Important Dates to put in the diary

Thursday 20th October  
Cyber Safety Parent Session—6.30pm MPR

Friday 21st October  
Topsy Turvy Day

Monday 24th October  
School Council Meeting—6.30pm

Wednesday 26th October  
Concert Band - Altona Children’s Day Picnic

Friday 28th October  
Final camp payment due

Monday 31st October  
Pupil Free Day—No School

Tuesday 1st November  
Public Holiday—No School

Friday 4th November  
Walk-a-thon

Monday 7th November— 
Indigenous Week

11th November

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

Lola, Prep L  
Alexander, 3/4H  
Leo, 1/2S

Tarquin, 3/4H  
Lila, 1/2S  
Macy, Prep P

Hudson, Prep P  
Miles, 3/4N  
Benjamin, 1/2D

Silvery Moon, 5/6L  
Bianca, 5/6M  
Mathew, 3/4M

Luca, 3/4S  
Arleigh, 5/6W  
Amy, 3/4G

AWARDS

Congratulations to the following award winners.

Joana, Prep P  
Kylah, Prep L  
Aurora, Prep S

James, 1/2R  
Jomana, 1/2O  
India, 1/2S

Max, 1/2S  
Alyssa, 1/2D  
Eden, 1/2C

Eva, 3/4S  
Tex, 3/4M  
Ryland, 3/4G

Jessie, 3/4N  
Inez, 5/6M  
Mohammed, 5/6L

Arleigh, 5/6W

Victoria Police Legacy Child Safety Handbook

The Child Safety Handbook has been produced by Victoria Policy Legacy. It aims to raise awareness about the risks to children and the steps that can be taken to protect them and keep them safe. A copy of this booklet will be provided to each prep grade student. There are a few spare copies at the office if any other families are interested.

Monday—31st October—Pupil Free Day
Dear Parents,

It has been another big start to the term with many events and activities happening in and around the school. The P-3 swimming program is currently being conducted with 120 children participating in this 10 day intensive swim and water safety program—well done to Terry Antoniadis and all the other staff involved in conducting this huge logistic event. Getting 120 children on the bus to the pool, changed into their swimming gear, participating in a small group swim lesson, changed back into their school clothes and then onto the bus and returning to school every day for 10 days in no easy task!!

We have also had a number of incursions to the school including two dance artists. 'Dance Jam' assisted with the Yr. /2 students on their Inquiry question – How can we show our feelings through art? and a world champion Hip Hop Dance Troupe comprising of 12 Philipino Street Kids displaying some very cool moves to the Yr.3-6 children.

The school had also 12 teams of Yr.5/6 students compete in the Solar Boat Challenge at Scienceworks last Saturday and this week there have been visits from Yr. 9 students from both Bayside Secondary College and Williamstown High School as part of Yr.9 Community Volunteer program presenting to our children.

2017 School Structure. As was mentioned in the last newsletter, we are currently planning the school structure for 2017.

During this week and next, students will be asked to select class friends they would like to be with next year. Although it is unlikely they will be with all their chosen friends, we will endeavour to ensure that they are with at least one friend. We recommend that parents may wish to discuss friendship arrangements with their children and to trust them in selecting positive and suitable classmates.

Parents are invited to inform the school if there is any information that they believe is important when considering the selection of next year’s class for their child. Parents are not able to request a particular class teacher for their child but rather inform the school of any information that would be beneficial or important in the selection of their 2017 grade. This request must be in writing, addressed to the Principal and can be made up until Thursday 27th October. Requests will be forwarded to the respective Team Leaders to assist the teachers when they are selecting the grades for the following year. All requests will be given consideration but no promises or guarantees.

Please note that requests made last year for previous years are not 'carried over' or considered for the 2017 grade selection.

If any parents believe that their child may be transferring to another school in 2017, it is very important to make the school aware of this information. Notification can be made directly to your child’s teacher or an email/ phone call to the school office.
**Capital Works Funding**  
A Masterplan for the school was presented to the School Council Facilities and Management sub committee (FAMS) at their meeting earlier this week. The committee recommended that the School Council endorse the plan including Stage 1 of the works.

This includes:

- Construction of 4 new General Purpose Classrooms (GPC's) in a two storey building with girls and boys toilets, lift and stair access and external covered ways
- Construction of new Multi-Purpose Hall (250m²) store, Music Room, Kitchenette, student and disabled toilets
- Demolition of existing 6 classroom wing in Block A - south, and
- Refurbishment of 2 classrooms in the existing 1920's red brick building.

The Masterplan will now be forwarded to the Department of Education Infrastructure for consideration and approval.

**Cyber Safety** - We have had an excellent response to this evenings Cyber Safety Presentation and look forward to seeing over 50 families in attendance. I'm sure we will all come away with some useful information and ideas to assist our children to be safe online.

