**Newport Lakes Primary School**

**THURSDAY 26TH NOVEMBER, 2015**

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**Important Dates to put in the diary**

Friday 27th November  
Sausage sizzle lunch

Monday 30th November  
Grade 5/6 Excursion to Baseball Stadium

Tuesday 1st December  
2016 Prep play date—2.30pm

Thursday 3rd December  
Grade 5/6W & 5/6D Beach Program  
2016 Prep Orientation Day No. 3  
'Not So Silent' Christmas Pageant (students arrive 6.00pm) - 6.30pm start

Friday 4th December  
Grade 5/6W & 5/6D Beach Program  
Grade 1/.2 Excursion to Immigration Museum  
Gateways Final

Monday 7th December  
2016 Prep play date—2.30pm

Tuesday 8th December  
Secondary School Transition Day

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**TERM DATES**

**2015**

Term 4  
5/10—18/12

2016

Term 1  
27/1 (Teachers start)  
28/1—24/3

Term 2  
11/4—24/6

Term 3  
11/7—16/9

Term 4  
3/10—20/12

**2016 Pupil Free Days**

Term 1  
Mon 29th Feb

Term 2, 3 & 4  
TBC

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**Yard Duty Supervision**

8.45 to 9.00am and 3.30 to 3.45pm

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

- Mali, Prep C
- William, 1/2L
- Rawda, 3/4N
- Nicholas, 1/2L
- Thomas, Prep S
- Edie, 3/4H
- Sebastian, 1/2M
- Patrick, 1/2R
- Jesse, 1/2C
- Ben, 5/6M
- Joseph, 1/2L
- Cooper, 3/4O
- Nora, 3/4O
- Dion, 5/6W
- Charlie, 1/2C
- Campbell, 3/4H
- Luciene, 1/2R

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**AWARDS**

- Grace, 5/6D  
  Mohammed, 1/2H  
  Weim, Prep P
- Charli, 1/2R  
  Harrison, Prep S  
  Lola, 3/4M
- Carmen, 3/4G  
  Otto, 3/4O  
  Greg, 5/6L
- Harvey, Prep C  
  Zali, 3/4H  
  Leo, Prep P
- Soccer Award to NLPS  
  Amy, 3/4G  
  Ava, 1/2C
- Poppy, 1/2L  
  Chloé, 3/4N  
  Taj, 3/4M
- Cooper, 3/4O  
  Jomana, 1/2R  
  Jake, 5/6M
- Pat, 1/2L  
  Sam, Prep S  
  Emma, 5/6L
- Sam, 1/2O  
  Angel, Prep C

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**Reminder**—Book Pack and Essential Education Expenses payment due by 4th December, 2015
Dear Parents/Guardians,

Not So Silent Night  All is in readiness for next Thursday’s end of year concert and family picnic to be conducted on the school’s artificial turf soccer pitch. Beginning at 6.30pm, the night promises an evening of entertainment and good will for the entire family.

All grades have been practicing their items and are excited to perform for their family and friends. Parents are encouraged to bring along their picnic rugs, maybe some nibbles, rug up if the weather if it is a bit cool and be ready for a wonderful evening of entertainment.

There is a small rumour that there may even a surprise visit from a little tubby fella in a red suit!

**please note that children (school & pre-school age) are not permitted to play on the play equipment during the children’s performance and all pre-school children are to be seated with, and closely supervised by their parents for the entire performance.

Some very talented children!! At Newport Lakes we are very proud of the wonderful and very talented children we have at our school. Not only are we one of the leading schools in the area in academic results but our children continuously amaze us with their excellence in so many other remarkable areas.

Last week’s Soiree was a wonderful evening displaying the musical talent of children in all levels of the school, the’ Newport Lakes All Stars’ were an amazing opening act at the recent Newport Ska & Reggae Festival, the Yr. 6 Drama group gave an outstanding much acclaimed performance at the recent FOPA (Festival of Performance Arts) performance, the Yr. 3/4 and Yr. 5/6 GATEWAYS teams performed exceptionally well in a competition, testing team work and critical thinking against other high performing schools with 2 teams making the State Finals. The manner in which the student leaders conduct the weekly assembly, the amazing job the JSC do in not only representing all the students and having a strong ‘student voice’ but also the excellent work they do in raising funds and awareness for those less fortunate than ourselves and the aim of instrumental music program is to produce one of the most talented primary school concert bands in the state.

