Important Dates to put in the diary

Friday 19th August  Sausage Sizzle Lunch
Tuesday 23rd August  Grade 1/2 Excursion to MCG (1/2D, 1/2C & ½ of 1/2R)
                                      Prep Incursion—‘The Playground Craze’
                                      Book Fair open—3.00pm—4.00pm
Wednesday 24th August  Grade 3/4 Excursion to South Melbourne Market
                                      Book Fair open 8.30am—9.30am & 3.00pm—4.00pm
                                      Grade 3/4 Camp Information Session 6.00pm—7.00pm
Thursday 25th August  Book Character Dress Up Day
                                      Book Fair open 8.30am—9.30am & 3.00pm—4.00pm
Friday 26th August  Book Fair open 8.30am—9.30am
Saturday 27th August  Production crafting bee—9am—12.00noon MPR
Sunday 28th August  Prep Dance Party
Thursday 1st September  School Building Upgrade Community Workshop—3.35pm MPR
Friday 2nd September  Father’s Day Breakfast
                                      Premiers Reading Challenge closes
Thursday 15th September  School Production ‘Little Prince’

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

Tess, 5/6L  Fatima, Prep P  Zara, Prep P
Matilda, 1/2S  Billy, 3/4G  Liam, 5/6S
Haysam, 5/6S  James, 5/6M  Lachlan, 3/4S
Nicholas, 5/6W  Gus, 5/6M  Christopher, 5/6L

AWARDS

Congratulations to the following award winners.

Renee, Prep S  Lavinia, Prep L  James, 5/6W
Elisabeth, 3/4S  Ben, 5/6S  Ben, 5/6L
Ella, 3/4G  Jasmine, 1/2O  Cruz, 1/2D
Isaiah, 1/2R  Alex, 5/6M  Salih, Prep P
Omar, 3/4M  Calen, 1/2S  Rastka, Prep S
James, Prep P  Ethan, 1/2R  Sara, 1/2C
Connor, 1/2D  Evelyn, 1/2O  Matilda, 1/2S
Tom, 3/4M  Kiera, 3/4S
Dear Parents/Carers,

Newport Lakes Primary School staged its own ‘Olympics Day’ on Wednesday with as much colour, excitement and glamour as Rio itself. Countries from all over the world were strongly represented and there was even a ‘Refugee Team’ to ensure there was a team for everyone. Our students participated in fun novelty events, such as the old-fashioned sack race, the egg and spoon race and three-legged races. There were ‘PB’s’ recorded in every event and the occasional World Record was even recorded!

The Olympics Day was enjoyable and there was lots of cheering and laughter. Bronze, Silver and Gold medals were awarded but the order in which they came was often just too close to call. On behalf of the NLPS students, thank you to the staff members who volunteered to be part of the busy Olympics planning team. Thanks also, to the parents for helping to organise flag colours and sports gear. A special thanks goes to the students from Bayside College, who came to assist on the day.

School production. With only 4 weeks to go until the premiere of the school production, we are getting down to the ‘pointy end’ of Show Time. All grades will be participating in this year’s show, and many of our talented children will also be playing instruments.

Our 2016 show, ‘The Little Prince’ promises to be a little different. To begin with, it is an original production and not a concert. It has been written and produced by the children with guidance from their teachers. The students will perform all the music in ‘The Little Prince.’ Amazingly, the children wrote much of the music! This approach highlights our students’ unique talents.

The quality and complexity of the show is something you may expect from a secondary school or possibly even from a theatre group. Being different, the production is a bit of a creative risk, but these are approaches we encourage at Newport Lakes. We are a school that has high expectations and this also extends to our Arts Programs. Teachers on the Arts team are working very hard with the community. Parent help has been a vital component to the success of the performance. I wish to acknowledge and thank everyone who are working very hard to put it all together. Their time and passion are appreciated.

Over the next few weeks, our newsletter and the school website will provide short promotional extracts, giving information and updates on the ‘The Little Prince.’ By having a good understanding of the storyline, the characters and by seeing the amazing input and involvement of children in this year’s production, you will appreciate and enjoy the evening immensely.

