Important Dates to put in the diary

Friday 2nd September  Father’s Day Breakfast
                     Premiers Reading Challenge closes
Saturday 3rd September Newport Community Hub Open Day 10am—1pm
Monday 5th September  School Council meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday 7th September Grade 6—Newport Community Hub Project Rocket
Friday 9th September  Final day for Grade 3/4 Camp Deposit payment
                     Prep Breakfast at school
Thursday 15th September School Production ‘Little Prince’
Friday 16th September  Last day of term—2.30pm dismissal
                     Footy Colours Day
Monday 3rd October  Frist day of term 4
Thursday 20th October Cyber Safety Parent Session—6.30pm MPR
Friday 31st October  Walk-a-thon

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

Will, 3/4S
Lucas, 1/2D
Elena, 5/6M
Ruby, 5/6L
Finn, 5/6W
Renee, Prep S
Mac, 1/2S
Imran, 3/4H
Lenny, Prep P
Owen, 5/6S
James, 3/4N
Sam, 3/4N
Mia, Prep P
Chloe, 5/6L
Saadiya, 5/6L
Sam, 3/4G
Sumaya, 1/2R
Max, 3/4S
Venu, 3/4M
Otto, 3/4M
Ella, Prep P
Katherine, 5/6S
Alex, 5/6M

AWARDS

Congratulations to the following award winners.

Tom, Prep S,  Ana, Prep P  Will, 1/2R
Mali, 1/2O  Alex, 3/4H  Betul, 3/4G
Ebru, 5/6W  Ollie, 5/6W  Liam, 5/6M
Zara, Prep P  Charlotte, Prep L,  Thomas, Prep S
Ruby, 1/2R  Dex, 1/2O  Sam, 1/2S
Ashton, 1/2C  Eden, 1/2C  Lola, 3/4G
Waled, 3/4G  James, 5/6M  Arki, 5/6S
Harry, 5/6L  Finn, 5/6W

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

What a busy two-and-a-bit weeks we have left this term!

**Father’s Day Breakfast**
We are looking forward to another wonderful Newport Lakes Primary School community event tomorrow morning when we celebrate our dads and the other important men in our lives with a yummy breakfast before school. It should be a lot of fun and we hope all the dads have a very special day on Sunday too!

**Community Hub**
On Saturday morning at 10am our school concert band members have a very exciting ‘gig’. They will be performing at the brand new Newport Community Hub at 13 Mason St. This community facility features a library, youth lounge, maternal and child health services, music recording studio and much more! We hope to see many of our families there tapping their feet in time to the terrific music that our band will play.

**The Little Prince Performance**
Only 14 sleeps to go! The excitement is building as we get closer to our bi-annual school performance being held at the Williamstown Town Hall on Thursday 15th September. Rehearsals are in full swing and tickets are being snapped up. As it will be quite a long and busy day for our students (rehearsal at the town hall all day, followed by the performance that evening) it is really important for them to get as much sleep as they can on Wednesday night and even on the Monday and Tuesday nights if possible, so they have plenty of energy for the performance and have the chance to fully enjoy the experience.

Make sure you purchase your tickets by tomorrow as any unsold tickets will be offered as additional tickets to families after Friday 2nd September.

If you have not received a note about your child’s costume requirements for *The Little Prince* please ask your child’s teacher or contact the school office or Kylie Halarakis. A list of costume requirements will also be available on the website shortly.

**Hobsons Bay Junior Council**

Several weeks ago I had the pleasure of taking three of our delightful Year 6 students to the monthly junior council meeting run by the City Of Hobsons Bay Council. Jenson, Alex and Finn were amongst about 60 students from local schools who were asked to share their ideas regarding how the council can encourage people to be more active – with a particular focus on getting students and families to ride or walk to school more often. They did drawings and participated in discussions and also had the chance to present their ideas to all the other participants, including the mayor of Hobsons Bay, Councillor Peter Hemphill. Alex, Finn and Jenson were presented with a certificate to acknowledge their contributions to the master plan that the council will develop in the near future.
Architect consultation

Today we have a unique opportunity to have input into the master plan for our school building project ($3 million government grant). Students, teachers, admin staff and parents have the opportunity to let the architects know the sorts of ideas we would like them to consider when designing our future school. It’s not too late – the architects are consulting with the community from 3.35pm in the school library this afternoon. All ideas welcome! Come along and have your suggestions heard.

