Important Dates to put in the diary

Thursday 15th October  Parent Club Meeting 7.30pm—MPR
Friday 16th October  Grade 5/6 Lacrosse competition
Saturday 17th October  Photo fundraiser
Monday 19th October -  Prep—3 Swimming Program
➢  Friday 30th October
Thursday 22nd October  2016 Grade 5/6 Information Evening—6.00pm
Wednesday 28th October  Grade 5/6 Incursion—Polyglot
                        SKA Band Excursion—Logan Reserve Altona
Friday 30th October  Lacrosse Competition
Monday 2nd November  Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 3rd November  Public Holiday—Cup Day

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

Ryan, 5/6M
Ella, 1/2O
Grace, 5/6D
Ruby, 3/4G
Lila, 1/2O
Callum, 5/6L
Rayanne, 5/6M
Coco, 3/4G
Cole, 5.6D
Leo, Prep P
Miles, 3/4H
Youssef, 3/4G
Emma, 5/6L
Alexander, 1/2R
Tarquin, 1/2O
Benjamin, 1/2C

AWARDS

Cooper, 3/4O
Zali, 3/4H
Louis, 1/2R
Ruby, 3/4G
Patrick, 1/2R
Zack, 3/4N
Sam, 1/2O
Jake, 5/6M
Anna, 1/2M
Arlo, Prep C
Nora, 3/4O
Tahir, 3/4M
Cohan, 1/2M
Ali, Prep S
Jasper, Prep P
Tarquin, 1/2O

Prep—3 Swimming Program starts Monday 15th October

It is each child’s responsibility to come prepared for swimming lessons each day. Any children who forget their swimming bag will not be permitted to swim that day. Please note that, in the past, there has been a great deal of inconvenience in the office caused by children wishing to contact their parents because they have forgotten their swimming gear. Consequently we are unable to continue to do this, so to avoid disappointment, please encourage your child to be organised.
Welcome to term 4 - Welcome back to the last term of the school year, and what a busy term we have planned. We have the P-3 swimming program at the Mason St. pool, the Solar Boat challenge, a number of incursions and excursions throughout the term, a Family Maths Morning, 2015 Preps Transition program, Yr4 and Yr.5/ 6 Life Saving & Resuscitation program, the ‘Not So Silent’ end of year concert, Yr. 6 Graduation, School Fete and then we begin preparation for the end of year and the beginning of 2016. So much to do and so little time!!

After returning from a 6 week break (long service leave and term holidays) it has been a little difficult getting into the rhythm of school again but after a couple of days back, my trip overseas is now a distant but wonderful memory. Thank you to all the parents and children that have greeted me upon my return and enquired about my travels.

No Phones Over the holiday break the Hobsons Bay Council completed the footpath upgrade outside the entrance to the school in Elizabeth. The widening of the footpath, the laying of new turf, fencing and the new planting of shrubs and trees have made a considerable improvement to the safety and appearance of the entrance to the school. Unfortunately, whilst undertaking the works, the school’s phones lines were disconnected from the pole opposite the school and this resulted in us being without phone lines over the last week. We have been in constant communication with the phone companies and emphasised the importance of the phones for the school. We have been identified as high priority and will hopefully have full service within the next few days. An email will be sent out to all families when the phones are in operation.

2016 Twilight Fete Fete preparations are well under way for the 2016 Newport Lakes Twilight Fete. The organising committee is doing a fantastic job of planning and co-ordinating another special fete for our school and local community.

An area which we are having a lot of difficulty in obtaining support is in the area of sponsorship. Financial support from local and reputable businesses and companies guarantees that the fete will be not only be an enjoyable evening but also a great way of raising much needed funds for our school. Businesses also have much to gain by being associated with the good name and reputation of the school. There are a number of different sponsorship packages available for the Fete ranging from the ‘Platinum Package’ to a ‘Friend of the Fete’ package.

The committee guarantees that there will only be one sponsor of any supplier or organisation and your business will be promoted in a variety of methods including a dedicated Fete Information page on the schools website and fortnightly newsletter updates, a dedicated Fete Facebook page, marketing exposure on the Community Real Estate Board displayed in Mason St Newport and at the school, neighbourhood letterbox drops along with Fete Day Sponsorship acknowledgements and announcements depending on the package chosen. We believe Newport Lakes Primary School has a very good name in the community and this is an ideal opportunity for good companies to be associated with our brand.

