Important Dates to put in the diary

**Thursday 26th February**
- Preps & New Families Picnic/Sausage Sizzle—5.30 pm—7.00 pm

**Friday 27th February**
- Icy Pole Day

**Thursday 5th March**
- Parent Club Meeting 7.30pm in MRP

**Friday 6th March**
- School Bank Account Opening Session  8.30am —9.30am in MPR

**Monday 9th March**
- Public Holiday—No School

**Tuesday 10th March**
- Meet the Teacher Bookings Close—4.00 pm

**Wednesday 11th March**
- Meet the Teacher Interviews  2.00pm—7.00 pm

**Thursday 12th March**
- 2016 Prep Tour—10.00am
- Positive Behaviour Meeting—2.30pm in MPR

**Friday 13th March**
- Ride to School Day

**Friday 20th March**
- Icy Pole Day

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

- Gideon, 1/2R
- Lucy, 1/2L
- Marina, 3/4M
- Illeana, Prep C
- Madeleine, 1/2C
- Leo, 3/4N
- Olivia, 3/4N
- Calen, Prep S

AWARDS

Congratulations to our award winners :-

- Archie, 3/4M
- Leo, 1/2L
- Rawda, 3/4N
- James, 3/4O
- Charles, 1./2G
- Nicholas, 3/4H
- Ella, 1/2O
- Weam, Prep P
- Cody, 5/6W
- Lily, Prep S
- Will, 3/4G
- Wagih, 1/2M
- Millie, Prep C
- Dee Dee, 5/6M
- Lucy, 5/6D
- Charlie, 1/2R

LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch orders are available each Friday and we will commence this week. These healthy choice lunches are provided by a local bakery and are $5.00. Lunches need to be pre-ordered on Wednesday and handed in to classrooms. Order forms are available on the website or at the office. Correct money must be placed in envelope.
Dear Parents and Carers,

Inclusion in our school

The teachers and I have been working on a number of issues with groups of students this week, mostly in our schoolyard, and these issues are having a significant impact on how students feel about their school and learning. The biggest problem seems to be that some students are deliberately excluding others from their games, or running away from them, and encouraging other friends to do the same. This leaves some students feeling isolated, lonely and sad and goes against our school culture of supporting positive behaviours. We would like to think that children will make their own ‘good choices’, rather than being led by others.

Rather than telling our students that they must avoid certain classmates we encourage them to make ‘good choices’ about how they play with each other. We are doing a lot of work about inclusiveness through our ‘circle time’ lessons and our ‘learning to learn’ inquiry. We know the importance of students having multiple opportunities to take responsibility for themselves and to be involved in decision-making and resolving conflict.

We feel strongly that our school environment should be inclusive and empowering, valuing the positive contributions of students and creating a sense of belonging and connectedness that are conducive to effective engagement in learning.

I would encourage you to talk to your child about the positives of each school day. If and when your child reports difficulties from the yard, a useful tool is the ‘catastrophe scale’ which is helpful to identify different examples and where this fits on the scale. Having had that discussion, if you feel that the issue warrants further attention please come to us so that we can be kept ‘in the loop’.

School Council Elections

Nominations for four parent members and one teacher member of Newport Lakes PS school council closed last Thursday. The number of nominations matched the number of vacancies in each category, so there was no need to go to a ballot. It therefore gives me great pleasure to announce that the following people have been elected to school council for the 2015-2016 period:

Parent members: Jacqui Lomas, Jake, Mark and Hamish McGill.
Teacher member: Mat Williamson

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing school councillors Gail Virgona, Kristen Turra and Nicole Pilsworth on behalf of the Newport Lakes PS community for their time and valuable input into the school over the past two years.

