 5/6 team who came fourth. Well done!

Great work everyone, you have represented yourselves and our school admirably!
Sponsorship Announcements

We are dancing, spinning, jumping and twirling with joy! We are SO excited to announce MAPA Australia as our Silver sponsor of the Newport Lakes Primary School 2016 Twilight Fete! Thankyou so much to Sarah Ambrose and the team for kindly supporting our fete.

MAPA (Melbourne Academy of Performing Arts)
140 Hall Street, Spotswood

We are SO pumped to announce Fernwood Yarraville as our Silver sponsor of the Newport Lakes Primary School 2016 Twilight Fete!

Thankyou so much to Jessica and the team for kindly supporting our fete.
Fernwood Fitness Yarraville
5/290 Whitehall St, Yarraville

Online Stall Volunteer Booking System now open!

Calling all volunteers! The Newport Lakes Primary School Twilight Fete will take place on Friday 18th March 2016 from 3:30pm to 8:00 p.m. (although we will need volunteers all throughout the day assisting with set up / food preparation etc) We are asking all parents to assist by volunteering for at least one hour on a stall. This is the biggest event on the school calendar, and for the Fete to run smoothly we need the support of ALL families. We welcome Dads and Grandparents/relatives to assist as well. Specifically it would be great to have Dads assist with morning set-up before the Fete begins or evening clean-up after the Fete. (Maybe even ask the boss for the day off for a great cause!!). In addition, we would love to see some Masterchefs in the making behind our BBQ stall, Falafal stall, Chicken kebab stall, or other food stalls.

Be quick as favourite stalls and special times will fill up fast! If you can assist on the day - please sign up for a time and specific stall. Once you have signed up, further information will be provided regarding the stall, a welcome email will be sent to you and important updates on the Fete. Please make sure you provide your email address and ph number and thank you for supporting the 2016 NLPS Twilight Fete.

Please log onto www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code XJ4GM and follow the prompts

If you have questions please contact Michelle Kinniburgh on 0452 192 409 or mlkinniburgh@gmail.com
All day Show Ride Wristbands on sale now!

Giant Slide, Jumping Castle, Chair-o-plane and The Cyclone! The best show rides in town are coming to the Newport Lakes PS Twilight Fete. You can Pre-Purchase All Day Unlimited Show Ride Wristbands for $25 (this price is valid until Thursday 17th March 2016) – Fete Day is $30!

Grandparents!! - What a wonderful Xmas Gift idea to buy the grandkids their All Day Unlimited Show Ride Wristbands Please complete the order form at the end of this newsletter and hand in at the front office.

Stalls that require donations…..from Term 1 2016

The following stalls will be relying on the general school community to assist with donations of items for their stall. Please start to think about what you can assist with….

Lucky Jar – please start saving your empty (& clean) jam/vegemite/pasta jars (ie 400-600ml) with lids…. (hold them for now!)

White Elephant – Books and Puzzles (Xmas is coming up – something in, something out….)

Plants & Flowers – Green Thumbs get your seedlings started now…. Potted flowers, herbs, seedlings, veggies….

2nd Hand Uniform – New Year, new size?
Clean out your children’s school uniform stash

Craft – knitting, bookmarks, bags, lace, jewellery, beads, cards, candles, soaps, painting, frames….

Lollies, Sweets, Cakes, Jams and Baked Goods – Rum Balls, Banana Cake, Carrot Cake, Toffee Apples, Home-made Apricot Jam, Anzac Biscuits, Homemade Chutney/Relish, Fudge, Rocky Road, Shortbread, Gingerbread, Lamingtons, Hummingbird Cake, bags of mixed lollies, TeaCups, Honey Joys, Chocolate Crackles and even the good old Cupcake – the list is endless…. Simple or Classic or Modern or throw out the rule book, whatever takes your fancy…. Don’t forget to make sure you include a list of the ingredients (No Fresh Cream Please!) and also it would be great if we could get some goods already pre-packed into 2 / 4 / 6 items etc. (and please make sure these are delivered to the school of the morning of the Fete!!!)

We will be asking for these donations to be brought into school from February onwards… so start collecting now!

Don’t forget to click “LIKE” on our Fete Facebook page Newport Lakes PS Twilight Fete 2016, and get your family and friends to like us too!

Cheers
The 2016 Fete Committee
Pre-Purchase All Day Unlimited Show Ride Wristbands $25 each (until 17th March 2016)

(Please note: wristbands will be given out on the day of the Fete)

Parent Name:……………………………………… Contact No. ………………………………………

Child Name ……………………………………………. Class:……………………
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Child Name ……………………………………………. Class:……………………
Other children ……………………………………………………………………..

I would like to order   □   All Day Unlimited Show Ride Wristbands @ $25 each, total $_______

Cash payment $…………………………………….. Enclosed, Or Credit Cards Details Below....

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Amount: $_______

Signature: _______________________________  Transaction minimum $10

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Parent Helpers’ Morning Tea

The staff and students would like to thank all parents/carers who have helped the school in many various ways throughout the year.

We would like to invite all helpers to a morning tea on Thursday 17th December, 2015 in the multi purpose room from 11.00—11.30 am.
Interested in having a go at netball? Williamstown Juniors Netball Club is a family friendly community club and we’d love to see you at

WJNC Beginner’s Netball

- An entry point for girls and boys aged 6-9 to try netball without structured games
- Includes fun and games as well as ball skills, basic court-play and positions
- Friday 3.45 for 45 mins beginning Term 1 2016
- $49 (Victoria Netball Association membership)
- Please contact Cheryl Forbes 0435 949 520 if you’re interested.