If any parent has a company or business that may be interested in being a sponsor, or alternatively work for a company or organisation that may be interested in being a sponsor for the 2016 Newport Lakes Twilight fete please contact the Fete Co-ordinator, Nicole Mansfield at email nicole.mansfield1@yahoo.com.au or 0408 829 722, or leave your details at the office and a representative of the fete committee will follow up the enquiry.

Sponsorship is not vital for a successful fete but it does add monetary value to the many, many hours of hard work that the committee does in conducting a successful fete. If you can help in this area it would be greatly appreciated and there are also many benefits to be gained for the sponsor.
2016 Essential Education Expenses, Booklists and Contributions – Next week, a list of the 2016 Essential Education Expenses, Booklists and School Fees will be sent home with every Prep-Yr. 5 child. Although it is quite early to be sending out next year’s fees and contributions, feedback from parents has been to send out this information as early as possible to assist in budget planning. The policy and detailed document will also be included giving a short description of student costs for excursions/ incursions and all other activities in 2016.

As in the last 2 years, we have included all the known 2016 school year costs as possible in the list of expenses. Parents have indicated that they prefer to pay all the costs in a single fee for essential education expenses, booklists and excursion and incursion fees rather than having a continual request for money throughout the year.

School Council have again included the option of a 2 instalment payment (December 2015 and June 2016) for essential educational expenses and excursions to assist parents in payment of the fees and levies or alternatively they can be paid in a single payment in December this year.

If any parent or family experiences difficulty in payment of the 2016 Essential Education Expenses, Booklists and contributions the school council will provide opportunities for them to enter into alternative payment arrangements with the principal.

2016 Grade Selection - Staff are presently investigating the possible grade structures for 2015. Consideration of the student numbers for the whole school, numbers in each grade level, teaching curriculum levels, ensuring that we are within the Education Department guidelines and that we have an even distribution of numbers of students in each class, will all be determining factors in the selection of the best option for next year’s grade structure.

At this stage, it is very likely that we will have 17 classes but the composition of the grades or the teachers of the grades has not as yet been decided. After the school organisation has been finalised, students will be placed into their 2016 classes.

Parents are invited to inform the school if there is any information that they consider is important when considering the selection of next year’s class for their child. This is an opportunity for parents to inform the school of any information that would be beneficial or important in the selection of their child’s grade in 2016. Parents are asked not to select a teacher, as this will not be considered.

All children will be given the opportunity of selecting friends they would like to be in the same class in 2016. All efforts will be made to ensure they will be with at least one of their selected friends next year. This is an ideal time for parents to discuss friendship arrangements with their children and to trust them in selecting positive and suitable classmates.

Parents must note that requests made last year for previous years are not ‘carried over’ or considered for the 2016 grade selection. If parents believe that an issue should be considered, it is important that a new request is written to the school.

This request must be written and addressed to the Principal. Requests will be forwarded to team leaders to assist the teachers when they are selecting the grades for the following year. Requests can be made up until Friday 30th October 2015. All will be given consideration, but no promises or guarantees can or will be made.

If you have any queries in regards to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact either Janet Gill or myself at the school.
Happy Teachers Day  On behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank all the wonderful parents from the Parents Club that put on a special morning tea last Thursday for ‘World Teachers Day’. Apart from the very yummy and delicious treats that were provided it was also the amount of preparation and thought that went behind the morning tea that was very special and appreciated.

The beautiful way in which the staffroom was prepared and the special gifts reminding the teachers that ‘they are shining lights’ made the morning a very warming experience for all the staff. Your special ‘thank you’ was appreciated by all and it was another example of why Newport Lakes is a wonderful place to teach and learn.

Minister’s Visit  The Minister for Education and Deputy Premier, Mr. James Merlino will be visiting the school tomorrow (Friday 16th October) after receiving an invitation from the school council president, Kylie Halarakis and myself to come to Newport and tour the school. Minister Merlino will also be accompanied by the State Local Member, Mr. Wade Noonan, to have a look at our present school buildings and also to see some of the fantastic work the teachers and students perform at Newport Lakes Primary School. If time permits, we may be able to call into a lunchtime practice session of the school’s SKA band in preparation for upcoming performances.

Hall St Underpass  - The Hall St / Melbourne Rd. underpass was closed for repairs and was scheduled to be re-opened on the 25th September. It has come to the school’s attention that the underpass will now remain closed until late December due to issues with a pipeline. School Council believes that this is unacceptable and are lobbying for the re-opening of the underpass.

