Newport Lakes Primary School
THURSDAY 23RD JUNE, 2016

Important Dates to put in the diary

Thursday 23rd June
Parent Teacher Interviews 2—7pm

Friday 24th June
Last day of term—2.00pm Assembly - 2.30pm dismissal

Saturday 2nd July
Election BBQ & Cake Stall

Monday 11th July
First day of term 3

Tuesday 19th July
Parent Teacher Interviews—Mat Williamson & Leisha Liddell 3.50—6.30pm

Wednesday 20th July
Grade 5/6 Scienceworks Excursion

Thursday 21st July
Parent Teacher Interviews—Mat Williamson & Leisha Liddell 3.50—6.30pm

Prep Excursion to Melbourne Museum

Thursday 28th July
Hot Chocolate Day
Twilight Soiree

Wednesday 3rd August
Literary Lights Evening

Thursday 15th September
School Production ‘Little Prince’

We would like to wish the following students a very happy birthday.
Matthew, 1/2R
Lily, 1/2O
Alex, 5/6L
Tilly, Prep L
Savannah, 1/2C
Lexi, 3/4G
Khadija, 3/4H
Wagih, 3/4N
Lily, 1/2D
Grace, 1/2S
Eliza, 1/2C
Saffron, 1/2C
Annie, 1/2R
Jairus, 1/2S
Ollie, 5/6W
Eina, 1/2D
Harvey, 1/2D
Madden, 1/2C
Kitty, 3/4N
Xavier, 3/4G

AWARDS

Congratulations to the following award winners.

Sabrina, Prep P
Noah, 5/6L
Levi, 1/2O
Annabella, 3/4N
Bailey, 1/2C
Samson, 3/4G
Waled, 3/4G
Griff, 5/6S
Max, 3/4M
Chloe, 1/2D
Khadija, 3/4W
Mona, 1/2S
Cindy, 3/4H
Ahmed, 3/4N
Vallery, Prep S
Grace, 1/2R
Isabelle, 3/4S
Rayan, 5/6W
Holly, 5/6M
Saja, 3/4N

TOMORROW—Friday 24th June
Last day of term 2.30pm dismissal
Dear Parents/Carers,

And so we come to the end of quite a long and eventful term. I think all staff and children are slowly making it to the finish line tomorrow and are looking forward to the term break.

As we look back upon the term some of the events have included ANZAC Day ceremony, Working Bee, Cross Country, Bunnings BBQ, NAPLAN, Mothers Day Breakfast, Athletic Sports, the Philosothon, numerous excursions and incursions in all grade levels. We then finished it off in the last week we our 160th Birthday, the School ‘Tua Baru’ Art show and then parent teacher interviews.

The cold, wet and gloomy weather has certainly made it a bit difficult at times but we have passed the winter solstice this week, so the days will gradually get a little longer and lighter as we proceed into next term.

Congratulations to everyone concerned with the staging of the 160th birthday celebrations and the fabulous school art show. Both events were very well attended by parents, students and friends. The event showcased our wonderful school in the best possible way.

A huge, huge thank you to Lee, Laura, Ellen, Jacqui, Kylie and their 160/art show committee for coordinating and organising the 160th celebrations and Art Show. We appreciate the effort that everyone else who baked cupcakes, created posters, set up displays and assisted in so many other different ways in both of the events. Please check out the special feature in this week’s newsletter.

Building & Grounds Update
A number of tasks will be completed over the holiday break including the construction of a new deck area between the dumper area and the senior play equipment, an area of the school yard not presently being utilised as a play space.

The deck will be made from sustainably grown timber and will make an excellent outdoor stage and seating area for our children. The deck has been funded from some of the profits from the recent Twilight fete.

A new garage or storage shed will also be built beside the music portable near the oval. The equipment presently located in the small tin garden near the toilets will be moved up to the new garage after completion. The aim is to eventually remove the small tin garden shed and build a small shade & seating area in the same location.

Capital Works Program
Early next term, members of the school council will be on a selection panel to appoint the architect to oversee the $3m of major building works to be undertaken at the school. Once the architect has been selected and the Education Department appoints a project manager, an architectural brief and timeline will be developed. School Council will keep the community updated in the school newsletter of details of the Building Program, as soon as they are known.

Children’s Health
We have had a number of recent reports from parents of children having cases of head lice.

