Important Dates to put in the diary

Thursday 18th February    Preps Information Session 6.30pm—MPR
Monday 22nd February     School Council Meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday 24th February  No preps attend—appointments only
Thursday 25th February   Free dress day—fete donation
                        Preps & New Families Picnic 5.30pm—7.00pm
Friday 26th February     Interschool Sport—Away game
                        Icy Pole Day

Monday 29th February

Pupil free day

Wednesday 2nd March    No preps attend—appointments only
Friday 4th March       Interschool Sport—Away game
Thursday 10th March   2017 Prep Tour—10.00am
                        Parent Club Meeting 7.30 pm—MPR
Friday 11th March      Interschool Sport—Home game
                        Icy Pole Day
Friday 14th March      Public Holiday—Labour Day
Friday 18th March      Twilight Fete 3.30 pm—8.30 pm
                        Interschool Sport—Away

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

Sabrina, 1/2D
Miles, 1/2C
Xavier, Prep S
Laila, Prep S
Madeleine, 1/2D
Omar, 3/4M
Ayah, Prep P
Finley, 5/6S
Alex, 5/6W
Lucy, 1/2S
Tex, 3/4M
Hamish, 3/4S
Rayan, 5/6W
Gideon, 1/2O
Leo, 3/4G

AWARDS

Congratulations to following award winners.

Eina, 1/2D
Mia, 5/6W
Ben, 5/6L
Ben, 1/2O
Jasper, 3/4M
Will, 3/4S
Joey, 3/4N
Jack, 1/2O
Dylan, 5/6S
James, 5/6M
Amy, 1/2S
Lola, Prep L

Eleni, 1/2R
Bailey, Prep L
Chloe, 3/4G
Imogen, 3/4N
Jane, 1/2D

Tahir, 5/6L
Max, 3/4S
Jake, Prep P
Annalise, 3/4M
Henry, Prep S
Miles, 1/2C
Darcy, 1/2S
Marcus, 3/4G

FETE COUNTDOWN— 4 WEEKS
Dear Parents,

School Camp - Place together 78 wonderful and enthusiastic children, 8 very hard working teachers and education support staff, a fantastic beach front environment and a program of fun and awesome activities including surfing, marine discovery, beach hiking etc, and you have the Yr. 5/6 school camp to Phillip Island. We all returned last Friday afternoon very tired and exhausted but we had a fantastic time and a great camp.

Many thanks to the staff that all worked tirelessly all day and all night to ensure your children were safe, cared for and had an unforgettable camp.

At Newport Lakes we have a comprehensive camping program in the upper school. In Yrs. 3/4 we begin with camps to the Lady Northcote Camp in Bacchus Marsh and to Anglesea Beach Camp every alternate year and then in Yr. 5/6 the children have the opportunity of attending the Lake Dewar Outdoor Adventure camp and the Phillip Island Beach Discovery camp over the 2 years.

All camps are owned and operated by the YMCA group, we utilise the YMCA trained staff for the adventure activities (eg. Surfing, Flying Fox, Ropes Courses, etc), we have a sequential outdoor activities curriculum for Yrs. 3-6 and all camps are fully accredited.

If you need any further information on the school’s camp program please discuss with your class teacher or myself.

Interschool Sport  This week the Yr. 5 & 6 students will begin our participation in a new interschool sports competition in a new district. In previous years we have participated in sports competitions with the smaller schools in the nearby areas, mostly in a ‘round robin’ style competition. This was a suitable format whilst we were a small school but as we have grown we believe a competitive ‘weekly’ competition will be more challenging and engaging for our students.

It will also mean that all of the Yr. 5 & 6 children will be able to participate each week and there will be a greater opportunity to learn new skills and improve their knowledge and ability in a selected sport in a competitive school competition.

As we will be competing against larger schools we will no longer be the ‘big fish in the little pond’ and as such being ‘Victorious’ at the Interschool carnivals may no longer be a common occurrence. But we believe that we still will be able to ‘hold our own’ and the benefits of engagement, participation in a challenging and fair competition, building of team spirit and pride and the learning and improving of skills will be some of the excellent benefits arising from the new competition.

