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TERM DATES 2014

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

- Ethan, 2N
- Alex, 2H
- Liam, 3/4M
- Khaled, 5/6S
- Chelsea, 1C
- Tess, 3/4O
- Haysam, 3/4M
- Lachlan, 2R
- Anna, 1L
- Billy, 1L
- James, 3/4O
- Nicholas, 3/4G

AWARDS

Congratulations to our award winners :-

- Zoe, 1C
- Emma, 3/4H
- Charlize, 5/6W
- Elena, 3/4G
- Grace, 5/6S
- Charlie, 1L
- Levi, Prep S
- Samuel, 1C
- Emily, 2R
- Gaspar, 1L
- Alex, Prep S
- Tom, 5/6L
- Alex, 3/4G
- Dylan, 3/4M
- Eva, 2H
- Lucy, 5/6W
- Alex, 2H
- Imogen, 3/4M
- Bianca, 3/4O
- Sumaya, Prep T
- Tess, 5/6L
- Gemma, Prep D
- Lucy, 3/4O
- Nyeema, 1O
- India, Prep D
- Angelo, 5/6M
- Birdie, Prep T
- Ethan, 2N
- Kiera, 2N
- Fletcher, 5/6M
- Brennan, 3/4H
- Emmy, 5/6S

Follow us @nlpstweets

Newport Lakes is now on Twitter. Following the success of a number of schools, we are experimenting with using Twitter as a form of communication. So, if you already have Twitter, please follow us @nlpstweets. If you are interested in learning more about Twitter, there will be a short information evening held this term to explain what it is all about, and show parents how to use it. Happy tweeting!
Dear Parents,

The school gateway now has new mosaic artwork to greet our children, staff, parents and visitors as they enter into our grounds. The mosaic is vibrant, bright and colourful and sets the wonderful scene for us to begin our day at school. Many thanks to Rachel Webb for all voluntary work with the designing and making of the mosaic.

To match the new mosaic, the timber entrance structure is also getting a nice new coat of paint thanks to the generosity of Simone Edwards. School Council will continue to work on making our school grounds as bright, safe and inviting as possible for our students. A number of other improvements and additions planned for the next year will be announced in future newsletters.

**Double Storey Portable**  Works on the new double storey portable building began this week. Safety fences around the perimeter of the work site have been erected. This fence will be in place until the completion of the project which is expected to be the second last week of term 3.

A further safety fence for a temporary roadway, leading from the worksite to the Elizabeth St. gateway, has also been erected. This roadway will allow for the safe movement of heavy vehicles (cement trucks, vehicles carrying modular buildings, etc) across the school grounds. There will be gates in the fence to allow for access of staff and students when the roadway is not being used. The roadway fence will be in place for approximately 3 weeks or until all transportation of material has been completed.

Entry to the work site by builders, deliveries, inspectors, etc. will then be via the laneway off Ross St. for the remainder of the build. As with any building works, there will be disruption to our normal daily activities. We are working very hard at keeping this disruption to a minimum in the shortest possible time. There is no doubt that it will be difficult this term but with all going well, the Yr.3/4 children will be working in four wonderful new classrooms at the beginning of term 4.

**Elearning at NLPS** I recently attended the ‘Mobil Bright Futures Awards’ and received a grant of $4000 for the school. The grant will be used to assist in the purchase of a set of ipads for the Yr.3/4 classrooms. This will then complete the school’s plan of a set of ipads for the all the Prep – Yr. 4 teams and a 1:1 BYOD ipad program in the Yr.5/6 team.

The ipads have been overwhelmingly successful as a learning tool in all grade levels. The children and staff have become very proficient with this platform of technology and use it very effectively to enhance the teaching and learning at Newport Lakes Primary School.

I have been into many classrooms where students have been using ipads to supplement their learning. The students seem to take the technology and what it can do for granted but it is the engagement of the children that surpasses my expectations. In previous years, where I’ve seen many of the senior children being disinterested or not paying attention, I now see children engaged in their work, being involved and seeking further ways they can extend and make their work even better.

The pleasing results from the recent ‘Attitude to School Survey’ undertaken by all Victorian Yr. 5/6 students in Victoria confirmed these observations. The NLPS results showed for the first time in many years that in all ‘Teaching and Learning’ domains, including stimulating learning and student motivation, the result was above both regional and state means. There has been many reasons for this improvement including teacher effectiveness, school connectedness, student voice etc. but the inclusion of the 1:1 ipad program has definitely been a factor in providing an improved school learning environment for our students. Elearning has become an important component of the Newport Lakes Primary School curriculum and will continue to do in the future learning of our children. Appreciation is given to Mobil for the award, the many parents that generously gave to the ICT voluntary levy at the beginning of the year and the community for the wonderful and continuous support you give to our school.