As Warren Hales steps aside he deserves a very special mention. He has served on our school council continually for the past 22 years. We thank him for his commitment and for his efforts in helping to make significant improvements to our school over that period.
District Swimming Carnival
Last Friday a team of swimmers from Newport Lakes PS made their way to the VU Swimming Pool in Footscray to represent our school and compete in the Hobsons Bay District Swimming Competition against neighbouring schools Sacred Heart, Spotswood, St Augustines, St Leos St Margaret Marys. It was neck and neck all day, but finally our relay teams helped to put us in the lead and we won by a very narrow margin.

Congratulations to all of our competitors for being excellent sports and honouring our school values throughout. They encouraged and supported each other and displayed commendable behaviour all day. The supervising adults were full of praise for our team. We had several students who bravely stepped up several age groups, at short notice, coming a place in each event. Bravo!

A big thank you to Paul Taylor, swimming coach, and Terry Antoniadis for all the early morning training sessions, to Cristy Kelleher and Beth Meehan for supporting the team on the day and a special thank you to Adele Taylor for her invaluable help volunteering at the pool. Thank you also to all the parents who assisted with drop-offs, pick-ups and supervision as well as preparing breakfast for the team after each training session. What a wonderful team effort!

JSC representatives
Last week each class elected two Junior School Councillors to represent their class at the weekly Junior School Council meetings. The elected students are:


These students will be formally recognised at tomorrow’s assembly at 3.00 in the MPR. Leisha Liddell & Laura D’Agostino will facilitate our JSC meetings each week this year.

Bike Racks
You may have noticed how smart and organised our newly constructed bike area looks. Work was completed earlier this week on the bike rack area, making it much more accessible for our cyclists and scooters and helping our school to be neat and tidy. Hopefully this will inspire even more families to ride or scoot to school each day. This project was funded from parent voluntary contributions for ground improvements and a grant from Bicycle Victoria for bike parking.
Inquiry Learning
Teachers participated in a very informative and thought-provoking professional learning day on Friday. We were encouraged to reframe lessons in ways that gave students more opportunities to do the ‘heavy-lifting’ in their learning. We will be focusing lessons on specifically teaching students the following skills that will assist their learning across all areas of the curriculum.

- I am a thinker.
- I am a collaborator.
- I am a communicator.
- I am a self-manager.
- I am a researcher.

We look forward to our work with education consultant Kath Murdoch continuing throughout the year.

Prep & New Families Picnic
We hope to see as many families as possible at our picnic this evening from 5.30 – 7.30 pm out on the basketball court. It should be lots of fun. BYO picnic rug/chairs, and picnic basket (Don’t forget to bring some money for a ‘Mr Whippy’ ice-cream cone. Mmmmm!)

Classroom Helpers Induction
We had a wonderful turn-out for the Classroom Helpers Induction sessions last Tuesday and Thursday. 45 parents in total attended the sessions over the two mornings, raising the total number of parent volunteers inducted at Newport Lakes PS to 150 over the past three years – a fabulous reflection on our school community. We have had several requests for one more induction session on a Friday, so register your interest by completing the slip below. Our parent helpers find the volunteer work that they do in the classrooms very rewarding and our students and teachers benefit from this support enormously.

Have a great fortnight everyone.

Janet Gill
Acting Principal

DISCUSSION ABOUT POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR
Thursday 12th March
2.30 pm in Multi Purpose Room
A note will be sent home shortly with more information.

PARENT HELPERS IN Prep – 2 CLASSROOMS 2015 - FRIDAY 13TH MARCH, 2015

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 a 1 hour 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 attended our 2014 inductions, so if you attended one of those you will not need to attend our 2015 induction. We look forward to developing the home-school partnership as part of this initiative.

Parent name: _________________________________ Child/ren name & Class ____________________
I will attend the above Parent Helper Induction Session.
Congratulations to all members of the Newport Lakes Swimming Team!

For the third year in a row, our swimmers won the SDSA Swimming Carnival. We have ten swimmers who have qualified for individual events at the Division Swimming Carnival, as well as five relay teams. The Division Championships will take place on Thursday 12th March at the Werribee Outdoor Olympic Pool. Details will be sent home shortly.

