**Important Dates to put in the diary**

**Thursday 12th February**
- Prep Information Session 6.30 pm—7.30 pm (MPR)
- Swimming Training

**Friday 13th February**
- Icy Pole Day
- Class Friendship lists to be returned

**Monday 16th February**
- Grade 5/6 Team Building Challenge No. 1

**Tuesday 17th February**
- Parent Helpers Induction Program 9.00 am—10.00 am (Library)

**Wednesday 18th February**
- Twitter Information Evening 6.30 pm in Mat’s Room

**Thursday 19th February**
- Parent Helpers Induction Program 9.00 am—10.00 am (Library)

**Friday 20th February**
- **Pupil Free Day—NO SCHOOL ON THIS DAY**
- District Swimming Carnival

**Monday 23rd February**
- Grade 5/6 Team Building Challenge No. 2
- School Council Meeting

**Thursday 26th February**
- Preps & New Families Picnic/Sausage Sizzle—5.30 pm—7.00 pm

**Friday 27th February**
- Icy Pole Day

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**TERM DATES 2015**

**Term 1**
29/1—27/3

**Term 2**
13/4—26/6

**Term 3**
13/7—18/9

**Term 4**
5/10—18/12

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**2015 Pupil Free Days (TBC)**
- Friday 20th Feb
- Friday 29th May
- Friday 21st Aug
- Mon 2nd Nov

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

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

- Zack, 3/4N
- Mackenzie, 3/4M
- Ali, Prep S
- Zali, 3/4H
- Dex, Prep S
- Jat, 3/4H
- April, 3/4M
- Sabrina, Prep S
- Tex, 1/2O
- Hamish, 1/2M
- Macy, 5/6W
- Noah, 5/6D
- Chloe, 3/4H
- Tara, 5/6W
- Mia, 3/4N
- Imogen, 3/4G
- Rachida, 1/2O
- Ahmed, 3/4M
- Levi, 5/6W
- Omar, 1/2C
- Miles, Prep C
- Findley, 5/6W
- Jemima, 1/2R
- Aleks, 1/2L

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**AWARDS**

Congratulations to our award winners:

- Maddy, 1/2C
- Charlie, 1/2O
- Class 1/2R
- Ava, 1/2C
- Dylan, 5/6L
- Saadiya, 5/6W
- Khaled, 5/6D
- Sam, 1/2O
- Cruz, Prep S
- Lucy, 1/2L
- Cohen, 1/2M
- Sam, 1/2O
- Kobe, 1/2L
- Marcus, 3/4M
- Sumaya, 1/2M
- Jack, 1/2R
- Alex, 3/4M
- Levi, 5/6W
- Tom, 5/6W
- Haydin, 1/2C
- Lachlan, 3/4O
- Grace, 5/6M
- Seb, Prep P
- James, Prep C
- Shea, 3/4G
Dear Parents,

Elizabeth St. One Way  Earlier this week the Hobsons Bay City Council converted Elizabeth St, between Newcastle and Ross St., into a one way street. Traffic management in Elizabeth St. has been an area of great concern to the school for a number of years and numerous efforts have been made by the council and the school to improve the problem.

An increase in students riding and walking to school, better driving habits by many (but unfortunately not all) parents, and more cars parking a further distance from the school and walking have all improved the traffic flow but on occasional days we can still have a ‘gridlock’ situation due to cars travelling in both directions in a narrow street.

With traffic all travelling in the one direction, it is anticipated that there will be a better flow resulting in a safer environment for our children and parents. The ‘one way’ conversion is a trial for the first two terms. The ‘one way’ trial will then be evaluated to determine if it will become a permanent fixture. The school will monitor the traffic management and will provide feedback to the Hobsons Bay Council during the trial. Parents are most welcome to send (email) their own feedback to the school or can send them directly to the Hobsons Bay Council. A copy of the letter to the residents from the council in regards to the one way street conversion is included later in the newsletter.

Park Play
With the re-development of the school oval restricting our ground and play space, we have been taking a group of Yr. 3/4 or Yr. 5/6 students to the local park in Newcastle St. every lunchtime. This lunchtime ‘excursion’ has been very popular with the senior students and has eased the ‘load’ on the existing play space at the school. The students attending the park have also enjoyed the open spaces, different play equipment and facilities of the reserve during their lunchtime recess. A big thank you to staff that volunteered to give up their lunchtimes to assist in supervising the children at the park.
The lunchtime ‘park play’ program will continue on suitable days throughout semester 1 until the oval is ready for use again.