This week we begin the competition by hosting Newport Gardens at home in the summer sports of Basketball, Volleyball, Hot Shot Tennis, T-20 Cricket and Softball. The sports will be conducted at school and at the nearby Ducrow and Hoffman Reserves. Parents are most welcome to come along and watch and support the children but must display good sports behaviour. The following week all the Yr. 5 & 6 students and staff will be travelling away to Williamstown PS.

Information Sessions  There has been very good attendance at all our Information sessions that have been conducted this week. Feedback from parents has been extremely positive and the sessions have been an excellent means of assisting parents to gain a better understanding of what has been happening in the classrooms. The sessions have also given parents an insight into the many different activities that will happen this year and how they can be involved in their child’s learning and how they can assist their child at home.
Similar feedback was received from our new Prep parents about the ‘Prep Coffee Chats’ on Literacy, Numeracy and the excellent specialist programs we conduct at Newport Lakes Primary School. The powerpoint from each of the Team’s presentations will be available on the school website.

Parent Teacher Interviews  Parent Teacher Interviews will be conducted for all year levels on Wednesday 9th March between 2-7pm. Bookings for all classroom and specialist teachers will once again be conducted online. Instructions on where, when and how to make your online booking for parent teacher interviews will be sent home next week with every child.

Pupil Free Days  Parental feedback informed us that as much prior notice as possible of the school’s pupil free days was very important for many parents in planning supervision for their children. We now set these dates on the front of every newsletter. The dates for 2016 are:
- Monday February 29
- Tuesday April 26
- Monday August
- Monday Oct 31

ANAPHYLAXIS
We are asking your help to support the children in our school who are at risk of anaphylaxis.

What is anaphylaxis?
Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life threatening. It is a diagnosed medical condition and must be treated as a medical emergency, requiring urgent medical attention and treatment.

Anaphylaxis affects the entire body. It occurs after exposure to an allergen (for example nuts or dairy), to which a person is already extremely sensitive. It results in potentially life threatening symptoms, which include:
- difficult/noisy breathing
- swelling of tongue
- swelling/tightness in throat
- difficulty talking and/or hoarse voice
- wheeze or persistent cough
- loss of consciousness and/or collapse
- pale and floppy (in young children)

No two people are the same in the way their body reacts and allergic reactions can differ each time. Anaphylaxis is unpredictable, frightening and is potentially life threatening.

Steady increase in incidence of anaphylaxis
Over recent years we have seen a steady increase in the number of children at our school with anaphylaxis. This is reflected in the general community where Australia has one of the highest prevalences of allergic disorders in the developed world.

We currently have 9 students living with anaphylaxis and research indicates that this number will continue to increase in the future.

In previous years, the allergens have been mostly nuts, predominantly peanuts but also other forms of nuts including walnuts, hazelnuts, brazil nuts, coconuts, cashews and pecan. This year we have children who have life threatening allergies to nuts, sesame and eggs.
**Risk minimisation**

At Newport Lakes Primary School we do not have a policy of banning foods but rather endeavour to educate teachers, students, parents and our school community on anaphylaxis and also seek their co-operation to exclude or limit allergens into the school environment. This is also the advice we have received from Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia. If an allergen is brought into the classroom, procedures are in place to avoid any contamination or contact with the anaphylactic child. However, the simple matter is if we minimise the risk of the child coming into contact with an allergen, the less chance they have of having an anaphylactic reaction.

**Our response**

All staff receive training twice a year and comprehensive action plans are in place for students suffering from anaphylaxis.

All classes have had lessons about anaphylaxis and the children are aware if there is child is in their class with an allergy. The children have also discussed how they can assist in making their classroom and school a safer and inclusive place to come to each day.

The school will also continue to inform and educate parents by placing notices in the school newsletter and sending home letters to families notifying them if there is a student in their child's grade that has an anaphylaxis condition to a certain food.

**How parents can help**

We ask you to support children in our school at risk of anaphylaxis by:

- teaching your child not to share food with friends
- encouraging your child to wash their hands after eating
- Speaking to your child's teachers and labelling all food that you send to school for special events (for eg birthdays, fetes).

As mentioned, at NLPS we do not have a policy of banning foods but we do seek your assistance to exclude or limit allergens (for example peanuts, tree nuts, shellfish, dairy etc) into the work area of the child with anaphylaxis. This means we request you to not send your child to school with food items which have been identified and communicated to parents, as an allergen to a child in your child's work area.