Head lice have been around for many thousands of years. Anyone can get head lice. Head lice are small, wingless, blood sucking insects. Their colour varies from whitish-brown to reddish-brown. Head lice only survive on humans. If isolated from the head they die very quickly (usually within 24 hours). Children get head lice from direct hair to hair contact with another person who has head lice. Head lice do not have wings or jumping legs so they cannot fly or jump from head to head. They can only crawl. Many lice do not cause an itch, so you have to look carefully to find them.
Head lice are found on the hair itself and move to the scalp to feed. They have six legs which end in a claw and they rarely fall from the head. Louse eggs (also called nits) are laid within 1.5 cm of the scalp and are firmly attached to the hair. They resemble dandruff, but can’t be brushed off. Further information on head lice can be located at the Victorian Government Better health Website: http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/bhcv2/bharticles.nsf/pages/Head_lice_(nits)

With the mid year holidays approaching, it may be an excellent opportunity to check your children. A close inspection of their hair in a well-lit position of natural light is the place to do this.

We all lead very busy lives and sometimes it is difficult to do these things that we know we should do but cannot find the time to complete the tasks. The term breaks can be a good opportunity to set some time aside to undertake these tasks.

Enrolling 2017 Preps
We are currently taking enrolments for 2017 Preps. If you have a child who is ready and turns 5 before 30th April 2016, and would like to enrol them at Newport Lakes Primary School please contact the office to collect an enrolment form, alternatively, enrolment details and forms are available on the school website.

It is very important for our school planning purposes that we are aware of any siblings who may be enrolling in Preps next year. Also, if you believe your child may be transferring or re-locating to another school please notify the school. Early notification assists the school in its forward planning and preparation.

Dates for the Term 3 Calendar

‘Literacy Lights’ Evening Coming up on the evening of Wednesday 3rd August the school will be conducting their 'Literary Lights' event to help celebrate Book Week and all the wonderful work our children perform at school. This is a wonderful opportunity for all parents to come along to their child’s classroom to share the magic of the special books they have produced for this event.

School Production ‘The Little Prince’ A major focus for the entire school in term 3 will be the school production. Based on the classic novel, ‘The Little Prince’, the production will involve every child in every grade performing in the show.

The production will be conducted on the evening of Thursday 15th September 2016 at the Williamstown Town Hall. Details of tickets and the show will be available early next term.

End of Term – Early Dismissal
This Friday 23rd June is the last day of term 2. The school assembly will be conducted at approximately 1.55pm and the children will return to their classrooms for a 2.30pm dismissal.

I hope all families have an upcoming enjoyable and safe holiday. I am certain Term 3 will be another very busy time and the two weeks rest will be an excellent way to prepare for the upcoming term

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday period.
Last Friday, our boys' soccer team went to JK Grant Reserve in Altona to play in the District Winter Soccer Finals. There were four schools competing on the day in very wet and cold conditions.

Our boys played Williamstown North PS in their first game and managed to win 3-2 after scoring a goal in the last minute of play. The next game was a little easier with the boys winning 8-0 against St Mary's Altona. The final game was a winner take all final against Altona North PS and our boys were on song from the start to run out 4-1 winners.

As a result, our boys' soccer team are the ASSDA champions for 2016 and will be presented with their pennant at the District Athletics Carnival in early September. They have also progressed to the next level of competition which is the Hobsons Bay Division Finals that will take place on Tuesday, 12th July at the Andell Park Soccer Fields in Truganina.

Congratulations to the team and we wish them well in July!
Winter Food Drive

TO ASSIST ASYLUM SEEKERS IN MELBOURNE’S WEST
MONDAY 30 MAY - SATURDAY 2 JULY

ITEMS NEEDED

- UHT Full Cream Milk
- Vegetable Oil
- Rice: Long Grain / Basmati
- Flour
- Black Tea or Coffee
- Passata or Diced Tomatoes
- Tinned Kidney Beans or 5 Bean Mix
- Salt & Pepper
- Sugar
- Dishwashing Liquid
- Dried Chickpeas

SUPPORTING
LOCAL ASYLUM SEEKERS

WEST
Welcome
Wagon

HOBSONS BAY
REFUGEE NETWORK

Or you might consider making a financial donation by contacting
WWW at accounts@westwelcomewagon.org.au
For more information, please contact WWW at info@westwelcomewagon.org.au

Last day for donations at the school office
Friday 24th June
Congratulations to Alex, Amy, Aria, Finn, Finn, Freya, Immy, James, Katherine and Lucy who were selected to represent the school at the National Gallery of Victoria's annual Philosothon. The feedback we received of their performance was excellent. We are very proud of you!