I hope you have a good week
David Moss
Last Thursday, 24 July, the students in grades 3 to 6 enjoyed a fabulous African Drumming workshop. Everyone (including the teachers!) got to play a drum and perform some real African music.

Fun, educational and inspiring for everyone who attended!

The demonstration of the “African Playstation” (the Aslatua) was of particular interest to some of our students, who were very keen to get their hands on them.

NLPS will be placing a school order for several pairs of Aslatua. To order a pair for your family to keep, please fill in the form below and return (with payment) to the office no later than Monday 18 August.

To see a demonstration of how to play the Aslatua, go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4tq5kQ_P2as

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ASLATUA ORDER FORM

Student’s Name: ............................................................. Class: ..............
Number of Pairs of Aslatua: .............. @ $20.00 per pair Total Cost: .................
Parent’s Name: .................................................................
Parent’s Signature: ............................................................

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WALKATHON BOOKS

This week students at Newport Lakes PS excitedly read some of the new books purchased with money raised from our very successful walkathon last term.

So far we have purchased enough books to add 21 boxes of books to our collection, which are available in classrooms, for students to take home for home reading. Students and teachers have really welcomed having new titles and authors to choose from.

In coming weeks we will also be purchasing sets of dictionaries for each classroom with some of the remaining walkathon funds.

A big thank you again to everyone who helped to raise walkathon money for NLPS
We have a busy schedule of events planned for the rest of this year and if every family can volunteer at least a couple of hours it will enable these events to run.

Events at the school do not just happen. It takes some dedicated people to coordinate them and a lot of wonderful volunteers to help them run smoothly. It is quite disheartening for event coordinators who put a lot of effort into organising events if they have to struggle to get help.

The events (social and fundraising) will be spread over different time slots (mornings, lunch times, after school, evenings and weekends) so it should be easy to find a time slot to suit your family to help out. (As a heads up, in Term 4 we have the School Fete (14 Nov) and an election day BBQ/Cake Stall on 29 Nov but there are also lots of smaller events which cannot run without the help of volunteers.) Please keep an eye on the “Volunteers needed” section of Parent Club News and “Fete News”.

We appreciate that everyone is busy but these events are important in that they enhance our children's experiences and connection with the school either directly or through the money they raise. They also help foster the great community spirit of our school for the benefit of everyone. There are many documented benefits to volunteers themselves (and their children) for giving up their time to help. For example, it is a great way to meet people and to feel engaged with your children’s education.

Please don’t wait for “someone else” to sign up to volunteer. Remember: You are someone else’s “someone else”.

Thank you to Daria Hewitt for suggesting and coordinating the DONs Mum and Dad’s Big Night Out Fundraiser. It raised about $200 for our school and was very enjoyable for those parents that attended.

I hope everyone is having a go at knitting a teddy bear for a sick or injured child in East Timor (Teddies for Timor). I've started on my second (admittedly small bear) and if I can do it anyone can! I've found they are quite forgiving as holes, back to front stitching and odd numbers of rows can be covered up with decorations or just the stretch of the bear when it is stuffed! It can be done while watching TV and you will get a great sense of fulfillment about helping out with this worthy cause. I'm sure you can find support from someone at school if you need some help starting or troubleshooting but there are also lots of lots of videos on YouTube for beginners.

Melanie Davies
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Family Movie Night:** To make it a ‘great’ night we need some people to be part of the organising team. It would mean being at school at 4pm to help set up (if possible), taking up a role during the evening and some tidying up at the end. Most of the evening will be movie watching so it’s not an onerous task and it should be fun.

Please email Sarah Norton nortonhollingworth@gmail.com.au if you feel you can help out.

**Book Fair:** Wendy Oates needs 2-3 helpers for each time slot to sell books before and after school in the library or MPR. Last year this event raised $2,400 commission so our library was able to purchase hundreds of books.

If you can help please contact Melanie on jonmel@bigpond.net.au with the times you are available and your mobile number. Wendy will send out a roster confirming your timeslot and more details once the timeslots are all filled.

