Newport Lakes Primary School
THURSDAY 17TH NOVEMBER, 2016
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Important Dates to put in the diary

Monday 21st November  School Council Meeting—6.30pm
Tuesday 22nd November  2017 Prep Play Date 2.30—3.30pm
23rd—25th November  Grade 3/4 Camp
Wednesday 23rd November  Prep Incursion—Playground craze
Thursday 24th November  Prep Orientation Day No. 1
Friday 25th November  Final day to place Indonesian lunch orders
Wednesday 30th November  Prep Excursion to Fairy Park
2017 Prep Play Date 2.30—3.30pm
Thursday 1st December  Prep Orientation Day No. 2
Friday 2nd December  Icy Pole Day
Gateways Final

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

Freya, 5/6S  June, 1/2R  Levi, 1/2O
Gemma, 1/2O  Jensen, 5/6W  Bailey, 1/2C
Jasper, 1/2D  Arlo, 1/2C  Nicholas, 5/6W
Mali, 1/2O  Sebastian, 3/4G  Nora, 3/4H
William, 1/2R  Patrick, 3/4H

AWARDS

Congratulations to the following award winners.

Jake, Prep P  Annie, Prep L  Ceana, Prep S
Isaiah, 1/2R  Surya, 1/2R  Ruby, 1/2R
Ben, 1/2O  Emelia, 1/2S  Rags, 1/2C
Ibby, 3/4S  Tex, 3/4M  Tara, 3/4G
Miranda, 3/4H  Kiowa, 3/4N  Alex, 5/6M
Griff, 5/6S  Mia, 5/6W  Helen, Prep P
Mia, Prep S  Sitara, 1/2R  Willow, 1/2O
Nicholas, 1/2S  Jasper, 1/2D  Eli, 1/2D
Evie, 1/2C  Edie, 3/4M  Kobe, 3/4G
Imran, 3/4H  Henrietta, 3/4N  Jake, 5/6M
Owen, 5/6S  Max, 5/6L  Jensen, 5/6W

Yard Duty Supervision
8.45 to 9.00am and 3.30 to 3.45pm
Dear Parents/Carers,

**Indigenous week and Polygot Puppets**

We have had some amazing visitors and activities at our school in the last 2 weeks that have not only been very educational but also been enjoyable and engaging for all the children and staff.

Last week was our second ‘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.

At Friday’s assembly a plaque acknowledging the original owners of our land, the Yalukit-Willam people was unveiled by Mia and Kobi. A brief explanation of the Yalukit-Willam people, their customs and their early times when the original inhabitants lived in the local area was given by the School Captains. The entire week has been a great experience and thoroughly enjoyed by us all.

This week we have had the very well-known and respected ‘Polygot Puppet’ performers visiting our school. Every class has participated in an activity displaying the magic of shadow puppetry not only learning the magic and skills of shadow puppetry but also participating in a very entertaining show.

**School Organisation for 2017**

Although there still may be changes between now and when we begin the new school year, based on the numbers that we currently expect, we are planning to conduct 18 grades in 2017 with straight grades from P-4 and composite grades in Yr. 5/6. The expected school organisation is as follows;

- **18 classrooms**
  - 4 x Preps
  - 3 x Yr.1
  - 3 x Yr.2
  - 2 x Yr.3
  - 2 x Yr.4
  - 4 x Yr.5/6

- **Specialist programs**
  - Physical Education & Sport
  - LOTE (Indonesian)
  - Visual Art
  - Performing Arts ~ Music and Drama

We will continue to employ Education Support staff in literacy and numeracy intervention programs and continue to provide additional assistance programs wherever possible in 2017.

There has been considerable parental feedback indicating a preference for straight grades and this was taken into consideration in the 2017 school organisation. But it must also be noted that the conducting of straight grades may have some inherent problems with large class sizes if there are increased numbers in enrolments during the year in certain grade levels eg. Yr. 3 or Yr. 4 and it has given little flexibility in peer grouping to address parental friendship requests.
**Bookpacks** ~ Parents are reminded that all 2017 booklists need to be completed and returned with payment to the school by 30th January. Bookpacks will be ordered and delivered directly to the school during the Christmas holidays. All bookpacks will then be labelled and distributed to the classrooms to be available to the children on the first day of school.

Please note: Parents **will not** be required to pick up the bookpacks from the school as they will be delivered directly to the student’s classroom.

**Generous Newport Lakes PS Community**

Once again the Newport Lakes Primary school community has demonstrated its generosity by assisting others in need, donating to the school and helping their friends reach their dreams.

A sum of more than $470 was contributed to Harry O as part of the ‘Harry Highpants & Crazy Hair Day’ to assist in sending Harry to compete in the upcoming Australian State Schools Athletic Competition to be conducted later this month in Sydney.