Sharon Rodgers
Twilight Soiree
Thursday 28th July, 6.30pm

Newport Lakes students present an evening of solo music performances.

Are you... a student who has learned an instrument/voice for at least 1 year and is currently having lessons?

All ages welcome.

Rachael Lawrence, Newport Lakes mum and pianist, will perform with any students requiring piano accompaniment for the concert which includes one rehearsal.

Places are limited so please contact Rachael ASAP.

rachaelmilsom@optusnet.com.au

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**SATURDAY 2 JULY – NLPS ELECTION DAY BBQ AND CAKE STALL**

**The country might need your vote, but we need your help**

Our election promise to you is a job for every person. We are after bakers, sausage turners, spruikers, money takers and the like for the school’s election day bbq and cake stall.

**How can you sign up to help on the day?** Head on over to the booking system www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code **w6p2e** and sign yourself up for a one hour (or more!) slot to help out on the day. We will be running the bbq and cake stall from 8am to 5pm and have about 30 x one hour slots to fill, so don’t be shy. Maybe we don’t get out enough but it’s actually good fun helping out – you get the chance to see loads of people from the community you haven’t seen for ages, will come home feeling glad to live where we do, and will sleep soundly that night – albeit smelling slightly of sausage - knowing you’ve helped raise money for the school.

**More of a baker than a sausage turner?** We’ve heard a rumour that NLPS bakers are the best in the area. Let’s prove it. We’re after your cakes, muffins cookies, slices, jams, confectionery. Whatever you want to cook, we’ll try and sell it. Just remember no cream and please label your delicious baked goods with a list of ingredients. Baked donations can be dropped off at the stall at the school anytime between 8am and noon on election day.

Have a query? Cake related questions to Jacqui Newbegin on 0478 098 720. Sausage related questions to Kate Tapping on 0421 196 523 or David Tapping on 0400 328 439.
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<td><strong>Toy stories Workshop</strong>&lt;br&gt;It's your chance to tell toy stories! Use iPads, toys and loads of creativity to design and publish your very own book.&lt;br&gt;10.30am to 12.00pm Altona Meadows Library and Learning Centre</td>
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<td><strong>Movie: Bedtime Stories Movie</strong>&lt;br&gt;Every story Skeeter Bronson tells his niece and nephew comes to life...find out what adventure will happen next!&lt;br&gt;3pm to 5pm Altona North Community Library</td>
<td><strong>Newport Folk Festival Story time</strong>&lt;br&gt;Renowned storyteller Jackie Kenin loves to share her craft. Join her for the annual Newport Folk Festival story time&lt;br&gt;9.30am to 10.15am Newport Library at The Substation</td>
<td><strong>Robogals Workshop</strong>&lt;br&gt;The Robogals are coming to the library! 'Gals' are invited to learn how to program Lego NXT robots!&lt;br&gt;Strictly ages: 9.15&lt;br&gt;Session one 10.30am to 11.30am&lt;br&gt;Session two 11.30am to 12.30pm Altona North Community Library</td>
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<td><strong>Ron Murray: didgeridoo and storytelling Performance</strong>&lt;br&gt;Wamba Wamba man, Ron Murray will weave together music and story in a showcase of Aboriginal cultural traditions sure to entertain his young audience.&lt;br&gt;1.30pm to 2.30pm The Substation Newport</td>
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<td><strong>Storytelling with Aunty Fay</strong>&lt;br&gt;Story time&lt;br&gt;Join Boon Wurrung Elder, Aunty Fay Stewart-Muir for a cultural storytelling experience which includes traditional language and rhyme.&lt;br&gt;11am to 12pm Williamstown Library</td>
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Family fun @TheShed

School Holiday Fun

Seaworks Williamstown
10am - 3pm
Thursday June 30th
Friday July 1st
Saturday July 2nd

For further info and to purchase tickets visit
www.theshedwilliamstown.com.au
Xtreme Youth @ NBC presents
MEXICAN FIESTA NIGHT!

When: Saturday 25th June
Time: 4:30pm - 7:30pm

What: Mexican themed games & fun!
Pinata, taco battle, Mexican kick ball, macho nacho contest, bean sucker race!

Cost: $10 (Includes dinner, burritos, tacos, PRIZES etc.)

Dress: Prizes for best dressed in Mexican theme (optional)

Who: Grade 5—Year 9

Where: NBC Upstairs Hall, enter via side gate, 26 Mason St, Newport

RSVP: Sulari Nielsen Friday 24th June
M:0430062767 or nbextremeyouth@gmail.com