‘The Little Prince’ will be performed at Williamstown Town Hall on the evening of Thursday 15th September. Tickets will be on sale soon.

School organisation As mentioned in previous newsletters, the school is beginning the process of determining school organisation for 2017. A number of parents have already enquired as to whether there will straight or composite classes, and if so, in what grade levels may this occur?

School organisation is a very complex matter and is shaped and determined by many different factors. As a general rule, a state school is funded according to the number of students enrolled on school census day (February 28) and then additional funds if the school is eligible for special needs. Having 1 classroom teacher to an average of every 25 students at the school, the socio-economic background of the school community, the specialist subjects program a school offers, the EAL (English as an Additional Language,) the staffing profile and any additional special needs funding may all have an impact on the final school organisation.

Some years, the school is simply not funded to offer the number of straight grades it would take to ensure we have a relatively even number of children in each grade level. In 2016, to offer straight grades of a reasonable class size in all year levels, we would have required 19 classes but the school is funded to only permit 17 classes.
Each year the school leadership explores all options of grade structures; both straight, composite and/or a mixture of both. There is no pre-determined or ‘preferred model’ except to opt for a structure that gives every child the best opportunity to achieve the most from their learning throughout the entire year. It must also be affordable within the school’s funding scenario.

As we progress into the latter stages of the year, we will continue to look at all options. In order to make informed decisions, we rely on accurate information on projected student numbers.

At this stage, no decisions have been made, as it is far too early to determine the accurate number of children for each grade level for next year. Any information in regards to students transferring or relocating in 2017 is extremely important and I encourage parents to notify the school of any changes at their earliest possible opportunity.

**Capital Works Funds** Minx Architecture, a local firm located in Footscray, has been selected to oversee the school’s $3m capital works program.

One of the first tasks of Minx will be to develop a Masterplan for the school. Representatives from Minx will be conducting workshops with the administration staff, teachers, students and the school community. If you have a spare 30 minutes and would like to be part of this process you would be most welcome to come along and join in the workshop.

The community /parent workshop will be conducted on Thursday 1st September beginning at 3.35pm in the Multi-Purpose room. Please feel welcome to come along – your input would be most appreciated.

**Leave** Currently Janet is performing her civic service and is undertaking Jury Duty. It is anticipated she will be returning to school next week. I will be on long service leave for the final 3 weeks of the term. I will be travelling the lands of Vietnam venturing from Ho Chi Minh to Hanoi on a motorbike. During my absence Janet will be the Acting Principal.

Hope you all have a good week.

David Moss
Principal

**LOST PROPERTY**

If you are missing any items of clothing, lunch boxes or drink bottles, there is a huge amount of lost property in the box near the office as well as in the After School Care area. Please check to see if any of these items belong to you.
BOOK WEEK 2016

Book Fair

Please come and visit us in the MPR. All profits from sales go back into resources for the library.

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Book Character Parade

Children come dressed to school as your favourite book character for our fabulous parade!
Thursday 25th August - 9.05am

In the event of wet weather
Gr P – 2 will move to the multipurpose room and Gr 3 – 6 will parade within their year level teams.
**ROBOTICS at NLPS**

At our school we are incredibly lucky to have such generous parents who are willing to volunteer their time to support the learning of our students.

On Tuesday 16th August David, Harrison’s Dad (1/20), ran three robotics sessions with small groups of children from grades 1 - 6. Children were able to meet the Zumo Robot. They learnt about programming, sensors, colour, line and hurdle detection, and how robots can be programmed to work completely autonomously. Many students even managed to test ways of tricking the robot as it was trying to complete a maze!

Problem solving skills are an essential part of coding, and it was incredibly pleasing to hear so many students being solution-minded, making suggestions and asking thoughtful questions.

Thank you enormously to David for making Science Week extra special this year.
Dear Newport Lakes Primary School,

Thank you for your generous donation of many bags of food for the Winter Food Drive in June 2016. We were delighted to receive it. With the kind support of organisations such as yours we are able to continue helping asylum seekers in Melbourne’s West.