This makes the classroom and school environment a safer place for every child in the class. We believe this is what every parent wants for every child in our school.

**More information**

If you require any further information on anaphylaxis please contact your child's teacher, the school office or the Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia (A&AA) website [http://www.allergyfacts.org.au/](http://www.allergyfacts.org.au/)

I hope you all have a good week.

David Moss
Principal
Personal Accident Insurance, Personal Property Insurance and Ambulance Cover

Parents are informed that the Education Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs incurred at school.

Student accident insurance policies are available from some commercial insurers. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare or private health insurance. They can be obtained by or by parents/guardians for individual students.

The Department cannot advise parents/guardians on whether to purchase a student accident policy/ambulance cover, or which policy to purchase. It is recommended that they seek assistance in this matter with their insurance broker or find a suitable personal accident insurer in the Yellow Pages or online.

Parents are also strongly recommend to take out family ambulance cover or check to see if it emergency ambulance assistance is covered under their health insurance.

Parents/guardians and staff are also reminded that the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, ipads, toys and sporting equipment.

As the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property students and staff should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

PARENT HELPERS IN PREP – 2 CLASSROOMS 2016  LAST CHANCE

If you would like to volunteer to help our Prep-2 teachers during the reading hour throughout the year then please sign the form below to attend our last induction session facilitated by Janet Gill. Parents will need to attend the induction in order to assist in classrooms. We have a record of all parents who have attended our previous inductions, so if you attended one of those you will not need to attend our 2016 induction. We look forward to developing the home-school partnership as part of this initiative.

FRIDAY 26TH MARCH

Parent name: _________________________________  Child/ren name & Class _____________________

I will attend the above Parent Helper Induction Session.
School Council Elections

At this time of year elections are held for parent and staff representatives on school council. This year there are five parent representative vacancies for school council. Four due to the end of current term and one due to mid-term retirement. The successful candidates are elected to council for the next two years and the end date of their membership will be March 2018 and one will be for a one year term.

Each year half of the positions on the council expire. The ‘retiring’ parent councilors are Leonie Newey, Louise Du Chesne, Mark Arapakis and Kylie Halarakis and Hamish McGill (mid term). The retiring teacher councilors are Carol Martins and Leisha Liddell.

All ‘retiring’ councilors are eligible to re-nominate providing they either still have children attending the school or are still members of staff.

Parents are able to nominate themselves for School Council or nominate another parent of the school.

Any parent wishing to nominate for School Council is requested to collect a nomination form from the main office. School Council has an important role in the developing of school policy, managing school finances, developing the school’s strategic plan and annual implementation plan, acting as a conduit on a wide range of school issues and developing interests and support of school programs, initiative and events.

This year the School Council will usually meet on the third Monday evening of the month. All in all, it is an important and rewarding role. If you would like to discuss any aspect of school council please contact David Moss or one of our current school councilors. The office can put you in contact with a councilor at your request or you can find further details on the school website.

Schedule 4       Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Newport Lakes Primary School. Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4 pm on Friday 26th February 2016. The ballot (if required) will close at 4 pm on Tuesday 15th March 2016.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows –

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If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.
Onpsych—Psychology Service at school

Early intervention in social, emotional and behavioural problems may make a positive difference to a child’s future. We provide effective, independent psychological support, at school. If a child qualifies under Medicare guidelines and is referred by a GP, Paediatrician, or Psychiatrist, they can use this service at no cost. The service is completely confidential. Please contact Janet Gill or the school office if you require any further information.

Parents

Parents help their children from the moment they are born. Sometimes, a child will face problems that parents don’t understand and have trouble helping them with. Many parents know the pain of being a parent and feeling unable to help their child. This can leave parents feeling powerless.

As a parent, you are never powerless.

Children learn skills every day that help them succeed in life. At school, they learn many skills such as numeracy, literacy, artistic, physical and social skills. Some children learn at a fast rate and some at a slow rate. When a student falls behind, schools provide intensive teaching to remediate slow learning rates in literacy and numeracy. Children also learn social, cognitive and emotional skills. If children are not developing these vital skills, psychologists can help them with intensive skill development activities.