This is only a small ‘snapshot’ of some of the many amazing talents, skills and qualities of the children at Newport Lakes Primary School and I’m sure I could continue on for quite some time. For a small state school representing our wonderful Newport community, I believe you would have to agree we do a pretty good job and even better to come!

Transition Sessions  ~ Two very successful information sessions were conducted last Thursday for our Prep families beginning at Newport Lakes in 2016. We currently have 69 new preps and 34 new families at Newport Lakes for next year. The majority of the new families were in attendance and all the feedback on the sessions was very positive. Many of the new preps beginning next year have been able to attend the transition sessions and are all ready to begin their school days at Newport Lakes next year.

Bookpacks  ~ Parents are reminded that all 2016 booklists need to be completed and returned with payment to the school by Friday 5th December. Bookpacks will be ordered and delivered directly to the school during the Christmas holidays. All bookpacks will then be labelled and distributed to the classrooms to be available to the children on the first day of school.

Please note: Parents will not be required to pick up the bookpacks from the school as they will be delivered directly to the student’s classroom.
School Organisation for 2016.
Although there still may be changes between now and when we begin the new school year the following organisation is presently planned for 2016;

17 classes
3 x Preps
5 x Yr.1/ 2
5 x Yr.3/ 4
4 X Yr.5/ 6

Phys Edn & Sport / Numeracy (Grin) - Terry Antonidis
LOTE / Literacy Intervention ~ Lyndal Carrington
Visual Art    ~ Laura Russell
Music (Instrumental / Classroom ) ~ Ellen Morabito
Drama    ~ Jackson Castiglione

Literacy Intervention ~ Susan Spelic
Enrichment & Extension / Literacy Intervention (EAL) ~ Sharon Rodgers

Composite or multi-age classrooms at Newport Lakes PS
Each year at Newport Lakes PS a decision is made about grade structures for the following year. In 2016, we will have three teams in the school with multi-aging or composite groupings, Years 1/ 2, Years 3/ 4 and Years 5/6. This has been a deliberate decision, which we believe is advantageous in the following ways:

What are the benefits of multi-aging for teachers and children?
Research has highlighted the benefits for both teachers and children when learning and teaching in a multi-age classroom. Benefits include more holistic, child-responsive curriculum practices that consider the understandings, capabilities and dispositions that children need for future work, e.g. working in diverse environments that seek workers who are multi-skilled, literate, cooperative, creative, adaptable, independent and resourceful.

Because of the mixed age group, the older children rise to the expectations of the younger children and teacher, being very responsible and having opportunities to lend and use their expertise. At the same time, the younger children benefit from the positive models of older children, often aspiring to their levels of capability.

It ensures that we have an even number of children in the different grade levels.

What does the research say about multi-age learning and teaching?
- Teachers concentrate on what children can do, rather than what they can’t do. There is never any fear of failure, which builds confidence.
- Competition is removed from the classroom. There is no comparison with other children and children are always ready to “have a go”.
- Children are allowed to make choices and express themselves in many ways. Creative activities are common.
- Children’s ideas are welcomed, and can be tried out. Children feel good about themselves, which makes an excellent environment for learning.
- There is freedom of choice and exploration of many ideas, which makes learning an exciting and real part of children’s lives.
Children enter a class where there are older children, so settling in is much easier. Older children are usually delighted to help younger ones, and this helps them to feel very worthwhile and important. Confidence grows.

Children mix freely and are encouraged to work and play together. They learn the joys of co-operation, which leads to good citizenship.  


We hope that you will support your school and child in the school structure and continue encouraging and assisting your child to ensure that they enjoy their learning in their new grade.

It is always going to be difficult to select a structure that suits everyone. Many parents have expressed that they would prefer their child to be in a straight grade and just as many have expressed a preference for a composite grade for their child.

A teacher’s role in today’s classroom is to teach a child at their individual level and not necessarily a ‘grade’ level. There are of course expected outcomes for all year levels but in every classroom there are children achieving at a level below and many are above the expected level. It is important that the teacher plans and delivers a curriculum that accounts for a child’s individual level, skills and abilities regardless of whether they are in a straight or composite grade.