At West Welcome Wagon we have an ethos of neighbours helping neighbours - real people helping real people. Currently there are more than 450 households (representing significant individual numbers of men, women and children seeking asylum) in our local community receiving assistance from West Welcome Wagon. The majority of households that we assist have absolutely nothing when we meet them - not a blanket nor a bed, a fridge nor food to put in it. The vast majority of the aid that we provide consists of good quality, second hand, donated goods. However there are always certain things that we need financial assistance for, such as the purchase of white goods when we are unable to access sufficient donations. We do not receive any government funding, so in these cases, donations such as yours are critical and make all the difference.

We are so proud to be a part of this community, which is characterised by people like yourselves - those who demonstrate understanding, compassion, kindness, and generosity. I would like to thank all of our supporters who freely give their time and donations to make our community a welcoming one.

Thank you again, and we welcome your continued support.

Kind Regards,
Volunteer Team
West Welcome Wagon Inc.
This week it was Science Week! So we've been having fun at lunch time all week! On Monday the preps had some colourful fun with milk and food dye, making some pretty cool patterns and mixing colours! The Grade 1/2s had fun on Tuesday with hovercraft and the floor, letting the balloon hovercraft float above the ground. On Wednesday the 3/4s made magnets with batteries, wires and a nail, they picked up staples and paper clips.

Parents are reminded that Premiers Reading Challenge closing date is 2nd September. All books read must be entered by this date.

If you have any queries, please see Diana Stefanovic, Prep S.
As you will be aware we have the school production coming up this term on the 15th September and as with many big events at school they do not happen without the support and assistance of our whole school community.

So this is a shout out to our school community for your support.

We still require a representative for some classes, who will be the main contact for any questions that may arise. It would be great if they are able to assist on the dress rehearsal day 15th Sept, but this is not essential.

We will be having a crafting bee on the 27th August to complete some of the costumes. So if you are crafty please come along, bring your scissors and hot glue gun.

**Jobs on the night:**
- We need ushers, they will help direct ticket holders to their seats.
- Water sellers before and after the show.

**Costume required:**
- We are looking for Graduation Robes, if you have one in the cupboard you could lend us, please email me or drop it off in a clearly marked bag at the school office.

Please contact Kylie Halarakis if you have any questions, gkhalas@bigpond.net.au
ICAS Spelling Results

The certificates will be presented at assembly tomorrow – Friday, August 19th.

Distinction certificates were received for:
Year 2    Ruby & Gemma
Year 4    James

Credit certificates were received for:
Year 3    Gaspar
Year 4    Zali
Year 5    Nicholas & Finn

We also received twelve participation certificates.

Congratulations to all the students as you tried your best.

St John Ambulance visited our school on Friday 12th August to deliver free First Aid in Schools training to our students. Through the First Aid in Schools program, trained St John presenters led students from Prep—6 through tailored sessions on the importance of First Aid and what to do in the event of an emergency. Our junior students learnt about how to identify when there is an emergency, keeping themselves safe, and how to call for an ambulance. Senior students learnt about delivering CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and the things they can do to assist in an emergency.

Participating students have been given a special piece of homework for parents to complete. We encourage you to “do your homework” and go online (www.stjohnvic.com.au/quiz) to see how much you know about First Aid. Are you First Aid READY?

More information about the St John First Aid in Schools program can be found at: www.stjohnvic.com.au/schools
Newport Lakes Primary School
Parents' Club Fundraising Initiative

Preps Dance Party

Groovy dancing clothes and shoes are optional fancy dress for the kids.

for all prep students and their families
Sunday 28th August from 2.00pm - 3.30pm

Newport Lakes Primary Multipurpose Room
The entertainer starts at 2.15pm and finishes at 3.00pm.

Cost per prep child is $15.00. This price includes siblings.
Tickets can be purchased from the office.

RSVP is by Friday 26th August
with RSVP form completed and payment given to the school office.

- All children attending must have parents or responsible adults present.
- Please bring a nut-free party plate of food to share with a list of its ingredients attached.
  A table will be available for buffet-style party food. People with food allergies please bring your own party food and remember not to share food from others that may contain allergens.
- Cassie from Hey-Dee-Ho Music will take the kids through some groovy dance moves and fun activities.