Bike Parking
The next ground improvement program to begin is the bike parking area. Plans are being made to clear the area behind the new junior play equipment, surface the area and install new bike racks. Funding for this project will be provided from the very generous parental ‘Voluntary Contributions for Ground Improvements’ and a grant from Bicycle Network Victoria for Bike Parking.
It is anticipated that this project will be completed before the end of this term.

Information Sessions
There has been very good attendance at all our Information sessions that have been conducted this week. Feedback from parents has been extremely positive and the sessions have been an excellent means of assisting parents to gain a better understanding of what has been happening in the classrooms. The sessions have also given parents an insight into the many different activities that will happen this year and how they can be involved in their child’s learning and how they can assist their child at home.

Similar feedback was received from our new Prep parents about the ‘Prep Coffee Chats’ on Literacy, Numeracy and the excellent specialist programs we conduct at Newport Lakes Primary School. The powerpoint from each of the Team’s presentations will be available on the school website.
Line Marking

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Rotary Club of Williamstown for their very kind provision of funding to the Newport Lakes Primary School for outdoor line games.

A series of eight very bright, colourful and fun line markings were painted in the school grounds over the Christmas holiday break and have been an overwhelming success. The designs of the markings were selected last year by the children in the Junior School Council.

The games have been extremely well-liked with all the children and have been particularly popular with children with Aspergers or Autism.

A feature of the linemarking games is that they can be utilized by groups, partners and by individuals. This has been wonderful for the children that often prefer to play by themselves or find it difficult to play in a group situation.

It has been delightful to watch the children play happily on the markings, often making up their own rules and games using the ‘open ended’ designs. The markings are constantly in use during recess and lunch breaks and it also has become very popular to have a quick game with Mum or Dad when they do the drop off or pick up from school.

These are some photos of our children gaining much pleasure and fun playing on the outdoor line markings during their lunch break.
Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be conducted for all year levels on Wednesday 11th March between 2-7pm. Bookings for all classroom and specialist teachers will once again be conducted online. Instructions on where, when and how to make your online booking for parent teacher interviews will be sent home next week with every child.

Parent Payment Policy

You may have read in the press that the Victorian Auditor-General has released a report on school costs for parents.
In response to the report's findings, the Minister for Education has asked the Department of Education and Training to review its parent payment policy.
As a result of any changes to the Department's policy, we will work with our school council to update our own parents payment policy.
We don't expect any changes until later in 2015 and we will let you know well in advance.
The Department's parent payment policy is what we use to guide us in deciding what we will ask you to pay each year. We review our own parent payment policy, in conjunction with our school council, and notify you of any changes through our newsletter.
Our aim is to ensure our policy meets parents' expectations, while also ensuring that all of our students are able to participate in the programs we offer.
Our policy sets out what we ask you to pay for to support your child's learning, such as books and stationery, and what we ask for optional extracurricular activities.
Our policy also sets out what we ask parents to make voluntary contributions to, and where these funds will be directed (for example, to assist with new building and grounds works, or purchasing library and sports equipment.)
As always, if you have any queries, or would like to discuss how the school can support you in financial matters, please contact your child’s teacher or the school office.

ANAPHYLAXIS

We are asking your help to support the children in our school who are at risk of anaphylaxis.

What is anaphylaxis?
Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life threatening. It is a diagnosed medical condition and must be treated as a medical emergency, requiring urgent medical attention and treatment.
Anaphylaxis affects the entire body. It occurs after exposure to an allergen (for example nuts or dairy), to which a person is already extremely sensitive. It results in potentially life threatening symptoms, which include:
- difficult/noisy breathing
- swelling of tongue
- swelling/tightness in throat
- difficulty talking and/or hoarse voice
- wheeze or persistent cough
- loss of consciousness and/or collapse
- pale and floppy (in young children)

No two people are the same in the way their body reacts and allergic reactions can differ each time.
Anaphylaxis is unpredictable, frightening and is potentially life threatening.

