Important Dates to put in the diary

Wednesday 20th April  School Photos
Thursday 21st April  2017 Prep Tour—10.00 am
Friday 22nd April  ANZAC day ceremony 10.30am
Saturday 23rd April  Bunnings BBQ
Monday 25th April  ANZAC Day
Tuesday 26th April  Pupil Free Day—No School
Wednesday 27th April  Due date for return of ICAS forms
Saturday 30th April  Working Bee
Monday 2nd May  Due date for return of Aust Maths Competition forms
Friday 6th May  Mothers’ Day Breakfast
Tuesday 16th May  Education Week—Open morning 9.05am—11.00am

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

Evelyn, 1/2O  Jasper, 3/4M  Charlotte, Prep L
Oscar, 5/6L  Eve, 5/6W  Jackson, 1/2C
Sophia, 1/2S  Max, 3/4M  Jake, 5/6M
Mona, 1/2S  Emmersyn, 1/2O  Chloe, Prep S
Charlie, 1/2O  Darcie, 3/4G  Ibrahim, 3/4S
Zara, Prep S  Maya, 3/4S

AWARDS

Congratulations to following award winners.

Jensen, 5/6W  Mackenzie, 3/4H  Archie, 5/6S  Sylvie, 5/6M
Bridie, 1/2D  Will, 1/2O  Leo, 3/4G  June, 1/2R
Grade Prep L  Angel 1/2C  Rawda, 5/6L  Charli, 1/2S
Jackson, 1/2C  Grade 2/4H  Olive, Prep S  Luna, 3/4S
Ella, Prep P  Emily, 3/4M

PBS AWARDS TERM 2

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Dear Parents,

Although the weather on the day of the Fete wasn't exactly what we ordered, 'the show did go on' and what a fantastic event it was. A little rain, a few storms, some gale force winds, and a big drop in temperature wasn't enough to 'dampen' the spirits of the Newport Lakes community and we still had one of the best fetes ever.

Full credit to the Fete Committee, the staff, the children and the fantastic Newport community for getting on with the job, coming along and making it a great event.

The wonderful food, the Pixel Pop alley, the rides, stalls, the best in show, the auctions and the stage entertainment were all part of a great evening of family enjoyment. The overall funds raised were in excess of $26,000 which is a record for the school and a fantastic effort considering the weather on the day. These funds will be used for a number of developments around the school. Details of these projects will be listed in future newsletters when finalised.

As part of one of the exciting auction prizes, I get the chance of having a ‘Day Off’ next week when Lennon P. in Yr.4 gets the opportunity of being ‘Principal for a Day’. A big day is planned including some visits to the classrooms, a staff meeting, yard duty, hearing some students reading, a visit to a local café for the obligatory coffee break and giving a special principal’s message at assembly.

**Footy is back!** Term 2 signals the beginning of the footy season at Newport Lakes Primary and also the return of Footy Cards.

Many children in all grades have been collecting and swapping footy cards. Last year we unfortunately had a number of issues resulting in cards and folders being stolen and some unfair trading being undertaken. A number of recommendations have been made to assist in a fair and reasonable continuance of footy cards being traded at the school. These include:

- All folders are to be clearly identified with the child's name in permanent marker.
- Folders are to be stored in special tubs in the classrooms when not being used.
- Children are only to trade with children in a similar grade area eg. Prep, 1/2, 3/4, 5/6 whilst at school or at after school care.
- Children should only bring to school, cards that they are willing to trade. Do not bring along your ‘valuable cards’.

The children really enjoy playing and trading their footy cards and there is only a very small number of students who do not do it fairly or in good spirit. Having good guidelines and monitoring the use of the cards will hopefully eliminate many of the problems and let all the children enjoy playing and trading their cards.

**School Photos** Next Wednesday 20\textsuperscript{th} April is our School Photo Day. All families have been sent home all the documents and packages required for school photos. If you have any concerns or questions about the school photos please contact the helpline on 1800 750 586, photographers website at www.leadingimage.com.au or the school office.

