Important Dates to put in the diary

Friday 27th May  
Biggest Morning Tea  
Grade 5/6 Sport—Home game—St Mary’s Williamstown

Saturday 28th May  
Working Bee—9.00am—12.30pm

Monday 30th May  
ICAS—Science Test

Tuesday 31st May  
Book Club Orders due back

Friday 3rd June  
Grade 5/6 Winter Sports—Away game Newport Gardens

Thursday 9th June  
ICAS—Spelling Test

Friday 10th June  
Grade 5/6 Winter Sports—Away game Altona North

Tuesday 14th June  
Grade 3/4 Hands on Science Incursion

Thursday 16th June  
ICAS—Writing Test  
2017 Prep Tour—10.00am

Friday 17th June  
160th Birthday Celebration

Sunday 19th June  
Art Show/160th Birthday

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

Poppy, 3/4H  
Aurora, Prep S  
Cruz, 1/2D

Samuel, 1/2S  
Indy, 3/4N  
Caitlin

Elliott  
Jack  
Patrick

Kobi  
Violet  
Angad

Ferris  
Joey  
Ava

Henry  
Tara

AWARDS

Congratulations to the following award winners.

Taj, 3/4J  
Ruby, 5/6L  
Immy, 5/6S  
Elliott, 3/4S

Eliza, 1/2C  
Lennart, 1/2R  
Grade 3/4H  
Elliot, Prep S

Sabrina, 1/2D  
Miles, 3/4N  
Olivia, 3/4H  
Ingrid, 1/2S

Charlie, 5/6M  
Cara, 3/4M  
Luke, 5/6W  
Grade 3/4G

Grade 4 students in 3/4H

SPECIAL ORDER PHOTOS

Photos of the Junior School Council, Student Leaders, Arts Captains and House Captains were taken on photo day. These photos are on display in the front office and are available for purchase for $10.00 each. If you would like to purchase a photo please notify the office.
Dear parents,

**Sports Day**  Congratulations to everyone involved in an excellent Athletics Sports day conducted on Monday. The weather reports leading into the day were quite bleak but we decided to ‘rug up ‘ and do our best with whatever the conditions the weather gods direct towards us. As it turned out, the rain stayed away, the sun came out and we had a fantastic day at both the junior and senior sports carnivals.

A huge ‘thank you’ to all those that assisted in making it such a great day including the Yr. 11 Bayside Secondary Students assisting with the Prep-1 sports and all the parents that helped out with the Yr.2-6 Athletics Sports carnival at the Newport track.. Without your wonderful support we could not have had such a successful day.

**Enrolling 2017 Preps**  We are currently taking enrolments for 2017 Preps. If you have a child that turns 5 before 30th April 2017, 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.

Enrolments for 2017 students should be lodged at the school office before the end of term 2. There has been very strong interest in the school and a significant increase in the number of parents attending the school tours and information session than in previous years. Families that are within our ‘network neighbourhood area’ and siblings are given first preference for enrolments and then any further available placements can then be offered to families outside the area. It is very important for our school planning purposes that we are aware of any siblings that may be enrolling in Preps next year.

Also, if you believe your child may be transferring or re-locating to another school the earlier you can notify the school the greater you can assist the school in its forward planning and preparation.

**Parking and respecting our neighbours**  We have made many improvements with the traffic management around the school and although not perfect, the flow of traffic and parking is considerably better than a few years prior. We have had a large increase in the number of students and parents that walk, ride and scoot to school and many parents have taken up the suggestion of parking a street away and walking the last block with their children.

Unfortunately we are still having a few problems with a few parents that continue to disregard the local council laws and park illegally. Some parents and carers are parking for too long in the drop off/ pick up areas and some are parking in our neighbours’ driveways. Apart from being illegal, it also creates poor relationships between our neighbours and the school.

I’m certain these drivers wouldn’t like ‘strangers’ continually pulling up and parking in their own driveways so as a good and decent citizens we shouldn’t do the same to our neighbours.
If you are one of these parents or carers, please show more consideration to our neighbours and park legally just like the other members of our community. Parking in driveways is also dangerous to the pedestrian and other users of the footpath, and causes disruptions to traffic flow due to the reversing out into oncoming traffic. It is also illegal and council officers and police patrols will book offenders.