Steady increase in incidence of anaphylaxis
Over recent years we have seen a steady increase in the number of children at our school with anaphylaxis. This is reflected in the general community where Australia has one of the highest prevalences of allergic disorders in the developed world.
We currently have 9 students living with anaphylaxis, up from 7 the same time last year. And research indicates that this number will continue to increase in the future. In previous years, the allergens have been mostly nuts, predominantly peanuts but also other forms of nuts including walnuts, hazelnuts, brazil nuts, coconuts, cashews and pecan. This year we have children who have life threatening allergies to peanuts, tree nuts, dairy products (includes yogurts, cheese, milk), shellfish and eggs.

Risk minimisation
At Newport Lakes Primary School we do not have a policy of banning foods but rather endeavour to educate teachers, students, parents and our school community on anaphylaxis and also seek their co-operation to exclude or limit allergens into the school environment. This is also the advice we have received from Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia. If an allergen is brought into the classroom, procedures are in place to avoid any contamination or contact with the anaphylactic child. However, the simple matter is if we minimise the risk of the child coming into contact with an allergen, the less chance they have of having an anaphylactic rea

Our response
All staff receive training twice a year and comprehensive action plans are in place for student suffering from anaphylaxis. All classes have had lessons about anaphylaxis and the children are aware if there is child is their class with an allergy. The children have also discussed how they can assist in making their classroom and school a safer and inclusive place to come to each day. The school will also continue to inform and educate parents by placing notices in the school newsletter and sending home letters to families notifying them if there is a student in their child's grade that has an anaphylaxis condition to a certain food.

How parents can help
We ask you to support children in our school at risk of anaphylaxis by:

- teaching your child not to share food with friends
- encouraging your child to wash their hands after eating
- Speaking to your child's teachers and labelling all food that you send to school for special events (for eg birthdays, fetes).

As mentioned, at NLPS we do not have a policy of banning foods but we do seek your assistance to exclude or limit allergens (for example peanuts, tree nuts, shellfish, dairy etc) into the work area of the child with anaphylaxis. This means we request you to not send your child to school with food items, which have been identified and communicated to parents, as an allergen to a child in your child's work area.

This makes the classroom and school environment a safer place for every child in the class. We believe this is what every parent wants for every child in our school.

More information
If you require any further information on anaphylaxis please contact your child's teacher, the school office or the Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia (A&AA) website http://www.allergyfacts.org.au/.

Late next week, I will be taking a short period of long service leave to go on a holidays with family and friends to the beautiful South Island of New Zealand. Janet Gill will be the acting principal in my absence.

I hope you all have a good week
School Council Elections

At this time of year elections are held for parent and staff representatives on school council. This year there are four parent representative vacancies for school council. The successful candidates are elected to council for the next two years and the end date of their membership will be March 2017.

Each year half of the positions on the council expire. The ‘retiring’ parent councilors are Hamish McGill, Nicole Pilsworth, Kristen Turra and Gail Virgona. The retiring teacher councilor is Warren Hales.

All ‘retiring’ councilors are eligible to re-nominate providing they either still have children attending the school or are still members of staff.

Parents are able to nominate themselves for School Council or nominate another parent of the school.

Any parent wishing to nominate for School Council is requested to collect a nomination form from the main office. School Council has an important role in the developing of school policy, managing school finances, developing the school’s strategic plan and annual implementation plan, acting as a conduit on a wide range of school issues and developing interests and support of school programs, initiative and events.

This year the School Council will usually meet on the third Monday evening of the month.

All in all, it is an important and rewarding role. If you would like to discuss any aspect of school council please contact David Moss or one of our current school councilors. The office can put you in contact with a councilor at your request or you can find further details on the school website.

Schedule 4 Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Newport Lakes Primary School. Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4 pm on Thursday 19th February 2015. The ballot (if required) will close at 4 pm on Tuesday 10th March 2015.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows –

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If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.
Student Leaders

It is with great pleasure that I announced at Friday afternoon assembly the School’s Captains and Vice Captains for 2015: Congratulations to:

School Captains: Kira Jacob
Vice Captains: Lily Cole

I have no doubt that all of these students will be excellent ambassadors for our school throughout the year.