Seeking help from onPsych in these situations can be of great benefit to parents and their child.

Frequently Asked Questions
What are the benefits of my child seeing onPsych?

onPsych staff are experts in their field. They offer professional help with simple problems like making friends to complex issues of mental health issues, such as:

- Dealing with bullying
- Fears, phobias & anxiety
- Behaviour problems at home and at school
- Self-harm, alcohol & substance abuse
- Depression
- Managing anger
- Attention deficit & hyperactivity
- Social skills
- Eating disorders
- Grief and loss,
- Divorce
- Common disabilities such as:
  - Hearing impairment,
  - Sight impairment,
  - Deaf/blindness,
  - Down syndrome,
  - Fragile X syndrome,
  - Cerebral palsy,
  - Autism.

OnPsych also offers individual/group skills training:

- Communication skills
- Problem solving
- Anxiety/Stress management
- Anger management
- Negotiation skills
- Relaxation
- Social skills training
- Bully proofing
- Motivation
- Parenting
Fete Sponsorship announcements.....

We would like to thank the following businesses for their Sponsorship support

Gold Sponsors

IGA
Cellarbrations
HIGH VOLTAGE ROCK SCHOOL

Silver Sponsors

Commonwealth Bank
fernwood
MAPA
hunter french real estate

Please make sure you support the above businesses who are supporting our Fete
Main Stage Performances

The Fete Committee with Chris Philips’ assistance, have been working extremely hard on configuring the stage performers for the Fete, and we are now delighted to announce the following acts:

- Kai (aka Oddball the dog) and trainer Luke
- Newport Lakes PS Choir / Music Band
- Indonesian Dancers
- MAPA dance troupe
- Fernwood Fitness demo
- Victorian Scottish Pipe Band
- Hobsons Bay Band
- The Angelicats
ATTENTION NEWPORT LAKES MAKERS!
Tired of yearning for the fame and glory your talents deserve? Sick of wondering, “Am I really as awesome as I think I am?” Why not let the people of Newport Lakes Primary School decide?

The BEST IN SHOW competition will be held on fete day in the multipurpose room (MPR). Entry forms (see end of newsletter) and a $2 per entry fee is now available and can be submitted and paid to the front office prior to the Fete with your entry item to be delivered to the MPR on the morning of the Fete.

Prizes will be awarded by popular vote (gold coin donation to vote), in the categories of:
- “Consuming Passions” (Homebaked and food design)
- “Artsy Fartsy” (Craft, Art, Sewing, Woodwork and Photography)
- “Just Plain Quirky” (everything else)

Each of the above categories will have prizes award for the following age groups:
- Prep – Grade 2
- Grade 3 – 6
- Open

The overall winner will be awarded the coveted title of “BEST IN SHOW”.

...AND FOR THOSE OF YOU CREATIVELY CHALLENGED:
We are looking for donations of prizes for each of age groups in each category (9 in total) and an overall prize for Best In Show, such as art and craft materials/kits, cookware or platters, picture frames or gift vouchers.

Please contact Alicia at aliciajeanking@yahoo.co.uk if you have something to donate. Get those thinking caps on and make sure you come and vote on fete day!

Best in Show Entry Form - $2 per entry

Name(s): ..........................................................  Contact No. ..........................................................

Class(es): ..........................................................

1 Entry slip per person. Each person may submit multiple entries but each item can only be entered into 1 category/age group

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Cash payment $.................................. Enclosed.
Please bring your entry to the multipurpose room on the day of the fete
Limited edition 160th Birthday Aprons on sale now!

The new limited edition 160th Birthday celebration aprons are now on sale at the front office for $20. Please come in to the front office to see them on display!

We would love to see the all volunteers wearing one of these at the school fete!!

Be quick as there is only limited stock available!

Payment slip attached at end of the newsletter

All day Show Ride Wristbands on sale now!

Giant Slide, Jumping Castle, Chair-o-plane and The Cyclone! The best show rides in
town are coming to the Newport Lakes PS Twilight Fete. You can Pre-Purchase
All Day Unlimited Show Ride Wristbands for $25 NOW at the front office.

(this price is valid until Thursday 17th March 2016 – Fete Day is $30!)

