Important Dates to put in the diary

Thursday 15th September
'The Little Prince' Production—7.00pm start

Friday 16th September
Last day of term—2.30pm dismissal—Assembly 1.55pm
Footy Colours Day

Monday 3rd October
First day of term 4

Friday 7th October
Grade 3/4 Excursion to Werribee Zoo

Thursday 20th October
Cyber Safety Parent Session—6.30pm MPR
Walk-a-thon

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

Myles, 5/6M
Ahmed, Prep L
Lennart, 1/2R

Jane, 1/2D
Willow, 1/2O
Imogen, 5/6W

Seamus, Prep L
Madeleine, 1/2D
Sienna, 5/6M

Holly, 5/6M
Phoebe, 3/4G
Charlie, 3/4H

Ben, 5/6S
James, 1/2R
Seb, 1/2S

Leo, 3/4N
Baxter, Prep P
Charlie, 5/6M

Ceana, Prep S
Imogen, 3/4N
Stefanie, Prep S

Harrison, 1/2O
Bridie, 1/2D
Aria, 5/6M

Gregory, 5/6M
Mia, Prep S
Georgia, 5/6L

AWARDS

Congratulations to the following award winners.

Ryan, Prep P
Olivia, Prep L
Chloe, Prep S

Jack, 1/2R
Sienna, 1/2O
Bailey, 1/2C

Sam, 1/2C
James, 3/4M
Ryland, 3/4G

Aria, 5/6M
Carmen, 5/6W
Lily, 1/2S

Alyssa, 1/2D
Chloe, Prep L
Elliot, Prep S

Marlee, 1/2O
Amy, 1/2S
Sebastian, 3/4G

Catrin, 3/4N
Shea, 5/6M
Lachy, 5/6W

FRIDAY 16TH September—
Last day of term  2.30pm dismissal
Hi Everyone,

We are incredibly excited about our whole school performance of ‘The Little Prince’ this evening at Williamstown Town Hall, starting at 7pm sharp. Such a lot of creativity, practise, persistence and hard work has gone into making tonight’s performance a reality. Behind the scenes we have had classes rehearsing solo, with other classes and today we had two full run-throughs with the entire cast. The band has been practising the score which they helped to create - what an incredible achievement! Enormous thanks go out to Ellen and Jackson – our fabulous performing arts teachers. A big thank you also to the numerous parents and teachers who have lent a hand and plenty of their own time to ensure that ‘The Little Prince’ performance is the very best that it can be, showcasing the considerable talents and skills of the students at Newport Lakes Primary School. Everything is in readiness for a spectacular show for family and friends! Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Lockdown drill
Last Wednesday afternoon we held a lockdown drill (or practise) in response to our Emergency Management policy. These lockdown and evacuation drills are expected to occur once each term. Students and teachers are not always aware of when these procedures will take place, as the idea is to ensure that we have robust processes in place in any circumstance and without warning. The drill last week went well and staff will discuss the outcome together to make refinements to the procedure in order to make it as safe and efficient as it can be. Please discuss the procedure with your child to ensure that s/he is aware that these drills are part of normal school processes and should not be cause for distress or alarm. Teachers work at all times to keep our students safe.

Facebook
This is a timely reminder that Newport Lakes Primary School does not have an official facebook page. We communicate in various ways such as newsletters, email reminders, our school website, telephone and parent-teacher meetings, to name several. If you wish to obtain official information from the school you need to access one of the above. There are several facebook pages that have our school name in the title, but these have not been set up or monitored by school staff.

Newport Community Hub

On Saturday 3 September our school concert band played at the opening of the new Newport Community Hub. They played seven toe-tapping tunes to a huge and enthusiastic audience. The quality of the performance was outstanding and many locals commented that our band was the best music to be heard all morning. We have such a talented group of dedicated young musicians and we thank them all for making time to play for the Newport community. A huge thank you to Ellen Morabito for giving up her personal time to transport instruments to and from school and conduct the band in such an impressive performance!
If you attended the opening you might also have had a chance to say hello to Laura Russell and make and decorate a zany hat using some inspiration from some of Laura’s handmade examples. It was lovely to see so many Newport Lakes families in attendance and having so much fun on a Saturday morning. Many thanks also to Laura for donating three hours of her weekend to support our school and the local community.