Session times are as follows:
- Tuesday 19 August 3-4pm
- Wednesday 20 August 8:30-9:30am
- Wednesday 20 August 3-4pm
- Thursday 21 August 8:30-9:30am
- Thursday 21 August 3-4pm
- Friday 22 August 8:30-9:30am
- Friday 22 August 3-4pm

Please note that Wendy will offer a quick info session on Monday 18th August at 3:30pm if you would like to see the stock and learn about procedures for taking and recording purchases and she can answer any questions. Wendy will also be at each session so helpers will not need to manage the money, packing up etc... on their own.

Upcoming Events...

**PARENT CLUB MEETING:** Tonight Thursday 31 July 7:30pm MPR

The next 2 meetings will be Thursdays 7:30 pm on the 21st August and 18th September.

**BBQ LUNCH:** Friday 1 August

Thank you to all those families who returned their BBQ lunch order forms by the due date. We hope the kids enjoy their hot lunch this Friday.

**MOVIE NIGHT:** Friday 8 August 5:30-8pm

See the booking form attached to this newsletter for information about this fun social event for parents and children. Please return your forms by Monday 4 August.
If you can volunteer to help at this event (see above).

Children must be supervised by an adult at this event. It is OK for someone else to bring your children and supervise them but it is up to families to make their own arrangements in this regard. It is NOT OK to just drop your children off at this event.

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST: Thursday 4 September 7:45-8:45am

Dads, save the date!

THANK YOU FROM THE DADS OF NEWPORT & SURROUNDS (THE DONs)

The DONs 'Mums and Dads Big Night Out' raised $3644.00 for our community whilst having an absolute ball!

Thanks to local businesses and everyone for their support, it was great night with over 160 attending!

From money raised:
$740.00 went to our local schools
$2004.00 to West Welcome Wagon for their new trailer and registration costs.
Electrolux Bagless Vacuum, Kettle & Hand Blender/mixer. West Welcome Wagon help support asylum seekers and refugees with next to nothing in our area; it was a popular choice voted by our community and the trailer will help them to continue doing great work
$700.00 to local Artz Collective to pay for a new dance floor
$200.00 to the DONs, to pay for meat/snacks at our next catchup as a thank you to our members to their continued support in building a closer community.

Also lock in the sitters for our next fun night, this one won’t be a fundraiser: Friday 5th December for our ’Mums and Dads 80s night’ at the Newport bowls club!

SCHOOL BANKING UPDATE

A big thank you to students and families for continuing to support the School Banking Program. We received a total of $259.10 commission for Term 2.

Almost 60 students now have ten or more silver tokens so are eligible to claim a School Banking reward. Reward items available this term are: penguin keyring, shark keyring, whale shark pencil case, Dollarmites moneybox or Swimming bag. If you have misplaced your Reward Redemption card or did not receive one, please feel free to 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.

Finally a reminder that School Banking is each Monday. Students wanting to bank should bring their deposit book to school on Monday and hand it in to their teacher.

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
Basketball Report

On Friday the 25th of July, 3 teams from our school went off to compete in the District Basketball Round Robin. There were two teams of boys and one team of girls. The girls team only had four players, due to people not turning up, so they had to play every game with 4 people against 5 without resting.

The first boys team started off playing St. Augustines, winning 40 to 19, followed by a game against Sacred Heart where they unfortunately lost 17 - 10. The next game they won 35 - nil against St Leo’s, but lost the next one 23 to 9 to St Margaret Mary’s. Finally, they won to the other Newport Lakes team 23 to 6. Overall they won 3 out of 5 games. Great Job!

The second team of boys started by playing Sacred Heart, winning 12 - 10, followed by another win against Annunciation 34 - 3. They had to lose at some point and the next game they lost 26 - nil to St Margaret Mary's. They won against St Leo’s next with a close score of 10 to 8. They lost the next two games against Sacred Heart (21-4) and Newport Lakes 1 (23-6). Overall they won an amazing total of 3 out of 6 games.

The stars of the day were the girls, going through every game with only 4 players. The first game they won 22-8 against St Margaret Mary's. The next game against Annunciation they blitzed with a score of 48 to zero in their favour. The next game was a close one, with a win against Sacred Heart 4 to 8. Finally they played St Augustines in the grand final........ AND WE WON! The final score was 14 - 8. It was amazing that we won the grand final with only 4 players! The girls got a free basketball each and they'll be going on to the Division Finals later in the year.