See payment slip at end of newsletter

Online Stall Volunteer Booking System now open!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! The Newport Lakes Primary School Twilight Fete will take place on Friday 18th March 2016 from 3:30pm to 8:00 p.m. (although we will need volunteers all throughout the day assisting with set up / food preparation etc). We are asking all parents to assist by volunteering for at least one hour on a stall. This is the biggest event on the school calendar, and for the Fete to run smoothly we need the support of ALL families.

We welcome Dads and Grandparents/relatives to assist as well. Specifically it would be great to have Dads assist with morning set-up before the Fete begins or evening clean-up after the Fete. (Maybe even ask the boss for the day off for a great cause?). In addition, we would love to see some Masterchefs in the making behind our BBQ stall, Falafal stall, Chicken kebab stall, or other food stalls.

Please log onto www.schoolinterviews.com.au and use the code XJ4GM
Please make sure you provide your email address and phone number

Thank you for supporting the 2016 NLPS Twilight Fete. If you have questions please contact Michelle Kinniburgh on 0452 192 409 or mtkinniburgh@gmail.com
Stalls that require donations...

The following stalls will be relying on the general school community to assist with donations of items for their stall. Please start to think about what you can assist with.

**Lucky Jar** - please start saving your empty (& clean) jam/vegemite/pasta jars (ie 400-600ml) with lids... Also, start collecting trinkets, small gifts to go in the jars for the Mystery / Luck Jar stall (bring in on Free Dress Day Thursday 25th February)

![Image of jars]

**2nd Hand Books** - Books, Books and more Books
Good quality Baby/toddler books, pre schoolers, tween, adult, fiction, non fiction, educational, cookery, novels, paperback – any books!
(please note we are not accepting any soft teddys, puzzles, toys, games, clothes, electrical or homewares – just BOOKS)

![Image of books]

**Plants & Flowers** – Green Thumbs get your seedlings started now....
Potted flowers, herbs, seedlings, veggies...
(Bring in on Fete Day!)

![Image of plants]

**2nd Hand Uniform** – New Year, new size?
Clean out your children's school uniform stash
(Effective immediately drop directly to school front office)

![Image of uniform]

**Craft** – knitting, bookmarks, bunting, bags, lace, jewellery, beads, cards, hair clips/ headbands, candles, soaps, painting, frames....

Also requiring donations of craft materials felt, art card / paper, beads, fabric, buttons, trim, ribbon,

![Image of crafts]

**Lollies, Sweets, Cakes, Jams and Baked Goods** – Rum Balls, Banana Cake, Carrot Cake, Toffee Apples, Homemade Apricot Jam, Anzac Biscuits, Homemade Chutney/Relish, Fudge, Rocky Road, Shortbread, Gingerbread, Lamingtons, Hummingbird Cake, bags of mixed lollies, TeaCups, Honey Joys, Chocolate Crackles and even the good old Cupcake - the list is endless.... Simple or Classic or Modern or throw out the rule book, whatever takes your fancy....

Don't forget to make sure you include a list of the ingredients (No Fresh Cream and no Custard Please!) and also it would be great if we could get some goods already pre-packed into 2 / 4 / 6 items etc.
(and please make sure these are delivered to the school on the morning of the Fete!!!)

![Image of cakes]

We will be asking for these donations to be brought into school from February onwards... so start collecting now!

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
PAYMENT SLIP

- Limited Edition 160th Birthday Celebrations Aprons $20 each
- Pre-Purchase All Day Unlimited Show Ride Wristbands $25 each ($30 on Fete day)
  (Please note: wristbands will be given out on the day of the Fete)

Parent Name: .................................................................................................................. Contact No. ..........................................................................................................................

Child Name .............................................. Class:............. Child Name ......................................................... Class:..........

Child Name .............................................. Class:............. Other children ...............................................................

I would like to order  □ All Day Unlimited Show Ride Wristbands @ $25 each, total $_____
I would like to order  □ Limited Edition 160th Birthday Apron @ $20 each, total $_____

Total payment $........................................... Cash Enclosed, Or Credit Cards Details Below...

Card Number: ..........................................................