MEET OUR SCHOOL CAPTAINS FOR 2015

Hi, my name is Kira and thanks to all the teachers and David I have been chosen as School Captain for 2015. As a prep starting school I would never have thought that I would be chosen as a School Captain or a leader for the school, now I am here and I feel so honoured to have this opportunity. Thank you David and all the teachers for selecting me for this role. As school Captain I will always try my best and try to make this school year exciting for the whole school. Feel free to ask me questions or stop me if you need a helping hand and I will always try to help you. Congratulations to Cole, Lily an Jacob on also being selected as School and Vice Captains. I look forward to working with my fellow school and Vice Captains and I am sure it will be awesome. Thank you everyone, Kira.

Hi everyone, although you have probably caught my name by now, I’m Cole and I am honoured to take on the role of a School Captain. I congratulate my friends and fellow achievers; Kira, Jacob and Lily. I understand that as a grade six leader I will try my hardest to be a great role model by listening, being kind and compassionate, being a good sport and helping others. I hope I set the standards high. Please feel comfortable to come up to me to introduce yourself or if you have any problems. Thank you.

Hi everyone my name is Jacob. Most of you will probably already know me. I would like to thank the 5/6 teachers as well as David and Janet for selecting me for the role. I am really honoured to get this leadership position and I am going to relish every moment as school vice-captain. I will make sure assembly is as entertaining as possible and you won’t have to sit through the same thing every week. As school vice-captain I would make sure I am a role model for the whole school. I will always be positive about things and I will be available if you need some help. I believe that being school captain is not just about assembly and the title, I will make sure this school is as good as it can be and I will always be open to suggestions. I believe that I was the right pick for the job because I have the traits that a school leader should have. I am responsible, a critical thinker, helpful and have many other leadership qualities. I hope I make it an enjoyable year for everyone and the teachers, I can guarantee you won’t regret picking me. Congratulations to my peers Cole, Kira and Lily, I can’t wait to spend the year on the leadership team. Thanks.

Hello, my name is Lily and I have been chosen to be school Vice Captain for 2015.

I feel very proud and honoured to be chosen for this role. I congratulate my peers Kira, Cole and Jacob for achieving their positions.

I am sure I will enjoy every moment helping David and the leadership team. Thankyou to those who elected me, I am looking forward to a fantastic year!

Thankyou J
PUPIL-FREE DAY – Next Friday 20TH February

Next Friday teachers will be involved in a professional learning day at school focusing on the pedagogy of inquiry as a highly effective way of learning. We have invited internationally renowned educator, Kath Murdoch, working with us for the whole day, and then visiting us throughout the year to continue our inquiry-learning journey.

Becoming a successful inquirer depends largely on learning to use a range of transferable skills. These skills include being able to form the right questions, locate and gather information, analyse data, and create and communicate ideas. Quality inquiry also demands self-management skills and the capacity to collaborate with others for a range of purposes. Underlying all these skills is the need to develop the kind of creative, reflective and critical thinking required for life and learning in the 21C.

In inquiry schools, teachers deliberately plan for and teach these ‘Transdisciplinary Skills’ across the day with the aim being to assist students in becoming increasingly able to plan and conduct their own investigations. Without a focus on skills, many inquiries fail to really engage and challenge learners - or to teach them HOW to inquire. In this workshop, teachers will be introduced to a wide range of powerful strategies for helping students build up their inquiry tool kit. Supported by lots of examples from a variety of classrooms, we will explore techniques for teaching the skills that can be transferred across contexts.

Kath Murdoch is an experienced teacher, author, university lecturer and popular consultant who has worked for many years in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Asia, America, Africa and Europe. She is widely respected for her work in the field of inquiry based learning in which she has taught, researched and published for many years. She maintains a strong commitment to supporting teachers in the classroom and regularly teaches children from P-6. Her presentations are always practical and directly related to the classroom.
Phew! What a start to the year!

My name is Ellen Morabito, and I am so excited to be the music teacher, band director and choir director at Newport Lakes Primary School for 2015!

It is going to be a big year with many performance opportunities! I would like to invite any student who is interested in participating in the junior choir or senior choir to attend rehearsals. The senior choir (grades 3-6) will be rehearsing during lunchtime on Wednesdays, and Junior choir (prep - 2) will be starting next week at recess on Wednesdays, and both held in the music room.