End of School Year - Early Dismissal  ~ The term (and year) will finish on Friday 18th December with a whole school assembly to be conducted in the Multi-Purpose Room beginning at 12.20 pm.

The Yr. 6 children will be farewelled by walking the ‘archway of honour’ formed by all students and teachers in the school. This special walk will be conducted on the basketball court.

After saying good-bye to the Grade 6 children all other children will return to their classrooms before being dismissed at 1.00pm.

If you require your child to attend after school care, please contact the School’s Out of School Hours program and make a booking.

David Moss  
Principal

SCHOOL COUNCIL MATTERS

School Council had their last formal meeting this week. During this meeting we passed the eLearning and eSmart Policies, thanks to our Education sub-committee for putting these together. We have had a provisional school budget passed for the 2016 school year.

Our Facilities and Management team have had a busy year, working with JSC to improve the distribution of speakers through-out the school yard and Scooter rack installed. They have started to plan for 2016 including some repairs within the classes rooms and will be planning a working bee for early in Term 1 next year, please keep an eye out for a date soon. School council also heard that as yet we do not have a co-ordinator for parents club and we are concerned that the great work all our parents have put in could come to an end if we do not have a co-ordinator. We would encourage anyone that may be interested whether you are an individual or a small team to contact Jacqui Lomas for more information. Our wonderful school community is an invaluable resource and we all need to work together to keep this going. Finally we had a report from the fete committee and it is sounding great, we so look forward to this exciting event in Term 1 2016. We will have a changeover of some of our councillors early in 2016, if you are interested please talk with David, Janet or one of our current members to find out all about it. We wish all our School community a safe and happy Christmas and holiday.
**XMAS CONCERT**

The Xmas Concert is just 1 week away now! The students have been practising their songs and decorating items for the night, so the NOT SO SILENT NIGHT is looking great.

Just a reminder that all students need to be at school at 6pm for a 6.30pm start. The seating area will be on the soccer pitch so please bring a picnic rug/cushions/food to make it an enjoyable evening. Students will sit with their class before their performance and after their performance to enable the evening to run smoothly. We anticipate it will finish at about 8pm.

Hopefully you have all received the note outlining the dress requirements for your child. If you have not please see the classroom teacher for clarification.

We would like to thank Mike Draper, dad to Tom and Ella, for the fantastic poster he has designed for the event. It is great to have such talent available and more than happy to help out. Thanks Mike.

Any concert has some costs associated in putting it on - hiring the stage, sound equipment, props, - we have allocated the money raised from the Bunnings BBQ this year to cover these costs. So a big thank you to Sue Phillips for organising the BBQ and the team of helpers on the day.

I believe it is going to be a lovely mild evening perfect for an outdoor event.

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

Tomorrow is Sausage Sizzle day! Last count the team needs to cook 450 sausages. A big thanks to the wonderful Daria for counting all the numbers. And an extra big thanks to Cath for co-ordinating the lunch. We are in need of a couple of extra helpers to deliver the sausages to the classrooms so if you are able drop by at 1.10, deliver a sausage box and have a sausage yourself.

**ICY POLE DAYS**

One of the most popular events on the term one and four calendar will be looking for a new co-ordinator for the start of next year. We have been lucky to have Simone Edwards organise them this term, thank you very much! If you think this is something you would like to do please let me know and Simone will be happy to go through what it involves.

And don’t forget next and last Icy Pole Day FRIDAY 11th of DECEMBER

cheers

Jacqui Lomas
MUSIC NEWS

Last week the students performed at the second NLPS Soiree for 2015. It was so fantastic to see such a high standard of performers and hear all of the hard work they put in during the year. We have some very talented musicians at this school and the soiree was a great performance opportunity for the students. There was a great variety of instruments on show, including flute, clarinet, piano, trumpet, guitar, violin, and even the Strings West Choir. Well done to all of the students who performed so beautifully! Thank you so much to Rachael and Patrick Lawrence once again for putting on such an entertaining evening.

The Newport Battle Ska Band put on an outstanding performance last weekend at the first ever Newport Ska and Reggae Festival. They supported one of the backbone performers of the genre, Stranger Cole, all the way from Jamaica, as well as some Australian music greats; The Ska Vendors, Nicky Bomba, and Pat Powell. It was a great opportunity for the musicians, performing with leaders of the industry, signing autographs, learning about the genre, and they made the school proud doing a gig that was nothing short of a rock star performance!