A big thank-you to our parent community who managed to get their children to the Footscray pool very early in the morning for our training sessions and trials, for assisting with breakfast and for performing jobs on the day of the carnival to ensure things ran smoothly.

Well done to all our swimmers who represented the school and good luck at the next carnival.

Student Leaders—CORRECTION

Please note a correction from the last newsletter. The correct names of the Captains and Vice Captains are as follows:

School Captains: Kira Cole
Vice Captains: Lily Jacob

We apologise for this error

Join in and celebrate NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY 2015
RIDEWALKSOOTSKATE FRIDAY 13 MARCH
Welcome to those new families who have signed up to be on the Parents Club member/contact list. I’m currently putting together the 2015 list and will start emailing out very shortly.

We hope our new families enjoy their BBQ’d sausages at the Preps and New Families Picnic tonight (26th) while getting to know each other and the Parents Club members who will be doing the cooking. It looks like the weather will be kind to you.

Upcoming Events…

ICY POLE DAY: Friday 27 February

Icy poles will be sold during lunchtime and will be 50c each. Change can be given, but providing your children with a 50c coin will help speed up the queues. To be fair to all children, there is a limit of one icy pole per child.

These days are very popular with the children so don’t forget to send your child in with their coin on the day!!

A third Icy Pole Day will be held on Friday 20 March.

PARENT CLUB MEETING: 7:30pm Thursday 5 March in the MPR

Our first meeting for the year will be held in the multi-purpose room/hall. All welcome.

SPECIAL SUSHI LUNCH: Friday 13 March

Approximately once a term Parents Club organise an optional special lunch order day. (This is in addition to the usual Friday lunch order option.) This term children will have the opportunity to order Sushi for lunch. An order form will be sent home to families soon with more details.

PREP DANCE PARTY: Saturday 22 March in the MPR

Preps will have the opportunity to bob till they drop at this special Dance Party for them, their siblings and parents. This is a great opportunity for adults to socialise while their children are being led in some fun musical activities by a professional kids entertainer.
Anarchy @ the Lakes – Trivia Night

To me, punk is about being an individual and going against the grain and standing up and saying 'This is who I am'.

**Joey Ramone**

Join the Newport Lakes Community on Friday, 13th March, 2015 at 7.30pm for a night of trivia, stomping, air guitar and hard core stuff n all that! Tickets are already on sale at the office at a bargain price of $25 per person. Get your table of eight organised now before tickets sell out.

This year we have decided to make it even easier for you to attend our fantastic Trivia night. We are offering a choice of pizza or platters to be pre-ordered and delivered to your table! See the order form in this newsletter.

As well as a chance to socialise with other Newport Lakes parents, the trivia night is also an important fundraiser for the school. On the night we will be holding a raffle and would appreciate donations from each grade level unit. A basket has been placed in each team leader's room. Your child's teacher will be happy to collect for the basket. Otherwise a basket will be left outside the office if you are in a hurry. We would also appreciate any donations from businesses for our Silent Auction e.g tickets, vouchers, gifts. Every donation is greatly appreciated.

We are also need people to assist with set up and pack up on the night as well as the making of decorations please. Please email Bec on the below address.

Thanks in advance.

Rebecca Grieve (ryanandbec@hotmail.com) and Jacqui Lomas.

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ANARCHY @ THE LAKES
TRIVIA NIGHT

JOIN THE NEWPORT LAKES PRIMARY COMMUNITY FOR A NIGHT OF TRIVIA, STOMPING, AIR GUITAR AND HARD CORE STUFF 'N ALL THAT!

DATE: 13TH MARCH, 2015
VENUE: MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
TIME: 7.30PM TIL LATE
DRESS: PUNK!!#A##@!