The school band will begin this week, and rehearsals will take place on Fridays at 12:30 in the music room, and I encourage any student in grades 3-6 taking private lessons on an instrument to come and see what it is about, and have a go. So, please remind the students to bring their instruments on Fridays, ready for rehearsals.

There are also plans for other ensembles to start during the term, including a ska/rock band and classical ensembles, however, I will be in contact with students about that throughout term 1.

It is looking like an exciting and big year, and I am looking forward to making some music with the students at Newport Lakes Primary! If you have any queries with the music program at all, please come and see me, or email me.

**LUNCH ORDERS**

Lunch orders are available each Friday and we will commence this on Friday 27th February. These healthy choice lunches are provided by a local bakery and are $5.00. Lunches need to be pre-ordered on Wednesday and handed in to classrooms. Order forms are available on the website or at the office. Correct money must be placed in envelope.

**PARENT HELPERS IN Prep – 2 CLASSROOMS 2015**

If you would like to volunteer to help our Prep-2 teachers during the reading hour throughout the year then please sign the form below to attend a 1 hour induction session facilitated by Janet Gill. Parents will need to attend the induction in order to assist in classrooms. We have a record of all parents who attended our 2014 inductions, so if you attended one of those you will not need to attend our 2015 induction. We look forward to developing the home-school partnership as part of this initiative.

*Please circle the day that you will attend:*

- Tuesday 17th Feb 9am-10am
- Thursday 19th Feb 9am-10am

Parent name: ________________________________  Child/ren name & Class __________________

I will attend the above Parent Helper Induction Session.
We hope everyone has had safe and enjoyable Summer break and are refreshed and ready to get back into school life in 2015.

We’ve got lots of fun events and activities planned for this year so keep an eye out for this section in the newsletter and reminders, posters and notes.

Welcome to all our new families. We’re looking forward to hosting a sausage sizzle for you at the Preps and New Families picnic and holding a Dance Party just for the Preps at the end of the term.

Upcoming Events…

ICY POLE DAYS: Friday 13 February and Friday 27 February

Icy poles will be sold during lunchtime and will be 50c each. Change can be given, but providing your children with a 50c coin will help speed up the queues. To be fair to all children, there is a limit of one icy pole per child.

These days are very popular with the children so don’t forget to send your child in with their coin on the day!!

There will be a third icy pole date later in the term.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

NPL Parents Club will be having a second hand uniform sale 8.30 a.m Tuesday February 17th in the multipurpose room.

ALL ITEMS $5.00 INCLUDING SCHOOL BAGS

The cupboard is full with excellent quality items – come and grab a bargain.

If you have any items you would like to donate to the sale – please hand in at the office—thank you!
Anarchy @ the Lakes – Trivia Night

To me, punk is about being an individual and going against the grain and standing up and saying 'This is who I am'.

Joey Ramone

Join the Newport Lakes Community on Friday, 13\textsuperscript{th} March, 2015 at 7.30pm for a night of trivia, stomping, air guitar and hard core stuff n all that! Tickets are already on sale at the office at a bargain price of $25 per person. Get your table of eight organised now before tickets sell out.

As well as a chance to socialise with other Newport Lakes parents, the trivia night is also an important fundraiser for the school. On the night we will be holding a raffle and would appreciate donations from each grade level unit. A basket has been placed in each team leader’s room. Your child’s teacher will be happy to collect for the basket. Otherwise a basket will be left outside the office if you are in a hurry. We would also appreciate any donations from businesses for our Silent Auction e.g tickets, vouchers, gifts. Every donation is greatly appreciated.

We are also need people to assist with set up and pack up on the night as well as the making of decorations please. Please email Bec on the below address.

Thanks in advance.
Rebecca Grieve (ryanandbec@hotmail.com) and Jacqui Lomas.

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Newport Lakes Primary School presents
An Information Evening for all Parents

Exploring the Twitterverse
Parental controls and restrictions on iPads

Wednesday the 18th February 2015 6.30pm

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code FUCB4 to RSVP
Dear Families,

We would like to thank our wonderful parents and families who have made voluntary contributions towards our school. We sincerely value these contributions and we believe it is important to share with you some of the ways that they have been spent.

Thanks to the playground voluntary contributions NLPS has recently purchased three sets of (fairly large) Lego! Students in grades 1 and 2 visited the Lego Education Centre last year and simply loved creating life sized objects out of the Lego.