Resilience – one of Newport Lakes Primary School’s important values!

Psychologist Michael Grose has this to say about resilience:

Some kids are resilient by nature – their temperament helps them to be mentally and psychologically tough. You know those kids. They get straight back up after a setback or disappointment. Rejection in the playground doesn’t faze them. Unfortunately not every child has such natural resilience.

The good news is that most of the research shows that resilience can be nurtured and developed, particularly when parents themselves are resilient and they actively foster it in their kids.

Resilient kids share four basic skill sets – independence, problem-solving, optimism and social connection.

Building resilience

From a resilience perspective parents need to coach kids through some of their more challenging moments and review what they may have learned for next time. Avoid solving all their problems for them.

You can promote a sense of resilience in your kids by:

1. Having a positive attitude yourself. Your attitude as a parent impacts on their ability to bounce back from some of the difficulties they face. Make sure you model a ‘you can do it’ attitude for your child when s/he meets some of life’s curve balls.

2. Look for teachable moments. Many kids’ learning opportunities are disguised as problems. Make the most of these opportunities so that kids can grow and learn from some of the challenges they face.

3. Make kids active participants in the family. Active participation in the family develops the self-help, problem-solving and independence skills of kids that are necessary for resilience.

4. Build kids’ coping skills. There are plenty of strategies you can pass on to kids to help them cope when life doesn’t go their way, including acceptance, getting away for awhile, and normalisation.

Promoting resilience in kids is not a single event but a continuous process that requires adults to be supportive and empathetic when things don’t go their way. It also requires you as a parent to have an understanding of resilience, so you have faith in yourself and your child’s ability to cope.

Want more resilience-building ideas?

You’ll get plenty of great resilience-building ideas and parenting advice at Parentingideas Club.

I hope this advice is helpful...

Have a great week everyone! See you all at The Little Prince!

Janet Gill
Acting Principal
The web is a great place to learn, be creative and stay connected, but with one in seven young Australians found to be suffering from cyber bullying, and the many other challenges young people face online, it’s important that we invest in giving our Newport Lakes Primary School children the skills they need to be responsible digital citizens.

Be sure to talk to your child next week about the discussions they will be involved in about being smart, safe and responsible online!

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. Parents are asked to check the name on your child’s clothing, it may be that you have taken home the wrong jumper.
As a prelude to our school production on Thursday 15th September at The Williamstown Town Hall, we have include a short synopsis. The children having been working hard this week on rehearsals at the school and the show is looking great!

THE LITTLE PRINCE - A SYNOPSIS

The play is told through a narrator. In our adaptation we have two narrators - the young child and the older adult version. The narrator is a pilot and his plane crashes in the desert. There he meets The Little Prince. Our play has 8 different children playing the part of The Little Prince.

The narrator is stranded in the desert for 8 days. Over this time The Little Prince recalls the story of his life. We learn of the planet the Little Prince is from, Asteroid B-612, and then we meet the Rose.

We learn that the The Little Prince decides to leave his planet and go on a journey.

The Little Prince then travels through space exploring 6 other planets each inhabited by a different type of grown up, all obsessed with meaningless tasks. He then lands on Earth.

On Earth he meets the Fox, in our adaptation there are two foxes. The Little Prince and the Foxes become friends.

The Little Prince then returns to his home planet.

This coincides with the narrator having fixed his plane and so being able to also return home.
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.

**LOST BIKE SPEEDO**

A student has lost a speedo from his bike. If you have found one could you please contact the office.

