Important Dates to put in the diary

Thursday 12th May  
2017 Prep Information Evening 6.30 pm

Friday 13th May  
Final day for Yr7 Transition forms to be returned
Grade 5/6 Winter Sports—Home game—Williamstown PS Gold

Monday 16th May  
Grade 5/6 Winter Sports—Away game—Williamstown Nth (Rescheduled game)

Tuesday 17th May  
Education Week—Open morning  9.05am—11.00am

Wednesday 18th May  
Prep Market Fresh Incursion

Thursday 19th May  
2017 Prep Tour—10.00am

Friday 20th May  
Grade 1/2 Excursion to Werribee Zoo

Monday 23rd May  
Grade 2—6 Athletics Day—Newport Athletics Track
Prep—1 Sports Carnival—At school

Friday 27th May  
Biggest Morning Tea

Saturday 28th May  
Working Bee—9.00am—12.30pm

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

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

Ben, 1/2O
Hannah, 3/4N
Niko, 1/2C
Immy, 5/6S
Mia, 5/6W

Eleni, 1/2R
Amy, 5/6W
James, 3/4M

Neve, 3/4M
Amy, 5/6W
Luna, 3/4S
Annalise, 3/4M

AWARDS

Congratulations to the following award winners.

Gemma, 1/2O  Tara, 3/4G  Harvey, 1/2D  Aria, 5/6M
Charlie, 3/4H  Calen, 1/2S  Mohamed, 5/6S  Mia, Prep S
Harvey, 5/6L  Mathew, 3/4M  Lucas, Prep P  Ruby, 1/2C
Gem, 1/2R  Alex, 3/4S  Billy, 3/4G  Bailey, 1/2D
Freya, 5/6S  Nicholas, 5/6W  Ahmed, 3/4N  Sam, 3/4N
Lucy, 5/6L  Khaled, Prep L  Madi, Prep L  Charlie, Prep P
Leo, 1/2O  Caden, 5/6M  Neve, 3/4M  Tyson, 1/2C
Aria, 1/2R  Lila, 1/2S  Tharuni, Prep S

Education Week

This year, in celebration of Education Week, we would once again love to invite the parents of Newport Lakes Primary School children to come and visit our classrooms during our open morning on Tuesday the 17th of May.

The Education Week open morning is an opportunity for parents to come and see how our classrooms operate and to experience some of the learning tasks that children perform each day.

Our open morning will run from 9:05 until 11am with morning tea to follow in the multi-purpose room. If you would like to attend the morning tea, we would ask that you please bring along a small plate to share.

We look forward to seeing you all.
Dear Parents,

I hope all mums had a special day last Sunday. The celebrations certainly began at the wonderful Mothers Day breakfast conducted on the Friday morning outside the Multi Purpose Room. Over 200 mums were able to celebrate this special event with their children and enjoyed a yummy pancake breakfast.

Well done to the many, many parents that helped out prior, during and after the breakfast and a huge thank you on behalf of the entire school community to Patrick Lawrence, Steve Newbegin and Brad Picken on the co-ordination of such a wonderful morning.

NAPLAN  The last of the NAPLAN assessments were conducted for students in Yr. 3 and 5 today. The school had a 96-98% participation rate in both Yr. 3 and 5 assessments and most students seemed to handle the tests with little anxiety. Special ‘make-up’ tests have been offered for students that were absent on the day of the tests.

Thank you to all the teachers for ensuring the tests were conducted in an environment that was non threatening as possible and for their resilience in continuing with their usual teaching despite the disruption that the NAPLAN program enforces upon their regular routines. Results of the NAPLAN assessments should be available to parents mid-term 3.

Parents should also note that NAPLAN is only a ‘snap shot’ of a child’s progress and sometimes the results are accurate and in other cases they can be totally ‘off the mark’. It is your child’s teacher that can always give you a more detailed and thorough indication of your child’s progress in all levels of their learning. If you have any concerns in regards to your child’s progress, I would always recommend that you make an appointment to talk their teacher.

School and Insurance  - An education department memo was recently sent to all schools reminding schools/parents that the department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs ie. ambulance.

Student accident insurance policies are available from the private insurance market. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare.

The school highly recommends that all families have ambulance cover (unless covered by medical insurance) as an ambulance will be called if there is any concern that a child may require this level of medical attention. The cost of the ambulance will be the responsibility of the parents.

Newport Lakes PS 2015 Annual Report to the Community  The 2015 Annual Report to the Community will be presented at the next school council meeting to be conducted on the evening of Monday May 23rd,  2016. The Annual Report provides a means for the school council to inform the community of what has been achieved and how the school is performing. It is also an opportunity to reflect on the school's achievements during the past year and use this as a basis for future planning.
Parents and members of the school community are most welcome to attend this school council meeting for the public presentation of the 2015 Annual Report. The meeting will begin at 6.30pm and will be conducted in the staff room.

