Important Dates to put in the diary

Monday 2nd May  
Due date for return of Aust Maths Competition forms

Tuesday 3rd May  
District Cross Country at Cherry Lake

Thursday 5th May  
2017 Prep Tour 10.00 am

Friday 6th May  
Mothers’ Day Breakfast 7.45 am—9.45am
Grade 5/6 Winter Sports

10th—12th May  
Grade 3 & 5 NAPLAN

Thursday 12th May  
2017 Prep Information Evening 6.30 pm

Friday 13th May  
Final day for Yr7 Transition forms to be returned

Tuesday 17th May  
Education Week—Open morning 9.05am—11.00am

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

Harvey, 5/6L
Dylan, 5/6S
Weam, 1/2C

Lennon, 3/4M
Shea, 5/6M
Hamish, 5/6L

Chloe, 1/2S
Lexie, Prep L
Griff, 5/6S

Hamish, 1/2R
Thomas, Prep S
Isaiah, 1/2R

Tilda, 3/4N
Saja, 3/4N
Isaac, 5/6S

Daniel, 3/4H
Ned, 3/4M
Leni, 3/4S

AWARDS

Congratulations to the following award winners.

Luca, 3/4S
Hannah, 3/4N
Illeana, 1/2C
Seamus, Prep L

Cammy, 3/4M
Tom, 5/6M
Aurora, Prep S
Annelise, 1/2D

Khadiga, 3/4H
Ruby, 5/6S
Mathew, 1/2R
Chloe, 5/6W

Darcie, 3/4G
Mia, Prep P
Charlie, 1/2O
Jai, 1/2S

Mia, 5/6L
Gus, 5/6M
Elizabeth, 3/4S
India, 1/2S

Harrison, 1/2O
Luke, 5/6W
Georgia, 5/6M
Angad, Prep P

Weam, 1/2C
Belle, Prep S
Omar, 3/4M
Samantha, 3/4G

Eli, 1/2D
Cal, 1/2R
Tilly, Prep L
Fadwa, 3/4M

Education Week

This year, in celebration of Education Week, we would once again love to invite the parents of Newport Lakes Primary School children to come and visit our classrooms during our open morning on Tuesday the 16th of May.

The Education Week open morning is an opportunity for parents to come and see how our classrooms operate and to experience some of the learning tasks that children perform each day.

Our open morning will run from 9.05 until 11am with morning tea to follow in the multi-purpose room. If you would like to attend the morning tea, we would ask that you please bring along a small plate to share.

We look forward to seeing you all.
Hi I’m Lennon and I was Principal on the 22nd April. I had a great time and here’s what I did:

- Arrived at school and received my staff uniform.
- Attended and conducted staff meeting.
- Inspected some classrooms.
- ANZAC Memorial (Read Sir John Monash’s letter).
- Planted Gallipoli Oak at school.
- Birthday cake in the staff room.
- Laid a wreath at Newport Cenotaph.
- Had a milkshake at ‘Stepping Stones’ Café.
- Replaced footy goal posts.
- Lunch in the staffroom (sausage rolls).
- Setup for assembly.

My assembly speech to school included:

$3 million for new school buildings.

Reminded children:

- not to leave bikes at school.
- Stay off the new garden. Beds outside the library.
- Don’t put sticks in the water bubblers.

Teachers are hogging my home made sausage rolls

And 2 days off for all students. (ANZAC Day and Pupil Free Day)

I had a fantastic day.

Thank you

Lennon
From the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

Budget Announcement  As announced in this week’s state budget, Newport Lakes Primary School has been awarded $3 million for stage one redevelopment and infrastructure spending. Full details of the funding will not be known until after the Education Department have conducted an information session for Principals and School Council Presidents. It is anticipated that this meeting will be conducted within the next 3 weeks.

The funds are to be allocated in the 2016/7 budget so it is anticipated that meetings with program managers and architects should begin early in the second semester and hopefully some form of works will begin early 2017.

The budget item has been termed ‘stage one’ so we are anticipating that the funding will be towards a longer term complete re-build but at this stage this cannot be confirmed.

We do know that there will be considerable building works conducted at the school over a lengthy period of time. With the works there will be also considerable disruption to the school but like all challenges we face, we will manage them and get on with the teaching and learning at our school.

School leadership will ensure that our students and staff are always safe and we will work very hard to minimise the disruption and impact the works will have on the essential learnings in the classroom.

School will continue as usual onsite in Elizabeth St. and we will not be re-locating. We may have to bring in some temporary classrooms and toilets (portable classrooms and buildings) and we may have restricted play areas during construction. But we have managed in the past like we did when our school oval was redeveloped and when they were building the double storey portable so I have no doubt we will look towards our school values of resilience, critical thinking and responsibility and we will do it again.

We know that it will be difficult but hard work and life often is, and we also know that the end result will be well worth it, not only for ourselves but also for our future community.

For a school that celebrates its 160th birthday this year, I believe this budget announcement makes an amazing gift.

ANZAC Gallipoli Oak  The school conducted its own ANZAC ceremony last week with school captains reading poems and the ode, Harvey playing the Last Post and the Rouse and the school band performing the National Anthem. The school captains also sold ANZAC badges, bag tags and wrist bands to students, staff and parents during the week leading up to the ceremony. An amazing amount of $778 was raised for our local Newport RSL ANZAC Appeal through the sale of these items.