Expiry: ______/_______  Visa: □  Mastercard: □  Amount: $_______

Signature: ______________________________        Transaction minimum $10

FRIDAY 18TH MARCH @ 7.30PM

the Angelicats

AT THE
NEWPORT LAKES PRIMARY SCHOOL
TWILIGHT FETE

JOIN US for a GREAT TWILIGHT OF music
District Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday, the 16th of February, twenty-eight of our students from grades 3-6 went to the outdoor Olympic Pool in Werribee to complete in the District Swimming Carnival. Despite the cool weather, our swimmers competed with a smile on their face and represented the school extremely well against some tough competition.

We will notify any students shortly if they have qualified for the Division Swimming Championships which is due to take place in early March.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the parents who ensured our swimmers were at the Footscray VUT pool for our early morning swimming sessions and trials and for helping out with breakfast for our hungry students once they returned to school.

SCHOOL BANKING UPDATE

If you would like your child to be part of the School Banking Program but do not yet have an account, you can go into any branch of the Commonwealth Bank and open a YOUTHSAVER ACCOUNT. You will need your child's birth certificate, and 100 points of identification for yourself, including photo ID eg Driver's Licence.

Please note that accounts can also be opened for siblings not yet at school and sent along with a current student.

Please also note, when a Public Holiday or School Curriculum day falls on a Monday, School Banking will be done on a Tuesday for that week only. The next Curriculum day is Monday 29th February, so School Banking will be done on Tuesday 1st March for that week.

If you have any questions about the program, please do not hesitate to contact the School Banking Co-ordinators (Parent Representatives):

Daria Hewitt: 0402 329 611 or darianick@gmail.com
Katrina Gowans on 0412 995 062 or markkatrina@optusnet.com.au
Allana Arapakis: 0400 113 333 or aarapakis@optusnet.com.au
Each teaching team spent an hour working and learning with Melbourne-based international educator Kath Murdoch last week.

The following is an excerpt from Kath Murdoch’s latest book ‘The Power Of Inquiry – Teaching & Learning with Curiosity, Creativity and Purpose In The Contemporary Classroom’.

**CORE PRINCIPLES GUIDING THE INQUIRY TEACHER’S PRACTICE**

**OWNERSHIP** Learning is an active process of construction (not reproduction) and is enhanced when each learner has a voice in, and can make real choices about, their learning.

**INTEREST** Providing opportunities for learners to identify and explore their own interests, beliefs and questions promotes deeper engagement.

**REFLECTION** Learners benefit from continual reflection on and through the learning process. Self-knowledge and metacognition enhance learning and build self-efficacy.

**PURPOSE** Learning should be guided by real purposes and situated in authentic contexts.

**PRIOR LEARNING** Learning is more powerful when the learner can make connections between the new and the known – where there is recognition of their prior knowledge.

**TRANSFER** Learning is powerful and useful when we can transfer it to, and make connections with, other contexts. It is important to know how learning connects to a bigger picture.

**COLLABORATION** Cooperation, interaction and mutual respect enhance opportunities for learning. We learn from and with others.

**RESILIENCE** Emotional resilience, a positive self-image and a ‘growth mindset’ help the learner set and work towards challenging goals and learn from mistakes.

**TIME** Deeper learning requires adequate time for investigation, processing and creating, and communicationg learning. In inquiry, *less is more*.

**FEEDBACK** The learner should be given continual and specific support, guidance and feedback to take their understanding and skills further.

**ENVIRONMENT** Learning environments (physical and emotional) should promote care, curiosity, flexibility and independence.

**OPENNESS** Learning should be approached with openness, flexibility and curiosity.

**JOY** Learning – even when challenging and difficult- should be invigorating and joyous and feed the desire to do and learn more.
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
• $125 for primary school students
• $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
WILLIAMSTOWN JUNIORS

MEET AND GREET

SUN FEB 28 10AM - 12PM
BAYSIDE COLLEGE
BAYVIEW STREET, WILLIAMSTOWN

WITH THE PLANNED INTRODUCTION OF UNDER 8’S & A GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM.
WE ARE HOLDING AN INFORMAL “MEET & GREET BBQ MORNING” AT THE CLUBROOMS FOR
NEW FAMILIES AND OF COURSE ANY GIRLS / FAMILIES THAT ARE ALREADY INVOLVED IN THE CLUB THAT WOULD
LIKE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT GIRLS / FEMALE FOOTBALL.