**SPORT NEWS**

**ASSDA Summer Sports Finals**

On Friday, 26th August, our Boys' Volleyball team went out to Altona Primary School to compete in the District Summer Finals. Our boys qualified for the volleyball finals by finishing in first place in their group back in Term One.

The boys played three matches in total, beating Altona PS and Williamstown North PS 2 sets to 1. They were defeated by St. Mary’s Altona 1 set to 2.

Overall, the team finished in second place and only just missed out on first place by one set. Congratulations to the team and James Munro for being great ambassadors for the school. A big thank-you to Fiona Roake, Denise Caruso and Liz McNamara for driving the boys to and from the venue.

The soccer team (1st place) and volleyball team (runners-up) will be provided with their pennants at the District Athletics Carnival on Tuesday, 6th September.

**ICAS Writing Results**

The certificates will be presented at assembly tomorrow – Friday, August 2nd.

A **High Distinction** certificate was received for:

**Year 4** Hannah

**Credit** certificates were received for:

**Year 4** James, Zali & Elisabeth

We also received 2 merit and 8 participation certificates.

**Congratulations to all the participants on your achievements!**
Rewarding regular savers with spectacular prizes.

We’re bringing the exciting news that Prize Lights have appeared in the Outback sky, and the Dollarmites are giving students who demonstrate regular savings behaviour the chance to win spectacular prizes.

How to enter

Students must simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 for a chance to win one of the Star Saver prizes, including camping kits, instant cameras and magazine packs.

What’s more, students who complete the fun Stargazing online activity, along with making three or more school Banking deposits during Term 3, will also go in the separate draw to win one of the Supernova prizes – a PlayStation 4 pack. Students can complete the Stargazing activity online at any time during Term 3 by visiting commbank.com.au/prizelights.

Win a bag of sports equipment for your school

We’re also giving schools participating in the School Banking program a chance to win one of 75 bags full of sports equipment, valued at $200, when students make three School Banking deposits during Term 3.

To complete the Stargazing activity, or to find out more, visit commbank.com.au/prizelights

Things you should know: Conditions apply. See commbank.com.au/prizelights. Promotion starts 9:30am EST/UTC+10, and ends 11:59pm EST/UTC+10. Student/Bank/Entry is open to all Australian customers aged 5-15 only. A entry per customer per term. Terms and conditions apply. See commbank.com.au/prizelights. There will be no prize sharing. Prize is a one-off draw for 50 camping kits valued at $234.50 each, 50 instant cameras valued at $114 each, and 200 6-month subscriptions to Total Girl or R-Zone magazine valued at $49.50 each, will be distributed amongst the Total Saver groups. The SANM store member at the Total Saver show will draw names in the public notice section of The Australian on 16/10/16. All winners' names will be published on commbank.com.au/prizelights on 16/10/16. Winners Below entry is open to all schools operating in Australia who participate in the School Banking program, and have at least 1 student entered into the Student Element of the promotion. Limit of 1 entry per school. Entries will be divided into the following Total Saver groups: NERWAC (Qld); NERWAC (SA); NERWAC (WA); NERWAC (NT); NERWAC (ACT); NERWAC (NT); NERWAC (Tas); NERWAC (Nth). Each of the prizes is limited to the value of $200 and winning school will be distributed amongst the Total Saver groups. All other terms and conditions at 12 noon EST/UTC+10 at Commonwealth Bank, Level 3, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. NCPC Permit No LPS/16/0532, ACT Permit No TP16/0548, SA Permit No 714774.
Get your kids outdoors!

A group of NLPS parents are starting an informal bushwalking group, to get our kids out and about. Kicking off in Term 4, our first walk is on Sunday October 16th in the You Yangs, followed by a shared picnic lunch. Note this is not an official school activity - it is generated by parents. For more information contact Molly on mollygaleza@gmail.com or look for "Friends of Elizabeth St School" on facebook.
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