Important Dates to put in the diary

Friday 13th November  
Grade 5/6 Indoor Soccer Competition

Tuesday 17th November  
Grade 5/6W & 5/6M Cooking Excursion  
Prep Drumming Incursion

Wednesday 18th November  
Prep Cultural Day

Thursday 19th November  
2016 Prep Orientation Day #1  
Grade 5/6L & 5/6D Cooking Excursion  
Twilight Soiree—6.30pm

Friday 20th November  
Grade 1/2 Excursion to Williamstown Library  
Icy Pole Day  
2016 Prep play date—2.30pm

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

Ruby, Prep P  
Annelise, 1/2C  
Millie, Prep C  
Charli, 1/2R  
Samuel, 1/2M  
Joe, 1/2R  
F Freya, 23/4M  
June, Prep P  
Levi, 1/2R  
G Gemma, 1/2R  
Jensen, 5/6M  
Bailey, 1/2O  
J Jasper, Prep P  
Arlo, Prep C  
Nicholas, 5/6D

AWARDS

Ben T, Prep S  
Elena, 3/4N  
Georgia, 3/4O  
Imogen, 3/4O  
Bianca, 5/6W  
Maddy, 1/2C  
Levi, 1/2R  
Harvey, 3/4G  
Alex, 5/6M  
Adam, 3/4M  
Jane, 1/2O  
Ethan, Prep P  
Nicholas, 3/4H  
Heide, 5/6L  
Ibrahim, 1/2O  
Sam, 1/2O  
Aria, 3/4G  
Gemma, 1/2R  
Bridie, 1/2C  
Alexandra, 5/6L  
Ellie, Prep C  
Sabrina, Prep S  
Ryan, 5/6M  
Lachy, 3/4O  
Imogen, 3/4G  
Charlie, 1/2O  
Aqualina, 1/2M  
Cindy, 3/4M  
Georgia, 3/4O  
Aida, 3/4H  
Bella, Prep P
Dear Parents/Guardians,

This week has been a special time for us at Newport Lakes Primary School as we have conducted our first ‘Indigenous Cultural Awareness Week’. As well as proudly flying both the Australian and Aboriginal Flags side by side, we also enjoyed listening to some fantastic indigenous singers and bands for bell music. We have had a number of special indigenous artists and performers visit our school and shared some of the amazing culture and stories in our classrooms from our own children and indigenous guests. The students completed some interesting and engaging lessons in our classrooms and specialist sessions and at this week’s assembly will get to share a fab movie made by one of our families who recently visited an aboriginal community in outback South Australia.

The 5/6 classes also had a skype session with a remote Aboriginal School north east of Alice Springs.

The keynote presentation at the school’s Remembrance Day Ceremony was also about Indigenous Australians who have served for our country in defence.

The entire week has been a great experience and thoroughly enjoyed by us all. Staff have already began making plans for next year’s celebration of this amazing culture.

**Property Left in school yard** Last Saturday morning I was required to meet with a work team to undertake some tasks at the school whilst the children were not in attendance.

Whilst waiting for the workers to arrive I had a quick walk around the school grounds. On my short journey I came across a school bag, 3 windcheaters, a school coat, 2 lunch boxes/ packs, 2 scooters, 2 bikes and a helmet. The bags, clothing and lunch boxes were placed in the already overflowing ‘Lost Property’ Box and the bikes, scooters and helmets were locked in the shed, where they still remain, unclaimed.

The total cost of my ‘collections’ would possibly be in the vicinity of $300 and how bikes and scooters are frequently left after hours at school I find quite amazing. Unfortunately, we still have a number of ‘unwanted’ visitors in the school grounds after hours that will damage goods, property and buildings. Items such as those found on my week-end tour of the grounds are often targets of these vandals. The most common time when this occurs is during the week-ends and over the holidays but it is very unwise to leave items in the school grounds at any time out of school hours.

Please encourage your child to take care of these valuable items and discuss the value of taking ‘responsibility’ of their personal property.

**Remembrance Day** Year 6 students from the local Newport Primary Schools were invited to prepare a presentation on one of the following topics: What is Remembrance day, My Family’s ANZAC History or Remembering Those Who Served. Congratulations to Ella Pilsworth on being awarded the scholarship with a prize of $500.00 to go towards her future education.