Reports have been made to Metro and to the Local member of Parliament stressing the importance of the underpass to the school community and immediate action should be undertaken to re-open the underpass. We would also encourage other parents to lodge complaints with Metro and your local member to expedite the repairs and re-opening of this important link between the east and west sides of Newport.

New Prep Students and Families Transferring for 2016  - To enable us to conduct our planning for 2016, families who will be re-locating before the start of the next school year, and therefore not continuing at Newport Lakes Primary School are requested to advise our office in writing. Also, if there are any siblings that will be beginning Prep in 2016, an enrolment form MUST be presented to the office by the close of next week.

- It would be most appreciated if families notify us of any 2015/2016 transfers and enrolments as soon as possible.

David Moss
Principal
Drawing Workshop with Robert Hague

THANK YOU to Robert Hague artist, parent and great supporter of the Art Room for giving his time to run a drawing workshop with some of our grade 3/4 students. Robert demonstrated the drawing tools and tricks used by an artist. Congratulations to Eva, Miles, James, Finn, Ruby, Ava, Venu, Ben B, Mackenzie, Arki and Imogen M for being involved in the workshop.
CONGRATULATIONS to 3/4O for winning the Hobsons Bay Illustration Prize.

THANK YOU to the PARENTS for your support by returning entry forms.

WELL DONE to the SCHOOL COMMUNITY for being involved in community art projects.

We have won a visit by an illustrator of our choice to the school, valued at $500.

There will be an awards ceremony in November and families are invited. More information and invitations to come.

Laura Russell (proud Art Teacher)

Don’t forget that October is Walk to School Month. Where possible, we encourage you to walk, ride or scoot to school, even part of the way. There are endless benefits to walking – enjoying the good weather, getting healthy through exercise, helping the environment, missing out on traffic jams to name but a few. On top of that there are prizes to be won – including school excursions to the Stars’ pre-season Practice Match at the MCG, family Stars memberships, Big Bash League tickets and cricket kits. We will be recording all walking activities in each classroom each day. Happy Walking!
Fete Update – October 2015
We had an amazing turn out for the Stall Team Leader meeting last week. Thankyou to all those who attended the meeting and that have put their hand up to help out, it is great to have so many parents involved in this event. The team leaders were given a brief overview of the Fete so far and handed an Information Pack to help them get started! We are still looking for a few more Team Leaders for the Plants/Flowers Stall, 2nd Hand Books & Toys Stall and we need a couple more Food Stalls. You will be provided with loads of info and support along the way, and we welcome if you want to grab a friend or 2 to share the love! Michelle Kinniburgh would love to hear from you (Ph: 0452 192 409 or Email: mlkinniburgh@gmail.com)

Watch this space for our ‘call outs’ for help from our Team Leaders with needing donation of goods for their stalls.

We will launch the Online Volunteer Booking system in late November, (where parents can nominate their choice of stall and time) to assist for at least 1hr on Fete Day – more to come soon.

The fete committee is working hard on obtaining sponsorship from local businesses to assist in raising funds. We would also like to speak with any parents, grandparents, neighbours, friends, or other relatives that own businesses that would be interested in becoming sponsor. Please spread the word, talk with your boss, your family and other friendship groups outside the school. We have lots of different sponsorship packages to suit all budgets, and they will be happy with the amount of marketing exposure they will gain for their business along with supporting your child’s school. Although cash donations are preferable, we are also interested in businesses who can assist in donating via Sponsorship of goods (ie meat, bread, soft drinks, fruit, veg, plants/flowers, popcorn etc, or use of equipment, marqueses, tables, etc). We also would like to invite Families to become ‘sponsors’ the fete, especially to those who might not be available to attend or participate on the day of the Fete! Please contact Nicole Mansfield on Ph: 0408 829 722 or Email: nicole.mansfield1@yahoo.com.au

Don’t forget to click “LIKE” on our Fete Facebook page Newport Lakes PS Twilight Fete 2016, and get your family and friends to like us too!

Cheers
The 2016 Fete Committee
The first event on the Parents’ Club calendar this term was to celebrate World Teacher’s Day by providing teachers and staff with a special morning tea on **Thursday 8th October**. A very special thank you to Fiona Simmonds for coming up with the theme and her expert styling of this event. Thanks also to Dave Simmonds, Megan Phelan and Daria Hewitt for helping to set up. This year, the theme was "Thank you for being a shining light" and the staff room was decorated with lots of yellow and white decorations including – candles, flowers & stars. Teachers also received a small gift of a candle and drink bottle with a small thank you note as a token of our appreciation.