As part of the ceremony, we also had the honour of planting a Gallipoli Oak Tree in our school grounds. This young tree has been propagated from a tree grown from seed brought back or sent from soldiers fighting for Australia in WW1 from Gallipoli, Turkey. Part of a national trust initiative, the Gallipoli Oaks project, is providing 500 primary schools its very own special oak tree to plant within its grounds.

The Gallipoli Oak has been planted in the south west corner of the school ground (up in the far corner near the houses and Elizabeth St footpath) beside the running track around the oval. A small plaque has been placed beside the seedling and we hope that it will to become a significant tree in the area. Parents are most welcome to wander down to the end of the playground and have a look at this very special tree.
From the Principal (continued)....

NAPLAN Students in Yr.3 and Yr. 5 will be participating in the NAPLAN assessments later in term 2 (May 10, 11 & 12). The tests will be in Literacy (Language Conventions, Writing), Literacy (Reading) and Numeracy. If you do not wish for your child to participate in NAPLAN or would like further information in regards to the assessments, please contact your child’s teacher.

Mothers Day Breakfast Don’t forget our wonderful Mother’s Day Breakfast coming up next week (Friday 6th May). The Mother’s Day Breakfast has become a highlight of our school’s calendar and is a morning enjoyed by all of those that attend. Notes and money (an absolute bargain at $12 per family) are due back Monday 2nd May and we hope that all Mums and families are able to make it along on the day.

We are still looking for some MORE volunteers for the morning so if you can assist go to the website www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code ‘bxcak’ and follow the prompts. Further details can be found in the newsletter.

I hope you all have a good week.

David Moss
Principal
We spent a very engaging day on our pupil-free day on Tuesday with literacy consultant Jim Kinniburgh, grandfather of Grace in Grade 1. We explored the writing curriculum and its strong links to the teaching and learning of reading. We were treated to a vast array of picture-story books, which are the writing teacher’s best friends.

When teaching writing, the best resources we can use are the picture-story books and novels produced by published authors. By using these books (mentor texts), we can have a go at developing a range of writing craft or devices in our own writing. We notice these devices by ‘reading like writers’.

We learnt about the different ‘leads’ that authors might choose to engage their audience and the benefits to comprehension when we create readers theatre from the books that we read. Jim reiterated the importance of students and teachers keeping a writers’ notebook to collect ‘seed ideas’ for their writing. He was able to confirm many of our understandings about how students learn to write.

We look forward to a long and fruitful partnership working with Jim to ensure that our students’ writing is the very best and most creative that it can be.

Janet Gill
Assistant Principal
Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now open and Newport Lakes Primary is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 9 September 2016.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or ‘experience’ 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll. If you would like your child’s name to appear on the Honour Roll, please sign the attached form and return it to your school.

To read the Premier’s letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

If you would like your child’s name to appear on the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge online Honour Roll, please sign this form and return it to your school.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Definitions: Department refers to the Victorian Department of Education and Training, Person refers to the child/adult listed below in the consent declaration.

Privacy Protection
The Department takes its privacy obligations seriously and any personal information collected or used by the Department will be handled in accordance with the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic). This law sets out what we must do when the Department collects, uses, handles and destroys personal information. Personal information includes personal details such as an individual’s name and school that could be used to identify an individual.

Collection, use, disclosure and storage of personal information
If you provide your consent your school will collect and disclose your child’s first and last name, and the name of the school to the Department. The Department will then:
Publish your child’s name on its online Honour Roll located at: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc at the completion of the Challenge with no other identifying factors such as early childhood setting name.

Accuracy, access to information and withdrawal of consent
The Department will endeavour to ensure that any personal information held about your child is up to date and accurate. You can access, correct and withdraw personal information held by the Department by written request in accordance with the Department’s Information Privacy Policy located at: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/privacypolicy.aspx

Consent may be withdrawn at any time by writing to the Department’s Privacy Unit on: privacy.enquiries@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Yes I consent to my child’s name appearing on the online Honour roll

Name of child.............................................................................................................. Grade ...............................................

Parent Signature..............................................................................................................
MOTHER’S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

DATE: FRIDAY 6TH MAY 2016
TIME: 7:30AM - 8.45AM (ARRIVE ANYTIME)
WHERE: OUTSIDE THE MULTI-PURPOSE HALL, NLPS
COST: $12 PER FAMILY
FOOD: PANCAKES, FRUIT, ICE CREAM, & JUICE
AND A COFFEE CART!

RSVP: PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND $12 IN AN ENVELOPE TO THE OFFICE BY MONDAY 2ND MAY.

NAME: ____________________________
(OF CHILD RETURNING FORM)

ADULTS: ___ CHILDREN: ___

BUT WAIT, WE NEED DAD’S HELP TOO. IF DAD CAN HELP OUT AT THE BREAKFAST PLEASE GET HIM TO SIGN UP ONLINE:
WWW.SCHOOLINTERVIEWS.COM.AU
ENTER CODE  bxcak
AND LEAVE YOUR DETAILS
School Crossings Victoria Inc.

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