### Important Dates to put in the diary

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*We would like to wish the following students a very happy birthday as well as all the students who celebrated their birthday over the holidays.*

- Marlee, 2M
- Elliott, 1C
- Lili, 5/6B
- Gaspar, 4M
- Maria, 4M
- Harry, 5/6B
- Chloë, 5/6M
- Catrin, 5/6L
- Connor, 2M
- Lola, 5/6L
- Chloë, 5/6M
- Ali, 2S
- Imogen, 5/6B
- Bailey, 1O
- Jay, 5/6J
- Ruby, 3W
- Louis, 3W
- Maddie, 5/6J
- Gabriel, Prep N
- Georgina, 1O
- Zion, 3W
- Liam, 2O
- Nicholas, 2M
- Finn, Prep L
- Zack, 5/6J
- Ethan, 1R
- Mia, 5/6J
- Kabir, 4H
- Dex, 2M
- Khaled, 1C
- Haydin, 3G
- Molly, 1R
- Zoe, Prep N
- Ashton, 5/6L
- Waled, 4M
- Matilda, 4H
- Leo, 2O
- Simone, 3W
- Alex, 4M
- Mackenzie, 5/6B
- Zali, 5/6L
- Eliza, Prep N
- Rachida, 3G

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**Office Reminders**

Parents are reminded that the first instalment for the Levies was due on 30th January, 2017. If you any families are having difficulty paying this Levy, could you please contact the office.
Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all Newport Lakes students and families. We are very pleased to have you back again and so eager to get back to work! A special welcome to all our new students beginning at Newport Lakes this year and to the 4 classes of Prep children that began their first day of school today.

We are sure you are going to enjoy your time at Newport Lakes Primary. Please remember that we are here to support you on your new educational journey and don’t hesitate to ask any of us if there is something troubling or puzzling you.

A big welcome to our new members of teaching staff this year including Alanna Maguire (Yr. 4), Michael Morell (Yr.5/6), Dylan Boyd (Yr. 5/6) and Carly Bannon who will be replacing Susan in the role of Literacy Intervention Teacher in 2017.

Parents would have also noticed a new direction of traffic in Elizabeth St with the one way street travelling from North to South. This change has been made by the council after feedback from parents and the school to improve the safety of children when getting into and out of the cars. Buses will now also be able to pick up and drop off from the footpath outside the school entrance which was prohibited when traffic was travelling in the opposite direction.

All grades had a smooth start to the school year and the students have quickly been acquainted with their new teacher and class friends. The specialist programs of Physical Education, Art, Indonesian and Performing Arts (Music/ Drama) will all begin their weekly timetabled lessons next week.

For these sessions parents are reminded that children will require; Physical Education ~ runners (school shoes are not suitable for running and when participating in active programs), a water bottle and if possible, shorts & tracksuit and in Library a library bag to protect borrowed books (a green/blue recycle bag from the supermarket is great for this task). The school has purchased a number of class sets of water proof art smocks to protect children’s clothes during the visual art lessons.

Newport Lakes Primary School is a ‘Sunsmart School’ and has a policy that all students are to wear an approved sunhat (bucket or legionnaire style) during terms 1 & 4. Students are to bring along their hats to school every day during Term 1 and a ‘no hat ~ no play’ rule will apply. Parents are reminded to clearly label their child’s hat and to continuously check that the label remains legible. It is also recommended that all students have their own water bottle with them every day at school. This bottle will be accessible to the children during class and must only contain water. Please do not fill with juice, cordial, etc.

Fortunately the temperature has been quite comfortable for the first few days of school but it is likely that there will be a stretch of very warm and dry days to come over the next few weeks.

If the hot weather becomes extreme (eg. above 34°C and a strong northerly wind) there may be the need to restrict or reduce the outside play times during recess or lunch. Although many of the children are very disappointed about missing out on their play periods, it is necessary that we restrict the amount of exercise and exposure to the heat on these days. In these situations students are supervised indoors where they participate in passive play such as board games and craft activities.
COMMUNICATION AT SCHOOL

Communication between school and home is very important in every child’s education. There are multiple means of staying in touch with your child’s teacher and being informed of what is happening at school. Some of these include:

**Newsletter** – Every second Thursday the school newsletter is distributed to parents by email. The newsletter will contain information about activities and that have been happening and are being planned for the future. Please ensure that you register your email details by subscribing on the school website.