Thank you to the class parents reps for assisting to get volunteers, and especially to parents that baked and bought yummy yellow and white themed treats. It was lovely to meet some new parents participating in this event for the first time. The menu was impressive: Scones with jam and cream (Amy Taylor), Cupcakes (Alicia King), Lemon slice (Nicole Pilsworth), Lemon curd tarts (Sue Phillips), Lemon tea cake (Gail Virgona), Gingerbread stars (Deborah Courtney), Yellow iced Lamingtons (Nicole Mansfield), Lemon bread (Cath Haye), Meringues (Lucinda Eastwood), Donuts (Susan Prinsloo), Egg & bacon tarts (Michelle Morley), Pastizzis (Rhanie Mitchem) and Poached Chicken Sandwiches (Allana).

We received so many lovely messages from staff that attended.

I wanted to say a big thank-you for the morning tea you helped organise this morning. It was such a lovely gesture and we all enjoyed it very much. The food was exceptional! *Laura D’Agostino*

Were so incredibly lucky to have such a thoughtful parent body who have spoilt us today. *Twitter feed*

Morning tea at school! Sooo lovely! Thanks Parents *Leisha Liddell on Twitter*

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**Western Metropolitan Region Athletics News**

On Tuesday, 13th October, our school had four representatives at the WMR Athletics Carnival which was held at the Keilor Athletics Track.

Harry jumped 132 cm and won a silver medal in the 9/10 boys high jump. As a result, he has qualified for the State Athletics Carnival which is due to take place in a couple of weeks. Congratulations Harry on your wonderful achievement and good luck at the next level of competition.

We also need to acknowledge the efforts of our other athletes who also performed extremely well against difficult opposition.

Jensen finished 9th in the 11 boys 800m. Tiger finished 6th in the 9/10 boys discus and Macayla competed strongly in the 12/13 girls long jump. Ibby also qualified in the 11 boys discus but was unable to compete on the day.

Congratulations once again to all five students and best wishes with your future athletic endeavours.
The ICAS Maths results have arrived and certificates will be presented at assembly tomorrow.

Well done to the 22 students participated – we received 3 Distinctions, 7 Credits, 3 Merits and 9 Participation certificates.

**Distinction**
Year 2 – Leo
Year 3 – Hannah
Year 4 – Tess

**Credit**
Year 2 – Will, James, Luna
Year 3 – Daniel, Emily
Year 4 – Harvey
Year 6 – Max

The ICAS English results have also arrived and certificates will be presented at assembly tomorrow as well.

Congratulations to the 21 students participated – we received 1 High Distinction, 4 Distinctions, 5 Credits, 2 Merits and 9 Participation certificates.

**High Distinction**
Year 2 – Leo

**Distinction**
Year 2 – Gaspar
Year 3 – Hannah
Year 4 – Sienna, Tess

**Credit**
Year 3 – Zali
Year 4 – Harvey, Finn
Year 5 – Ryan, Silvery

Great work every one!

**Brainteaser**
What happens twice each day (am and pm) at 12.00, 1.05, 2.10, 3.16, 4.21, 5.27, 6.32, 7.38, 8.43, 9.49 and 10.54?

**Answer:** The hour and minute hand of an analogue clock line up!
Twilight Soiree

Thursday 19th November, 6.30pm

Students of Newport Lakes present an evening of solo music performances.

Are you... a student who has learned an instrument/voice for at least 1 year and is currently having lessons? All ages welcome.

Rachael Lawrence, Newport Lakes mum and pianist, will perform with any students requiring piano accompaniment for the concert which includes one rehearsal.

Places are limited so please contact Rachael Lawrence ASAP.

rachaelmilsom@optusnet.com.au

Teddies 4 Timor Adoption Day

The Teddies 4 Timor Adoption Day will be held on Friday 30th October at lunchtime in the multipurpose hall. Students will have the opportunity to name and sponsor one of the hand knitted teddies that have been donated by the school community. These will then be provided to sick children attending the Bairo Pite Clinic in East Timor. The cost is $5, which will be used to help pay for shipping medical supplies to the clinic, as well as wages for the two medical staff that Rotary employ at the clinic. To avoid disappointment, please explain to your child(ren) that they are not buying a teddy – this project is about donating to disadvantaged children. Last year we raised $725, so are hoping to match that this year. Each child that sponsors a teddy will receive a certificate of appreciation.