Seb and Sophia at the Newport Community Hub opening

‘Cyber Safety’
Our Year 6s have already made good use of the new community hub on Mason St. Last Wednesday we were invited to walk to the hub to participate in a session with ‘Project Rockit’ to think about and discuss cyber safety. The session was highly engaging and our students were very thoughtful participants. Spotswood Primary School Year 6 students were also involved and together we explored choices we can make if we see something nasty or unkind about someone when we’re accessing social media on our devices. ‘Project Rockit’ also explored the notion that information can be distorted and misrepresented when it gets passed along a ‘human chain’. After the session we were given a tour of the hub and had a chance to visit the impressive youth drop-in centre, the recording studio and the library. The school holidays would be a perfect time to pop in to the library and become a member if students are looking for some brand new books to read in their free time.

Architect – master plan
Yesterday MiNX architects visited us again, this time to reveal the first draft of the master plan for the capital works which are to take place using the $3 million grant received in the 2016 budget. A copy of the draft will be displayed in the school foyer and we would welcome feedback from anyone interested in sharing their thoughts. Just pop in to the school office and write your thoughts down on a sticky note so that our architects get the feedback they require to ensure that our school meets our needs in the best possible way.
Athletics
Congratulations go to Griff, Leo, Jenson, Catrin, Levi, Harry, Oscar and Holly for advancing to the district level of the primary school athletics competition. We had a false start on Tuesday when the competition was postponed due to inclement weather, but the events went ahead today, so we wish all those competing the very best.

ICAS Writing Test
Back in August fourteen of our students entered the ICAS Writing Test. I would like to encourage all those who participated to continue to find opportunities to write and strive to be the best writers that they can be. Our last newsletter listed the names and achievements of our entrants. After handing out their certificates at assembly last Friday several parents requested that we publish a piece of Hannah’s writing in the newsletter, as she received a ‘high distinction’ meaning her writing was in the top one percent. Hannah has happily agreed to share an excerpt from a narrative that she is currently composing. Here it is... I’m sure you will thoroughly enjoy it!

The Mystery of 35 Ledrona Avenue
Chapter 1
Scarlet shoved aside lacy dresses and smart black tailcoats, searching everywhere. She kept glancing worriedly at the large oak door, just in case someone opened it. Just then, she saw a flash of blue in a large trunk. She tiptoed over to it and found a smart pair of overalls. Perfect, she thought. Scarlet was about to walk out when a crack of light filtered into the room. Oh no, Scarlet panicked. Thinking quickly, she hid behind a large chest, making sure her face was hidden in the shadows. The door of the cupboard opened and in walked a lady. She was rather slim and had shoulder length jet-black hair. A thin underfed kitten pranced rather clumsily at her heels.

Scarlet knew this demon of a woman. Her name was Dolores Clairfenew. She was the whole reason Scarlet was here. Scarlet sincerely hoped that Dolores would not notice her. The reason for this was because Dolores was a chaperone for Count Nauseville, one of the most devious men on this earth. Scarlet flattened herself and crept into the darkest shadow she could find. To her horror, Dolores headed straight for the chest she was hiding behind. Scarlet squeezed her eyes shut and held her breath.

“Nothing happened. Everything was quiet. Scarlet opened one eye. Dolores’ pointed face was looking down at her.
“‘Well, well, who do we have here?’ Scarlet was rooted to the spot with horror. Dolores’ mouth twisted into an evil smile.
“‘Come with me child,’ she said in a false sweet voice, which turned into pure hatred when she emphasized the word ‘child.’

“But, but,” Scarlet spluttered.
“But what, dearest?” Dolores interrupted in that ridiculous false sweet voice.
“‘Why should I?’ demanded Scarlet. Dolores looked rather taken aback at such an outburst from a fifteen-year-old.
“‘You should because I said so,’ said Dolores grimly. “Little girls like you should do what they’re told without questioning anybody.” Scarlet felt very offended but thought it best not to say anything this time.
“‘Now, without further ado, I think we should get started,’” said Dolores in a finalizing sort of way that made Scarlet think what was best to do next as she was running out of time. Suddenly, Dolores grabbed her by the collar and pulled her out of the cupboard.
“‘Right, you can walk the rest of the way,’” Dolores said shortly. “Follow me.” They walked into a large foyer and Scarlet gaped at it. She hadn’t entered the building by its front door, so she had never seen this foyer or any other like it.
It had clean whitewashed walls that met with a ceiling the same colour. But, unlike the walls, the ceiling had patterns on it. In the centre of all the swirls and shapes, there was a wonderful silver chandelier. It had two graceful swans wrapped around a large decorated pole that attached the chandelier to the ceiling. There were many candles on it that lit up the entire room. There was a desk where a stout receptionist sat signing papers. There were several wooden cabinets lining the walls and business men and women were walking briskly around to various cabinets and taking out important looking papers. Others were advertising for useless companies and visitors were walking down halls and poking into things that they shouldn’t have had anything to do with. Scarlet just stood there, taking in all this.