However, 252 pieces of Lego need a home! We are planning to use the chest in the image below to store the Lego in the quiet yard, but it clearly needs a makeover. If there are any interested parents who would like to paint this chest with a bright coloured, inviting design for children of all ages to enjoy, please contact Amy O’Dowd for more details.

Stay tuned for some images of NLPS children having a ball with our new purchases, and again, thank you parents!
Instrumental Music Program

Dear Parents and Students,

ABC Music Group is seeking new enrolments for students interested in joining the INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM in 2015. Lessons are after school on Mondays and the program provides a fun introduction to music and also assists students thinking to continue their music education in secondary school.

PROGRAM FEATURES

30 minute group lessons
Keyboard & guitars are provided for each student during lessons
Parent/Guardian will be invoiced for the cost of the lessons

FREE KEYBOARD or ACCOUSTIC GUITAR
The offer is only available in term 1
Prepay for 4 terms by credit card ($540 plus book cost*)
No refund if cancelled during the year
Arrange for pick up from ABC Office or pay $20 for delivery by Aust Post

Keyboard – Guitar ($135 per term plus *2 keyboard books $35 or guitar $20)

To enrol please go on our website or pick up a form at the school office

www abcmusicgroup.com.au/enrol-for-school-program or phone 9427 8049

“I would teach the children music, physics and philosophy; but the most important is music, the patterns of music are the keys to all learning” - Plato
Newport Lakes Has Talent is back!

Newport Lakes is holding its second talent show and we want you there!

**WHO**  Students Prep to 6 and Teachers.

**WHAT**  Your act could include of singing, acting, dancing, music, magic or talent of any kind!

**WHEN**  Registrations for acts this Thursday 19th of Feb.

**WHERE**  The Drama room.

Any questions talk to one of the year 6s in the picture below or to Jackson.
**SUMMER SOUNDS 2015**

Don’t miss these FREE, live, outdoor music events around Hobsons Bay, featuring talented Australian musicians.

**Music starts at 2pm**

**ALT COUNTRY, SOUL, BLUES, CLASSICS AND FOLK, IT’S ALL IN THE MIX AT SUMMER SOUNDS**

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**NEW for 2015**

**Sunday 15 February**

Music - classics and more at Altona Meadows Community Park

Don’t miss the Hobsons Bay free Movies by the Bay series, Friday 2, 9 and 30 January at Logan Reserve, Altona and Friday, 16 and 23 January at Commonwealth Reserve, Williamstown.
30th January, 2015

Dear Neighbouring School

**Williamstown North Primary School’s Fete – Pre-Sale Wrist bands!**

The Williamstown North primary School Fete is on again on Sunday 15th March. With around 5,000 people flocking to enjoy great rides, food, entertainment and the fun community spirit it is one of the must-attend family events in the West.

Presale wrist bands are now on sale at our fete website. Just go to www.vnpsfte.org.au

This year’s event has a great selection of rides including:

- Cha Cha
- Giant Slide
- Jurassic Inflatable Jumping Castle
- Music Trip
- Pony Rides
- Mini Golf
- Chair O Plane, Gum Bus

Buy before Friday 6 March and pay only $30 for children over 122cm ($35 after presale) and $20 for children under 122cm ($20 after presale) for a junior band.

All bands will be distributed to schools on Friday 13 March and all bands not distributed can be collected from the ride stall on Fete day.

If you have any questions or need further information please contact Ivana Musura on 0419 114229

Kind regards

Ivana Musura
Donation Coordinator
Williamstown North Primary School
0419 114 229
Football (soccer) Club Williamstown registration day is Thursday 12th and 19th February from 6.00-8.30pm and Sunday 15th February 10am-1pm.

We welcome all players back from 2014 and also any new players that are interested in joining. If you would like to come and check out the club and find out some information please come and see us.

Training will start in March on Tues/Wed/Thurs nights from approximately 6pm to 7pm for juniors turning 6-16 this year. These times and days may vary due to coach availability.

The first round of the season starts mid April and finishes mid September.

The FFV has launched a new program called “mini-roos kick-off” for new players that are turning ages 4 or 5 this calendar year. This program will be run on a Sunday morning during school terms 2 and 3 at 11am for one hour.

Looking for new adventures?