There were 7 students that were all finalists in the President’s Scholarship Award. They included Jacob, Laura, Grace, Audrey, Kira, Sarah and Elia.

I hope you have a good week.

David Moss
Principal
This week is Indigenous Cultural Week at Newport Lakes. So to learn more about the history and diverse culture of Australia the 5/6s connected with a primary school in a remote indigenous community.

**Skype with Alcoota School**

On Wednesday the 11th 2015, all of the 5/6s Skyped Alcoota School in Alice Springs. Compared to the 400 students at NLPS, the Alcoota School has only around 30 in their whole school! They have two classes compared to our 17!

We asked lots of questions and got a lot of answers. We talked about how we have differences and similarities in our school lives. We worked out that their days are a little shorter than ours, they are at school for 10 minutes less than us. That means 10 minutes more Maths for us!

During lunchtime we play outside at school, but in Alcoota they go home for lunch and play in their local pool. This might be because another difference is that our average temperature is around 21 degrees, but theirs is around 40, that's when the pools come in handy!

Like us, after school the boys and girls in Alcoota like to play sport, watch movies. Skyping them was fun for the 5/6s and we learnt a lot about how we are the same, but a little bit different.

By Sarah, 5/6W

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*Ron Murray—Indigenous Performer*
The Teddies 4 Timor Adoption Day was held at Newport Lakes on 30 October. Thank you to Rhonda Kellett and Ann McCarthy from the Lilydale Rotary Club for assisting with the adoption day. Thank you also to the Newport Lakes school community for supporting this project. We are so pleased to announce that 136 teddies have been sponsored by Newport Lakes families, raising $680 which will be used to cover the freight costs for shipping medical and nursing supplies donated to Rotary to the Bairo Pite Clinic in Dili, Timor-Leste. The teddies are then given to sick children when they attend the clinic. As Rhonda reminded us at assembly, for most of these children, it will be their first and only toy.

If you missed the adoption day, there still a few teddies available for adoption at the school office. We are hoping to sponsor all remaining teddies by the end of term.

Laura Russell (Art Teacher) and Allana Arapakis (Parent Club representative)

SCHOOL BANKING UPDATE

Several 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 2016, so please place your order soon. Last orders will be processing on Monday 30th November to ensure they are received before the end of the school year. Reward items available this term are shown below. Please print this form or include a handwritten note with your child’s name, class and the reward item they want along with 10 silver tokens next time they bank. Note some students are eligible for more than one reward.

Please note, the Lunar Light Band that was originally offered as a Term 4 reward has been recalled due to potential safety issues and has been replaced with the Galaxy Glider Frisbee.
COMMUNITY NEWS/EVENTS

NEWPORT SKA & REGGAE FESTIVAL

Featuring
STRANGER COLE
KINGSTON JUNIORS
NICKY BOMBA
PAT POWELL
MEL S
THE MOONHOPS
THE SKA VENDORS
THE NEWPORT LAKES ALLSTARS
SISTA G88
INTRODUCING
MOHUR SLIM
SUN 22 NOV 2015
THE SUBSTATION
MARKET ST, NEWPORT | DOORS 1.30PM
TIX $55 | THESUBSTATION.ORG.AU

WILLY PRIMARY
SEASIDE FAIR
2015

16th November
10am - 4pm

live music
rides
white elephant
cakes
lollies
hot food
free activities
books
toys
crafts
plants
& much
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Williamstown Primary School, 115 Cecil Street, Williamstown
MyTime @ Tweddle

IS COMING TO WILLIAMSTOWN

STARTING on the 6th November
Where: 83 Cecil Street, Williamstown
Time: 10am to noon

My Time is a place where you can connected with others, talk about your experiences and share information.

It is support for you.
The group has 2 staff members each week.

Facilitator—Kim
Play helper—Suzanne.

Children are most welcome and are engaged in play activities by staff, while you can talk with others in the group.

What is ‘MyTime’

“MyTime” is a program that provides local support groups for mothers, fathers and carers with children who have a disability, developmental delay or a chronic medical condition 0-16 years. Who may be receiving or applying for Carers Allowance.

What will parents get out of MyTime?