It would be also be excellent if ALL students could come to school dressed in their full uniform on this day. Unfortunately when a child has the incorrect colour or clothing it not only unsettles that child but also has an impact on the quality and presentation of the full class photo. These photos can only occur once a year so it is important that extra care and attention is taken to ensure your child and his or her class look their absolute best on this day.
**Yr. 6 Transition & Secondary School Tours**  All Year 6 parents were sent home a Year 6 to Year 7 Transition Pack last Tuesday. The pack included a letter to parents from the Regional Director outlining the contents of the pack and the transition procedure, a *Frequently Asked Questions* document, a *List of schools in the Region*, a *privacy notice* and an *Application for Year 7 Placement Form*.

This application form must be returned to your primary school with your three (3) Government School preferences before **Friday 13 May**.

If you have a confirmed placement in a non-government school, the form must still be returned informing us of this placement.

Over the next few weeks, all secondary schools will be conducting Open Days and Information sessions. **I STRONGLY RECOMMEND that parents, not only in Yr. 6 but also the Yr. 4 & 5 parents** visit any secondary school that may be of interest to them and their child/ren. Details of these open days can be found on the school websites or contact the school directly for further information.

**Pupil Free Day**  A pupil free day will be conducted on Tuesday 26th April 2016. All staff will be involved in a professional learning program on the pedagogical knowledge and practice in Writing. There will be NO SCHOOL for children on this day.

Childcare will be available if there are sufficient numbers. Please contact Childcare on 9742 5040 to make a booking if required.

**ANZAC Day - Gallipoli Oak Project**

The school will be conducting its own very special ANZAC Day ceremony at school on the morning of Friday April 24th at 10.30 am.

This year we will have the special honour of participating in the ‘Gallipoli Oaks Project’ where we will be planting a seedling that has been propagated from trees that were grown from acorns taken from the original oak tree in Gallipoli, Turkey.

The Gallipoli Oak Project aims to bring to life the symbolic link between the Centenary of Anzac, the people of Turkey and the primary school students of Victoria through the propagation and planting of the Gallipoli Oak tree.

The National Trust of Australia (Victoria) plans to propagate juvenile Gallipoli Oaks to be planted in Victorian primary school grounds during 2015-18.

Newport Lakes Primary School has the honour of being selected as one of the schools to plant and grow one of these special trees in our school grounds.

Weather permitting; the ceremony will be conducted on the oval area outside the music room to include the planting of the ‘Gallipoli Oak’ in the program. If the weather is wet, the ceremony will be conducted in the multi-purpose room.

Our student leaders will be reading a poem, playing the last post, laying a wreath and planting the Gallipoli Oak seedling. The ceremony will begin at 10.30am on Friday April 22nd and parents and families are most welcome to attend.

Student Leaders will also be selling ANZAC Badges and other items at school every day next week. ANZAC Appeal items for sale include: Badges, Wrist Bands, Bag Tags, and Pens. All proceeds from the sale of the ANZAC Appeal items will go directly to our local Newport RSL.

I hope you all have a good week.

David Moss
Principal
Our New Weighted Toys

Thank You To NLPS Parents Club

The students in our Prep classes would like to say a big THANK YOU to parents club for raising funds through icy pole days, special lunch days, school banking, etc. With some of these funds we have been able to purchase some special new additions to each Prep classroom.

Weighted lap toys are fantastic for keeping children calm in environments that might be a challenge due to a restriction of space or the length of time required to sit still. Some of these gorgeous toys are large enough to place over your shoulder or around the back of the neck. The geckos' lifelike weight and design also makes them an excellent introduction to pets as a way to teach young children the importance of being gentle and how to hold something tight without squeezing too hard.