EVERYONE WELCOME - EVEN IF YOU HAVE NEVER PLAYED FOOTBALL BEFORE - WE ARE NOT LOOKING FOR
SUPERSTARS OF THE GAME.....WE ARE LOOKING FOR KIDS THAT WANT TO HAVE FUN AND FAMILIES THAT ARE
KEEN TO JOIN ONE OF THE LARGEST JUNIOR SPORTS CLUBS IN HOBSON’S BAY

• EVENT OPEN FOR ANY AGE FROM 8 - 17 - BOYS & GIRLS • AUSKICK INFORMATION / REGISTRATION ALSO AVAILABLE
• COME ALONG AND MEET THE COACHES & COMMITTEE
• HAVE A KICK & JOIN IN THE HANDBALL COMP • REGISTER ON THE DAY FOR THE 2016 SEASON
• INFORMATION ABOUT VOLUNTEERING WITH THE CLUB AVAILABLE! WE PLAN TO HAVE A NUMBER OF CURRENT
SENIOR / JUNIOR FEMALE FOOTBALLERS ON THE DAY RUNNING A MINI CLINIC

NEW TEAMS IN 2016 - UNDER 8’S - GIRLS FROM 10-16

#GIRLS PLAY TOO


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Happy Birthday
Heavy Harry

Meet Heavy Harry. Harry lives at the Newport Railway Museum Champion Rd, Newport. He is the largest engine of his type made in Newport and he is now 75 years old!

Let's keep Heavy Harry in good shape!

GUIDED TOURS of the trains;
SAUSAGES AND VEGIE burgers;
CAKE STALL; DRINKS on sale

Join us at the Newport Railway Museum in Champion Road Newport on 20 February from 12.00 – 4.00pm.

Normal museum admission charges apply.

A Lions Club of Williamstown Community Project supporting the Australian Railway Historical Society.
Contact williamstownlions@gmail.com
LIBRARIES & YOUTH SERVICES
PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

CYBERSMART -
INTERNET SAFETY AWARENESS

THURSDAY 3 MARCH 2016

Young people today are immersed in digital technologies. They use the internet and mobile phones to socialise, study, exchange ideas and play. While online activity has many benefits, there are also risks.

To help your children stay safe online we are hosting a Cybersmart Outreach - Internet Safety Awareness presentation provided by the Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner as part of a national program of Cybersmart Initiatives.

This free presentation is for parents and carers, conducted by Cybersmart trainer Greg Gebhart, and will cover:

- the role of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner
- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, identity theft, inappropriate contact and exposure
- tips to help children stay safe online

ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR

Thursday 3 March 2016
6.45pm to 8.30pm
with a 7pm start

Williamstown Library
104 Ferguson St Williamstown

BOOKINGS

via the library website or phone 1300 462 542
http://libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au
Newport Power Football Club would like to invite boys and girls from Newport and surrounds to

Junior Football Club Registration Day and Pre-Season Kick Off on Sunday February 21 from 10am to 12pm.

It will be an opportunity to meet the coaches, participate in some skills clinics and ask any questions you may have.

Registration can be completed online ahead of this day. More information about this day and the registration link can be found on Newport Powers TeamAPP [https://newportpowerfootballclub.teamapp.com](https://newportpowerfootballclub.teamapp.com).

For any further queries please contact:

David Grubits - administrator@newportpowerjfc.com.au OR 0411 659 140

Newport Power Junior Football Club will be accepting registrations for teams in the following age groups - Under 8, Under 9, Under 10, Under 11, Under 12, Under 13, Under 14, Under 15, Under 17, Girls Youth Team

We look forward to seeing you at the home of Newport Power

*Bryan Martyn Oval 40-58 Market St, Newport VIC 3015*

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**Interested in netball?**

We will soon be organising our teams for the Winter Season at Altona Netball Stadium which starts in Term 2. We are recruiting players of all ages from 9/u to 17/u. If your child wants to be part of a great local club we would love to see them at WJNC. Please contact Nicki Bokma – 0411 043 950 for further details.

Our introductory Net-Set-Go programme is also up and running for 6-9 year olds - contact Cheryl Forbes 0426 949 520.