The band will do it all again this coming Sunday, where they will play a family friendly event at Seaworks in Williamstown as part of the Rotary Club Christmas Fair. The Newport Lake All Stars will be performing at 1pm, but the festivities commence mid morning and will include market stalls, food stalls, farm animals, and maybe even a visit from Santa...! Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the day, and of course cheer our band on!
Congratulations!!!!!!

Two weeks ago we sent 5 teams of grade 3/4 and grade 5/6 children carefully selected to represent the school at The G.A.T.E.WAYS (Gifted And Talented Education) Challenge program to compete against other children from government, Catholic and private schools.

Our students performed admirably on the day and achieved outstanding results for first time competitors. In particular 2 teams received a second and are now off to the final on the 4th December to compete against other zone winners from around Victoria, A.C.T and Queensland.
Our Superstars!

Well done Newport Annihilators
(Archie, Owen, Sammi & Tess) – 4th

Congratulations Wonderstruck Warriors
(Sienna, Immy, Hannah & Amy) – 2nd

Great work Newport Baddies
(Ruby, Chris, Gus & Findley) – 6th

Fantastic effort Newport Thunder
(Ruby, Daniel, Fletcher & Cole) – 4th

Awesome achievement Newport Lightning
(Marlo, Heide, Jack & Jacob) – 2nd by ½ a point!
Sponsorship Announcement

We are proud to announce **Hunter French Real Estate** as our Silver sponsor of the Newport Lakes Primary School 2016 Twilight Fete! Thankyou so much to Michael Tsi-geridis and the team at the Newport office for kindly supporting our fete.

All day Show Ride Wristbands on sale now!

Giant Slide, Jumping Castle, Chair-o-plane and The Cyclone! The best show rides in town are coming to the Newport Lakes PS Twilight Fete.

On Fete Day, the Main Ticket Booth will be selling All Day Unlimited Show Ride Wristbands for $30 per wristband and individual show ride tickets as per below prices

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Alternatively you can Pre-Purchase All Day Unlimited Show Ride Wristbands for $25 (this price is valid until Thursday 17th March 2016)

Grandparents!! - What a wonderful Xmas Gift idea to buy the grandkids their All Day Unlimited Show Ride Wristbands Please complete the order form at the end of this newsletter and hand in at the front office.

Online Stall Volunteer Booking System opening soon!

We will be launching the online stall volunteer booking system in the next few weeks. To ensure that all the Fete stalls are well cover, we are asking for every parent/carer to volunteer for at least 1 hour on the day, even 2 if you can! There is a time slot and stall to suit everyone. Most of the stalls will need 3-5 people covering at any one time, so grab a friend or a family member and make it a fun afternoon! Watch out for more information coming soon.
Donations required…..from Term 1 2016

In readiness for some of the stalls, we would like you to get your thinking caps on…..

Lucky Jar – please start saving your empty (& clean) jam/vegemite/pasta jars (ie 400-600ml)
White Elephant – Books and Puzzles (Xmas is coming up – something in, something out….)
Plants & Flowers – Green Thumbs get your seedlings started now…. 
2nd Hand Uniform – New Year, new size? Clean out your children’s school uniform stash
Craft – knitting, bookmarks, lace, jewellery, beads, cards, candles, soaps, painting, frames…. 

We will be asking for these donations to be brought in in the new year… so start collecting!

You can find up to date information on the fete on the school website, located under the Fete News tab…. Make sure you have a look.
Also, we have a Newport Lakes PS Family & Friends facebook page, which will be used to provide updates and reminders as the fete gets closer. If you haven’t already joined, please do so!

Don’t forget to click “LIKE” on our Fete Facebook page Newport Lakes PS Twilight Fete 2016, and get your family and friends to like us too!

Cheers
The 2016 Fete Committee

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Pre-Purchase All Day Unlimited Show Ride Wristbands $25 each (until 17th March 2016)
(Please note: wristbands will be given out on the day of the Fete)

Parent Name:........................................ Contact No. ...........................................

Child Name .............................................. Class:.........................
Child Name .............................................. Class:.........................
Child Name .............................................. Class:.........................
Other children ............................................................................................