2015 Annual Report  The 2015 Annual Report to the Community was presented at last Monday’s school council meeting. The Annual Report provides a means for the school council to inform the community of what has been achieved and how the school is performing. It is also an opportunity to reflect on the school’s achievements during the past year and use this as a basis for future planning. The 2015 Annual Report is now available on the school website www.newportlakesps.vic.edu.au

Decking / Outdoor Stage  A new timber deck will soon be constructed under the tree between the dumper yard and the senior play equipment area. Built from sustainably grown black butt timber, the decking will have 2 layers and will be a wonderful place for students to sit, meet and talk as well as be an excellent stage for all our budding performers during recess and lunchtime breaks. The decking has been funded from some of the profits raised at the Twilight Fete set aside for grounds development.

Mobil Bright Futures Grant  The school was notified this week that we have been awarded a Bright Futures Grant of $4,000 to support the purchase of portable science kits for our classrooms.

There will be an increased focus on the teaching of science at NLPS over the next few years and the science kits will be an important component for the essential resourcing of these lessons.

Thank you to Warren Hales for writing and submitting the application and to the Mobil Altona Refinery for supporting the local Hobsons Bay Schools in the teaching of Maths and Science to our children.

Working Bee  A working bee is to be conducted this Saturday morning to further brighten and freshen up our school grounds. A full list of tasks is to be completed on the morning including lots of gardening, mulching and painting.

If you are available, please come along and assist for an hour or the full morning. Members of the Facilities and Management subcommittee (FAMS) of the School Council will be available to ensure that you will have plenty to do.

For further information, check out the details included in the newsletter.

I hope you all have a good week

David Moss
Principal
GRADE 5/6 STAR PROGRAM

Newport Lakes PS Year 5 and 6 students have been offered a wonderful opportunity to participate in the STAR (Students Talking About Relationships) pilot program.

STAR will be run from Monday 30th May for four consecutive Mondays and each class will have an hour session each week. We believe that this program will be very worthwhile and encourage all students to participate.

Parents of Year 5 & 6 students please complete the consent form sent home and return to school no later than this Friday 27th May.

Janet Gill & 5/6 Team

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Cancer Council Fundraising Afternoon Tea – Friday 27 May

On Friday 27 May, Newport Lakes Primary School will support the Cancer Council’s national fundraising event Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea. We will again be providing children with a teacup biscuit (pictured) for a gold coin donation. If your child has allergies, please send a suitable treat along for them on the day.
This year our school is celebrating its 160 year birthday!

The staff are organising some celebratory events for the students, dress-up day, old fashioned games and lots more, on **Friday the 17th of June**. We would like to give every child a cupcake as a celebration on this day. And so we will be calling for cupcake bakers for this day. At this stage **place the date in your calendar and keep an eye out for more information closer to the date**.

As part of the celebration we will also be cutting a BIG cake at the Art Show opening on the Sunday 19th of June. We would like to provide afternoon tea for all and are hoping we can count on our great community to bring a plate of homemade goodies to share. Again I will call for volunteers closer to the date - just giving those bakers out there a heads up!

The Election has been called -

You might think weeks of political lead up ....I see a BBQ OPPORTUNITY.

Our school is a Polling Booth on Election Day. We generally have held a BBQ on this day and it is a good fundraiser - especially if the lines are long! Now the date is Saturday the 2nd of July which falls in the middle of the school holidays... So we are putting it out there. If you are able and would like to co-ordinate this event please send me an email. We have the BBQ's, can give details for ordering sausages, onions etc... If you are keen send me an email. At this stage we need the co-ordinator and will call be helpers closer to the date. I hear you say will we be having a cake stall as well?? If you are keen to co-ordinate we would love to hear from you.

Cheers

Jacqui Lomas - jlo35310@bigpond.net.au
School Council Member
Working Bee Saturday 28th May
9.00am – 12.30pm
(work should be completed by 11.30am followed by a BBQ)

We need lots of helpers for a short time to enhance the appearance of our school. Working bees help us maintain and improve our buildings and grounds, whilst providing a great way to meet new parents and spend time with your child. The working bee is aimed at all families in the school and a sausage sizzle will be provided.

The areas that we will be focusing on are:

- Landscape garden bed in front of reception
- Landscape garden bed in front of the staff room window
- Brightly paint the planter boxes in the ‘quite yard’.
  Kids are welcome to help!

Once competed we will dramatically improve the first impression when entering the school and add some much need colour to the quite yard.

Tools that would be helpful to bring include:

- paint brushes
- drop sheets (for protection of floor surface during painting)
- old buckets to wash up paint brushes
- pruners/secateurs
- pliers
- cordless drill and drill bits
- wheel barrow
- rake
- shovel
- gloves
- safety glasses

Come when you can and stay as long as you are able to. Hope to see you there!