**Reminders Notice** – Every Monday or Tuesday a ‘Reminders’ email will be sent out to all families on the newsletter distribution list giving details of the upcoming events for the following 2 weeks.

**School Website** – The school website ([www.newportlakesps.vic.edu.au](http://www.newportlakesps.vic.edu.au)) has a wealth of information about the school and what’s happening. There is also a link to notify the school of any student absences, a copy of all permission notices that have been sent home with your child, a school calendar that contains dates of all events and activities throughout the year including holidays and pupil free days and a contact link to send emails to the school.

**Classroom Blogs** – Blogs will soon be set up for each classroom / team that will allow parents to keep up to date with what is happening in their child’s classroom.

**Twitter** – The school has its own twitter account and will often send out special notices on what’s happening in your school.

**Contacting your Child’s Teacher** – If you have any concerns or would like to discuss a matter in regards to your child it is very important that you arrange to meet with your child’s teacher. This can be done in a number of ways including:

- dropping in to the classroom before school (8.50-9.00am) Only suitable for brief messages
- arranging a meeting at a time suitable for both parties. This can be done by sending a note to the teacher, emailing the school (place teachers name in subject box) or leaving a message and contact details at the school office for the class teacher to contact you.
- emailing the teacher (as above).

**Parent Teacher Interviews** – These are conducted biannually, at the beginning of the year and at mid year. The first interviews will be a ‘meet the teacher’ session to give parents an opportunity of sharing information about their child/ren. This session will be conducted on Wednesday 1st March from 2 – 7pm. A notice will be sent home in the next few weeks and bookings will be able to be made online.

If you need to discuss a matter with your child’s teacher at any other time during the year please do not hesitate to contact the school to make an appointment.

**Student Reports** – All children will be assessed on the New Victorian curriculum. This incorporates English, Mathematics, History and Science. Student reports will be sent home prior to the mid year parent interviews and at the end of the year.
Assisting in the Classrooms – There are many different ways you can assist in school and your child’s classroom. A parent helpers program will be operating for all P-2 classes where parents are rostered on to assist with the daily reading program. An induction program will be held in the next couple of weeks for new Parents to assist in the Parents Helpers Program. Please complete the slip below if you would like to attend one of the sessions.

Parents are also often required to assist on excursions and classroom activities where an extra set of hands and eyes is of invaluable assistance. Please discuss with your child’s teacher if there are ways you can assist in the classroom.

Information Sessions – In week 5 of this this term we will be conducting Information sessions in the evenings for all Year levels. These sessions will give an overview of the curriculum, special events and activities, homework etc. All teachers in the grade level will be in attendance. The sessions will be conducted in Multipurpose Hall from 6.30 -7.30pm.

The dates for each of the Information session are;

Monday 20th February - Yr. 3/ 4
Tuesday 21st February - Yr. 1/ 2
Wednesday 22nd February - Yr. 5/ 6
Thursday 23rd February - Yr. Prep

The Information Sessions are optional and unfortunately child minding will not be available.

Anaphylaxis - I would also like to remind our school community that we have a number of children at Newport Lakes that suffer from the life-threatening condition anaphylaxis. These children suffer from severe allergies to nuts and nut products (especially peanuts and peanut butter), fish and shellfish. We ask all our parents to assist in making our school a safe environment for these children by not including any of these products in your children’s snacks or lunches.

If there is a child suffering from Anaphylaxis in your child's class you will receive a letter notifying you of this and how you can assist in making the classroom a safe environment for all children.

School Ground Supervision  Parents are reminded that playground supervision (teacher on duty) is provided before school at 8.45am and after school until 3.45pm.
Students should not be in the school grounds before or after these times unless supervised by their parents or an adult. Students should aim to be at school between 8.45 and 8.55am. This allows them to see their friends, chat or play a short game before school begins at 9.00am.
Students playing in the school ground or on playground equipment after school MUST be supervised by their parents or guardians.
The school gate on the Basketball Court will be locked at 3.45pm when the teacher on duty has completed their yard supervision. Any children and parents remaining in the yard after this time will need to exit via the school gate near the office.
From the Principal (continued)....