**Remembrance Day**

The school was involved in a number of activities for Remembrance Day. A small ceremony was conducted at school involving all staff and students. The student leaders assisted with the red poppy appeal and sold poppies, wristbands and bag tags. A total of $430.20 was raised by the students and staff by selling items for the Newport RSL Remembrance Day Appeal.

Grade 6 students were invited to submit a project to the Newport RSL explaining Remembrance Day or explain their own ANZAC History. Congratulations to Ines, who was the recipient of the ‘Newport RSL Presidents Award’ for 2016.

Walk-a-thon funds are also still coming into school with a present total of over $11,000 being raised. (a final figure will be available in the next newsletter) All of these funds will be going directly to a number of projects and products including the Yr. 6 Graduation, Sports and Play Equipment for lunchtime use and Literacy sets and books for classroom libraries. These will be purchased and be ready for use in the 2017 classrooms.

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing generous support.

Hope you all have a good week.

David Moss
Principal
INDIGENOUS WEEK

Prep to Grade 2 students worked with Annette Sac, they painted with ochre on paper and wood.
Grade 3—6 students participated in dance, art and story telling workshops with ‘Western Dreaming’ (Big Al, Tristen and Aslan).
All grades visited the music room this week to take part in Polyglot workshops. This involved creating stories and images with shadows.
Congratulations to the following students who were chosen to represent our school at the annual G.A.T.E.WAYS (Gifted and talented education) challenge day.

The children worked very hard for a number of weeks at school prior to competing. Building up their understanding and skills in the curriculum areas to be covered so that they were ready on the challenge day. On the actual day teams had to use their knowledge, team work and problem solving skills to the best of their ability in 4 challenges in limited time.

The Year 3/4’s on the day were involved in piecing together historical events then acting them out, answering general problem solving, maths and logic, creative/visual-spatial and geography questions, grading gemstones, demonstrating an understanding of angles, laws of reflection and using clues to find a criminal.

The Year 5/6’s were involved in designing a table top game including certain game mechanics and mystery items as well as piecing together the remnants of a scientific experiment by repeating experiments, collecting data and organizing scientific notes. They also had to solve mathematical puzzles and take an excerpt from a book, then design a set that was both creative and on a budget.

We are so proud of you and your efforts against some very strong competition.

You have represented yourselves and our school admirably!
Our Year 3/4 Champions!!!

We are delighted to announce that both our grade 3/4 teams who came 1st and 2nd (by \(\frac{1}{2}\) a point) at the district Gateways Challenge are off to the national finals. Congratulations we are so proud of you!

**Good luck at the national final on the 2nd of December!**

**1st Place Year 3/4 District Challenge**

Congratulations Newport Ninjas – Hannah, Sammi, Ethan and Archie!

**2nd Place Year 3/4 District Challenge**

Well done Newport Knockouts– Leo, Venu, Imogen and Annabella!

Sharon Rodgers
Newport Lakes Primary - Fundraiser

MUMS & DADS

black & white night

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

All event profits and proceeds go to White Ribbon & Women’s Health West

Date: Friday 2nd Dec 2016. 7.30 pm - 1am. 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

$25 per ticket $5 from every ticket sale goes to our school!

Support our generous major / local sponsors:

THE SUBSTATION Complete Hire Equipment

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

Parent’s Name(s)/ Class:

How many ticket(s) you would like: Qty:  $25 per ticket (per person). Total: $

Tickets are non refundable. Official White Ribbon event: Reg No: 23958
ROTARY CLUB OF WILLIAMSTOWN

CHRISTMAS FAIR 2016

Adults $2

Market Stalls

Free face painting

Free rides

Free entry for kids

Free entertainment

Animal farm

Santa will be visiting

SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER 11AM - 3PM

AT SEAWORKS - 82 NELSON PLACE WILLIAMSTOWN

SPONSORED BY:

A ROTARY CLUB OF WILLIAMSTOWN INITIATIVE TO FUND COMMUNITY HEALTH PROJECTS.
CHALLENGE YOURSELF

SATURDAY 17 DECEMBER - WILLIAMSTOWN BEACH

Kids Challenge (Ages 7-11): 750m
WOW Challenge: 1.2 km and 2.5 km
WOW Challenge & Victorian Championships: 5 km and 10 km

FEATURING OPEN WATER LEGENDS:
Chloé McCardel - English Channel Record Holder
Jarrod Poort - Rio 10 km OW Olympian
Sam Sheppard - 6 x Winner Lorne Pier to Pub
Mel Cunningham - Former World 25km OW Champion

PRE-REGISTER AND SAVE NOW!

WOW
&
swimming victoria

WILLIAMSTOWN OPEN WATER & VICTORIAN OPEN WATER
CHALLENGE 2016 | CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018

Entry to the Victorian Open Water Championships events is open to Swimming Australia and Masters Swimming Australia members only. See www.swimvictoria.org.au or WOWChallenge.com.au for more details.

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