Regards,

Facilities Committee
Jake Mansfield 0421 352 140
**Newport Lakes Athletics Carnival 2016**

On Monday, all of the students in Grades 2-6 went to the Newport Athletics Track to participate in our annual Athletics Carnival. Fortunately, the weather turned out okay despite the wind and the teachers, parents and students in attendance could enjoy a successful day.

Green house were the winners of the cup for the second year in a row, narrowly finishing ahead of their friends in blue. Students who have qualified for the District Athletics Championships will be notified in the coming weeks.

Thanks to all the parent helpers who kindly volunteered their time on Monday. We could not organise and run such a big event without your assistance.
Caffè, Chat and New Books

Browse and borrow the most recent Chinese, Vietnamese, Italian, Greek, Polish, Croatian, Maltese and Arabic items in the library collections.

Make suggestions for new item purchases and share a cup of coffee, kaffè, caffè, kafa, kava, cà phê, qahwa amongst friends from around the world who drink the same brew!

Tuesday 19 July
10am to 11am
Altona Library

Bookings: via library website or phone 1300 462 542
VU SCIENCE SPECTACULAR
FAMILY NIGHT
(part of VU’s STEM week 2016)

VU SCIENCE SPECTACULAR
2016 FAMILY NIGHT

Showcasing science demonstrations presented by
the Professor Science Troupe. Expect big bangs,
explodions and huge amounts of wonderment.

This is a free event for the whole family to enjoy!

This event is part of The College of Engineering
and Science’s STEM (Science, Technology,
Engineering & Mathematics) week 2016.

**WHEN**
Thursday, 2 June 2016

**TIME**
6pm

**WHERE**
Footscray Park Campus
(corner Ballarat and Geelong Roads)
Building L, level 1, room 14 (next to gym)
(free carpark available across the road from
venue)

**REGISTER**
Email sciencefamilynight@vu.edu.au

vu.edu.au
National Reconciliation Week 2016
27 May to 3 June

Hobsons Bay City Council presents a National Reconciliation Week calendar of events celebrating the rich culture and history of the first Australians.

**Sorry Day ceremony**
Thursday 26 May
12pm to 1.30pm
Hobsons Bay Civic Centre, 115 Civic Parade, Altona
Jaedan Williams of the Boonwurrung Foundation and Hobsons Bay Councillor to speak.
Light refreshments and a reconciliation activity will follow the talks. All welcome.

**Bruce Pascoe: Dark Emu**
Monday 30 May
6.30pm to 8pm
Williamstown Library, 104 Ferguson Street, Williamstown
Bookings: libraries.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au or phone 1300 66 56 78
Join Indigenous author Bruce Pascoe for a compelling Reconciliation Week talk based on his award winning book Dark Emu: black seeds, agriculture or accident?
His research has uncovered evidence from the diaries of early explorers that suggests systems of food production and land management have been understated in modern retellings of early Aboriginal history, and that a new look at Australia’s past is required. Bruce writes about the past to suggest solutions for the future.

**Black Screen Indigenous films screening**
Thursday 2 June
Arrival 6.30pm for 7pm screening
Altona Theatre, 115 Civic Parade, Altona
Bookings: Please RSVP to arts@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au
Come to our screening of contemporary Indigenous Australian films and documentaries promoting cultural awareness and Indigenous screen culture by renowned filmmakers such as Deborah Mailman, Leah Purcell and Darlene Johnstone.

Films include:
- **Ralph** (G) 10mins
- **Aunty Maggie and the Womba Wogun** (PG) 11mins
- **Captain of the Town** (G) 6mins
- **Wadu Matyidli** (G) 9mins
- And feature film *The Redfern Story* (PG) 57mins

For more information, visit [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au)
MOVIE FUNDRAISER
benefitting Peter Mac Cancer Foundation

7 PM, MONDAY 20 JUNE
@ SUN THEATRE, YARRAVILLE

Come along and watch the highly-anticipated Finding Nemo sequel in art deco style at the Sun Theatre while raising much-needed funds for cancer research and clinical care at the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre.

This fundraising event includes your movie ticket, popcorn, drink, chocolate and a small donation.

All tickets must be pre-paid.
Visit www.tinyurl.com/FindingDoryTickets to secure your seat.

Adults (13+): $25 each
Children 12 and under: $20 each

Tickets sales strictly limited to 196 seats.

For more information please contact Narelle on tel. 0414 639 779 or visit the Facebook event page at: http://tinyurl.com/FindingDoryFundraiser

Please invite your friends and family who are warmly invited to attend.