All teddies need to be returned to the office by no later than the morning of Friday 30th October so they are ready to be adopted. We will require a few parents to help on the day, so please let Allana Arapakis know if you can help out on: 0400 113 333 or aarapakis@optusnet.com.au
Aussie Hoops
Basketball for kids 6-10

Westgate Basketball Association, your local association, is running the Aussie Hoops Summer programs for boys and girls 6-10 years old. Sessions are run at the indoor stadium at VU Community Sports Stadium, Whitten Oval, with skill sessions, fun drills and friendly games.

The sessions are run by representative level youth basketball players and give kids a terrific grounding in the fundamental skills for the game.

So if you are wondering whether your child might just be the next Steph Curry, stop wondering and find out! Come along, make new friends and see for yourself why basketball is the most popular youth sport in Australia.

Sessions are run Thursday afternoons or Saturday Mornings.

Aussie Hoops is run on behalf of Basketball Victoria.

Register Now!
and see you on court

For further details on times and dates, prices and registration, please visit our website:
www.westgatebasketball.com.au

Williamstown High School Uniform Shop
(Located at Pasco St campus)

Buy early sale now on
Sale finishes Oct 31st

Trading Hours
Tuesday 1pm – 4.30pm
Wednesday 8.00am – 11am
Thursday 1pm – 4.30pm

Personal fitting appointments are available outside of normal trading hours
(highly recommended to avoid delays)
Phone Kaye 9399 8662 or email wil@dobsons.com.au

Williamstown Cannons Basketball Club

Williamstown Cannons Basketball Club are in search of keen boys or girls born 2009, 2010 or 2011 to play in their under 8’s teams for the Summer season beginning 30th October. 1 hr training in Williamstown per week & 30 minute games are played at Altona Stadium at 5.10pm on Friday evenings.

If interested, please contact David Weston
e: under8teams@williamstowncannons.org.au or ph: 0438 110 373

The link to our website is as follows...
www.williamstowncannons.sportingpulse.net so please feel free to add it as a link on your website.

Keyboard & Guitar Music Program

Dear Parents and Students,

ABC Music Group is seeking new enrolments for students interested in joining the INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM in TERM 4. 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 is provided for each student during lessons
- Parent/Guardian will be invoiced for the cost of the lessons
- Keyboard - Guitar ($135 per term plus 2 keyboard books $35 or guitar book $30)

To enrol please go on our website or pick up a form at the school office
http://www.abcmusicsignup.com.au then to “Enrol Now” then to “After School Program” or phone 9427 3049

“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
**English Conversation Club**

Would you like to practice your English speaking skills in a relaxed setting and make new friends? Then join the English Conversation Club which is a great way to meet people and enjoy conversations on a range of topics.

The English Conversation Club is a weekly group for adults who speak English as a second language. Sessions are free, morning tea is provided, and everyone is welcome including children.

Every Monday from 2 March until 30 November (excluding school and public holidays)
10am to 11:30am
Laverton Community Hub
55-100 Railway Avenue

Enquiries: please phone the Hobsons Bay Libraries Community Engagement Librarian (Mulgrave) on 9932 1308. NRS users phone 13 30 77 and quote 03 9932 1166.
FOSTER CARERS URGENTLY REQUIRED

Can you provide a safe and caring home?
Is love in your heart?
Are you willing to make a difference?
Can you help vulnerable children and young people?

If this sounds like you then why not apply to become a Foster Carer today?

We would love to hear from you.

To find out more about becoming a Foster Carer please attend our upcoming information session:

Date: Monday 18th October
Time: 5:30pm
Venue: UnitingCare Church, Cnr of Synott St & Duncans Rd Werrribee.

For more information please contact the Bridges Foster Care team on 9742 6452 or send us an email at Fostercare@un.org.au

SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND RAFFLE!!!

Support UnitingCare Werrribee
Support and Housing bridges Foster Care Program!!!

When: Saturday 19th October
Time: From 10am
Raffle to be drawn at 2pm
Where: TASMAN Meats
55 Synott Street Werrribee.

Amazing prizes to be won including a brand new HTC One Mobile Phone!!!
Many more prizes!!!

Money raised will go towards much needed funds for publicity and recruitment of Foster Carers as well as assist with training needs for carers.

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