The toys have been introduced to the Prep classrooms as a start, and if we find that they are successful we will certainly consider purchasing more – who knows – maybe even two for every classroom from P-6!
GASTROENTERITIS

Parents are advised that there has been several cases of Gastro reported.

Gastroenteritis is caused by a variety of viruses and bacteria. Gastroenteritis can spread easily

You can prevent the spread of gastro to other people if you:

- Make sure everyone in the family washes their hands regularly, especially after they use the toilet and before they eat
- Wash your child’s hands with warm water and soap after they use the toilet and before and after they eat
- Keep your child away from other children as much as possible until the diarrhoea has stopped.
- Parents are advised to keep children away from school for at least 24 hours.

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 16th 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.
Working Bee Saturday 30th April 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 need 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
On Wednesday 13th April 2016, two class members from every 3/4 and 5/6 class who are in the NLPS Media team, went on an excursion to the Channel 9 studios. We had a filling lunch and met the real, the actual, Peter Hitchener! Yes, that’s right, PETER HITCHENER – The REAL news reporter took us to lunch.

Then he led us to a stunning meeting room and we all introduced ourselves, including Peter and Emma, Mat and Warren – the teachers who came with us. Then we went through a ‘secret door’ that was disguised as a brick wall and when it suddenly moved there were ‘oohs’ and ‘aahs’. The ‘secret door’ led into a studio where ‘Kids WB’ is filmed. We got some photos of all of us with the characters, behind the desk and in the ‘Splash Zone’, just to name a few. We also learnt that the set was able to be folded up flat so that the studio could quickly change into a different space if needed.

Next, we walked behind yet another ‘secret door’ to find the REAL news studio where Peter does the news every night. We got to sit behind his desk, on his stool. We learnt about the screen behind the news desk and how it is a live picture of Melbourne. Peter told us how sometimes seagulls walk past and helicopters go by (through one of his ears and out the other). We saw how the lights and the cameras were positioned and learnt that even the most experienced news presenters make mistakes, it’s only human. We mostly thought the studio was smaller than we expected. We also got to see where ‘Footy Classifieds’ and ‘Footy WA’ was filmed. It was an awesome, fun and amazing day!

From, Sammi and Samuel (Members of the NLPS Media Team).
Thank you everyone who bought books through scholastic book club in term one. As a result we made approximately $700 for our library to buy books. Fantastic.

**Linked Online Ordering and Payment**

This term sees the beginning of the "LOOP system" for ordering and paying for books. Below is a brief outline of how it works.

**LOOP** is the Scholastic Book Club Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for Parents.

If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, LOOP makes it easy! It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.

Log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download our iPhone and iPad app from the App Store or get it on Google Play for Android.

- For a quick start, just click on ORDER in the top menu or REGISTER first to save your details for next time
- Select your school and your child’s class
- Add your child’s first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club catalogues
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child’s classroom if you order by the close date
- There’s no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school!

For a quick how-to-order video, log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP and click on HELP in the top menu.

We will still be offering limited cash payments for orders through the school with the paper order forms.
It’s competition enrolment time again
for 2016!

Please see the following for both ICAS and AMT information and enrolment forms.

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is an independent, quality skills-based assessment program which rewards and recognises achievement. ICAS gives you broad insights into your child’s performance across English, Mathematics, Science, Digital Technologies, Spelling and Writing. ICAS (sometimes referred to as the UNSW assessments) has been developed by Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) since 1981.

Each student receives:
• an engaging and challenging full-colour test booklet
• an individual diagnostic report highlighting strengths and weaknesses and year to year progression
• login details to access their online results which can be analysed and downloaded
• a High Distinction, Distinction, Credit, Merit or Participation Certificate acknowledging their level of achievement
• the chance to receive an individually-engraved UNSW medal for the highest scoring student in each year level for each subject.

To learn more about ICAS go to www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about Remember, EAA has some very helpful tools to help your child prepare. You can access practice assessments at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/preparation

To enrol your child in ICAS, please complete the registration form following later in the newsletter and return it, with your entry fees, to the school no later than Wednesday 27th April, 2016.