“Come along, come along,” Dolores said impatiently. “We haven’t got time to stare at things that shouldn’t be stared at.” Slightly offended, Scarlet took one last look at the magnificent foyer and started to follow Dolores out.

Suddenly, an idea struck her. She could easily lose Dolores in the crowd by walking in the opposite direction. But then, it would be rather strange if a lost girl was wandering around such a place. Everybody seemed to know what they were doing and she would look rather strange if she was the only person who didn’t. She decided it was best to just follow Dolores and try to escape somewhere else.

By Hannah Lawrence

It’s been another wonderful term! I would like to wish everyone a safe and relaxing two-week break. Take care and see you all back safe and sound on Monday 3rd October.

Janet Gill
Acting Principal
ASSDA Athletics Carnival

On Tuesday, 6th September, fifty students from grades 3-6 headed down to the Newport Athletics Track to participate in the District Athletics Carnival.

Many students from the eleven participating school, teachers and family members were out enjoying the sunny weather and the great action on the track.

Our athletes performed extremely well on the day, finishing in fifth place overall. We have eight students who have qualified for the Division Finals which will take place on Tuesday, 13th September at the Werribee VUT Athletics Track. Congratulations to Holly M (high jump), Jensen M (long jump), Levi O (hurdles), Oscar W (discus), Griff W (triple jump), Catrin W (triple and long jump), Leo S (800m and 200m) and Harry O (shot put and high jump) for progressing to the next level of competition. A special mention also to our 12 girls relay team for winning a 3rd place ribbon.

A big thank-you to all the parents who came along to cheer for our students and in particular to the parents who helped our school run the 100m event. You assistance is greatly appreciated.
Dear Parents

As the school holidays are approaching, you may have plans to travel on Victoria’s roads. Significant rain is expected to fall over much of Victoria over the next few days, which may result in flooding.

Because of this rainfall, there is an increased risk to those travelling on our roads, and it is possible that houses across the State may be impacted as well.

I urge you to heed the following advice from emergency services:

You should never drive through floodwater – it only takes about 15 centimetres of water to lose control of your vehicle.

Drive to the conditions around you and be aware of road hazards such as mud, debris, damaged roads and bridges.

Roads in your area could be damaged by the bad weather so plan your journey and monitor VicTraffic for road condition updates and any road closures, see: Vic Traffic

Never swim, walk or play in floodwater, it is dangerous and may contain hazardous debris or toxins.

If your property is at risk of flooding, please raise belongings onto tables, benches or beds and if you are on a farm, consider moving your livestock to higher ground.

Remain informed with emergency broadcasters to ensure you are up-to-date with the latest conditions and if possible, make sure your neighbours are aware of the situation. For more information, see: Vic Emergency

Many thanks, and have a safe and enjoyable holiday break.

Janet Gill
Acting Principal

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BOOK FAIR 2016

A huge thank you to the school community for your overwhelming support of the recent Scholastic Book Fair. We sold over $6700 in books. As a result the school library receives $2000 in commission to spend on new books for our children to enjoy.

Thank you to Chris Phillips, Deb McGrath, Helen Zorbas, Jacqui Lomas, Katrina Gowans, Debra Loy Choy, Kirstin Hirchfield, Kim Mace, Kristen Orange and Beth Meehan, for generously giving of their time to help make this an enjoyable and successful event.
XTREME YOUTH @ NBC END OF TERM PARTY

WHEN: FRIDAY 16TH SEPT
TIME: 7:00-9:00PM
WHAT: FISH & CHIP NIGHT!
COST: $10

BRING A BAG OF LOLLIES OR CHIPS TO SHARE
WHERE: UPSTAIRS.. NBC HALL
26 MASON ST, ENTRANCE THRU SIDE GATE!
WHO: GRADE 5 - SECONDARY SCHOOL
RSVP: SULARI NIELSEN

M: 0430062767 OR NBCXTREMEYOUTH@GMAIL.COM
Thank you to all that participated in the consultation session held on 23 June at Newport Lakes Primary School. Council received valuable feedback on parking and traffic issues in the area and is proposing to carry out works as below:

**Stage 1 - Parking changes**
19 - 30 September 2016
Two hour parking conditions will be implemented on the west side of Elizabeth Street. The parking signs will be changed during the school holiday period.