This party is a get together for all prep families and a fundraiser for the school.
Total entertainment cost is $230.00 so anything raised above this amount goes to the school.
It's a great opportunity for us all to meet new people and put names to faces in the NPLPS community as our children enjoy the dance party fun.
NBC Xtreme Youth
Invites you to
The Big Chill

Table tennis, air hockey, pool, foosball, Xbox and more!

When: Friday 26th August
Time: 6:00-8:30pm
What: Pizza, Hot Choc & Chill Out night
Cost: $10

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
NEWPORT COMMUNITY HUB OPEN DAY

Join the party in Paine Reserve as we throw open the doors to celebrate the opening of the Newport Community Hub.

Enjoy a range of free and fun activities including live music, roving performers, art and craft, story time, face painting, fruit and vegie swap, herbal tea, mending (byo), robotic and LEGO play zones and much more!

Date       Saturday 3 September
Time       10am to 1pm
Where      Newport Community Hub
            13 Mason Street
Visit      libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au
for more information
mamma knows west & Aly’s Books’ Fest

- Kids Activities
- Story telling
- Meet the Authors
- Meet the Illustrators

FREE EVENT all welcome

AUSTRALIA! STORY COUNTRY

The Children's Book Council of Australia's

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK!

August 20-26, 2016

For more information go to
www.alysbooks.com

Altona Library (Queen Street, Altona)
20 August, 12pm–3pm
Williamstown Cannons are looking for boys & girls who are interested in playing basketball for the Summer 2016/2017 season which starts beginning of term 4. Registrations are open now! Children born between 2000 to 2011 are welcome to register. Specifically we’re in search of **girls born 2006 & 2007** to fill a beginners team. For further details please email registrar@williamstowncannons.org.au or check out details on our website at www.williamstowncannons.sportingpulse.net

**Summer 2016/17**

**Please register interest**

If you have missed the winter season and would like to play basketball in Summer, please let us know by emailing the registrars.

*New players welcome. If you are born in 2008 or 2009, and want to start basketball, please call.*

*Online Registration is available.*

For more information –
Dale (Girls Registrar) on 0400 208 426
girlsregistrar@williamstownmagic.asn.au
Sean (Boys Registrar) on
boysregistrar@williamstownmagic.asn.au
ACSC SPRING (OFF SEASON) PROGRAM 2016

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!

• 10 week program from Oct to Dec (Thursday nights only—6pm to 7.15pm)
• For young people aged 6 to 13 years of age
• Cost — $150, includes a summer program kit. (Must pay and book by Aug 30th)

For more information contact:
Joe Tanti – 0425 120 019
Sebastian – 0423 643 146

Payments can be made to:
BSB No: 033 000
Acc No: 125 815 837
(leave your child’s full name and age group as the payee)

ACSC weekly Spring program will kick off from the 6th of October to 8th of December. Keep your kids involved in Soccer in the ‘off season’ by working with ACSC coaches to maintain and further develop the core skills incorporated in the FFA Curriculum. ACSC’s core values and philosophy is to produce technically sound players utilising the FFA curriculum.

BAKE OFF

Categories

• show stopper!
• cakes • slice • scones
• cupcakes & muffins
• savoury • kids U/12

$5 per entry/
$12 for 3

SATURDAY 10TH
SEPTEMBER 1PM-4PM
@ NEWPORT BAPTIST HALL
FOR REGISTRATION/ENTRY FORMS
PLEASE CONTACT
BECKY 0481 145 5842
OR EVENTS@NBC@GMAIL.COM

Proceeds to go towards the set up of a new local playgroup.
Proudly sponsored & supported by the following local businesses:
A Bunch of Cakes • Boom & Co • Candlepines Funeral Services • Borgs Cakes • Britt & Bec • Enchanted Years
Heavenly Bakes • Indira Spa • Octa Hair • Pelicans Landing • Popp Williams • Routleys • Sammy’s Bakehouse
The Backyard est 2016