I would like to order ❑ All Day Unlimited Show Ride Wristbands @ $25 each, total $_______

Cash payment $........................................ Enclosed, Or Credit Cards Details Below....

Card Number: ................................. Expi- Vi- Mastercard: Amount: $_______

Signature: ___________________________ Transaction minimum $10
**Sofrosse Western Region Finals**

On Friday, November 20th, our Boys’ Sofrosse team went to Lynch Reserve in Altona North to participate in the Western Region Finals. The boys played nine matches on the day and performed extremely well, winning two matches, drawing five and losing only two. Their two losses were against the eventual finalists.

The team has also spent time in clinics with Damien Orr in the lead up to this event. Damien is a highly decorated coach who has spent time coaching the female national team of Germany in the past so we were very fortunate to have Damien working with our students and we are looking to continue the relationship in the future.

A big thank-you also to the parents who transported the team to and from the venue and to Jason Faranda for coaching the boys on the day.

**Golf Clinics**

Our students in Grades 3-6 have been participating in Golf clinics in recent weeks. The clinics have been generously run by David Tapping, Christopher and Sammi’s dad who has organised to work with our middle and senior students over a three week period. He is teaching them the basic fundamentals of Golf in an extremely enjoyable way and it has been great to see the progress many students have made in a short space of time. We thank David for his work and time and who knows, we may have started the career of the next Jason Day, Adam Scott or Karrie Webb.

**Indoor Soccer Round Robin Competition**

The SDSA Indoor Soccer Competition was held on Friday, 13\textsuperscript{th} November at the Westgate Sports Centre in Altona. Newport Lakes were represented by a Boys team and a Girls team on the day.

Our Boys won all of their matches in the group stage. They beat Scared Heart 3-2, St Margaret Mary’s 10-2, St Augustine’s 4-0 and St Leo’s 6-0. Unfortunately they lost the Grand Final to Sacred Heart 3-1. Nevertheless, they had a very enjoyable day and represented the school extremely well.

Our Girls also performed well, winning two matches and drawing one out of the five group games they played. Highlights were beating St Leo’s 3-1 and drawing with eventual winners, Williamstown PS. Well done to all students!
A very big THANK YOU to Katrina Gowans (Bianca and Phoebe’s Mum) who has volunteered to assist with the School Banking program. We process about 60 deposits each week at NLPS, so it is great to have someone else helping out with this.

Several students now have ten or more silver tokens so are eligible to claim a School Banking reward. Only a limited number of tokens can be carried over to 2016, so please place your order soon. **Last orders will be processing on Monday 30th November** to ensure they are received before the end of the school year. Reward items available this term are shown below. Please print this form or include a handwritten note with your child’s name, class and the reward item they want along with 10 silver tokens next time they bank. Note some students are eligible for more than one reward. Any remaining tokens can be carried over and redeemed in 2016.

The last School Banking day for this term is Monday 14 December.

Please note, the **Lunar Light Band** that was originally offered as a Term 4 reward has been recalled due to potential safety issues and has been replaced with the Galaxy Glider Frisbee. The **Swimming Bag** is also no longer available.

If you have any questions, please call/SMS or email the School Banking Co-ordinators (Parent representatives):
Allana Arapakis on 0400 113 333 or aarapakis@optusnet.com.au
Daria Hewitt on 0402 329 611 or daria.nick@gmail.com
Katrina Gowans on 0412 995 062 or markkatrina@optusnet.com.au
Christmas for Kids!
Williamstown Uniting Church – Electra St
36 Electra St
5.30 pm
Christmas Eve
Thursday December 24
Carols, Stories, On-the-spot Nativity Play
All Welcome!
For further information: 9397 5220
avrilhj111@bigpond.com

Give back this holiday season and join us for an afternoon of good will as we raise funds to support Parkinsons Victoria

Enjoy delicious light bites compliments of Searz Caffi while shopping for gorgeous Christmas pressies at our mini market.

SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2015 FROM 3-5PM
SEARZ CAFFI 39 CHALLIS ST NEWPORT 3015

Bring your friends, family and neighbours - the more the merrier!
Beautiful raffle items (one complimentary raffle ticket on arrival)
Drinks at bar prices.

Store holders will generously donate 50% of their sales to Parkinsons Victoria, along with offering some fabulous Christmas discounts and specials.