COST: $25 A TICKET- 8 PER TABLE.
TICKETS FOR SALE AT THE OFFICE.
BAR OPEN AT 7.30PM.
DRINKS AT BAR PRICES. (STRICTLY NO BYO)
Anarchy@the Lakes
Trivia Night 2015

This year we have decided to make it even easier for you to attend our fantastic Trivia night to be held on ...Friday 13th March 7.30 for 8pm sharp start. We are offering a choice of pizza or platters to be pre-ordered and delivered to your table!

Pizza's
Pizza's are from Jackie's Pizza, Melbourne Road Williamstown and will be delivered to school between 7.30 and 7.45pm
One size only Large $15
Options
Margarita: tomato, cheese, herbs
Vegetarian: tomato, cheese, mushroom, capsicum, onion, olive, herbs
Four different corners: Capri, Hawian, Margarita, Mexicana
Super: tomato, cheese + more and more, NO egg or seafood

The second option is an antipasto platter from Marazita Bros deli, the deli located opposite Coles in Williamstown.

The platter will contain dip, cheese, cold meats and olives with some crackers and be appropriate size for 8 adults for nibbles. The cost for the platter will be $50. We will pick up the platters and they will be waiting on your table!

So get your table together, buy tickets and order some food....all that is left to do is reveal your inner punk with a fabulous outfit!

The below form will need to be returned to the office no later than FRIDAY 6TH MARCH.

Name:  __________________________ Contact:  __________________________

Pizza
Please indicate type and number of pizzas

Margarita:  __________________________

Vegetarian:  __________________________

Four different corners:  __________________________

Super:  __________________________

Platter
Please order  __________ no. of platter/s for our table
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 open one in one of the following ways:

1. **Come along to the Account Opening Session** at Newport Lakes Primary School on **Friday 6 March** from 8.30am - 9.30am in the Multipurpose Hall. All you need is a current Driver’s Licence.

2. **If you can’t make this session**, 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 falls on a Monday, School Banking will be done on a Tuesday for that week only.

If you have any questions, please call/SMS the School Banking Co-ordinators (Parent representatives): Allana Arapakis on 0400 113 333 or aarapakis@optusnet.com.au or Daria Hewitt on 0402 329 611 or daria.nick@gmail.com
Want to Play Netball?

Will Tigers Netball Club is calling all interested players (Boys and Girls) for the Winter Season, commencing Term 2, 2015.

Come along and meet our Committee, Players and Coaches and find out more about the Club!

Club Information Days:

Wednesday 25 February, 4 & 11 March
4pm to 6.30pm
Williamstown High School Gym
Corner Pasco Street & Melbourne Road

Club Trials (13&U, 15&U and 17&U):

Sunday 1 March, 10am – 12 noon

Mount St Josephs, 133 Maidstone Street, Altona
Please email marge.fochner@nwc2015.com.au to confirm your attendance at the 2015 Willi Tigers Winter Season Trials.

From 2015, Willi Tigers will also introduce ANZ.NetSetGo! Program for children aged 5-7 years, so they’re ready to play netball from 9&U. The program will be run on Saturday mornings.

For our Netball teams, training is an hour on Tuesday afternoons between 4pm and 5pm OR Wednesday afternoons between 4pm and 7pm.

Games are on Saturday between 12.15pm and 3pm at the Altona Netball Centre, Queens St, Altona Meadows.

Please contact our Club for further information willi.tigers@gmail.com

Are you a local musician or street performer?

Busk a Move is back for Art in Public Places 2015 and this year will be in Williamstown and Altona!

Make sure you email arts@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au or phone 9932 2001 to register your interest to be part of either weekend.

Deadline for expression of interest is Monday 20 March
11 and 12 April (Altona) or 18 and 19 April (Williamstown)

Busk a Move is an event presented in partnership with Williamstown Chamber of Commerce and Altona Village Traders Association as part of Art in Public Places 2015.

Coming to a street corner near you!