I hope you all have a good week.

David Moss  
Principal

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**Education Sub-Committee Report**

The Education Sub-committee of the school council meets each month and is currently seeking feedback from parents about our written mid-year and end-of-year student reports. The questions we are considering are:

1. How do parents feel about the two written comments from classroom teachers?  
   a) What your child has achieved  
   b) Areas for future learning

2. How do parents feel about the A – E grading system?

3. How do parents feel about the ‘effort & behaviour’ section?

Any other feedback? ____________________________________________________________

We would welcome any suggestions and opinions and will take these into consideration when making final decisions about the content and format of our written reports to parents. Please direct any feedback to Janet Gill via the school email.
Western Metropolitan Region Athletics Championships

On Tuesday, 11th October, five of our students went to the athletics track in Keilor to participate in the Western Metropolitan Region Athletics Championships.

For the second consecutive year, Harry O won the high jump event for the 9/10 Boys, jumping 1.34m. Harry also qualified for the 9/10 Boys shot put final where he threw an impressive 8.86m and finished in 6th place overall.

Catrin W finished second in the 9/10 Girls long jump, jumping 3.66m in the final and she won a bronze medal in the triple jump with an impressive length of 7.56m.

Levi O narrowly missed the 11 Boys final in the 80m hurdles, finishing in eleventh place overall with a time of 15.07 seconds.

Leo S participated in the 9/10 Boys 800m race and ran well to finish with a time of 2 minutes and 46 seconds.

Griff W jumped an impressive 7.92m in the 11 Boys triple jump to finish in 13th place overall.

Congratulations to all five students for reaching this very high level of competition and good luck to Harry and Catrin in the State Finals which are due to take place on October 24th at the Lakeside Stadium Athletics Track in Albert Park.
The certificates will be presented at assembly tomorrow – Friday, October 21st.

**Distinction** certificates were received for:
- **Year 2** Gemma & Jane
- **Year 4** Archie & Hannah
- **Year 5** Finn

**Credit** certificates were received for:
- **Year 2** Ruby
- **Year 3** Will
- **Year 4** Miles & Daniel
- **Year 5** Tess, Harvey & Nicholas
- **Year 6** Lucy

A **Merit** certificate was received for:
- **Year 5** Harry

**Participation** certificates were received for:
- **Year 2** Emily & Bridie
- **Year 3** Nick
- **Year 4** Kiera, Zack & Zali
- **Year 5** Adam

**Congratulations to all participants. We are very proud of you!**
On Saturday 15th of October, twenty-six 5/6 students competed in the Victorian Solar Boat Challenge at Scienceworks. After months of preparation the day had finally come. It was warm and sunny, perfect for racing. Newport Lakes did extremely well in the first three races, and fortunately none of our boats capsized! Then came the nerve racking knock out rounds, if you didn't place first it was all over. The Wave (Caden, Dylan, Mohamed) and Swifty (Harvey, Griff, Emma, Tess) progressed to the final 16 boats which was a fantastic result considering there were over 100 boats competing. Well done to all competitors, you did our school proud.

Immy and Katherine 5/6S.
State Schools’ Relief Annual Fundraiser.

On Topsy Turvy Day all it takes is a gold coin and a back-to-front jumper to tackle disadvantage.

Help us to make sure your mates have the right stuff!

Children and teachers can join in by wearing either their school uniform or free dress clothes backwards, and donating a gold coin.

100% of donations goes directly to helping kids in Victoria.
Newport Lakes Adventurers

On Sunday 16 Oct a group of intrepid NLPS kids and parents set off on our first bushwalk in the You Yangs. We finished with barbequed sausages, rock scrambling and enthusiastic plans for our next adventure. The next walk is planned for Sunday 27 November. If you'd like to find out more, join the Friends of Elizabeth St School facebook group, or email Molly at mollygalea@gmail.com to join the mailing list.

NOTE: this is not an official school activity; we are a group of parents who are keen to get our kids enjoying the great outdoors.
The Newport Lakes Primary School Concert Band will be performing at 11.00am

CHILDREN’S WEEK
PICNIC

Wednesday
26 October
10am to 1pm

Logan Reserve, Corner Pier and Queen Street Altona

Enquiries: 9932 1000

Wet weather
In the event of wet weather the picnic will be held in Altona Library and surrounding halls. Updates will be made via Council’s social media and website.

Pack your picnic and bring your friends to the tenth annual Hobsons Bay City Council Children’s Week Picnic.

Children of all ages will be entertained with an array of free and fun activities including:

- Jumping castle
- Face painting
- Playgroup Victoria Pop-Up Playgroup
- Live entertainment
- Art and craft
- Storytime
- Animal farm
- African drumming
- Roving performers
- Kids’ Own Book Cubby
- Sausage sizzle and much more

2016 theme: Children have the right to reliable information from the media