**Out of Hours School Care - holiday program placements**  It was recently brought to the attention of school council that during the term 1 school holidays a number of Newport Lakes parents were unable to gain placements for their children at the holiday program conducted at Newport Lakes Primary School.

The Childcare Program conducted at Newport Lakes PS is managed for the School Council by Quantin Binnah, a not-for-profit Childcare organisation. The program consists of the before and after school programs and the vacation/holiday program. The before and after school program is available only to Newport Lakes PS students but the holiday care program is open to students from other schools to ensure they are able to attract sufficient numbers to keep prices down, conduct engaging activities and provide quality and safe care.

It is pleasing to know that the Newport Lakes PS Holiday Program is a very well conducted and popular program and attracts students from other schools that would rather attend our program than the programs conducted at their own respective schools. Unfortunately their attendance has come at a cost of placements for some of our own Newport Lakes PS children.

Discussions have been conducted with the management of Quantin Binnah to ensure our parents are given preference for placements in future holiday programs. Newport Lakes parents will receive notification of upcoming holiday/vacation care program two (2) weeks prior to it being offered to outside users and will have exclusive booking rights to any of the days or programs being offered during this time. After the 2 weeks, the program will then also be offered to children from other schools.

A trial for the new system will be conducted in the upcoming holiday program. The management of Quantin Binnah have ensured me that they will be working with the Newport Lakes parents to guarantee that the needs of our school will be met. Further details of the new system and dates are included in the newsletter. Parental feedback to school council on this new system will be most appreciated.

I look forward to seeing our many visitors (parents, grand parents, friends etc) at next Tuesday’s open morning.

David Moss
Principal

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**School Ground Supervision**  Parents are reminded that playground supervision is provided before school from 8.45am -9.00am and after school from 3.30-3.45pm.

**Students should not be in the school grounds before or after these times unless they have parental or adult supervision.**
160 years..

This year our school is celebrating its 160 year birthday!

The staff are organising some celebratory events for the students, dress-up day, old fashioned games and lots more, on **Friday the 17th of June**. We would like to give every child a cupcake as a celebration on this day. And so we will be calling for cupcake bakers for this day. At this stage **place the date in your calendar and keep an eye out for more information closer to the date.**

As part of the celebration we will also be cutting a BIG cake at the Art Show opening on the Sunday 19th of June. We would like to provide afternoon tea for all and are hoping we can count on our great community to bring a plate of homemade goodies to share. Again I will call for volunteers closer to the date - just giving those bakers out there a heads up!

It turned out to be a lovely sunny afternoon on Saturday April the 23rd when it was our turn to hold the Bunnings BBQ. I turned up to see if any extra help was required - the gentlemen on the stand seemed to be having a good time and they had it all under control! A very big thank you to Dave and Jennie Child for organizing the BBQ. It is a big commitment - giving the whole day plus the leading up co-ordination - and should not go by without a thanks. The day raised around $1,000. So well done to ALL who helped out on the day.

AND

Mother’s Day breakfast tradition at Newport Lakes Primary School is still going strong thanks to 3 great dads, Patrick, Steve and Brad, who took the baton and did a wonderful job last Friday morning! Again it takes a team so thank you to all the dads, and a couple of mums, who took time out to make the morning another great success.

And now Mums the pressure is on for Fathers Day….stay tuned.
And FINALLY

they called an Election.
You might think weeks of political lead up ....I see a BBQ OPPORTUNITY.

Our school is a Polling Booth on Election Day. We generally have held a BBQ on this day and it is a good fundraiser - especially if the lines are long! Now the date is Saturday the 2nd of July which falls in the middle of the school holidays... So we are putting it out there. If you are able and would like to co-ordinate this event please send me an email. We have the BBQ’s, can give details for ordering sausages, onions etc... If you are keen send me an email. At this stage we need the co-ordinator and will call be helpers closer to the date. I hear you say will we be having a cake stall as well?? If you are keen to co-ordinate we would love to hear from you.

And don’t forget

The next Parents Club meeting will be held on Thursday, 19th May 7:30pm at the Junction Hotel Newport. It would be great to see a few more people and new faces always welcome. We are still in need of the Parents Club Co-ordinator so if you would like to hear more come along on the night and share a drink with some fellow parents!

Cheers
Jacqui Lomas - jlo35310@bigpond.net.au
School Council Member

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OFFICE REMINDERS

2016 Levies (2nd Instalment)

A family reminder statement will be sent home on Monday 16th May to all families with outstanding balances. The 2nd instalment of Levies is due and payable by Friday 17th June. Voluntary Funds for taxable invoices will be required to be made to the school by 24th June, 2016.