PLEASE NOTE NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.
2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Permission Form

Please return this form to Newport Lakes Primary School front office with payment by **Wednesday 27th April 2016**

I give permission for my child:

Name: 

Grade:

Year level (please circle)  2  3  4  5  6

to participate in the following 2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS).

Please select the subjects you would like your child to enter:

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**TOTAL**

Students must sit on the official sitting date for each subject to be eligible for UNSW medals. However, your school may choose to sit at another time to fit in with other school activities and routines.

__________________________  ____________________________
Name of Parent/Guardian          Date

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Signature of Parent/Guardian
Australian Mathematics Competition
Thursday 28 July 2016

Dear Parent,

The Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) has been held annually since 1978. Your child is invited to enter this internationally recognised competition.

One of the largest annual events on the Australian education calendar, the AMC was the first competition of its kind in Australia and is now one of the largest of its kind in the world. More than 30 countries participate each year.

The competition aims to be accessible to all students from Years 3 to 12, not just the mathematically gifted. There is an emphasis on problem solving, a valuable life skill, and the questions are designed to be fun for the student. The AMC consists of five separate papers, each with 30 questions in the Middle Primary (Years 3 and 4), Upper Primary (Years 5 and 6). Time allowed is 60 minutes for the primary papers.

Over 1,000 students share the prizes and around 50% of participants qualify to receive a Certificate of High Distinction, Distinction or Credit. All other entrants in the competition receive a Certificate of Participation or a Proficiency Certificate. All students are also provided with a detailed report showing how they performed on each problem with wider statistical rankings.

Although it is aimed at the average student, the AMC also identifies gifted students. A prestigious Australian Mathematics Competition medal is awarded to students with an outstanding result, both within a State or country and overall in the competition. All Australian prize winners in 2016 will be given free entry to the 2016 Australian Intermediate Mathematical Olympiad (AIMO), which is the first screening competition for the prestigious Australian Mathematical Olympiad Committee Invitational Program. It is worth noting that Australia’s leading mathematicians aged under 40 were discovered and developed at least partly as a result of participation in the AMC.

The AMC is administered by the not-for-profit Australian Mathematics Trust (AMT), which is under the Trusteeship of the University of Canberra. The problems created for AMC papers are set to the highest possible standards by volunteer teams of the most experienced mathematics teachers and academics in the country. The Australian Mathematics Trust has an unparallelled, unblemished record for the integrity and reliability of its papers.

In order to prepare students for the AMC try our online GetSet training. GetSet AMC offers typical questions, organised by topic, found in all divisions of the papers. Students can enrol according to their competition division. Also available is the 2015 Solutions book which includes the problems and complete solutions to all five papers of the 2015 competition. This book is a valuable resource for students interested in improving their knowledge of problem solving and their performance in the AMC. Past papers can also be purchased from our bookshop.

The website www.amt.edu.au provides details of other valuable mathematics and informatics (algorithmic) enrichment programs offered by the AMT. You can contact the AMT office by emailing amc@amt.edu.au or phoning (02) 6201 5136 within Australia or +61 2 6201 5136 from outside Australia. You can also find us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter to keep up to date with events.

We commend the AMC to you as an opportunity to encourage your child in the study of mathematics. To give your child this valuable experience, please complete the following consent form.

Best wishes,

Make Clapper
Executive Director, Australian Mathematics Trust
Adjunct Professor, University of Canberra
Australian Mathematics Trust
As part of our lunchtime club activities we are looking at having a strategic games club during this term and maths games club during term 4. We would really appreciate any donations of strategic games (eg connect 4, mastermind etc) or maths games/puzzles (eg snakes and ladders, uno, tessellating puzzles).

Donations can be dropped off at the office.
SAVE THIS DATE
FRIDAY 6TH MAY
Mother’s Day Breakfast at N.L.P.S.