Thank you so much to Beth the super coach, Mr T, Tom’s mum Bec, and his dad Wayne for coaching us and being there, we couldn’t have done it without you! Also a big thanks to Maddi’s mum, Jade, for coming along and supporting us, you were a big help!

HOBSON’S VOICE CONCERT - Sunday 10 August

The Newport Lakes Primary School Choir will again be participating in “Hobson’s Voice” – a unique program celebrating the human voice and hosted annually by the Hobson’s Bay City Council. Choirs from primary schools in Hobson’s Bay are offered workshops and rehearsals with Doug Heywood OAM and the program culminates in a concert of choirs at the Williamstown Town Hall. This event is a non-competitive showcase of local school choirs and generally is supported by an 800 strong audience. Participating children experience performing in a grand venue in their local community and working together in a large group choir format. Doug Heywood will visit our school to do a singing workshop with our choir to help them prepare for their performance.

2014 marks the 20th Anniversary of the amalgamation of Altona and Williamstown Councils to form the Hobson’s Bay City Council. The theme for this year is “Let’s Celebrate – our history, our culture, our city”. This year, for the first time, the Hobson’s Voice concert will be a FREE EVENT. More info: http://www.hobsonsbaytickets.com.au/?url=viewwo.php?eventid=212

EMA—EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

The Education Maintenance Allowance currently provides financial assistance to low-income families to help meet costs associated with the education of their children.

If you hold a current Health Care Card, Pension card or you are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The card must be valid as of 14/7/14. If you have not already lodged an application, the final date to submit an application for this half of the year is Monday 4th August, 2014.
Parents Club at NLPS
would like to invite you to

Friday 8th August
5.30pm to 8pm, in the multiple purpose room
Cost: $7.50 per child
Includes movie, pizza, popcorn, drink and a chocolate bar!

We encourage dressing up as one of your favourite characters from the movie or come along in your pjs!

Start time is 5.30pm, we'll be having pizza and drink first, with the movie starting at 6pm sharp.
Popcorn and chocolate will be served at the interval.

Kids please bring along a cushion or bean bag for your comfort.

Children must be supervised
Tea and coffee will be available for all adults in the foyer
Pizza and chocolate is an optional $5 per adult (Kids under 3 are free for movie only)

Tickets are limited so please respond soon to avoid disappointment.
Cut-off date for tickets is Monday 4th August.

Contact if you have any queries: Sarah Norton (Charlie Hollingworth’s mum, 1L)
0423 984 304 or nortonhollingworth@gmail.com

Name and age of child/ren attending

What is your preferred pizza? (put one tick for each child)
Margarita  Hawaiian  Vegetarian  Amount ($7.50 each)

Name of adult/s attending

Would you like pizza and chocolate? If yes, what is your preferred pizza? (put one tick for each adult)
Margarita  Hawaiian  Vegetarian  Amount ($5.00 each)

Total amount

Please return to the office in an envelope with the relevant payment by Monday 4th August. Thank you.
"Teddies 4 Timor" Pattern

Teddies can be made in a variety of styles. The pattern describes a teddy with pants and a shirt, but the pattern can be varied. The important thing is that the teddy has a personality of its own!

The teddy can be made in two sizes: large or small. Stitch and row numbers for the smaller teddy are shown in brackets.

8 ply yarn (acrylic preferred - no angora or mohair)
Needles: No. 9 (3.75mm) or No.10 (3.25mm) needles (Loose knitters use no 10)

Legs & Pants

Leg 1
- Cast on 12 (9) stitches
- Knit 34 (26) rows
- Change colour for pants
- Knit 8 (6) rows
- Leave stitches on needle

Leg 2
- Same as Leg 1

Pants
- Join both legs by knitting across both legs
- Knit 14 (10) rows to finish pants

Shirt
- Change colour for shirt
- Knit 18 (14) rows

Sleeve
- Cast on 12 (9) stitches at the beginning of the next 2 rows
- Knit 18 (14) rows
- Next 2 rows cast off 12 (9) stitches (this forms the arms - 24 (18) stitches remain)

Head
- Change colour for head
- Knit 34 (26) rows

Cast off
Repeat this procedure to make the other side of the teddy.
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<td>Join two bodies together leaving a gap at the top of the head for filling</td>
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<td>Fill with Hobby Fill (nylon filling) and sew top of the head together.</td>
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<td>Pinch corners of head and sew to form ears</td>
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<td>Embellish with plaited yarn tie, knitted scarf or ribbon</td>
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Too cute!