Family invoices for Library & Building Funds will be sent home the first week of term 3 for tax return 2015/16.

All money should be sent via the classroom cash bags or placed in the drop box at the front office.

If you have any query please contact the office.

Tissues

With the colder weather now approaching, we are going through a lot of tissues. If each family could donate a box of tissues to the office, this would be greatly appreciated.

Change of Details

If you have changed any of your contact details, could you please advise the office. It is imperative that the office is able to contact parents in case of emergencies.
**District Cross-Country Report**

It was an extremely cold and windy day when our twenty-four Cross-Country runners ventured out to Cherry Lake last Tuesday to compete in our first ever Altona District Cross-Country event.

All of our runners ran impressively in the difficult conditions and assisted in our school finishing in 5th place overall (eleven schools in total) which is a fantastic achievement.

Leo S finished 3rd overall in the 2km 9/10 boys race and Jensen also finished 3rd in the 3km 12 boys race. Sam S, Noah, Bianca and Hamish were other top ten placegetters and have qualified for the Division Cross-Country Championships which are due to take place at Presidents Park in Werribee on 26th May.

We wish them well with their training and upcoming race.

**P – 2 Tennis Clinics**

During Term Two, all of our students in Grades P-2 have been participating in a four week Tennis program run by Stefano and Josh from Liston Tennis in Williamstown.

The children have been spending an hour with the two Tennis coaches each week during their usual PE time and have had a lot of fun playing games, gaining a greater understanding of Tennis and learning the basic fundamentals of the sport. It has been amazing to see the progress that some students have made in such a short space of time and we will no doubt have some students who are a little sad when the program ends next week.

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**GRADE 2—6 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - HELPERS NEEDED**

MONDAY 23RD MAY

Thank you to the families that have volunteered to help out on the day. We still need a few more volunteers to ensure this event runs smoothly. If you can spare some time, please let Mr A or the office know.
Working Bee Saturday 28th May 9.00am – 12.30pm

We need lots of helpers for a short time to enhance the appearance of our school. Working bees help us maintain and improve our buildings and grounds, whilst providing a great way to meet new parents and spend time with your child. The working bee is aimed at all families in the school and a sausage sizzle will be provided.

The areas that we will be focusing on are:

- Landscape garden bed in front of reception
- Landscape garden bed in front of the staff room window
- Brightly paint the planter boxes in the ‘quite yard’. Kids are welcome to help!

Once competed we will dramatically improve the first impression when entering the school and add some much needed colour to the quite yard.

Tools that would be helpful to bring include:
- Gardening tools, rakes, shovels, brooms, wheelbarrows, paint brushes, buckets & drop sheets.

Come when you can and stay as long as you are able to. Hope to see you there!

Regards,

Facilities Committee
Jake Mansfield 0421 352 140
Mark Avramoski 0422 213 133
Out of Hours School Care - holiday program placements

The following arrangements have been put in place for the upcoming vacation / holiday program conducted at Newport Lakes PS.

Parents on the Newport Lakes PS Childcare list will be emailed the vacation care program first. It is anticipated the daily program will be emailed out to ALL listed Newport Lakes Primary School on **Monday May 16th**. The NLPS school parents will then have exclusive booking rights to any of the scheduled days of the vacation care program for the following 2 weeks. The ‘NLPS only’ cut-off date will be **Friday May 27th**.

After this date, bookings of any additional places not filled can be taken from families outside of our school.

Cancer Council Fundraising Afternoon Tea – Friday 27 May

On **Friday 27 May**, Newport Lakes Primary School will support the Cancer Council’s national fundraising event **Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea**. We will again be providing children with a *teacup biscuit* (pictured) for a gold coin donation. If your child has allergies, please send a suitable treat along for them on the day.

Over the past 5 years our amazing school has raised $1,940 to help the Cancer Council continue its vital work in cancer research, prevention and support services.

We are seeking **25 parent volunteers** to make teacup biscuits or a cake/slice for the teachers’ morning tea. Please contact Allana Arapakis on 0400 113 333 or aarapakis@optusnet.com.au if you would like to assist with this event.
Chocoholics Night
Sat 14th May

KEEP CALM AND EAT CHOCOLATE
Chocolate comes from cocoa, which is a tree.
That makes it a plant.
Chocolate is salad.

Xtreme Youth @ NBC
What: Lots of Chocolate games and fun!
Who: Grade 5 – Year 9!
Time: 4:30 – 7pm
Where: NBC Hall - 26 Mason St, Newport 3015
Cost: $10 (includes pizza dinner)
RSVP: Sulari Nielsen by Friday 13th May
Mobile: 0430 062 767 or email nbcxtremeyouth@gmail.com