Searz is bringing a new side to Newport. From different parts of the world a collection of dishes has been unboxed 39 Challis St Newport

Yummy Project is focused on creating fun, quirky and delicious products to inspire and encourage everyone to bake fun stuff from scratch. We provide the enticing ingredients and fun to empower you to do it yourself.
www.yummyproject.com.au

Seagals are local sisters (from Melbourne's inner west) who share a passion for being creative! They love to use bold, bright colours to make their products. Their items are all handmade and include beautiful necklaces, earrings, cuff links, bookmarks, hair bows, earrings, door stops, coasters, cards and lots of great gifts for kids. www.facebook.com/ SeagalsJewellery punchcard
Sarah Melkior is a qualified Beauty Therapist and an Artarmon Consultant. The Artarmon range of products is a skin care, make-up and wellness line that is vegan certified, not tested on animals and free of toxic ingredients such as mineral oil, parabens, sulphates, chemical fragrances and dyes. The holiday range is currently available, a gorgeous collection of holiday gift ideas that will put a smile on your face. www.arbonne.com

In our world, children can be anything they dream of. Louhanna's designs are unique, quirky, bright and fun. She uses her memories of childhood and the children around her today as inspiration to keep this little world "Totally Innocent". The range consists of greeting cards, swing tags, stickers, illustration prints, party invitations and temporary tattoos. http://totallyinnocent.com.au/

www.parkinsonsvic.org.au
MUMS & DADS

black & white night

White Ribbon Fundraiser

Join the DONS in taking a stand to end violence against women.

whiteribbon.org.au

All event profits and proceeds to go to White Ribbon Australia. White Ribbon is Australia’s only national, male led Campaign to end men’s violence against women.

Official White Ribbon event: Reg No:22501

Major sponsor:

$20 per ticket > $5 from each ticket sale goes to your school/centre

Friday 27th November 2015. 7.30 pm - Late.
Venue: The Substation. 1 Market St Newport

Dress: in black & white attire: fun, fancy or casual

Ticket includes:
Enter / Band / Photobooth / Drinks at Bar Prices

ORDER FORM:
please return this slip & payment in an envelope to the RECEPTION.
CASH ONLY - No CHEQUES

Parent’s Name(s)/ Class:

How many ticket(s) you would like: Qty: $20 per ticket (per person). Total: $
You’re invited to attend
A workshop: talking with your child about alcohol and drugs

At some point we have all sat down with our parents for ‘the talk’. It’s not always easy, but learning about sex is an important conversation that every parent and child should have. But what about ‘the other talk’—a conversation about alcohol and other drugs?

The Australian Drug Foundation is holding a free workshop to help parents have ‘the other talk’. Parents are still an important and trusted source of information for young people and play a crucial role in children’s future decision making.

The Other Talk workshop discusses real life situations, covers some of those uncomfortable questions and provides you with basic alcohol and drug information so that you can have ‘the other talk’ confidently and effectively.

Who should attend?
• Parents and guardians of children aged 8–15 years.
• Teachers and professionals who work with young people.

Why should I attend?
• Learn how and what age to talk with your child about alcohol and drugs
• Learn how to manage real-life situations involving your child
• Get the facts and learn the myths

Workshop details
Date: Tuesday 1 December 2015
Registration: 6:00pm
Workshop: 6:30–8:30pm
Location: Altona North
Community Library
Cnr Millers and McArthurs Roads
Altona North 3025
Refreshments will be provided
For more information
Telephone: 03 9611 6100
Email: adf@adf.org.au

How do I register? altonanorthtot.eventbrite.com.au
Any transition period is a critical time for a young person, often evoking a variety of emotions, behaviours and concerns for both young people and their parents. For many, these transition periods are considered a major stepping stone on the way to becoming an adult. Secondary school can be marked by several changes; young people interact with many other young people, in different classrooms, with more teachers and often with different expectations for both performance and responsibility. A well supported transition can maintain the strong sense of belonging and enable young people to continue to enjoy and succeed in school and everyday life.

**Presented by Sharon Witt,** a dynamic educator, author and speaker. Sharon has authored 12 books for young people including the best selling Teen Talk Series and Girlwise series. She is also the author of Surviving High School.

This Parenting Forum is free for all parents, guardians and workers who live work or study in Hobsons Bay.