Student Leadership  Congratulations to our four new School Captains for 2016. Aria, Amy, Lachlan and Jake will be excellent student leaders and ambassadors for the school. I am sure they will also be wonderful role models for our younger children who will see them take the school assembly each week and perform other leadership duties throughout the school.

We are currently in the process of selecting the school’s House Captains and many of the Yr. 6 children are delivering their campaign speeches at school assembly over the next 2 weeks. We invite all parents to come along and listen the children make their excellent and often very entertaining speeches to convince the students to vote for them as their House Captain for the year. The school’s Arts Captains will also be announced this week at assembly. The role of the Arts Captains is to give assistance to the Arts Teachers (Visual and Performing Arts) and students when required and promote the school’s excellent program at a student level.

Later this month each class (Yr. 1-6) will also choose their representative for the Junior School Council (JSC). At Newport Lakes we strongly believe in the ability of giving students a voice in many aspects of the school and classrooms. We have a very active JSC that meet each week and give their opinions and direction on how we can have a better school.

I hope you have a wonderful week

David Moss
Principal

Congratulations to Sarah & Shaun Smith on the arrival of Lachlan James on 28th December weighing a very healthy 8lb 13oz. Sarah reports that Lachlan is very settled at home now and she is managing to get a few hours sleep. We wish them all the best as a new family.
PARENT HELPERS IN PREP – 2 CLASSROOMS 2017

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 have attended our previous inductions, so if you attended one of those you will not need to attend our 2017 induction. We look forward to developing the home-school partnership as part of this initiative.

Please circle the day that you will attend:

Tuesday 28th Feb 9am-10am or Thursday 2nd March 9am -10am

Parent name: ____________________________________ Child/ren name & Class ____________________

I will attend the above Parent Helper Induction Session.

Parking in Drop Off Zones

Drop off zones are designed for ‘dropping off or picking up’ your child and not designed for parking and waiting.

Parents are reminded that drivers are not permitted to leave their cars in the drop off zones around the school entrance in Elizabeth St. If you are going to park and come into the school, please park in one of the nearby streets away from the school and safely walk to and from the school ground with your children.

Parking in a drop off zone should be for a maximum of 10 minutes.

‘Message Dogs’ is the title of a live theatre performance that will be visiting NLPS next week. The performances will be delivered by actors and puppets as they tell the story of courage, determination and endurance on the frontline working alongside the Australian Imperial Force. This will provide students with a unique non-confronting way of learning about World War 1.

The play will be presented to each year level at NLPS on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th February.

‘Message Dogs – Tales of WW1’ follows the journey of Nell, Trick and Bullet – three dogs that carried messages between headquarters and the front line. All three dogs saw service in the 2nd, 4th and 5th Australian Divisions. Dogs play a pivotal role in war, both those who served over a hundred years ago and those who serve today.

This project was commissioned by the Veterans Branch, Department of Premier and Cabinet as part of the Victorian Government ANZAC Centenary program. There is no charge for this performance.

Laura Russell
(Art Teacher)
The Dollarmites are bringing the future to your school.

Since 1931, CommBank’s School Banking program has been offering engaging ways for Australian children to learn the value of saving and develop lifelong money skills.

For our 2017 theme, a futuristic adventure is in store. Students will join the new-look Dollarmites as Future Savers, making their way towards the Savings Hover Park—a fantastic playground up in the clouds of a hi-tech metropolis.

**Encouraging savings habits with great rewards**
School Banking will continue to reward children who demonstrate regular savings behaviour, and this year we’re introducing an exciting new range of reward items. Two are released every term, and available in Term 1 are the Cyber Handball and Colour Change Markers. Your child can redeem one of these reward items, while stocks last, after making 10 School Banking deposits.

Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking to download and print this year’s Rewards Card. On our website you’ll also find a fun activity sheet and a Savings Tracker your child can use to keep track of their School Banking deposits throughout the year.

**Dedicated savers get a chance to win a trip to Tokyo Disneyland**
The Future Savers Grand Prize competition will take one lucky student on a family trip to Tokyo, Japan. Up to two adults and three children will get tickets to explore Tokyo Disneyland and Tokyo DisneySea, including the futuristic Tomorrowland attractions. This prize includes:

- Round economy airfares from the winner’s nearest capital city to Tokyo, Japan
- Five nights’ accommodation at the Sheraton Grande Tokyo Bay Hotel
- Three-day Magic Pass to Tokyo Disneyland and Tokyo DisneySea
- AU$1,000 spending money

To enter, your child simply has to make 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3, 2017. This will automatically enter them into the competition for a chance to win.

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking
Get involved in the School Banking program

Newport Lakes Primary School will continue to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students in 2017. The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program encourages children to make regular deposits, rather than focusing on how much they deposit. In fact, children can bank a minimum of 5 cents!

All you need to join the program is a YOUTHSAVER ACCOUNT. If your child already has a Youthsaver Account, they just need to bring their deposit book to school each MONDAY and hand it in to their teacher, commencing Monday 6th February.

If a student would like to get involved in the School Banking program and doesn’t have a Youthsaver account, there are two simple ways for parents to open one:

Online
Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open the Youthsaver account.

In branch
Visit any Commonwealth Bank branch and our friendly staff will assist. Parents will need to bring along their child’s birth certificate, and 100 points of identification for themselves, including photo ID eg Driver licence.

STUDENT REWARDS: To encourage regular savings behaviour, the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a silver Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for one of the really exciting rewards on offer in 2017:
This year, the Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program is running a Future Savers Grand Prize competition, giving one lucky School Banker and their family (2 adults and up to 3 children) the chance to win a trip to Tokyo Disneyland, including return economy airfares, 5 night’s accommodation, 3 day Magic Pass to Tokyo Disneyland & Tokyo Disney Sea and $1,000 spending money! Students who make a minimum of 15 deposits by the end of Term 3, 2017 will be automatically entered into the draw for a chance to win.

SCHOOL REWARDS: School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. The school receives $5 for every account our students open plus 5% commission on all deposits. Last year, we had 166 students banking, and received $906 commission, which will be spent on classroom resources for the school.

All Prep students will receive a Parent Information pack in the next two weeks, containing information about the program, how to join and a reward redemption card. Students in Grades 1 – 6 that are not currently banking can collect one from the office if required.

If you have any questions about the program, please do not hesitate to contact the School Banking Co-ordinators (Parent Representatives):

- Cyber Handball and Colour Change Markers, released Term 1
- 3D Chalk Set and Tablet Case, released Term 2
- Smiley Emoji Keyring and Volt Handball, released Term 3
- Pencil + Tech Case and Epic Earphones, released Term 4

Daria Hewitt: 0402 329 611 or darianick@gmail.com
Allana Arapakis: 0400 113 333 or aarapakis@optusnet.com.au
Adolescent girls are bombarded daily with images of celebrities, pop stars and models in every area of the media from advertising campaigns to music video clips.

This eye-opening workshop helps demystify some of the norms of perfection portrayed in the media. It will explore where we get our benchmark for body image, how the image of the ‘perfect body’ has changed over centuries and digital retouching in the media.

This workshop is free for parents and their daughters 12 years and over and will cover:
- debunking myths about body perfection
- positive body image and self esteem

Presented by Sharon Witt, a dynamic educator, author and speaker. She is also a regular media commentator on issues impacting girls, parenting and educational issues. Sharon has authored 12 books for young people which will be available for purchase on the night, including the best selling Teen Talk Series, the Girlwise Series and Surviving High School.

Details

Tuesday 21 February 2017
6.45pm to 8.30pm (7pm start)

Newport Community Hub
13 Mason Street, Newport

Access parking to rear of building via Derwent Street

RSVP

Limited seats available so please register by
Friday 17 February 2017
Hobsons Bay Youth Services
(03) 9932 4000 or email
adminys@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au