Come and celebrate Mother’s Day with a pancake breakfast at the school
7.45am – 8.45am outside the MPH.

The coffee cart will be serving from 8am to provide hot drinks.

We will be looking for lots of dads to help on the day. Please watch out for notices going home in the next week.

THE LITTLE PRINCE
2016 SCHOOL PRODUCTION

We have begun our exciting journey into our whole school production of The Little Prince. This novelette by Antoine De Saint-Exupery is the most translated book in the French language.
Partly autobiographical, Antoine was really a pilot who crashed landed in the Sahara Desert, the book is enjoyable for both children and adults alike.

Teachers have begun reading the text to their classes and students will be working on their class items in Music and Drama.

Looking at the long road ahead to the September 15th performance its an exciting time in Performing Arts at Newport Lakes.
NLPS has been allocated an opportunity to host the Sausage Sizzle fundraiser at the Bunnings on Millers Road, Altona North on Saturday 23 April, 2016. In the past these have always generated well in excess of $1000 which is a great bonus for our school. Put the date in your diary and plan to come down with the whole family for a scrumdiddlyumptious Eddy's the Butcher sausage in bread, with or without Merlino's onions, for morning tea, lunch or afternoon tea – or all 3 if you’re so inclined!!

But that’s not all...

We are looking for volunteers to work a 2 hour slot between 8am and 5pm. The roster is available online at www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code ermch. There are multiple slots available per 2 hour block, so please choose a time that suits you. Volunteers may also help over more than one 2 hour slot – register for as many as you like! (Just not at the same timeslot please.) The day has always been a great social event and a good way for Mums and Dads to meet other Mums and Dads over a good old fashion BBQ.

Fine Print

Volunteers must be 15+ years, wear enclosed shoes, hair to be neat and tidy - long hair tied back

Please arrive approximately 15 mins before the start of your shift

Please BYO your own apron, everything else will be supplied for you

If volunteering over the lunch period, please plan to have your lunch before or after your shift (Psst! - I know where you can grab a great sausage in bread and drink!!)

While any apron will of course be fine, it would be great to see as many NLPS Aprons worn on the day, including the 160th Birthday Apron available from the office for $20. Consider purchasing one for this Bunnings BBQ and keeping for all upcoming NLPS events in the future.

Any queries, please contact Dave Child on 0447 381 277
FOSTER CARERS needed!

Can you offer a home for a vulnerable child? Anyone can become a carer. They are couples, singles, from different cultural backgrounds, with or without their own children. They are people who have the desire to give a child a safe and welcoming place to stay.

Next information session will be held in Wyndham Vale on Thursday April 28th

For further information please call Liesl Trenfield on 93967400 or email liesl.trenfield@anglicarevic.org.au

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To join the Speccie Club, visit williamstownfc.com.au/membership
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*A voucher will be provided to pick up the poster and football
from the office or at any Williamstown home game
WILLIAMSTOWN
HIGH SCHOOL

Bayview Campus Open Night

Tuesday 3 May 6:30pm

Our evening will begin in the gymnasium,
with student led tours and workshops occurring
throughout the night.

Group tours operate every
Thursday at 9:15am until the end of May.

Please refer to our website to register a place.
BAYVIEW CAMPUS OPEN NIGHT

TUESDAY 3 MAY 6:30PM
Our evening will begin in the gymnasium, with student led tours and workshops occurring throughout the night.

GROUP TOURS

Group tours operate every Thursday at 9:15am until the end of May.
Please refer to our website to register a place.

SELECT ENTRY ACCELERATED LEARNING PROGRAM (SEALP)

Williamstown High School provides a Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program for students who have exceptional academic ability.

SEALP TESTING

Registration closes: Friday 29 April (midnight)
Exam: Saturday 7 May
(9:30am Bayview St Gymnasium)
Please refer to our website for the application process.

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