- Meet other parents & share experiences in discussion groups
- Socialise with other families in similar circumstances, in an informal setting
- Information about what services are available in the community, and how and where to access this
- Guest Speakers (participants are encouraged to nominate topics)
- Social group outings
- Support from a facilitator, guiding group discussions & a play helper providing activities for the children

Come along and spend the session building on your parenting skills and increase your confidence by sharing experiences.

The groups meet weekly, if you are interested, please contact the MYTIME Coordinator at Tweddle on 03 9689 1577

The MyTime program is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services MyTime is coordinated nationally by the Parenting Research Centre. Research based resources can be found on the Raising Children website.

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White Ribbon Fundraiser

Join the DONS in taking a stand to end violence against women.

All event profits and proceeds to go to White Ribbon Australia. White Ribbon is Australia’s only national, male led Campaign to end men’s violence against women.

Major sponsor: THE SUBSTATION

$20 per ticket → $5 from each ticket sale goes to your school/centre

Friday 27th November 2015. 7.30 pm - Late.
Venue: The Substation. 1 Market St Newport

Dress: in black & white attire: fun, fancy or casual

Ticket includes:
Entry / Band / Photobooth / Drinks at Bar Prices

ORDER FORM:
please return this slip & payment in an envelope to the RECEPTION.
CASH ONLY - No CHEQUES

Parent’s Name(s)/ Class:

How many ticket(s) you would like: Qty: $20 per ticket (per person). Total: $
Williamstown Swimming and Life Saving Club (WS&LSC) runs a fun Nippers Program for children aged 5-14 years (5 years old by Sept 30th). Nippers are taught about surf awareness and surf safety through the Surf Life Saving Education Program.

The program starts this **Friday Nov 6th** at Williamstown Beach.

What do you need to do to sign up for Nippers?

To participate in the Nippers program, families are required to join the WS&LSC (New Family Membership starts from $250) – includes use of the pool and facilities for the year.

Every member 18 years and over (i.e. both parents/guardians) must have a **Working with Children’s Check (WWCC)**, linked to both WS&LSC & LSV – details on website (http://www.williamstownlsc.org.au/membership/working-with-children)

Please note memberships cannot be processed until we receive WWCCs

For further information, see our website
www.williamstownlsc.org.au
or contact our admin team on 0478 416 004
You’re invited to attend
A workshop: Talking with your child about alcohol and drugs

At some point we have all sat down with our parents for ‘the talk’. It’s not always easy, but learning about sex is an important conversation that every parent and child should have. But what about ‘the other talk’—a conversation about alcohol and other drugs?

The Australian Drug Foundation is holding a free workshop to help parents have ‘the other talk’. Parents are still an important and trusted source of information for young people and play a crucial role in children’s future decision making.

The Other Talk workshop discusses real life situations, covers some of those uncomfortable questions and provides you with basic alcohol and drug information so that you can have ‘the other talk’ confidently and effectively.

Who should attend?
• Parents and guardians of children aged 8–15 years.
• Teachers and professionals who work with young people.

Why should I attend?
• Learn how and what age to talk with your child about alcohol and drugs
• Learn how to manage real-life situations involving your child
• Get the facts and learn the myths

Workshop details
Date: Tuesday 1 December 2015
Registration: 6.00pm
Workshop: 6.30–8.30pm
Location: Altona North Community Library
Cnr Millers and McArthurs Roads
Altona North 3025
Refreshments will be provided
For more information
Telephone: 03 9611 6100
Email: adf@adf.org.au

How do I register? altonanorthtott.eventbrite.com.au

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Any transition period is a critical time for a young person, often evoking a variety of emotions, behaviours and concerns for both young people and their parents. For many, these transition periods are considered a major stepping stone on the way to becoming an adult. Secondary school can be marked by several changes; young people interact with many other young people, in different classrooms, with more teachers and often with different expectations for both performance and responsibility. A well supported transition can maintain the strong sense of belonging and enable young people to continue to enjoy and succeed in school and everyday life.

Presented by Sharon Witt, a dynamic educator, author and speaker. Sharon has authored 12 books for young people including the best selling Teen Talk Series and Girlwise series. She is also the author of Surviving High School.

This Parenting Forum is free for all parents, guardians and workers who live work or study in Hobsons Bay.