The 2nd Newport Dragons Scout Troop is currently recruiting new Cubs - boys and girls aged from 7-9.

We meet every Monday from 7-8.30 at the Scout Hall in Market Street (opposite the Substation). There are lots of fun activities and adventures and it’s a great way to learn new skills and make new friends while striving to ‘do our best’. Interested? Please come along and give it a try. Contact the Leona Gresty on 0418 518 689 for more information. We look forward to meeting you soon!
SCHOOL BANKING @ NEWPORT LAKES PRIMARY SCHOOL

A reminder to all students that School Banking has commenced for 2015.

SCHOOL BANKING DAY IS: MONDAY

All you need to join the program is a YOUTHSAVER ACCOUNT. If your child already has a Youthsaver Account, they just need to bring their deposit book to school each Monday and hand it in to their teacher.

If you would like your child to be part of the School Banking Program but they do not yet have an account, 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.

All students in years Prep – Grade 2 will receive a Parent Information pack in the next two weeks, containing information about the program, how to join and a reward redemption card. Students in Grades 3 – 6 that are not currently banking can collect one from the office if required.

STUDENT REWARDS: With each weekly deposit your child will receive a silver token. When they collect 10 tokens, they can redeem them for one of the really exciting rewards on offer in 2015 (see picture below). Plus, in a School Banking first, there will be a Grand Prize competition offering one lucky family a trip to Disneyland California. Students who make a minimum of 25 deposits in 2015 through School Banking will be automatically entered into the draw.

SCHOOL REWARDS: The school receives $5 for every account our students open plus 5% commission on all deposits. Last year, we had 173 students banking, and received $953 commission, which will be spent on classroom resources for the school.

If you have any questions about the program, please do not hesitate to contact the School Banking Co-ordinators (Parent Representatives):

Allana Arapakis: 0400 113 333 or aarapakis@optusnet.com.au
Daria Hewitt: 0402 329 611 or daria.nick@gmail.com
School Banking 2015 is ready for launch.

For over 80 years, the School Banking program has been teaching Australian children lifelong money skills. This year, your child is invited to join the Dollarmites on an intergalactic mission to Planet Savings.

Information on how students can get on board with School Banking, including a Savings Tracker and a rewards redemption card, is available from your School Banking Co-ordinator.

Your school has received parent packs that include all the information you need to get on board. If you haven’t received a parent pack yet, please ask your School Banking Co-ordinator.

Rewarding good savings habits with eight new items in 2015

The School Banking program encourages good savings habits by rewarding students with awesome reward items. For every 10 deposits made through the program, they can redeem a reward from our Outer Space Savers range, including ET DVDs, Planet Handballs, Invisible Ink Martian Pens, Intergalactic Rockets, Glow-in-the-Dark Solar Systems, Cosmic Light Beam Torches, Outer Space Savers Money Boxes and Lunar Light Bands.

You could win a family trip to Disneyland

In a School Banking first, students who make 25 or more School Banking deposits in 2015 will automatically receive one entry into the competition draw to win a family trip to California’s Disneyland. The prize includes return airfares, five nights accommodation, transfers and three days park entry for up to two adults and two kids, plus AUD$2,000 spending money.

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Things to know before you can: Conditions apply. Promotion starts 9:00am AEDT 27/1/15 and ends 11:59pm AEDT 18/12/15. Entry is open to all YouthSaver account holders aged 5-13 years who participate in CommBank’s School Banking program. Entrants under 18 must have parent/guardian consent. The draw will take place at 12:30pm AEDT on 12/1/16 at the Promoter’s office. The first valid entry drawn will win a family trip to California’s Disneyland valued at $32,245. The winner’s name will be published in the public notices section of The Australian on 26/1/16. Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124 of Level 2, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Full terms and conditions available at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking. NSW Permit No CPB 14/09857, ACT Permit No TP14/04336, Vic Permit No 1/2015S6, SA Permit No T14/6272.

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Come try Scouting & abseiling at
3rd Williamstown Scout Group’s
OPEN DAY
Sunday February 22, 2015
from 2-4pm

Joeys
6 & 7 years

Cubs
7 - 10 years

Scouts
10 - 15 years

Venturers
15 - 18 years

Rovers
18 - 25 years

Adult Volunteers
18+

For more information contact Helene on 0418 388 436