**Stage 2 - Traffic and Parking changes**
January 2017
Stage 2 involves the reversal of the one-way in Elizabeth Street, the introduction of the west-bound one-way in Ross Street and further changes to parking conditions in the surrounding area. Council will provide more details regarding the works programme closer to this time.

For further information call 9932 1131 or email projects@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au
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 is conducted on a Friday afternoon at Williamstown beach. The season begins in November and runs through to March, stopping for Christmas and January.

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 $275) – 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.williamstownslsc.org.au/membership/working-with-children) or at Information Sessions. Memberships cannot be processed until we receive WWCCs.

Attend the Information Session at the club house to answer questions you have!

Information Sessions
Saturday Oct 8th at 4pm
Wednesday Oct 12th at 6.30pm
Sunday Oct 16th at 10pm

For further information, see our website
www.williamstownslsc.org.au

If you are interested in competing for WS&LSC Nippers at carnivals during the summer please contact Fiona McCarroll on WSLCnipperscomp@outlook.com or on 0407 106 160

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Interested in Playing Soccer or do you want to improve your skills before next season?

Williamstown SC is running an 8-week skills clinic for kids aged between 6 and 16 years old.

The sessions are held on our grounds at JT Gray Reserve, Kororoit Creek Rd every Thursday from 6th October to 24th November.

Our experienced coaches, and players from our Senior and Reserve teams will run the sessions which will start at 6pm and finish around 7pm.

There is a flat fee of $100 for the 8 weeks.

If you are interested in joining us, please send us an email expressing your interest to info@cwilliamstown.com.au and please include your child’s name and age.
NELSON PLACE PRESENTS

SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY

FREE & FUN THINGS FOR KIDS.

Commonwealth Reserve, Williamstown

TWISTED SCIENCE
Wednesday 21 September
10.30am to 12.30pm

DON'T MOVE PUPPET THEATRE
Thursday 22 September
10.30am to 11.15am (3 – 8 year olds)
11.45am to 12.30pm (5 – 12 year olds)

YARD GAMES - GIANT SNAKES & LADDERS,
QUOITS, CONNECT FOUR, JENGA
Wednesday 28 September
10am to 2pm

JAKE WILKINSON AND THE MAGICIAN

ALI MCLAREN AND THE MINIM BAND
Thursday 29 September
10.30am to 12.30pm

* Look out for special *

NELSON PLACE

TRADER OFFERS

#nelsonplace
#waterfrontwilliamstown

BYO PICNIC RUG / CHAIRS

Events may be cancelled due to inclement weather.
call Hobsons Bay Visitor Centre for updates 9952 4310
Surf Life Saving is highly regarded part of our Australian way of life. The *Altona Life Saving Club* is a volunteer community based club committed to bringing families together in a healthy and happy environment and **we would love you to join us**.

Joining *ALSC* gives you the opportunity to learn new skills, make new friends and contribute towards making Altona Beach a fun and safe place for us all to enjoy.

**Nippers**
The Altona Nippers program aims to provide the opportunity for children to gain valuable surf and water safety information and build their skills in a safe and fun environment. The Nippers program incorporates the national Surf Education Program with activities aimed at building lifesaving, surf, competition, teamwork and leadership skills and is a training ground for tomorrow’s lifesavers.

**come along to our “Information Day”**

**Sunday 9th October 2016**

**11:00am – 1:30pm**

*Altona Surf Life Saving Club Rooms, 139 Esplanade, Altona*

**Training**
Nippers training is held at Altona Beach on Sunday mornings from November to the end of March. Activities include beach sprints, flags, wading in shallow water, board paddling, swimming, relays and lots of fun games.

In addition to our weekly Nipper sessions, additional training times are available for competition teams and there’s also a fantastic fitness boot camp open to all members.

**Beach Competitions** are held during the summer months from December through to March. From age 8, nippers compete in a range of aquatic and beach events designed to promote fitness and surf skills at all levels. Events include ironman & iron woman, surf swimming, board race, ski race (U17+), beach sprint, beach flags, surf boats (U19+), rescue & resuscitation, and a number of team related disciplines.

**Pool Competitions** are held during the winter months from April through to September. All age groups and events include obstacle swims, manikin carry, super lifesaver, Line throw, individual stroke races and team a variety of team relays.

For more information, enquiries and contact details visit